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# The Monthly AGC 'Dirt'

December 2020

**All monthly meeting for the time being will be conducted virtual via Zoom.**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting** There will be 2 parts to the Monthly Meeting using the same zoom link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6884517160?pwd=ckszU0E5NXZobFRqM3NwOCtPMEpMUT09>

**Part 1: Monthly Business Meeting.** You can join the meeting any time after 9:00 AM. The **Business Meeting** will begin at **9:30 AM**.

**Part 2: *Holiday Greens Workshop* 10:15 AM**

## “Trees! Trees! Trees!” with Thelma Shoneman



Cathy Fochtman will introduce the workshop at 10:15 AM. The program will use the same Zoom link as the Business Meeting.

Thelma stars in a 30-minute video that was filmed by her grandson, Quincy Shoneman, edited by Eddie Simeone, with floral materials supplied by Sue Whitcomb.



Learn how to create either a **hanging tree door design** or a **tree tabletop centerpiece**, large or small. The attached instructional handout lists the supplies and methods that you assemble on your own to create these designs. You can either create one while viewing the program or later on your own. Suggested sources for the supplies are listed. If you have kept the floral base from a previous year's greens swag design, it can be reused. Thelma also gives you a tip on creating a hanging swag base from a container that you can pick up at the supermarket!

Participants should switch their Zoom viewing mode to "speaker" mode (vs gallery mode) if they are not already. Everyone should be muted.

The only thing missing from the previously scheduled part of the December meeting is the delightful *Holiday Luncheon*. So make yourself a delectable festive lunch plate and enjoy. Remember the festive days of yore and better days are to come when we can enjoy each other's company and creativity.

You can brag about your *swag* by sending Sue Nordhausen ([nordhausen@verizon.net](mailto:nordhausen@verizon.net)) a photo of your holiday door. She would like to add the members' photos to her collection for the 2020—2021 AGC photo album. I'm sure Thelma will be proud of your achievement!

Thanks to all the members who responded to the request for *Member Interest Forms*. The winners of the *three fabulous collections of Cathy Fochtman's Dahlia Tubers and Seeds* are **Susanne Fuller, Diane Krasnick, and Linda O'Neill**. Cathy Fochtman will be contacting the winners about delivery or pickup.

The **Nominating Committee** has been hard at work filling the slots of the retiring board members effective April 2021. They are currently looking for a club member to join the board next year as **Photographer**. Contact Gena Manalan ([genam43@gmail.com](mailto:genam43@gmail.com)), Cathy Fochtman ([fochtman@verizon.net](mailto:fochtman@verizon.net)), or Anne Sterling ([absterling@gmail.com](mailto:absterling@gmail.com)) if you are interested. You don't have to be *National Geographic* caliber.

### **No Regular Monthly Meeting in January**

January 12<sup>th</sup> Horticulture Study Group 9 AM

January 19<sup>th</sup> Floral Design Study Group 9 AM

January 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 9 AM

January 31<sup>st</sup> Financial Reports Due



#### **From Rheta Roeber at her mom's**

One of the perks of spending time with her mom was visiting old HS friends. Not hosting a gingerbread house making party this year, but a gingerbread house gazebo instead!

No snow on the ground but all decked out for the holiday season.

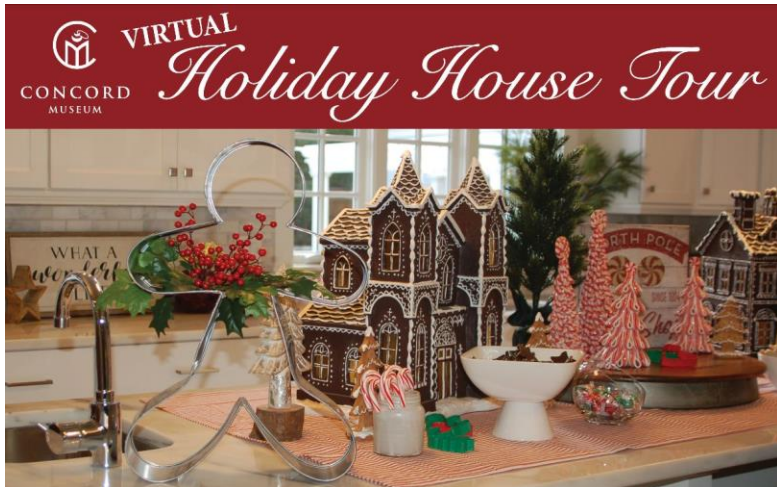


#### **A tiny owl was saved after getting stuck in the Rockefeller Center tree: 'It's the Christmas miracle of 2020'.**

Hitchhiked from upper NY State to see the Rockets?

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/11/19/rockefeller-center-christmas-tree-owl-rescued/>

Barbara Wissell sent in this suggestion for those of us alone/housebound/missing partaking in pre-Christmas events.



Experience Concord's holiday charm from home with the **Virtual Holiday House Tour!**

See how six Concord homeowners have transformed their homes into **winter wonderlands** this holiday season. Join us for the virtual tour **December 11-13!**

#### **Buy Tickets**

Over the past ten years, the Holiday House Tour has featured designs that capture the spirit of the season in many different ways. This year, enjoy the **holiday cheer**, creative displays, and **sweet surprises** all from home!

**Sign up ([concordmuseum.org](http://concordmuseum.org)) to receive the six-part virtual tour in your inbox, and enjoy:**

- Guided video tours of featured homes, plus photos and fun facts
- Bonus content, like holiday decorating how-to's, design inspiration, and more!
- Shopping opportunities with local Concord merchants

Buy Tickets

- \$30 for Museum Members
- \$35 for Non-Members
- Tickets are a great gift for the holidays!

#### **Family Trees: A celebration of Children's Literature, opens November 25<sup>th</sup>!**

Concord's literary legacy is given a creative twist as trees & wreaths of all shapes & sizes are decorated with charm & inspiration from acclaimed children's books.

Get your **timed-entry tickets** to visit the Museum to see the 28 trees & wreaths in person, & then participate in these virtual programs from home.

#### **December 6: Art-Making with Honorary Chair Nicole Tadgell**

What do you want to be when you grow up? Join Nicole Tadgell in a creative art making program that's out of this world? **Register here** in partnership with **The Robbins House**.

#### **December 11-13: Virtual Weekend with Authors & Illustrators**

Meet some of the accomplished authors & illustrators whose books are featured in *Family Trees* in a series of virtual programs. Watch videos, read stories & participate in art-making & story-telling activities all weekend long. **Register**

In this 25th anniversary year, you can **Be Part of the Story!**

Join us in celebrating all that *Family Trees* has brought to our Museum family by sharing your memories, creating an ornament, or making a donation to help us continue to inspire the next generation of readers. *Family Trees* books are available for sale in the Concord Museum shop in partnership with the Concord Bookshop.