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*The Holiday party was a great success.
Thanks, to our amazing planning committee!!*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lake Owasso Garden Club

JANUARY

Next Meeting, January 12

6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting -- Our speaker will be Rene Lynch, President of Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota. Rene will present: "The Buzz about Bees".

Presidents Message

Welcome to 2015. Hope you all had enjoyable holidays.

Many changes have occurred already in the new year. Sadly, Kathy Kress and Deb Ferrington did not renew their memberships.

However, Sue Higgins and a retired Master Gardener will be joining LOGC.

Patty Costello has graciously agreed to let us use her gorgeous yard for our Plant Sale again.

Rebecca, Vatsala and Irene have lined up some good speakers for our programs. There will also be some outstanding tours and excursions next summer.

This is the year for the Rose Parade.

I am looking forward to being your president. There are several members that I know very well and some very little. I would like to spend some time getting to know each of you a little better in 2015.

Ron

LOGO CONTEST!

Most groups have a logo and it's time for us to develop our own. It will catch eyes on the Cross Pollination web page and become an identifier in our handouts for plant sales, parades and flower shows. Sharpen your pencils and sketch our new logo. You know our club, think about a logo that displays our focus and mission. Don't worry about not being an artist; the sketch does not have to be perfect. Dick Flipp has a friend with the skill to create the final rendition of our logo. We need your ideas.

Submissions will be collected at our January and February meetings. You can submit one or more ideas. With each sketch submission enclose a paragraph explaining how the logo identifies our club. If you will be out of town, mail it to me or any friend in the club. (Wendy Lucas, 69 Jessica Ct., Little Canada 55117)

Who will be the judge? I'll be looking for a committee of people to narrow down the entries to the top three or four. The plan is to scan the those images and explanatory paragraphs in the March newsletter so we can study them before we vote at the March meeting.

Besides bragging rights, a gardening prize will be awarded for the winning entry. We have a club of creative people who are amazing. I'm excited to have us create our own logo!

Wendy Lucas

Treasurer's report

Plant "Imagination"



'Amaryllis 'Royal Dutch'



Amaryllis 'Fantasy'

Amaryllis

Amaryllis look tropical and exotic; large, lily-like trumpet blooms on tall, straight stems, with a base of strappy leaves and colors from white to deep red and even eye-catching striped varieties. You'll pay more for the more exotic varieties and larger bulbs, but larger bulbs produce more flowers. You can expect your Amaryllis to bloom 7 weeks or longer.

Most amaryllis will go dormant naturally and re-bloom sometime during winter. However, many people prefer to force their amaryllis into bloom for the holiday season. Many bulbs are sold in the fall, ready to pot up and have in time for Christmas. Here are directions for forcing your Amaryllis for holiday display, as well as general care.

You'll Need

- An Amaryllis bulb
- A pot slightly larger than the bulb ($\frac{1}{2}$ - 2" around the sides of the bulb)
- Potting mix
- Bamboo stalk
- Patience

Planting a New Amaryllis Bulb

1. Choose a bulb that's plump and still has some roots at the base.
2. Make sure the pot you chose is just large enough for the bulb. Generally a 5 - 7" pot will work fine. The bulb needs to feel crowded to bloom.
3. Partially fill the pot with potting mix and place the bulb so that top third of it will be exposed when you fill in potting soil around the sides of the pot.
4. Place bamboo stalks along the side of the bulb. The flowers can get top heavy and inserting the stake now will help you avoid damaging the bulb and roots later.
5. Water well.
6. Place the pot in bright, indirect light and keep the soil moist, but not wet.
7. A thick flower stalk should shoot up within a few weeks. The flat leaves will follow as the flower stalk matures.
8. Turn the pot every few days, so the flower stalk gets uniform exposure on all sides and grows straight.
9. You can feed your Amaryllis with a half strength water soluble fertilizer every 2-3 weeks.
10. When the flowers fade, cut the flower stalk back to just above the bulb. Water the plant until it goes dormant in the fall. You can move or plant the Amaryllis outdoors for the summer, in partial shade.

Taste That!

Cranberry Pecan Swirls

Taste Tip: This dough must be prepared in advance.

1½ cups flour, plus extra for rolling dough
¼ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup butter, at room temperature
¾ cup sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/3 cup finely chopped fresh cranberries
½ cup ground pecans
1 tablespoon freshly grated orange zest

Directions

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and salt, and reserve.

In a bowl of an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add egg and vanilla extract, and beat until thoroughly combined. Reduce speed to low, add flour mixture and mix until just incorporated. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

In a small bowl, combine cranberries, pecans and orange zest.

On a lightly floured work surface, using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll dough to a 10-inch square. Sprinkle cranberry mixture over dough, leaving a ½-inch border on two opposite sides. Roll dough, jelly-roll fashion, beginning at one of the borders and rolling towards the other border. Wrap in plastic wrap and freeze at least 8 hours.

When ready to bake, preheat oven to 375 degrees and line baking sheets with parchment paper. Unwrap dough logs and, using a sharp knife, trim off uneven ends. Cut dough into ¼-inch thick slices and place cookies (flat side down) 2 inches apart on prepared baking sheets.

Bake until lightly browned, 14 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven and cool 2 minutes and transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.



The website is up and running – please check it out!!

<http://www.crosspollination.weebly.com> Once there, There you will find a link to:

The *Lake Owasso Garden Club* website: <http://www.lakeowassogc.weebly.com>

On our LOGC website you can link to our **Facebook** site

Or, you can start out at the LOGC website and go to crosspollination! It's so easy.

Our Google Doc

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Newsletter submissions

We welcome pictures (please title, include latin names of plants), news items, and commentary, preferably via email to raflipp@comcast.net **Deadline** is by the **25th of each month**. I will try to get the newsletter out on the first of the month.

Also, remember our club's **Facebook** page. It is a great place to post pictures and share what's in bloom.

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