



SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB
GARDEN CONNECTION
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**HAPPY
 NEW YEAR**
 SAVE THE DATE FOR MANY FUN EVENTS

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT - JENNIFER RIORDAN

Well it looks like this winter is going to be a lot kinder to us than last winter! The holiday season has flown by. Each year it seems to move a little quicker with all the family to visit and fun activities to partake in – trolley rides, sledding, holiday parties to name a few. I would like to thank Michele Chapman for keeping the tradition of the luminaries going. It is such a beautiful sight to see all the candles and to know that neighbors are willing to help each other set the candles out! Henriette Pentz has done a wonderful job of welcoming new neighbors to Saybrook as you can see from the list of new families included in the newsletter. Also she has brought back the Golden Curb Appeal, which the Garden Club is going to award 4 times a year (spring, early summer, late summer and winter). I hope everyone got to see Mark Norkaitis' beautiful winter décor. This spring and early summer includes the usual suspects for upcoming activities so mark your calendars. Now we all just have to settle in and wait for spring to come!

**WELCOME
 TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS**

Cory and Molly Griggs
 212 East 11th Avenue

Margret Plett
 1213 Suffolk Street

Stephen & Maura Hoff
 113 Barley Avenue

Adam Stachowiak &
 Michael Issac
 1520 North Loomis

Mark & Patricia Kirincich
 411 East Bauer Road

The Neustadters
 105 Green Briar Court

HOLIDAY GIVING A HUGE SUCCESS

SAYBROOK RAISES \$8000 TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES

This year the auction was one of our best ever; we raised over \$8,000! I would like to thank Deb Wright, Christin Kacedan and Megan Marcionetti for putting on such a wonderful party. Also thank you to Melissa Norris for procuring some great items for the auction, and to Melissa Peterson for getting the Safari auction item. You all helped to make this auction fabulous and fun. You all may have noticed that this year's holiday giving went a little differently. The schools asked for more items like winter coats, hats and gloves and more necessities and fewer toys, so we did not offer the registry that we have in years past. We continue to be flexible with the schools in order to meet their changing needs. As a result we were able to help several other families and individuals right in our neighborhood. Thank you Deb Wright for your continued work as our Philanthropy chairperson.

**UPCOMING SGC
 EVENTS**
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March Madness Tournament

Watch your Saybrook group email for details.

Easter Egg Hunt at Beebe

April 4 | Time TBA

Meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs at Beebe. A free event open to members and non-members. Donations welcome.

Progressive Dinner

TBA

It's almost time for the neighborhood's favorite event - the Progressive Dinner. Meet new neighbors and catch up with old friends. This is a member's only event.

**GOLDEN CURB APPEAL
 AND THE WINNER IS...**

Mark Norkaitis
 1032 North Loomis Street

KEEPING SAYBROOK BEAUTIFUL

BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

Thank you everyone that purchased poinsettias for the beautification fundraiser. All those poinsettias made a beautiful addition to the Christmas Tea this year. This is something that Saybrook did a few years back and it was nice to see it revived. This year we raised \$180.22 that will go towards the purchase of new letters for our neighborhood walls. Hopefully we can keep the poinsettia fundraiser going in the years to come.

As for the walls at the entrance of our neighborhood, we had several contractors come out and take a look at them and the consensus was that all they needed was to be cleaned and then resealed. When the walls are cleaned the existing letters will need to be removed. At that time we would like to replace the letters with something more current and elegant that better reflects that nature of our neighborhood. We have a couple of options on lettering and hope to have some type of artist renderings available on our website for all the residents of the Saybrook neighborhood to vote on. Look for more information in Spring along with the annual Beautification Donation!

THANKS!

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR
CHRISTMAS TEA DONATIONS!**
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!

Carol Sawka of Ocie Floral
for the donation of the beautiful boxwood trees

Betty Chan at @375 Bakery
for the delicious macaroons and tiramisu

Small Cakes on Ogden
for the wonderful mini cupcakes

Jon Benton
for playing the piano

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SEPTEMBER 2014- AUGUST 2015 SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

RETURN PAYMENT AND THIS FORM TO MEGHAN CONTI AT 5 E. 14TH AVENUE

Your membership dues must be current during that time to be invited to member's only events. We kindly request that you fill out our membership form in addition to submitting your check/cash, in order to help us easily track who is a member once checks and cash are deposited.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

EMAIL 1: _____ EMAIL 2: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

MEMBERSHIPS ARE VALID FROM JULY 2013 - JUNE 2014
CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

- \$25 STANDARD MEMBERSHIP RATE
- \$15 SENIOR RATE (65 AND BETTER)

**REMEMBER - YOU MUST BE CURRENT ON YOUR DUES TO
RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER!**

Visit www.saybrookgardenclub.com to see if you are current on your dues.

PLEASE CHECK HOW YOU CAN HELP!
BEING A MEMBER MEANS BEING AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER,
OUR CLUB DEPENDS ON IT SO SIGN UP NOW!

- TGIF
- SALAD SUPPER
- HAYRIDE
- FALL FUNDRAISER
- CHRISTMAS TEA
- EASTER EGG HUNT
- GIRLS NIGHT OUT
- BOOK SALE
- BEEBE GARDEN
- I CAN PREPARE FOOD
- I AM ALREADY SIGNED UP