



Dogwood Dialogue



A newsletter of the Dogwood District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
"Changing With the Seasons of the Future"

Holiday 2005 Edition



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Important Reminders

- Awards Deadline Dec. 1
- Youth Poetry/Poster contest deadlines Dec. 1
- Basic Design Class Athens Dec. 8
- Basic Design Class Athens Jan. 5
- Kids Count Workshop Statesboro Jan. 12
- Native Plant Symposium Jan. 25
- Dogwood Dist. Mtg Hastings Garden Ctr 10 am Jan. 30
- Southeastern Flower Show, Georgia World Congress Ctr. Feb 8-12
- FLOW Workshop, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. 1:00- 4 pm, Feb 13
- President's Report of Garden Club Achievements due Feb. 15
- Arbor Day in Georgia Feb. 17
- Landscape Design School, Course II, Hastings Garden Ctr March 20-21
- GCG 78th Annual State Convention, Crowne Plaza Ravinia, April 19-21

Directors Message:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; it's the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Mead

Dear Dynamic Dogwoods,

One hundred and sixty-four Dynamic Dogwoods attended our October 5th Fall District Fair at the elegant Cherokee Town and Country Club in Buckhead! Thirty-five of our 67 Dogwood District clubs were represented at the meeting and luncheon! Attendance certificates were awarded to: Spalding Garden Club with 16 members attending the fall fair, and to Amana-Kanasta Garden Club who had 58% of their membership present! The tables were lovely thanks to colorful dried centerpieces designed by Mickie Holton who led a floral arranging workshop on October 4th, instructing eight Dogwood designers in replicating her design. Cheerfully packaged table favors that contained five allium ostrowskianum bulbs complimented the overall table theme.

Our district and state chairman's display boards and hand-out materials were great, and our speakers (Dollie Harper, Emily Fawcett, Dot Rouse, Lee Dunn, Marsha Webb, Marion Lifsey, Joan Brown, and Lisa Robinson) were informative and concise!

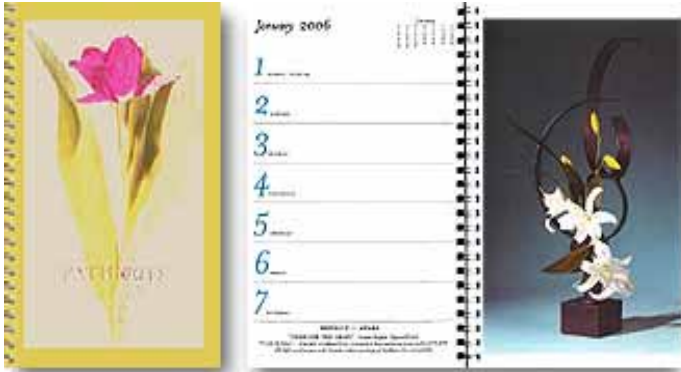
"The Dogwood District Woman of the Year" was awarded to Helen Hargreaves for her many years of outstanding accomplishments and service. See the article about Helen on page 5. Last year's recipient, Goody Davis, accepted the award on Helen's behalf since she was recovering at home after elbow surgery she underwent just days prior to the luncheon – we wish her the best!

The luncheon food was delicious and the service was first-class. Personality-plus floral designer Alvin Moore, our program presenter, had us laughing and learning while he demonstrated holiday centerpiece designs, during his program "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner?" Four lucky ladies were the recipients of his fabulous tabletop designs which he generously donated as door-prizes! Dollie liked Alvin's program so much, that she "snagged him" to be our guest speaker at the 2006 State Convention!

[Barbara's letter continued on page 4]



Alvin Moore with Barbara Taylor



CALENDARS – Pathways 2006

The beautiful 2006 Calendar is **NOW** available and it's a knock-out! Your club needs to be 100% supportive of this GCG project, which funds Scholarships to deserving students. Five Dogwood District designers are featured. Calendars are \$7.00 each and can be purchased through: .

