



"Your Home, Like A Precious Jewel, Needs The Proper Setting."



THE GLENWILD GARDENER



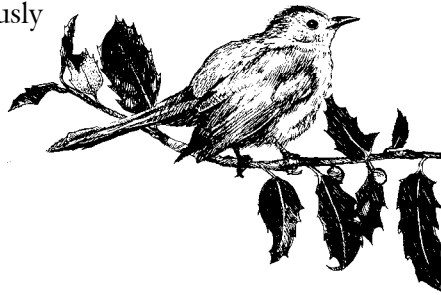
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I hope you all are feeling a bit of the magic this time of year can bring, no matter what your religious preference. So many of us get bogged down in the 'bah-humbugness' that happens in our busy, commercial society. But the drawing inside and lighting of candles and fires brings a shift in us that we need to listen to. For me the twinkle lights on a Christmas tree and a beautiful ornament sparkling among them remind me of all magical things, like Christmas morning when I was 5 or 6. And I love that the decorating has to be so laboriously

created and then tediously taken down. (I know, but don't forget, I also like weeding).

This December, surround yourself with the scent of balsam, put up twinkly lights, and make time for some quiet reflection. Come see the Christmas Shop and see what we've done to bring a little magic in—maybe take some home for yourself.

Peace,



Judith MacKinnon Brooks

The Poinsettia Myth

It seems the rumor started in 1919, when an army officer's 2 year old allegedly died after eating a poinsettia leaf. It was never proved but the story circulated and grew. The Society of American Florists worked with Ohio State University to prove that poinsettias are not poisonous. This research was done over 23 years ago and even more studies have been done since then with the same results. The studies included all parts of the plant. According to Poisindex, the info resource used by most U.S. poison control centers, a 50 lb child would have to eat 500 - 600 poinsettia leaves to even exceed the experimental doses that found no toxicity. So have no fear for your cats, dogs, and children!

Glenwild Garden Center is a full service garden center & nursery with 78 years of landscaping experience. We love what we do, & so will you.

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- Christmas Shop in Season



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Christmas Shopping at Glenwild

It was a whole lot of fun shopping for all of you for Christmas this year. We started in January and just finished up last month, and have been putting it all out for you for quite a few weeks now. There have been many of you coming in to peek!

There are classic hand blown ornaments from Old World Christmas and stunning large glass ornaments that will make a statement hanging in a window or on your tree. We've got many woodland and birding decorations including ornaments made out of birdseed to share with your outdoor friends. Come and see the variety of new items while sipping on some hot chocolate.

All of our gardening accessories are still out and ready to be a great gift for someone this year. Barbara makes beautiful gardening gift baskets made to order or pick one up ready to go. Don't forget the living gift. Choose a poinsettia or Christmas cactus in a colorful pot for a plant-loving friend. We also have a new variety of paperwhite bulb that does not have the strong scent that so many people don't like.

Plan on doing some Christmas shopping with us and I think you will enjoy the experience! Our Christmas trees and fresh greens will be in just after Thanksgiving, and our big Open House Weekend is December 1st 2nd and 3rd. See you there!



It sifts from Leaden Sieves
It powders all the wood.
It fills with Alabaster Wool
The Wrinkles of the Road—

It makes an Even Face
Of Mountain, and of Plain—
Unbroken Forehead from the East
Unto the East again—

It reaches to the fence—
It wraps it Rail by Rail
Till it is lost in Fleeces—
It deals Celestial Vail

To Stump, and Stack—and Stem—
A Summer's empty Room—
Acres of Joints, where Harvests were,
Recordless, but for them—

It Ruffles Wrists of Posts
As Ankles of a Queen—
Then stills its Artisans—like
Ghosts—
Denying they have been—

Emily Dickenson
1830-1886

What Gardening to do now?

Fall is definitely the best time to prep for spring. Even this late a lot can be done.

- Bulbs can still be planted—as a matter of fact, anything can be planted as long as you can get your shovel into the ground.
- Mulch your leaves! Get a device to chop them up, or pile them on the lawn and mow over them, then spread them over your garden beds.

It protects roots and then nourishes the soil in the spring.

- Now that the leaves are down, pruning certain plants can be easier. Roses can be cut back, as well as mulch put around their bases.
- As far as fighting the wooly adelgid on your hemlocks, spray dormant oil in the fall.
- One last thing—don't forget to bring in all the garden accessories that are made from porous materials such as birdbath tops and ceramic decorations.

Christmas Trees

Although the use of fresh greens as a symbolic decoration during winter celebrations has been used in many religions over many millennia, (the ancient Egyptians and Romans both did), it wasn't until 400 years ago in Germany that Christians began decorating evergreens to celebrate Christmas. In America, the custom took root in the early nineteenth century.

