

Ready, Set, **GROW!**

Webinar Gardening Series

Today:

“Holiday Plants”

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AMARYLLIS



Amaryllis belladonna

SOUTH AFRICA

PERENNIAL BULB

ZONE 8-10

1 SPECIES



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Care

SOIL MOIST

TURN POT

SUNNY BRIGHT

WARM



FORCING BULBS



Christmas Rosemary



Care Considerations

- Aromatic, woody shrub from the Mediterranean
- Start with a healthy plant
- Most Christmas topiaries were grown in greenhouses
- Biggest challenge: climate shock!
- Prefers sun, roots on the dry side, humid air



Transplanting Outside

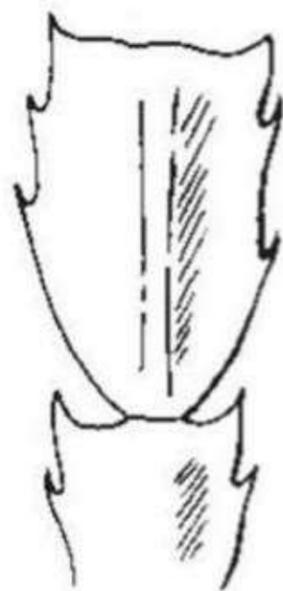
- Consider transplanting your rosemary outside as temperatures warm
- Leave in pot or plant in ground
- Cold hardy to ~20°F – variety dependent
- Start by placing outside in a sheltered area
- Once acclimated, plant in a:
 - Sunny location
 - With well-drained soil
 - Protected from desiccating winter winds
- Trim dead and circling roots



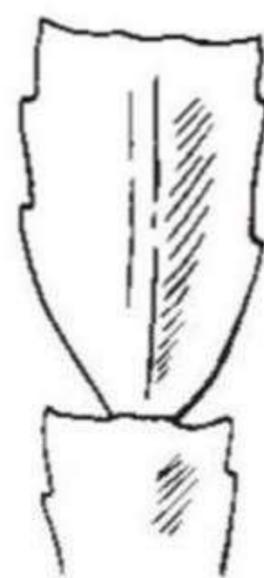
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IDENTIFICATION



Schlumbergera truncata
Thanksgiving Cactus



Schlumbergera bridgesii
Christmas Cactus



Hatiora gaertneri
Easter Cactus

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TO KNOW

Christmas & Thanksgiving

- Short day plants
 - 6 weeks
- Flowering
 - Thanksgiving mid-November to late December
 - Christmas late November to early February

Spring

- Short day plants
 - 12 weeks
- Flowering
 - March - May

ALSO...

- ❖ When the buds appear it can be brought into a warmer area.
- ❖ Sometimes a plant might start to drop buds at this time.
 - ❖ That could be due to drafts, too-warm temperatures, too much water or direct sunlight.
- ❖ The plants enjoy bright light but not direct sunlight.
- ❖ The plant's soil should be dry to one inch below the surface before watering and not fertilized or repotted while blooming.
- ❖ The plants seem to do the best when root bound.