JoAnn Jones, Dogwood District Chairman
770-552-6860 thejones@bellsouth.net
or use the form below

2006 CALENDAR ORDER FORM

[] **Mail** Calendars – Your Club pays for postage - see below *

Return this form with your payment to Vivian Toney, PO. Box 425, Hartwell, 30643-0425,

Questions: Contact Vivian, State Calendar Chairman, at (706-376-7796) or toney@hartcom.net

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CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

PRESIDENT'S NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Number of Calendars _____ @ \$ 7.00 each = \$ _____

Shipping & Handling - Only if Mailed (See chart below)* \$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

(Enclose check made payable to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.)

SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGES WITHIN THE U.S.

1-2 Calendars \$ 3.00 11-25 Calendars \$ 12.00 3-10 Calendars \$ 6.00 26-49 Calendars \$ 15.00

Mountains to the Sea

Promote and utilize “**Mountains to the Sea**” (M2S) – GCG’s Special Youth Project designed by our own Marsha Webb. This web site is a FANTASTIC interactive learning tool! A (M2S) board game is coming soon!! Visit our web site: www.edu/gardenclub/m2s

**Community on My Mind
Civic Beautification Grant**

Go to the Garden Club of Georgia Website <http://www.uga.edu/gardenclub/grants/html> to obtain all the



information necessary to obtain a \$200 matching grant pertaining to a civic improvement or community beautification project. GET BUSY? TODAY!!! Georgia Power Foundation monies have made this possible.

Questions – contact: Cookie Carson ,
384 District Line Road, Americus, GA 31709
229-924-5760



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If you wish to become a Life Member, or would like to give the gift of Life Membership to someone else, please complete the application below and forward with a check to Lynda Haynie. Questions? Call Lynda at 478-750-8439 or e-mail: lyndahaynie@cox.net.

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Garden Club _____

District _____

Honored by _____

___ State Life \$100.00 Make check payable to
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to Deep South Region
___ National Life \$200.00 Make check payable
to National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Mail check and completed application form to:
Lynda Haynie
1290 Jackson Springs Road
Macon, GA 31211-1732



**Historic House & Garden Pilgrimage
Dalton, GA
April 22, 2006**

Mark your calendars now and plan a fantastic club outing to Dalton. Dogwood District will even offer bus transportation!! Check out the website for all the exciting details:

<http://www.georgiagardentour.com/>

Proceeds from this event benefit the GCG Historic Garden Grant Program. For questions regarding Historic Garden Pilgrimage, contact:

Lee Dunn
770-394-2834 Lee@Dunnshouse.com

Ronald McDonald House

A special reminder to all Dynamic Dogwoods to keep saving "tabs" for the **Pull a Tab and Save for Ronald McDonald** special project. This is such a worthy and rewarding project to help the families of seriously ill children across the country. Be sure to ask your neighbors and friends to help save "tabs" (soda cans, beer cans, pet food cans, canned vegetable cans, etc.) Although a simple pull tab may appear to be insignificant, it is in fact the most valuable part of the can. Unlike the rest of the can, the tab is pure aluminum and therefore generates the most money from recycling.



Not only do we want to make this special project a huge success for Dollie Harper, but think of all the assistance you will give to those families who need a helping hand in their time of need. Clubs can collect tabs and bring them to the District Board meeting in January, or to Convention in April. Or contact our Dogwood District Special Projects Chairman:

Shirley Pett
770-619-2265



[Barbara Taylor's letter continued from page 1]

Barbara Bourque, our Dogwood District internet and communications super-hero, was awarded "The Barbara Bourque Innovative Communications Award". We will make this an annual award, named in her behalf. Dogwood District benefits almost daily from Barbara's remarkable talents!!

