



Christmas 2006



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From the Ground Up ↑

Why does Santa have 3 gardens?So he can Hoe, Hoe, Hoe!

**UNIQUE FLORISTS'
CHRISTMAS OPEN
HOUSE
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Congratulations!



GETTING TO KNOW US

**PAT:
"FLORIST" EMPLOYEE
OF THE SEASON**

With winter upon us we look to the florist shops to give us what we cannot grow. For the past four years, Pat has been working at Unique Florist in the Co-op Marketplace on Quance. She loves flowers and plants which is evident in the way she shares her knowledge with her customers. But her favorite part of the job is taking the "young fellas" by the hand and showing them what they can give to their loved ones. She loves watching their faces light up with excitement, joy and appreciation for the help they have received.

The next time you need flowers, stop in and say "Hello" to Pat. She'll be happy to help you.

Thank you Pat.

Congratulations on being our Employee of the Season



The Christmas Cactus



A Bloomin' Heirloom

When plant life in the great outdoors has died back during the gloomy days of winter, there are few sights as welcome as the glorious flowers of the Christmas cactus. These plants have been kept as holiday plants since the 1800s. They bloom in vivid shades of pink, red, violet, fuchsia and white or combinations of these colours.

Native to the South American jungles of Brazil, these tropical cacti require different care than their desert relatives. Jungle dwelling succulents are not as tolerant of drought as their sand loving cousins. Although they do store a reasonable quantity of water, they will go limp if they are moisture deprived. They also

need well drained soil as they are susceptible to rot. If your plant dries out or wilts frequently, it probably needs to be repotted into a larger container. This should only be done in the spring after the blooming period is over and the cactus has had its rest period. See schedule for more care details.

The Christmas Cactus Schedule

November-January - Flowering period. Do not relocate or bump plant. Christmas Cactus are quick to drop flower buds when disturbed. Water normally and keep environment stable. Do not fertilize while plant is flowering.

February-March - Resting period. Keep plant cool and dry.

April-August - Treat normally. Water thoroughly when dry, feed monthly. From June - August you can place outdoors in a shady spot.

September-October - Plant is preparing to flower. Reduce watering, keep cool (locate near an east or north window), shorten daylight exposure. When flower buds appear, increase water and temperature.

These lovely plants are a wonderful seasonal decoration and make great hostess gifts. They can be enjoyed for their flowery displays during the holidays and as an interesting foliage plant for the rest of the year.

A well cared for Christmas cactus can survive for decades and is often passed down to the next generation to enjoy.

What lives in winter,
dies in summer,
and grows with its root
upward?



An icicle.

DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE ON YOUR
CHRISTMAS LIST THAT IS HARD TO BUY FOR?

We have the Solution – The perfect gift for the Gardeners & Everyone Else!

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Available at Unique Florists – with 3 locations in Regina to serve you. You choose the value.
Gift certificates can be used for purchases at any of our flower shops or at
Unique Garden Centre (when it re-opens in the spring).



HOW TO BUY A POINSETTIA

Whether you want a traditional red poinsettia or one of the many new colors that have become available over the past few years, you will want to pick a healthy one.

1. Buy early. The plant will last for months so buy early and pick from the best available.
2. The leaves should be dark green. Avoid ones with leaves that are yellowing, wilted, curled or falling off.
3. Make sure that the plant is packaged in first a paper sleeve and then in a frost bag and **sealed**. If you are not sure if the store is using a frost bag – use two plastic bags. Unpack shortly after getting it home.

Poinsettias are unforgiving of a chill, draft or over watering and will show their unhappiness immediately and permanently! Buy Smart and follow the care instructions.

NOW TO TAKE CARE OF IT!

- Place your poinsettia in a well-lit room with as much indirect sunlight as possible.
- Preferred temperatures are: 20 deg. C daytime and 17 deg. C over night. Too warm and the plant may go on stress leave.
- Poinsettias are sensitive to extreme temperatures. Keep it away from warm or cold drafts.
- Watering is the number one cause of plant failure. First, feel the surface, it should be dry but not hard. Use room temperature water. You want to moisten all of the soil, but if you even remotely suspect you gave it too much – allow it to drain for at least 30 minutes. Death or permanent damage can occur from a single over watering. Remember they originate from a desert climate so a bit more on the dry side is what they like.
- Repot the plant as it grows and fertilize only after the blooming season.
- You can place the poinsettia outdoors when the average low temperature does not fall below 10 degrees C.



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