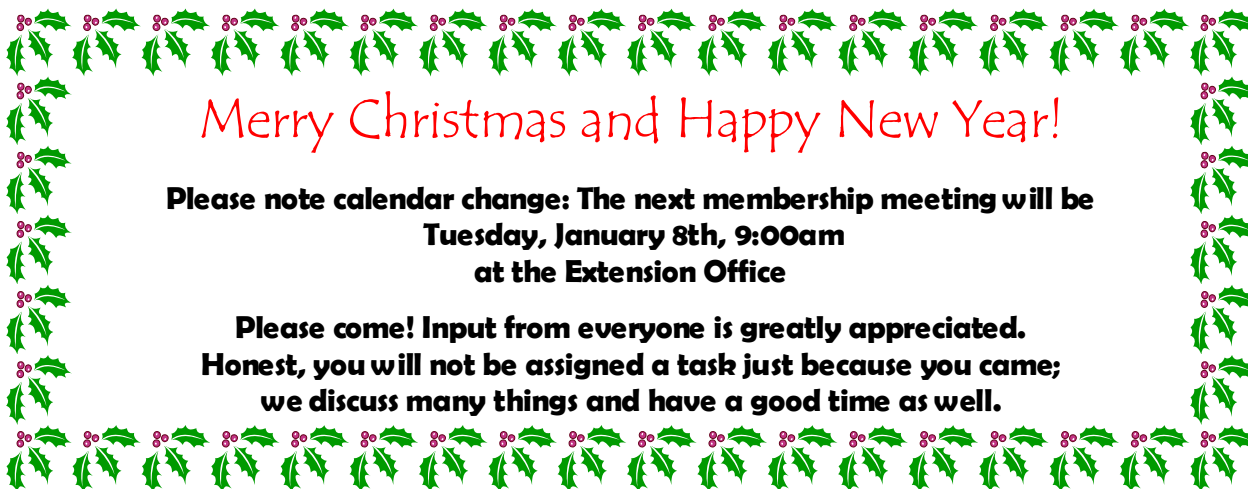


The Garden Gate

December 2007



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Please note calendar change: The next membership meeting will be
Tuesday, January 8th, 9:00am
at the Extension Office**

**Please come! Input from everyone is greatly appreciated.
Honest, you will not be assigned a task just because you came;
we discuss many things and have a good time as well.**



The Master Gardener Annual Christmas Party was a huge success! The event was held at the Brown House, thanks to Associate Member Laura Gould. The White Elephant gift exchange provided loads of laughs and everyone is sure to remember the electric swans (you had to be there....). Good food, good company, and good cheer!

Ballots were counted for 2008 officers and announced:

President—Penny Barton
Vice-President—Gail Swan
Secretary—Chris McIntosh
Treasurer—Shirley Barksdale

Board Members: Linda Kirchmann, Ann Warwick, Jan Rumore,
Liz Kunze, and Brenda Fletcher

Most Hours Awards were given to the following hard working individuals in the following categories:

Linda Kirchmann—Landscaping (18.5 hrs) Martha Fortunati/Jennifer Costich-Thompson—Plant Clinic (20 hrs. ea)
Jane Roach—Education (49 hrs) Shirley Barksdale—Most Total Hours (119 hours)
Shirley Barksdale—Community Service (95 hrs)

Other Awards:

Ann Warwick—for her continuing effort with the Plant-A-Row program
Chris McIntosh—Public Relations
Janae Dale—for her 4 years of serving as an officer and a board member
Penny Barton—President *extraordinaire*



A special thanks goes to the Christmas Party committee—Penny, Janae, Linda, and Pat.

* Re-certification *

If you haven't already sent in your re-certification form and the volunteer hour sheet with a \$10.00 payment, this note is for you.

If you cannot fulfill re-certification hours for 2008, you are more than welcome to become an Associate member. Also if you are currently an Associate member, you can always re-certify by completing the volunteer hours for 2008.



The committee is working on the Spring Home Horticulture Series. Any ideas you have are welcome!

Please call or e-mail
Don Childress, Committee Chair
255-7928 or dwc1rsc@televar.com.

Get Your 2008 Calendar and Mark These Dates!

Membership Meeting dates: 9am at the extension office

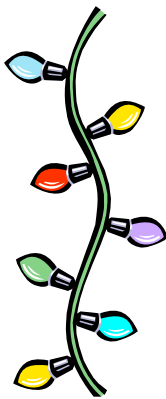
Jan. 8th (Tuesday) - changed due to holiday

Feb. 5th (Tuesday)

March 3rd (Monday) - changed due to class schedule

April 7th (Monday) - changed due to class schedule

May 6th (Tuesday)



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Master Gardener Classes for 2008 start Feb. 12—April 24th, Tuesday and Thursday. Classes are held from 8:45am—12:30pm. There is ONE class on a Friday, March 7th instead of March 6th. So far 21 applications have been submitted with the advance \$50.00 fee. Deadline is Dec. 14th.

Pat has reported no bidders on Craig's list for the nativity set Jan Rumore donated last year. E-Bay options were exhausted last holiday season. Janae will check on a new consignment shop opening soon for a possible sale. Anyone want a nativity set???

Janae sent the Nixon signed books (donated by Ann W.) to a dealer in rare and old books in Dallas, TX. He will be evaluating them and hopefully putting them up for auction in February. Anyone want books signed by Pat/Richard Nixon???

Treasurers report as of 12/4/07
\$4,688.94