Our guest of honor, GCG president, Dollie T. Harper, made a donation to the Historic Preservation of Gardens and Sites in honor of the Dynamic Dogwoods!! Dollie honored our legislative and governmental affairs chairman, Joan Brown with GCG emeritus status, for 20 years of service to our district and the Garden Club of Georgia. We commend Joan! Dollie announced that over \$200,000 was available in grant money! Grants up to \$3000 are being offered. More information can be found on www.gardenclub.org. (See Grant Guide information). Dollie reminded us about her project: Pull-a-tab for Ronald McDonald – save your aluminum tabs to recycle!

Dollie would like clubs to "pass the hat" and collect monies for Natural Disaster Support. Please consider making a contribution to National Disaster Support. Clubs making a donation of \$25 or more by March 1, 2006 will receive a Certificate of Appreciation at the State Convention! See your GUIDE for "What to Send Where" on page 346.

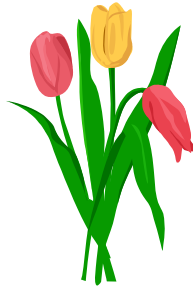
Looking ahead...

It is time to start thinking about your club's GCG AWARD applications that are due December 1st! Five clubs sent representatives to the Awards workshop on October 18th at Hastings Garden Center. I was encouraged and awed by the scope of their fantastic endeavors! I urge all clubs to apply for at least one GCG award! APPLY, APPLY, AND APPLY!!!! You will receive 5 extra points on your presidents' reports for EVERY award you *apply* for!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have. I am looking forward to LOTS of GCG award applications from Dogwood District clubs and a happy holiday season! Best wishes to all of you!

Happy Gardening,
Barbara Taylor
H: 770-777-6642
rbkataylor@comcast.net

Spring Bulb Sales will Yield Funds for Historic Markers



It is the goal of this director to fund and place at least one historic and/or Blue Star Marker in our district by April 2007. This can be accomplished with your club's participation in our bulb blitz. All district club presidents will be contacted in early January 2006 with information and summer-blooming

bulb order pamphlets. I would like all clubs to promote bulb sales for 4-6 weeks. In addition to ordering quality bulbs at competitive prices, our District will earn 55% from the bulb sales!! This is a WIN, WIN situation for Dogwood District! The proceeds from our bulb sales will be used to purchase our historic marker(s)! We hope to have a marker placed in Oakland cemetery next fall (Lee Dunn is working on this for us!) and one placed in Carroll County, too. (Gina Kuykendall is spearheading this for us and forming a Dogwood District Task Force West – see separate article) We have great plans in place for Dogwood District!



Joan Brown is being honored for her 20 plus years of service to the Garden Club of Georgia. Dollie Harper, GCG State President (r), and Barbara Taylor, Dogwood District Director (c), congratulate Joan on becoming an Emeritus Member of the GCG State Board of Directors. Joan is currently Dogwood's Legislation and Governmental Affairs Chairman.

Garden Therapy Changes

Over the summer, the Garden Therapy Task Force recommended some changes to our program. These changes were adopted at the September State Board Meeting. Rather than having our clubs send felt Christmas stockings/ Easter Eggs / Fig Leaf Items only to Central State Hospital - it was determined that clubs might like to send these items to the state hospital that services their particular county.

Haralson and Douglas County clubs may wish to send their stockings to Rome:



Garden Therapy c/o John Paul Breault
Northwest Ga Reg. Hospital [706] 295-6709
1305 Redmond Circle, Bldg 405
Rome, GA 30165-1345

Carroll County clubs may wish to send their stockings to Columbus:



Garden Therapy c/o Lisa Sweat
Activity Therapy Coordinator [706] 568-5261
West Central Regional Hospital
3000 Schatulga Road
Columbus GA 31907-3117

And **Fulton County** clubs may wish to send their stockings to the Atlanta facility



Garden Therapy c/o Gail Raby
Community Resource Dept [404]243-2277
Ga Regional Hospital in Atlanta - Bldg 6
3073 Panthersville Road
Decatur, GA 30034

Go to the website

<http://www.uga.edu/gardenclub/pdfs/therapy-participant.pdf> to get the form to send with your stockings. Or contact Barbara Bourque if you cannot download the form. bbourque@adelphia.net 770-889-2596

Because we are now actively trying to support all SEVEN State Psychiatric hospitals, your generous support of the Garden Therapy Program is especially needed and appreciated. Please consider making that \$25.00 donation to Garden Therapy and receive your certificate at convention.