Cyclamen

Florist and Hardy

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John Garlisch

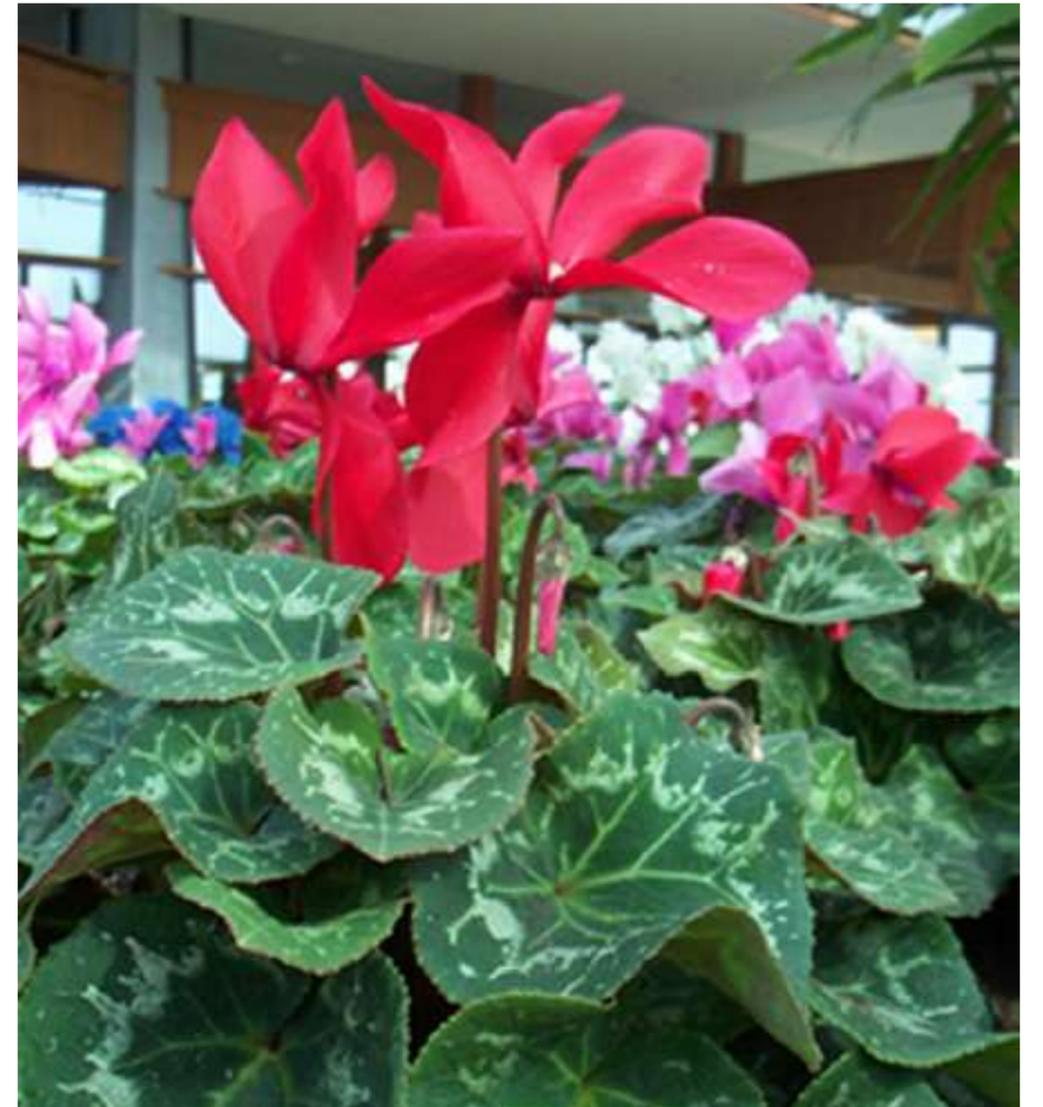
Florist Cyclamen

- Lovely winter houseplant
- Array of flower colors
- Variety of leaf colors + patterns
- Some fragrant
- Can be challenging
- Personally – seasonal annual



Florist Cyclamen Care

- Native to Mediterranean highlands
- COOL Temperatures 50-65 F (10-15C)
- BRIGHT diffuse light
- Keep away from heat vents and sources
- Keep crown dry, yet soil lightly moist
- Rots easily, water from bottom, drain excess



Florist Cyclamen Post Care

- NEEDS a DRY and REST period!
Summer or heat dormancy.
- Leaves will YELLOW away in spring
- Store in a cool –warm dry place +
slightly water on occasion.
- Lightly fertilize when it awakens.
- Hard to propagate



Hardy Cyclamen

- 5 or 6 varieties
- Zone 6 or zone 7 hardy.
- Prefers mild winters
- Prefers coarse drained soils
- Smaller leaved + low to ground
- Array of colors and fragrance
- Great paired with Helleborus and winter pansies.



Poinsettias



Humble beginnings

- *Euphorbiaceae* family (Spurge family)
- *Euphorbia pulcherrima*
- Wild ancestors from Mexico in tropical forests
- Aztecs used it for a red dye and sap used for fever reduction



Christmas Story

- Pepita wanted to give a gift to the Christ child
- She was poor and had nothing worthy to give.
- Her cousin told her it didn't matter as long as it is given in love.
- On the way to church she picked poinsettias and laid them at the altar.



