

## CCGC December Newsletter

### Help Needed

This Wednesday, **December 4 at 2:00 p.m.** the Coosaw Creek Garden Club will be decorating the guardhouse and the front gate. We need your help with this holiday project. The more hands the quicker (and more fun) the work will go. We will need a few extra wire cutters and step stools/ladders. Thank you for your time in making our community beautiful for the holidays!

January: **Annual President's Luncheon.** Watch for details to kick-off CCGC activities in 2014.

### December Events:

Saturday, December 7th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Holiday Greens Sale South** Windermere Shopping Center  
The best way to decorate for the holidays and support your local non-profit Charleston Horticultural Society and local farms! Choose from a variety of wreaths and gift items. S. Windermere Shopping Center businesses will be offering various holiday shopping specials.

Saturday, December 7, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Holiday Farmers Market & Craft Show**  
Farmers Market Pavilion, Coleman Boulevard and Simmons Street (Moultrie Middle School Grounds)  
The annual Holiday Farmers Market & Craft Show combines all the goods from the traditional food market such as locally grown fresh produce, baked goods, hot food and homemade preserves with handcrafted gifts created by local artisans.

Tuesday, December 10, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **SC Herbal Society Meeting:** "Herbal Meade and Elixirs" at the educational center of the Charleston Horticultural Society, 46 Windermere Blvd., Charleston. If it is possible, please bring an herbal food or drink to share. \$10 nonmembers

Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Holiday Gifts From the Kitchen Canning Class**  
Cypress Gardens, Moncks Corner. Learn safe, current canning methods just in time for the season of giving. Practice using waterbath and pressure canners to prepare: 1) vegetables, 2) pickles/relishes, and 3) jams/jellies/preserves. Take home a personal copy of the Ball Blue Book, handouts and items prepared in class. Dress comfortably. Bring your own paring knife and clean apron. Lunch is included. Contact Gayle Williford at Clemson Extension Service, (843)719-4140 x 116 or gwillif@clemson.edu for more information.

Sunday, December 15, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Cypress Garden's presents: **"A Scrooge's Christmas Tea."** Step back in time to Christmas past! Enjoy a full Dickens' English Tea, costumed actors, and a torch lit boat ride. The Art and Soul Players will create an elegant Christmas Tea with holiday delicacies and costumed entertainment performing an adaptation of A Christmas Carol. Reservations required. Tickets \$35 – purchased at the Visitor Center or by phone: 843-553-0515.

**December's birth flower** is the **narcissus**, which embodies the idea that you want your beloved to stay just the way they are. The other December flower is **holly**, which symbolizes your wish for domestic happiness.

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### **December Gardening Guide:**

Plant roses, tulips, ivy  
Feed annuals a time-release fertilizer  
Dream over seed catalogs!