

Cross Pollination



Replacing Damaged Trees

by Claudette Sims

How to keep your gifts green

by Marg Catley

If you are the recipient of a plant during the holiday's here are some tips to keep it beautiful and flourishing.

Norfolk Pine:

- * Needs bright location with some direct sunlight.
- * Mist twice weekly
- * Place in a cool room, away from heat vents
- * Dry, yellowing needles indicate the plant is too hot and dry



- and flowers by twisting off
- * Keep in a cool room. Yellow falling leaves indicate it's too warm

Poinsettia:

- * Needs bright, filtered light, but direct winter sunlight will not damage leaves
- * Keep soil moist, reduce water after flowering
- * Leaves falling without wilting indicate light is insufficient or room temperature too low
- * If leaves wilt and then fall, it indicates over watering. Allow soil to dry out before watering again.



- quently, stand the pot on a tray of moist pebbles but not in standing water
- * Hot, dry air causes buds to turn brown and fail to open
- * Will wilt dramatically if it dries out, but revive by plunging whole pot in water
- * Prefers peat-based soil

Christmas Cactus:

- * Needs bright light with some direct sunlight
- * Keep soil evenly moist until after flowering, then water sparingly
- * Mist the plant regularly and stand pot in a pebble tray
- * Don't be fooled by the name, this cactus needs more water

Cyclamen:

- * Needs bright, filtered light, but not direct sunlight
- * Water from below and don't leave the plant standing in water for more than 10 minutes
- * Remove damaged and faded leaves



Amaryllis:

- * Needs bright light with some direct sunlight
- * Fairly cool conditions will help the flower last longer
- * Allow surface of the soil to dry out before watering
- * Stake flower if necessary, but be careful not to damage the bulb



than other cacti

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Azalea:

- * Needs bright light, and cool conditions
- * Water plants and mist fre-



January TO DO List

- ◇ Inspect house plants for insects
- ◇ Read up on new gardening techniques or plants
- ◇ Order seed and plant catalogues
- ◇ Plan your garden for this summer
- ◇ Try growing Amaryllis or Paperwhites indoors
- ◇ Keep bird feeders clean & topped up
- ◇ Start very slow growing seeds like geranium and begonia

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Where to find us for free gardening advice!



Ancaster Old Town Hall, on Wilson St., Tues. Jan 20th at 7:30

Come and find out who the "Paul" is in "Paul's Glory" hosta, who "Frances Williams" was and the intriguing names that inspired plants such as Perovskia, Zinnia and Preston lilacs! Claudette Sims is presenting, "What's in a name?" to the Ancaster Horticultural Society.

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Halton Master Gardeners Speakers List

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Contact: Patty King at a_p@cogeco.ca Please note a \$5.00 fee covers



Japanese Anemones *A. hupehensis* and *A. japonica* Alba (white flower)

Japanese Garden Geisha's

By Christine Says

These are the girls in my garden they are tall, elegant, graceful, light and airy and they look slightly fragile. Do not be fooled, they are as tough as old birds, just try moving them or try to be rid of them they will return stronger than ever as if to teach you a lesson.

They tend to gather in large groups -- I suspect to gossip.

The girls have lived in my garden for many years around the 30 mark, but they still act like teenagers, fluttering and dancing in the slightest breeze as though they hear music. Some of the girls are pale-faced, white like a Victorian lady with the vapours. Others are pink, blushing as though you've said a naughty word.

The girls arrive late in August rather like a debutant wanting to be the last at the party and waiting to show their pretty faces to one and all. And so they are one of the last to leave before fading away after the last waltz in November.