



December



**Next H.E.G.C Meeting
December 1st, 2016**

Social/Refreshments: 6:45pm
Business Meeting: 7:15pm
Speaker: 7:30 pm

Hoffman Estates Garden Club Newsletter

HIGHLIGHTS of December's EVENT
The Hoffman Estates Garden Club meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2017, 7:00 pm, at the Schaumburg Township Library, Roselle & Schaumburg Roads will be the annual Holiday Party. Everyone should have signed up to bring a dish to pass. Susan Moynihan agreed to a one year term as the new President of the Hoffman Estates Garden Club.
NOTE: HEGC volunteers needed to help decorate the Library pots on 11/25/2017.

NEWS FROM NANCY:

Winter Wonderland
Poem by Joseph T. Renaldi

There are strange and mysterious sounds
When the winds of winter blow,
The long nights are crystal clear and cold,
And the fields and meadows are covered with snow.
The stars are frosty against the sky,
And the wind's whistle is shrill,
As the snow blows against the house
And drifts against the hill.
Yet, I like to see during the winter
A white carpet on the ground,
To plod aimlessly in the deep snow,
where deer tracks abound.
I like to feel the stillness
Of a crisp winter's night,
Watching a full moon rise over the horizon,
Exposing a winter wonderland beautiful and bright.

*Nature Loving,
Nancy* 🌸

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- President.....Nancy Schaefer
 - Vice-President.....Susan Moynihan
 - Treasurer.....Darlene Nicholson
 - Publicity.....Camille Pollway
 - Refreshments.....Joan Ludick
 -Phyllis Banaszak
 - Program Directors.....Usha Murarka
 -Susan Moynihan
 - Secretary.....Camille Pollway
 - Giving Garden.....Joe Celosky
 - Newsletter Committee....Lisa Moynihan
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Snacks & Desserts brought to us this Month by:

The Entire Hoffman Estates Garden Club

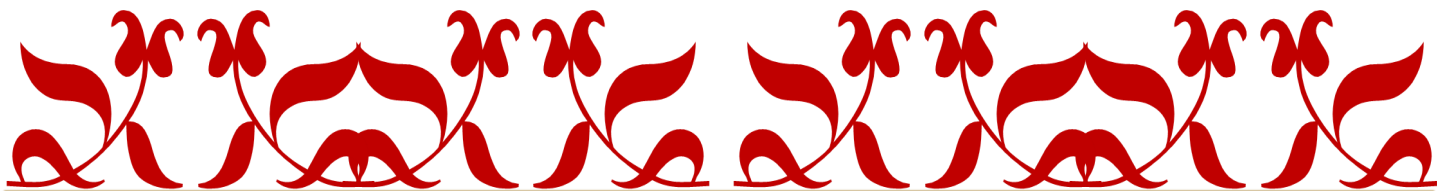




2016 Garden Club Events

December 1st	Holiday Party for Hoffman Estates Garden Club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
January 2018	Happy New Year!!! - No HEGC meeting in January	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
February 1, 2018	Fist HEGC meeting of 2018! See you all there!	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The Hoffman Estates Garden Club meets the first Thursday of the month (excluding January and July) at the Schaumburg District Library, 130 S. Roselle Road, Rasmussen South Room, 2nd Floor, 7 P.M. All levels of gardeners are welcome, beginners to advanced. Dues are: Couple-\$20; Single-\$16; Senior (65+) -\$9. We currently have members from Elgin, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Huntley, Inverness, Medinah, Niles, Roselle, Schaumburg, South Barrington, Streamwood and Westmont. Visitors are always welcome !



Your Garden in the Month of December

Subtle Suggestions

General Garden Care

- Mulch perennial beds once the ground has frozen hard. Apply 2 to 4 inches of shredded bark, composted manure or garden compost, if not done already. Evergreen boughs from seasonal wreaths or small sections of Christmas tree branches may also be used as winter protection on garden beds.

Tree & Shrub Care

- Light pruning of deciduous trees and shrubs can be done this month. Heavy pruning is best done in late winter or very early spring before buds break. Immediately prune back any branches damaged by snow

Annual & Perennial Care

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Holiday Plant Care

- When choosing a Christmas tree this month, select one with firm needles that don't drop off when the tree is raised up a few inches and dropped to the ground. The bottom of the stump should be moist with some sap present. Trees that were cut weeks or even months ago will drop their needles shortly after being brought indoors.

Lawn Care

- Mow grass for the last time and cut the grass quite short. This helps prevent winter injury and reduces snow mold fungus. Don't mow if grass has gone dormant. Mold and fungus can develop in shady grass areas if excess garden debris or fallen leaves are left on grass over winter.
- Avoid walking on frozen grass. This breaks grass blades and mats down turf, creating paths. color up faster in spring.