All money [\$1/stocking] and the \$25.00 annual donation should be sent directly to :

Margaret Ballard, GCG - GT Treasurer
P.O. Box 338, Cornelia, GA 30521-0338

A voucher form is also available on the GCG Website.



Dogwood Woman of the Year

Helen Hargreaves was honored for her lifetime dedication to Garden Club of Georgia and Dogwood District. At our District Meeting, Helen was named the Dogwood Woman of the Year. In addition to being a master flower show judge, a master landscape design consultant, a master environmental consultant, and a master garden consultant, Helen is a member of Deep South Region, National Council, and GCG State Board of Directors. She received a National Member Award of Honor from National Garden Club, and has been a supporter, promoter, and leader of environmental education since 1985! Helen is certainly a MASTER! Recent surgery prevented Helen from attending our luncheon, so Goody Davis, a long time friend, accepted the award in Helen's honor.

Kaleidoscope II April 19-21

The GCG 78th Annual State Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza - Ravinia in Atlanta near Perimeter Mall - April 19-21, 2006. Kaleidoscope II is the theme. Dogwood District members are asked to **wear violet** to the convention! It could be a whole outfit, some jewelry, a scarf or hat. Any shade of violet, purple, or lavender will do to identify you as a member of Dogwood District. See the upcoming *Board Briefs* and *Garden Gateways* for more details.

High School Speech and Essay Contest

Entries in the High School Speech and Essay contest are due to GCG State high school speech and essay competition chairman before Dec. 1st. Send to :

Dot Rouse
1115 Vintage Club Drive,
Duluth, GA 30097-5915



Flower Show School Course II

March 7,8,9, 2006

**Bellmere Garden House,
10777 Bell Road, Duluth, GA,
sponsored by the Designers Club**

The Hallie P. Brown Flower Show School continues with Course II on March 7, 8, 9, 2006 at Bellmere Garden House. Instructors for Course II are Peg Newill, Horticulture, from Ohio, and Jo Krallman, Design, from Arkansas. Cost of full course for student taking the exam is \$80.00. Deadline for registration is February 21, 2006. Brochures are available from

Chairman: Bettye Trankina
140 Providence Plantation Dr.
Alpharetta, GA 30004
770-410-5819 - FAX: 770-410-1281
bhtran140@yahoo.com

or

Registrar: Ruthellen Anderson
537 Chestatee View Dr.
Dawsonville, GA 30534
706-216-5034 asptsman@alltel.net

**Courses 3 - August 22 - 24, 2006
Course 4 - April 24 - 26, 2007**

**Dogwood West Task Force and
★ Operation Blue Star ★**

The 10 garden clubs in the western section of Dogwood District are working together to purchase, landscape and maintain a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker that honors all U.S. service men and women.. This marker will be located at the Georgia Visitor Center on I-20 East at the Georgia/Alabama State Line in Tallapoosa, Haralson County. This task force is applying for a matching grant of \$1500.00 from the "Let Freedom Ring" grant program funded by the Principal Financial Group Foundation. Barbara Taylor, our District Director has agreed to pledge \$1,500.00 from the Dogwood District Bulb Fundraiser as the matching funds portion of the grant. Assuming we're awarded the grant, the task force will have \$3,000.00 to work with.. The "Dogwood West Task Force" will collaborate with other local organizations including youth groups to plan, implement, and maintain the landscaping of the BSMHM.

Gina Kuykendall of Town & Country Garden Club in Douglasville is spearheading this project. Contact her at 770-949-9127

ghkpr@comcast.net

AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS!

