

Garden Happy! Holiday Decorating Workshop

Saturday, November 22th, 2015, 2-4pm

Thanksgiving is a time to gather with friends and family and give thanks for the love and abundance in our lives. There is an abundance of beautiful things nature has provided too, right outside our door!

Our **2-hour workshop** will focus on creating Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday arrangements using natural materials. Everyone will be making a "Fall-to-Christmas" arrangement to take home. I will provide foam, greenery, fresh flowers and other supplies, and demonstrate the mechanics of putting things together. Please bring your hand pruners and a container for your arrangement (I have extra ones if you don't have a favorite.)

Also feel free to bring anything you would like to include in your arrangement -- a special bow to match the color of your dining room, Spanish moss you brought back from the beach, berries from shrubs in your yard, candles, artichokes, fruit, or interesting dried stuff you picked on the side of the road. It is a great adventure going outside to gather decorations. You may be surprised with what you discover. Your collection of "found" treasures will keep you smiling right through the winter holidays.

Just to give you some ideas, below is a list of plant material I use for winter decorations.

Foliage

Chindo viburnum
Magnolia leaves & pods
Alexander Laurel (Poet's Laurel)
Pine
Arborvitae
Cryptomeria
Variegated Osmanthus or Holly
Green Holly with berries
Nandina foliage & berries
Eucalyptus
Fatshedera (ivy)
Ferns
Pachysandra
Bamboo
Boxwood
Itanium Arum

Other stuff

Moss
Dried fungi
Sweet gum balls
Pine cones
Gourds
Acorns
Chestnuts
Dried Hydrangea blooms
Curly willow branches
Yellow or red twig dogwood branches
Grasses
Crape myrtle seed pods (sprayed gold)
Branches of Crab Apples
Rose hips
Japanese persimmons
Bird nests & feathers

Class will be taught inside my workshop with a cozy wood burning stove, hot drinks & holiday sweets. Please dress for the weather and plan to arrive early to allow time to park and gather. Class will begin promptly at 2pm.

You may also want to bring a pen and paper, camera, and money (cash, check, or credit card). I will have outdoor container arrangements for sale, potted amaryllis bulbs, high-quality photo greeting cards packaged for gifts, and pass-along plants from my garden.

The registration fee is \$40 payable by check to my address below or by credit card (call me). Attendance is limited to 18 people. Registration is confirmed when payment is received.

Directions for getting here are below. I look forward to sharing a fun afternoon with you soon!

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A note about Parking: When you arrive, come down my long gravel driveway and you will see a workshop with a purple door on your left and my house further ahead in front of you.

There is plenty of room to park on both sides of the house including in the carport, beside and behind the workshop and in the driveway. Please do not drive or park on the lawn.

MapQuest Link: <http://mapq.st/zTuqRK>

Directions from downtown Greensboro:

Follow Battleground Ave north, continue north on Lawndale Drive, continue north on Lake Brandt Road. Continue 1 mile after you cross Rt. 150 and turn right on Witty Road which is at the bottom of the hill. Go 1 mile up Witty. My driveway is on the right immediately at the end of the fenced pasture. The entrance is landscaped with boulders & a short rock wall. 8110 mailbox is on left. (If you get to Scalesville Road you have gone too far.)