The trees we traditionally like to decorate our homes with at Christmas time vary from region to region. In the Northeast, we primarily use the Balsam, Douglas Fir, and Fraser Fir. Balsams were the first trees used for cut Christmas trees and have the strongest fragrance because of the high sap level. They are short needled trees, which hold well and are soft to the touch. They are the most popular tree in our area and the most economical as well.

Douglas Firs are also very popular—they are deep green, soft, lush, and have long needles. They hold their needles the longest and have a very compact appearance.

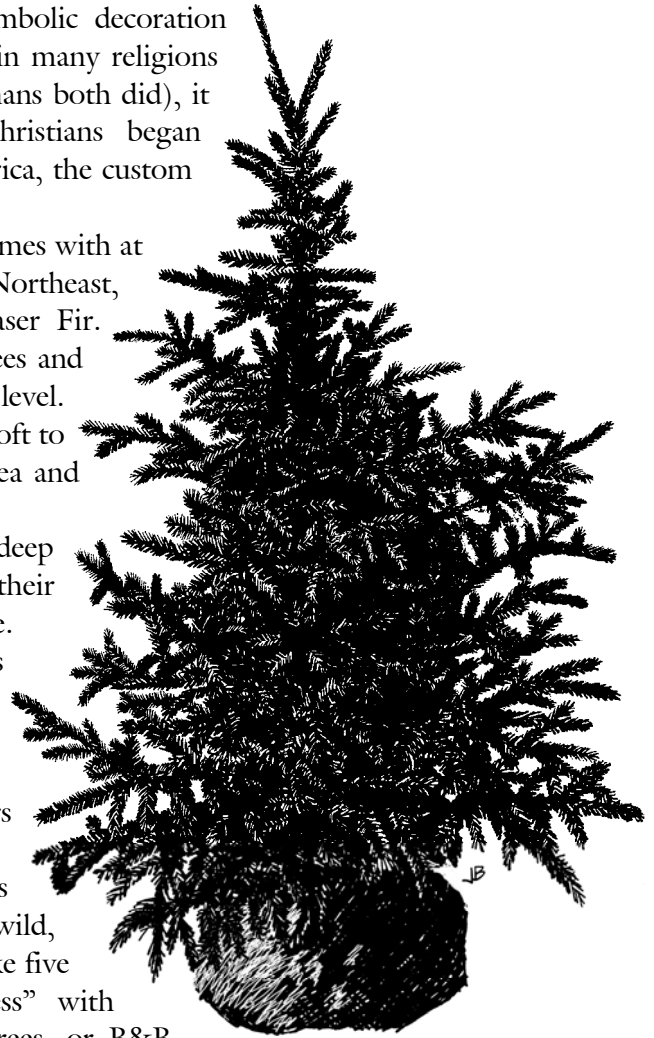
The Fraser Fir is another fragrant variety and has the most interesting texture as it has double needles with silvery undersides, giving it a very lush look. Also, its open branches make for easy decorating.

Whether you choose a cut or a living tree, years of care have gone into providing you with a thick, symmetrical tree. Cut trees are grown in tree farms around the country instead of being harvested in the wild, as they were when the tradition started. A tree will take five to sixteen years to reach perfect "christmastreeness" with constant pruning and care. Balled and burlapped trees, or B&B trees, have a similar beginning to life, but with the extra care in preserving the roots, the cost of the final product is commensurately higher. With a living tree however, you have a permanent addition to your home and years of enjoyment as you watch it grow.

The most common B&B trees in our area are the Douglas fir, Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, and the Con-Color Fir. When buying a live tree, be sure to have the planting spot picked out early. Choose a tree that will thrive in the amount of sun you can provide it with (Don't choose a Blue Spruce if all you have is shade) and make sure you dig the hole before the ground has frozen. These trees do much better if brought in the home for only a week or two, then planted in the ground right away. Then cover it with the soil from the hole that has been kept from freezing, and water it well. If possible, acclimate your tree to the outdoors by moving it to a protected area, such as a garage, for a week or so before planting as sudden temperature changes cause stress and needle drop.

All Christmas trees, cut or live, will last longer in the home if sprayed with an anti-desiccant such as Wilt-Pruf. This holds moisture in and will keep the needles on your tree longer. Use this on your wreaths and roping as well, indoors and out. Remember to spray before you bring the greens inside!

Whatever your choice for decorating and celebrating, enjoy the season with some fresh, live greenery in and around your home.





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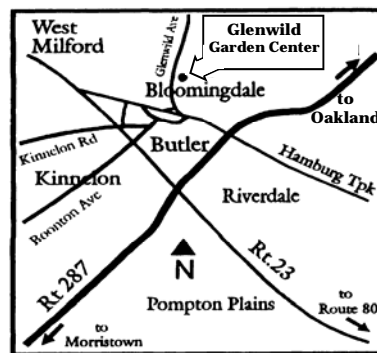
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