

December 2018

Holiday Fun

Wednesday, December 5 @ 5:30 pm:

Craft Night—Make your own holiday cards and ornaments!!!

Have some cookies and cocoa with us and enter to win in the Xfinity door prize drawing - drawing will be held December 21st! (final day for donations)

MITTEN TREE — donations will be collected beginning on December 5 (craft night). Stop by the office with your mittens, gloves, and hats.

Donations will again go to Pittsfield Elementary School.



CITY OF ANN ARBOR

Compost alert:

Our recent cold spell has caused the contents of compost carts to freeze and stick to the inside, preventing them from being emptied. Because of this, we encourage residents to use paper lawn bags until temperatures rise and stay above freezing for the rest of the compost curbside season, which ends on Friday, Dec. 7. If you need your compost cart emptied, please try to break up the material and prevent it from becoming frozen to the cart itself. Be aware that you may have to tend to your cart multiple times as contents may refreeze during overnight hours. Thank you!!

City of Ann Arbor Pet Waste Clean-up Penalties

If a dog (except for leader dogs for the blind) discharges it's feces on property other than that of its owner, and the owner does not immediately remove such feces, a ticket can be issued. Please pick up after your dog (s)!



IN THE GARDEN– December 2018

By Lisa Joseph, Staff Horticulturist

HERE COMES WINTER!

Being stuck indoors during the frigid, blustery days of winter is no excuse to feel down in the dumps. I use the downtime to have my nose in gardening magazines and catalogs. I like to read about the up and coming new plants. And when spring rolls around? I feel revived and I'm ready to hit the ground running.

Joie de vivre!

HOMEMADE BATH SALTS!

There is nothing I like better than to soak in the tub. Only candles to light the room, jazz music softly playing, steamy water scented with bath salts... I am completely in my element. I feel relaxed and mellow after a warm bath. My project this year for DIY Holiday gifts is to make up batches of homemade bath salts. I will share with you my recipe- get ready for your house to smell sublime as you work!

LISA'S BATH SALTS

2 cups Epsom Salts

2 cups Kosher Salt

1/2 cup Baking Soda

2 Tablespoons Olive Oil (or Almond Oil)

10 Drops Bergamot Essential Oil

10 Drops Ginger Essential Oil

20 Drops Lavender Essential Oil

2 Drops Food Coloring for color if desired

~Mix ingredients to combine well. Fill mason jars (or any pretty jars you may have around the house) with the finished Bath Salts.



LISA'S PLANT OF THE MONTH: SPIREA 'DOUBLE PLAY BIG BANG PINK'
Mature Size- 3 x 3'



In spring, the show begins when the new foliage emerges a glowing orange. Summer months bring larger than normal deep pink flower clusters against bright chartreuse yellow foliage. This versatile small shrub is very hardy and easy to grow in a sunny to partially sunny location. This shrub is incredibly low-maintenance, but I do like to lightly prune it after the first flush of

bloom to encourage good re-bloom. Also beneficial is an application of a general-purpose fertilizer in the spring.

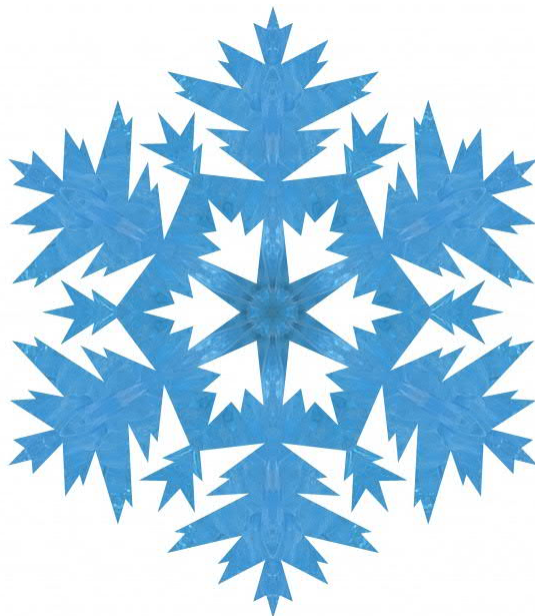
Spirea 'Double Play Big Bang' works well in a perennial garden or as a mass planting. I like to combine it with Garden Phlox, Russian Sage, Shasta Daisy, Ornamental Grasses, Zinnias, plants with purple foliage, and the cobalt blue flowers of Balloon Flower.



WINTER INTERMISSION HAS ARRIVED!

I'm looking forward to a nice blanket of fresh white glistening snow across my tired old lawn. How refreshing it will be. Time to get out the winter boots and snowshoes, the cocoa and the mini marshmallows.

LET IT SNOW!



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