

# Garden Club Newsletter



## The Legend of the Poinsettia

The legend story of the poinsettia is told of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift to present the Christ Child at Christmas Eve Services. Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin, Pedro, her heart filled with sadness rather than joy. "I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in

**Did you know....** Cranberries were originally called "crane berries." This name derived from the pink blossoms and drooping head of the plant, which reminded the Pilgrims of cranes.

### Happy Thanksgiving!

She was saddened and embarrassed by her humble offering, but entered the small village chapel anyway. She remembered Pedro's

His eyes," said Pedro consolingly.

Not knowing what else to do, Pepita knelt by the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, making them into a small bouquet.

### Did you know....

Did you know that in the wild, the poinsettia can reach heights of 12 feet with leaves measuring six to eight inches across?

### Did you know....

Years ago the red poinsettia used to be the most popular color. Now thanks to the Fred C. Gloekner Company fantasy colored poinsettias are very popular. Blue is the number one fantasy color that people enjoy, and sales last year of the color took up almost a third of all poinsettias purchased. Look for our fantasy poinsettias to arrive in the store the day before Thanksgiving.

kind words as she approached the altar and laid the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene.

Suddenly the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle. From that day on the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de NocheBuena, or Flowers of the Holy Night. Today, the common name for this plant is the poinsettia.

In 1828 Joel Roberts Poinsett was the first US Ambassador

to Mexico. It was then that he discovered a beautiful shrub with large red flowers growing next to a road. He took cuttings and brought them to his greenhouse in South Carolina. It was Joel Roberts Poinsett who brought the poinsettia to North America creating a billion dollar industry.



### \*Reminders\*

Holiday Open House  
November 6th, 7th & 8th  
Stop in to sign up for our drawings, enjoy refreshments, and look at all of our new Christmas home décor.

## November Meeting—Bow Making Seminar

November 21st at 10am

Bring your own ribbon or purchase it here. Bring your items to make bows for, such as wreaths or Christmas greens.

Please call and let us know if you will be attending this meeting—Thanks

### GARDEN CLUB SPECIALS - DECEMBER

30% off (Garden Club Members Only)

Fresh Arrangement (limit 1) - Ice Ornament (limit 1) - Stemmed Christmas Silk (limit 3)