



The Purple Iris

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Daffodil Distribution Team: Linda Jette, John Rockwell, Brenda Weber, Hedi Shikes.

Winterizing Atkinson: Planting Daffodils Cleaning Town Gardens Decorating Gardens and Buildings



Town Hall Cleanup Team: Sue Miner, Sheri Turell, Janet Snowdon, and Jeanne Vickery

Police Station Holiday Decorating Team: Cathy Bastek, Marnie Finn, Janet Snowdon, Sheri Turell, Sue Carter, and Tanya Tsentlovich

The Town Hall, the Kimball Library, and the Community Center all dressed up for the Holidays.



December Gardening Tips

NH Outside with Emma Weber

Call: 1-877-EXT-Grow (398-4769)

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Visit: 329 Mast Road, Ste 115, Goffstown

Connect: @askUNHextension

1. December is a great time to put out backyard birdfeeders as bears become less active. Black oil sunflower seeds are a great choice for filling feeders because they attract the greatest number of bird species.

2. Make sure to protect new indoor plants when bringing them home. Even brief exposure to freezing cold temperatures can cause damage. A plastic sleeve or bag will often provide enough protection.

3. Keep poinsettias and other gift plants away from drafts, appliances, and heating registers. Make sure they are located in a spot where they will receive indirect light for most of the day. Let the soil dry out between watering, and punch holes in the bottom of decorative foil wraps to allow excess water to drain freely.

4. Clean, sharpen and store garden tools. Remove rust by using WD-40 and a wire brush, steel wool, or sandpaper. To sharpen, file edges in one direction at a 20j to 45 degree angle, following the original bevel. Lubricate moving parts and coat steel with oil to prevent rusting. Wipe linseed oil on wooden handles to preserve them.

SPECIAL THANKS

Emptying barrels on October 25th: Sheri Turell, Janet Snowdon, Hedi Shikes, Kay Galloway, Sue Miner, Jeanne Vickery

Stuffing Barrels with greens on November 8th: Brenda Weber, Marnie Finn, Kay Galloway, Janet Snowdon, Sue Carter, Sheri Turell, Tanya Tsentalovich, and Cathy Bastek

Town Decorating on November 19th: Sheri Turell, Janet Snowdon, Nina Gray, and the Highway Department crew, especially David.

New Logo

We announce the renaming of the AGC newsletter from the "Purple Iris" to "The Daffodil" and the adoption of a new logo. shown at right, effective January 1, 2019.



Atkinson Cadet Girl Scouts receive a \$50 check in memory of past president Barbara Donovan from President Brenda Weber.

Smokey Bear Drawings from Atkinson Academy Students.





Pat Bennett Floral Demonstration

Our November meeting featured guests and club members learning the skills of flower arranging .

November Refreshment Committee:
Hedi Shikes, Brenda Weber, Sue Carter



Bottom Left: Senior Luncheon Centerpiece Team: Joanne Roy, Jeanne Vickery, Kay Galloway, Judy Sirois, Sylvia Markell, Janet Snowdon, Ellen Witherell and Hedi Shikes.
Bottom Right: Linda Jette, Nina Gray, and Sue Miner decorate the town sign





Annual Greens Sale – November 30—December 1st.

Club members joined forces to create kissing balls, center pieces, holly trees, knitted owls, and unique displays. Cindy Knight and Nina Gray pose in the room display, and Sales task force: Joanne Krause, Marnie Finn, Kay Galloway and Judy Sirois. December Hostesses: Hedi Shikes, Judy Sirois, Ann Reardon, Pat Bennett, and Tanya Tsentalovich. Cutting of the Greens team: Sue Miner, Sheri Turell, John Goulet, Janet Snowdon, and Victor Snowdon.

REMINDER: Petals and Palettes—March 29-30, 2019



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