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PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

It definitely looks like Christmas in Roswell with all the pretty lights and decorations everywhere. I am proud to say I have been a part of Roswell's Christmas transformation these last few weeks. RGC's magical fingers have been busy all around the city -- the entire Smith Plantation House, the Frog tree at City Hall, the Moose tree at the CVB, the lobby of the ARC, and also at St. George Village. I have heard many complimentary comments with oohs and ahs. Thank you "Worker Bees" for your great talent and your dedication to beautifying Roswell again. Well done!! **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Carolyn H.

Roswell Recreation Center
Roswell Area Park
10495 Woodstock Rd
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& Brenda Villwock
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Worker bees after decorating the City Hall "Frog Tree"

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Roswell Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 11 - 2

Brookwood Grill

Wrapped gift exchange

Hostesses: Debbie Vann, Coordinator

Sherry Calvert, Nancy Moses, & JoAnn Jones

**Merry Christmas to all of Santa's
Roswell Garden Club Elves. Christmas
blessings to each & everyone of you.**

Thanks for all you do for RGC.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year's

Debbie

TAKE DOWN OF CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

January 3, Tuesday, 9 a.m.

City Hall Tree, CVB tree, ARC

Need 4 volunteers for each location – please let Carolyn H. know which location you prefer.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday -- 9 a.m.

- Smith -- Debbie will be contacting those she needs there.

Chairmen of rooms: Please be sure items are returned to proper owners. If you have loaned items for Smith, please pick them up in the afternoon.

St. George Village Tree

As you all know, RGC has an awesome reputation of having the most talented tree decorators around. The manager at St. George Village had heard of this and literally begged for help with the tree in their lobby. Beth Carpentier graciously agreed to coordinate purchasing of ribbons and ornaments for the tree and selected a few of our many talented ladies to assist her with this project. The staff and residents at St. George were stunned with the beauty of the tree and are eager for a repeat performance next year! Thank you, Beth and committee, for making their lobby more beautiful for Christmas!



ARC Lobby



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PICTURES OF SMITH PLANTATION





St. George Tree

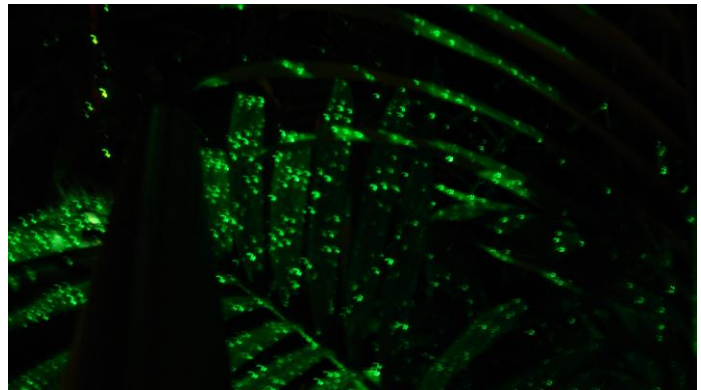


ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDENS LIGHT EXHIBITION

NOTE FROM SHERRY CALVERT: On Thurs Dec 1st 7 members visited this new light exhibition. It was amazing! The use of LED lights gave an intensity to the display. Whilst there were a lot of visitors at no time did we have trouble wandering around.

The lights on the Great Lawn in front of the Fuqua Orchid center changed to reflect the music that was being played. 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' had emphasis on color in the red spectrum for example. In the Orchid Center by keeping light to a minimum the use of green speckles playing on the exotic leaves was especially effective. We learned that vanilla is a type of orchid and the docent showed us samples of the pods, the sort which we can buy in the supermarket. It helps you to understand why real vanilla is so expensive.

We were able to buy a hot drink at the cafe but that evening was not especially cold. We had arrived early in order to find a parking space and by the time we left around 7.30 there was still a long of cars waiting to get in and claim our space. This exhibition is a huge success.



NOTE FROM HILARY BOYLE: 7 members of RGC had an enjoyable evening at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens viewing their spectacular display of Christmas lights,



NOTE FROM NANCY:

Please bring your used greeting cards to me....any kind, thank you, birthday, get well, anniversary, Christmas, etc. You do NOT have to cut them apart unless there is writing you do not wish someone to see. Everything will be used and appreciated! Please recycle and help others!

Thanks!

NOTE FROM BRENDA

Please bring tab tops from aluminum cans for Ronald McDonald House.

Personal request: also bring any Bed, Bath + Beyond coupons you can spare (any coupon-current or expired- will do) for my dancer daughter living in NYC.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
by Ann Weems

I had a dream that the Holy Family came down the escalators at Field's. Angels in red raiment flew around sprinkling us with stardust, singing alleluias and playing their bugles, and all the shoppers knelt in adoration and praise. The Wise men, working in gift wrap, began receiving our hearts and wrapped them in rainbow papers and presented them to the Christ Child. Then they were gone and we returned to our shopping. But I heard no more complaining about the long lines and I saw no more rushing about. We all smiled and greeted one another with PEACE and GOODWILL. We all remembered we had given away our hearts. It was the best Christmas shopping I'd ever done!

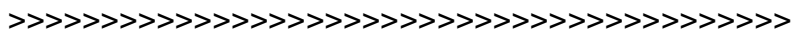
WOULDN'T IT BE GRAND TO BE AN ANGEL
by Ann Weems

Wouldn't it be grand to be an angel and have as your address "The Realms of the Glory of God"? And swing on rainbows, and gather stars in your pockets, winging in and out of earth in a flurry of moondust with the messages of God? Comforting the distressed, warning the righteous, delivering the just, guarding little children? Of course, we can comfort and warn and deliver and guard. Maybe, if we get that right, we can swing on rainbows later.

Thank you, Gretchen, for these two poems by Ann Weems.



SMITH CHRISTMAS PARTY: Thank you all who came and brought your food. We had a lot of guests there who seemed to enjoy themselves. You are the best cooks and know how to throw a party!!! Chuck said to tell you thanks also.



SMITH CANDLELIGHT TOUR: Thank you to those who docented on Saturday night About 200 visitors toured the home.

