



EDELWEISS NEWS

Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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HELLO 2016:

Well it is time to start the new year and that means that we need to make a calendar for the coming garden club season. What do you want to do for this years meetings? Is there a subject that you want us to cover? Is there a place that you think we should tour? It is up to you to come to the meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Bluffton Public Library, to help lay it out for the year. We do need to have as much input as possible so please come and put in your ideas

I know that we would like to tour the co-op gardens that Ray Person is in charge of. We were scheduled to tour the co-op garden last summer but our weather of last spring/summer was not the best for touring anything anywhere.

Is there a type of plant or garden that you want to have a speaker give a presentation to one of our meetings? I am always interested in how experienced gardeners do what they do to make their chosen type of garden or plant grow as well as they do. If they have tips on how to grow better, bigger, more beautiful and healthier plants in our gardens so we can try them and see how they works for us. Is there someone you would like to have us get to speak to us?

Milk Jugs:

If you were going to try the milk jug greenhouse method of starting seeds it is time to get to it and set them outside in the area that you chose for them. That is if they are perennial seeds. Annual seeds you should wait until mid March so they don't get killed by freezing.

Spring Activities:

Now is the time to plan your Spring activities and as gardeners if we can inform each other on upcoming events, such as seminars, plant auctions or sales, shows or festivals. Any information that you have on such things will be great to let us know so that anyone who has the time can plan ahead. Please bring any of these event information to the meeting.



Just think, by the end of February these little beauties will be popping through the snow.

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Seed Catalogue Orders:

If you have not yet made your order for seed from the catalogues that you have received in the past few weeks or months you should expedite this as soon as you can. The later you make your order the later (exponentially speaking) you will receive it. Those who wait to make their order, say the middle of March may not receive the seeds till late May or early June. If you make your order now you should get them sometime in the next few weeks. I made an order to Tomato Growers supply on the January 4 and received it on the 12th.

So far this year the seed catalogue that I have found with the best prices is Pinetree Garden Seeds & Accessories. This is because they have fewer seeds per pack. Other seed companies have also decreased the amount of seeds per pack but have not reduced their



Snow makes light more beautiful.

Dues 2016:

Hey is anyone reading this? Again, this is to inform you that the dues that we pay to the Gardeners of America, the Central Great lakes region and our local Gardeners of the Bluffton/Pandora Area our do. We need to pay these dues as soon as possible so we can remain in good standing. These dues are for the year 2016 and there is no increase and they are as follows: the national dues are \$15.00 with \$8.00 for an additional family member and \$5.00 for youth memberships; the Central Great Lakes Region is \$1.00 for each member; our local dues are \$5.00 per address. So for those of you who are a single member the total is \$21.00, for those who are two members same address \$30.00 and those who are life members of the national only have to pay \$6.00 for their dues. Please have the dues sent to me at the address on the envelope by November 21 so I can take care of paying them by December.

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