PRESIDENTS AND AWARDS CHAIRMEN

Both Marion Lifsey and Barbara Taylor are available to help anyone needing last minute assistance in the application process! Award application forms can be obtained from the GCG website: www.uga.edu/gardenclub/awards. If you need them in WORD format, contact Barbara Bourque at babourque@adelphia.net.

The big date is DECEMBER 1, when most of the state award books are due. All clubs should be thinking about entering Deep South Unified Regional Project.- "Kids Count." This award involves the youth in our communities and covers work you will have done at any time during the two year term 2005-2007. More details will be forthcoming.

Any questions? Contact Marion Lifsey,
Dogwood District Awards Chairman
mlifsey@bellsouth.net 770-393-4211

**Flow ~ Create a Ripple Workshop
Feb. 13, 2006**

We will be joining Redbud and Laurel districts at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center for a Feb. 13th 2006 Workshop on

FLOW~ Create a Ripple .

Learn how to engage our youth in this project. We need to educate our young people on the importance of water quality in our environment.

For more details contact Lynda Wiggins
770-964-1134
lyndawiggins@fairburn.com

Landscape Design Study Course

Course II

March 20-21, 2006

Hastings Garden Center



We are thrilled to be offering the Landscape Design courses in Dogwood District. **SEVEN** outstanding instructors will be presenting the material for Course II. After completing all four courses successfully, you will receive your certificate as a Landscape Design Consultant. You need not take the courses in chronological order, so if you miss one, you may take that particular course at a later time.

Required reading: *Stewards of the Land: A Survey of Landscape Architecture and Design in America* (**\$ 40.00 plus shipping and handling**) **The National Gardener (3 year subscription - \$18.00)** Read the Landscape Design article in the Winter 2006 issue.

The book is published by National Garden Clubs, Inc. and is the textbook for the entire series of courses (I-IV). This is a one-time expense. To subscribe to *The National Gardener* and/or order the textbook, call or write:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110-3492
(800-550-6007) www.gardenclub.org
Allow 6 weeks for shipping and handling.

Dates for future Landscape classes are as follows:
Course 3: September 25 – 26, 2006
Course 4: March 26 –27, 2007

Contact Brencie Werner (brencie@juno.com) 770-955-1616 for registration information.

Kids Count Workshop

On January 12, 2006, in conjunction with the State Board Meeting in Statesboro, there will be a special morning workshop dedicated to involving young people in garden club related activity. This dynamic workshop is **OPEN** to anyone interested in working with our youth. We encourage club members to spend the night and join us for dinner on the 11th. Reservations forms will be included in the December Board Briefs.

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERIES XXIV
COURSE II – Registration Form**

MARCH 20-21, 2006

Registration deadline March 10, 2006

No refunds after March 15, 2005

PLEASE PRINT

(Use the same name as in previous records)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State ____ Zip (9 digit) _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Garden Club _____

May we include your phone # and email address in the list of attendees
YES / NO

Make checks payable to: Dogwood District

Mail to: Brencie Werner
4640 Riverview Road, NW
Atlanta, GA 30327-4230

All fees include lunch and two breaks per day
Vegetarian lunch option YES / NO

Please check one of the following choices:

Full Course (with exam) \$65 _____

Refreshing (LD Consultant) \$65 _____

Non-credit student \$60 _____

One day (Monday/Tuesday) \$45 _____

(circle one)

Total enclosed \$ _____

Attach National Gardener label here or enclose a copy of your subscription check



Lisa and Barbara wish you Happy Holidays



Veterans Day in Douglas County

Town & Country Garden Club presented a Memorial Wreath of 46 red roses (representing the number of Douglas County's fallen soldiers) at the **November 11th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony** at the Douglas County Courthouse Atrium. District Director Barbara Taylor and Co-Director Lisa Robinson attended the festivities at the invitation of Gina Kuykendall, T&C's President.

The Roswell Garden Club

The Roswell Garden Club hosted an "Afternoon Garden Tea and Fashion Show" on Oct. 19th at the Grimes Bridge Adult Rec. Center in Roswell. All



proceeds will be used to enhance the garden Roswell Garden Club established in 2002 at the entrance to the Grimes Bridge Adult Center and to fund other community projects.

