

# Douglaston Garden Club

## December 2024 Newsletter

Dear Members,

I cannot believe that we are at the end of another year. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, and a Healthy New Year.

On November 21, 2024, the Douglaston Garden Club members celebrated the one hundred Birthday of member Ann Cavaseno with lunch at La Baraka. Thanks so much to Sandy Hart, who spearheaded the Luncheon and made all the arrangements.

### Coming in 2025

The New Year will bring some innovative programs to the Douglaston Garden Club:  
WE HAVE NO MEETING IN JANUARY.

**February 19: Hydroponic Gardening with Barbara Buckley**

**March 18: History and Seasonal Plantings at Clark Gardens. Roellyn Armstrong**

**April 15: Floral Designs by our Douglaston Garden Club Members**

**May 20: Show and Tell Flower Show by Our Member**

**June 4: Annual Luncheon at Strathmore-Vanderbilt Country Club**

### **Talk of the Town: News and Events from Our Local Organizations:**

Westbury Gardens Opens Its Holiday Market on November 28th until



December 21<sup>st</sup>. Open Saturday and Sunday 10AM to 4PM



# SAVE THE DATE

## 7th Annual DOUGLASTON WINTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 14, 2024

12pm - 4pm

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Sarah's Horticulture Notes:

## Winter Garden Suggestions

Clean all garden tools and then spray with any oil to help preserve for winter.

Many gardeners have compost bins and our environment benefits by each person helping reduce.

garbage waste. All good soil needs organic matter.

Many people do not like to compost because of the smell, small animals and especially because of insects.

But did you ever think of composting on top of the soil for the wintertime. During the next couple of

months with all the holidays there will be an abundance of good kitchen waste the soil can use.

If you

Keep your kitchen waste to items that will not smell, no small animals will eat and we will have no bugs.

living during the wintertime. You will be helping your garden absorb this organic matter that will slowly.

decompose to help provide nutrients for your soil.

Pick a different area each time you empty your kitchen waste. Make sure the items are cut as small as

possible. The smaller it is the better.

Here are some examples; Egg Shells (spread where you have seen slugs/esp near hostas), Onion and

Potato Peels, Banana Peels (yes this can be eaten by a squirrel but rots very fast and good for roses),

coffee grinds, tea bags, cardboard egg cartons, and peelings from vegetables.

If you look at the above and how much you will throw away in the next couple of winter months

you will be helping your garden and providing organic matter to enrich your soil.

**Just A Reminder: The Douglaston Garden Club will be having its Holiday Luncheon on December 17<sup>th</sup> at Cassariano Italian Eatery, 348 East Jericho Turnpike in Mineola.**

Have a Joyous Christmas with your families. I will be in London visiting mine.