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### December 2020

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We will close December 23, 2020 through January 20, 2021.

We will reopen on January 21st with limited hours:

Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays, 12pm-3pm.

## THE BUZZ by Mona Dyer

What a year! Don't know about you, but I was getting' a little frazzled, but grace, patience, and gratitude found me. Christmas joy is here...wrapped in love...timeless in its simplicity! The loving wonder of the Season is in me because of you. Just sayin', our house is about to explode in a hopeful spirit! My sweet husband is gonna wig out when he sees this!

Not dressing your home for Christmas because 'no one will see it' is absolute rubbish. This year, decorate for YOU! Your heart NEEDS the feel of Christmas...this year especially! Cherished ornaments and trinkets need to be on display to set the mood, comfort, and bolster your spirit. At our house, decorations and our tree are going up early and will stay up way longer than usual! Why? Because our house deserves joy! C'mon! Let's do it! Fill every room at your house with beautiful scents, sounds, and ornaments. It's your heart's haven ... your workshop for the month to come!



but a terrible baker, but I have some pretty good cookie recipes! A few batches of cookies ... packaged up and delivered to neighbor kids is a win in my book. My Mama baked so many yummy treats this time of year -I think making goodies for neighbors is buried somewhere in my DNA. A perfect day is when our house smells like

snickerdoodles or peanut butter blossoms and our neighbors will have cookies for breakfast and the kids are jacked up for weeks!

The smell of fresh evergreen boughs in the house is unmistakable for Christmas... comforting and nostalgic. My first Christmas tree was an itty-bitty Pinyon. My Mama carefully tied bright red rickrack bows and decorated it with tiny glass ornaments to make a tree I still remember. Far from fancy, the scent of pinyon is Christmas to me. Gingersnap cookies and meeting Santa for the first time became priceless memories for a little girl! I still see, hear, and smell every little part of that simple, beautiful time. It's Christmas as it should be. Simple and beautiful.

I'm wishing you the very best today. Wrap yourself in kindness and serenity, and take special care of yourself. Immerse your heart and home in colors and every little thing you love! Poinsettias, Christmas Cactus, and Amaryllis blossoms brighten winter for me - maybe you and yours will find joy in them, too. At our house, we'll celebrate simple gifts like gratitude, patience, and kindness to ourselves...with a big dose of "Ho-ho-holy cow! Where'd all those decorations come from?!?" All the best, sweet friends! Merry Christmas!!!

~ Mona



Bookcliff Gardens is keeping traditions alive! Although we didn't have our annual open house, we still have brilliant holiday décor and beautiful Poinsettias that are exquisite! You'll find dazzling Christmas Cactus, loaded with blossoms and buds, pretty Norfolk Island Pines that are the perfect Christmas tree for tiny spaces. For the scent of Christmas, our evergreen wreaths are kept in climate-controlled storage so they're fragrant and fresh when you take them home.

Need fresh, aromatic evergreen garland for swags or table décor? Look no! further than Bookcliff Gardens! If you like getting your hands dirty, we've got a huge selection of houseplants for DIY gifts. Succulents are all the rage, along with a wonderful selection of lovely houseplants, beautiful pots, and soils to put them in!

We have an endless supply of garden seeds, gloves, and gadgets for stocking stuffers along with unique garden statuary, and décor for every patio or yard. Fanciful gifts, artwork for your home or office, even locally sourced honey to make the holidays sweeter!

Bookcliff Gardens' Gift Certificates make wonderful stocking stuffers, too! They're always the right color and size. Stop by and browse. Nibble on some cookies and sip hot cider (or take them to go)! Remember, we're just up the street and we help...you grow!



As 2020 comes to a close, Bookcliff Gardens sends you and your family warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year! We feel blessed by each of you ... humbled and appreciative for your friendship and patronage.

We hope 2021 will be filled with love, laughter, joy, and good health! Here's to you, and a beautiful new year!

# **December 2020 Gardening Calendar**

Mulch roses after ground begins freezing by piling 12" of course organic material like chopped leaves, straw or cedar mulch onto plants. A big drink of water might be in order for them, too! Monitor houseplants for insect problems. Bring samples to Bookcliff so we can help identify your issues. We even know how to get rid of fungus gnats!

Heavy snow build-up can break evergreen limbs. Remove snow as needed.

Shop at Bookcliff Gardens for unique gifts and beautiful live plants that'll be treasured!

Decorate with fresh evergreen boughs, garlands and wreaths from Bookcliff Gardens!

Find Christmas Cactus at Bookcliff Gardens. We have dazzling Poinsettias to match your home décor!

Keep potted Christmas trees in the house no longer than 3 days. Too long puts trees at risk for breaking dormancy & will damage tender new growth.

Enjoy the beauty of the season!

Last days to shop! We have specialty gifts
for plant lovers on your list!
Bookcliff Gardens gift certificates are awesome!

Closed for the Holidays!
We will reopen in 2021!

Christmas!

Lant your potted Christmas tree quickly. Remember to keep it watered.

Plant your potted Christmas tree quickly. Remember to keep it watered this winter to avoid winter drought damage.

New Year! 2

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