Worldholidaytraditions.com/countries/Mexico

Christmas Season Icon

- Joel Roberts Poinsett, 1st Ambassador to Mexico
- Found it in 1828
- Brought it back to SC and propagated in his greenhouse
- Early 1900's Paul Ecke in So. California perfected a propagation method
- 1950's give-a-way The Tonight Show



Paul Ecke Ranch SFGATE

Poinsettias

Did you know?

- Best selling plant in the US & Canada
- More than 100 varieties
- California #1 producer
- Most are sold within a 6-week period



Pesches Flowers

Fun facts

- White sap irritant
- Leaves can cause vomiting & diarrhea if eaten
- Not poisonous, can make you ill
- “petals” modified leaves (bracts)



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marcperkins.net

Poinsettia care and blooming

- Tropical
- Day temps 60 -70°
- Night 55 degrees
- Punch holes in pot wrapper
- Re-bloom – keep in total darkness between 5pm and 8 am (October 1) cover with light proof bag and cool temps (below 70)
- Any light can keep it from flowering



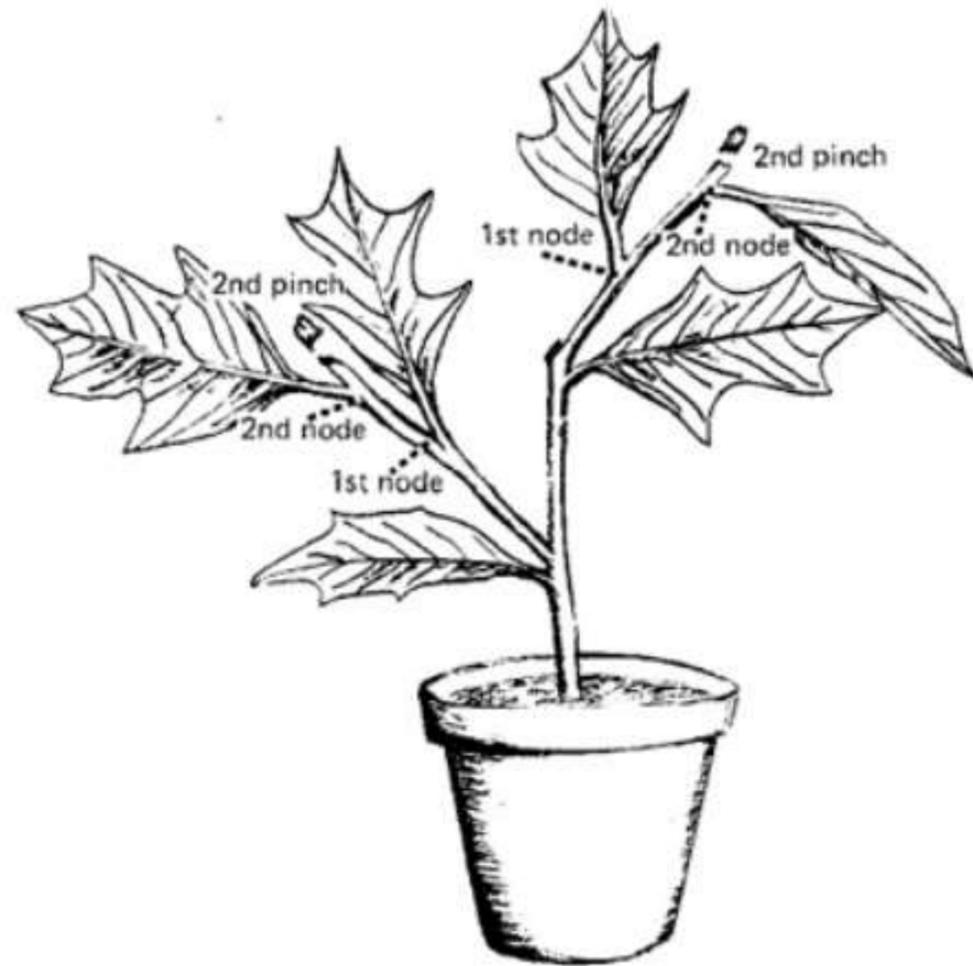
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Care tips

- Do not fertilize while bracts are in full color
- Water only when soil is dry
- Keep bracts from touching cold windows and each other
- Keep out of drafts



Poinsettia: Year after Year



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