

NC Cooperative Extension

ROWAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2009



DECEMBER: Gardening pleasures don't end with colder weather. Indulge in supermarket houseplants to add a touch of color for winter dreariness. Feathered friends appreciate treats and fresh, non-frozen water. Continue to fertilize winter annuls in between periods of cold weather. Perfect time to do soil tests.

**ROWAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER
ASSOCIATION MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2009**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
BRENNER AVENUE**



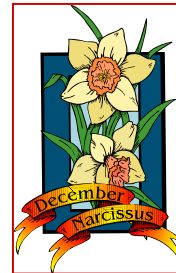
**SOCIAL AND SET UP AT 5:30PM
POT-LUCK DINNER AT 6:00PM
MASTER GARDENER EXTENSION VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR
SPOUSES, SIGNIFICANT OTHERS OR A GUEST ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND. THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES & ENTERTAINMENT.**

THE ASSOCIATION WILL FURNISH THE MEATS AND BEVERAGES. PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH AND /OR A DESERT. WE WILL MEET TO DECORATE AT 2:00 PM. PLEASE BRING ANYTHING FESTIVE TO USE ON THE TABLES AND SERVING AREAS. IF ANYONE HAS SOME GREENERY, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ASSISTANCE IS ALWAYS NEEDED TO SET UP AND TO CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS.

PLEASE E-MAIL CAROLE IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING.



From the President:



First of all I want to wish all of our Master Gardeners a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as we rapidly move into the final and extremely busy month of 2009. The list of activities that we have scheduled in December as Master Gardener Volunteers is quite aggressive, plus there will be the rush to get our personal shopping and eating and travel plans in order for the rest of the month. When December is finally over and January arrives, it will be a welcomed relief to sit back, relax for a while and wonder where the past twelve months went.

2009 has been a good year for the rowan County MG Association. This was probably one of the better years for our demonstration garden at West End. While the weather did cooperate for much of the growing season, the twice weekly efforts of our volunteers surely paid huge dividends. Darrell has trained another class of volunteers and from what I have observed, there are quite a few members from the Class of 2009 who have become very active and deeply committed to our Association. And of course there is that core of dedicated members who continue to take charge and make things happen; be it at the West End, the Extension Center and the greenhouse or out in the community. You can be sure that our community is better for the huge number of uncompensated hours each of you provide year after year. Thank you for being such a dedicated and easy organization to work with. One final reminder for 2009, do not miss the Christmas Social on December 8th at John Calvin Presbyterian Church on Brenner Avenue. We gather at 5:30 and dinner is served at 6:00 PM. Bring a friend or spouse, a dish or dessert to share and enjoy a great evening of celebration, recognition and fellowship

Happy Holidays!

Bob



Hall House Christmas -

The design crew and floral arrangers have done it again. The dining room of the Dr. Josephus Hall House, owned by the Historic Salisbury Foundation, would do all of the ancestors proud. It looks like the family could sit right down to a festive holiday dinner, in a room that is “elegant and reserved, with a lot of wow factor”. The House will be open for the Holidays every weekend through December and for a special “Candlelight Tour” on Christmas Eve.



Lana Miller building the floral base for the firebox.



Jean Lamb, Bob Bruce, Sandy Hall, Carolyn Alexander, Karen Busby, Lana Miller, Eleanor Sandifer, Lorie Trumfio, Sherry Walker and Anne Zaffino. Not pictured Ed Joyner, Edna Burger, Joanne Johnson, Virginia Kluttz and Carole Massey.



Eleanor Sandifer making adjustments on the mantle.

Festival of Trees -

Decorating Thursday December 4 and Friday December 5th (if necessary)
10:00 AM until



Special reception Friday night December 5th. The Trolley Barn will be open Saturday and Sunday for viewing of the trees. Go and vote for your favorite.



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1 8:30am-4PM—pick up 4-H wreaths Extension Office

8—Christmas Social—set up and social at 5:30PM Dinner at 6:00PM

John Calvin Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall 1620 Brenner Avenue

25 Merry Christmas!



JANUARY 2010

4 10:00 AM—Hall House undecorate

12 12:00 noon—Extension Office -picnic luncheon and mini-retreat

*****Review of 2009 *****

26 10:00 AM—BOD Chamber of Commerce

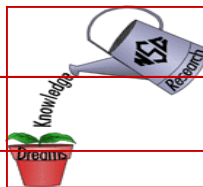
Radio every Thursday beginning in May

West End Every Wednesday and Friday-weather permitting

Please note that some of these dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.
Please check the web page for updates and corrections.

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HOURS REPORTS FOR 2009 are due NOW! Finish up your end of the year activities and submit your reports preferably on-line, but any way you can.



A mini-retreat and planning session will be held in conjunction with the scheduled January meeting, Tuesday January 12. The MG Association will provide a deli tray of sandwiches and beverages. Members are invited to provide snacks and desserts. There may be a power-point of MG activities and events of 2009.