Spalding Garden Club Special Project with the Methodist Children's Home

Spalding Garden Club in Dunwoody seeks to create a meditation garden adjacent to the historic chapel at the Methodist Children's Home in Decatur. The chapel will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2006 and the garden club hopes to create and install the new garden in time for special celebrations set for summer and fall 2006.



Spalding is currently developing a plan, budget and timeline to implement a chapel garden. They will be seeking

support from local churches, church members, Sunday school classes, garden clubs and individuals. The immediate goal is to identify partners and finalize a project budget by December 31, 2005. The installation, design and plant materials will be a gift to the Children's Home. The design will include input from the children so that they may have ownership of the project and be responsible for its future care and maintenance.

For more information, please contact Patti Rehwinkel at 770-390-8696 or Diane Wilkes at 770-671-9399.

Town & Country Garden Club

The Town & Country Garden Club hosted "**Let Freedom Ring on An Autumn Afternoon**" ~a self-guided garden tour, on September 24th to raise funds to refurbish and relocate the Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker currently located at Sweetwater Creek State Conservation Park. And to purchase and landscape a new Blue Star Memorial Marker to be located at the American Legion Post 145 on Veterans Memorial Boulevard in Douglasville, Georgia. Over \$2,000 has been raised so far. Grants have been applied for from both United Way and "Let Freedom Ring." Town & Country members will collaborate with other local organizations to plan, implement, and maintain the landscaping of both markers. They continue to solicit donations from the community.

Way to go - Town & Country!!!

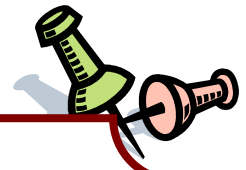
National Garden Club's Blue Star Markers honor all U.S. service men and women.

Let's see your club's name in print.

We would love to know what your club is doing this year. Share your ideas or start a new project. Toot your horn. By letting us know what 'great stuff' you are doing, it educates other clubs on the possibilities for service. Send info to Barbara at babourque@adelphia.net



BULLETIN BOARD



**Dogwood District
Board Meeting**
Hastings Garden Ctr
Monday, 10:00 am
January 30, 2006
Everyone is welcome

Southeastern Flower Show
February 8-12, 2006
Garden Club Day is Feb. 8th
*"Inspiration, Education,
Entertainment....
The Italian Experience"*

The Atlanta Chapter of the
American Ivy Society
Invites you to attend their
regular meeting
Nov. 29, 2005
10:00 am - Hastings Garden
Center
Everyone is Welcome
For info contact President
Rosa Capps 404-292-4609

Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs
will hold its first meeting of the new year at
Hastings Garden Center
January 9, 2006
10:00 AM
Any member of our affiliated garden clubs is
invited to attend
Bobbie Reed, Master Rose Judge will have a
program on ROSES. Her presentations are
always wonderful.

Basic Design II Classes
at Headquarters in Athens
December 8, 2005
January 5, and Feb 16, 2006
contact Betty McKissick
706-647-3280

Flower Show School
Course II
March 7,8,9
Bellmere Garden House
Call Bettye Trankina
770-410-5819

E-mail Contacts – PLEASE - and any Address Changes

E-Contact person can be the club President, or any club member that is willing to receive e-mail on behalf of the club and promptly distribute it to other members. Please send your email addresses to me including your club name & number . Also send me any change of officer information (address, phone #) to enable us to keep our data base current. Thank you.
Barbara Bourque, Communications Chairman, babourque@adelphia.net

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Next Submission Deadline: January 30, 2006 for Feb 15th issue

Dogwood Doings – Dates to Remember

December, 2005

- 1 Deadline for many State Awards and Youth Entries
- 8 Basic Design II, HQ Athens

January, 2006

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- 9 Fulton Federation Mtg
- 12 Kids Count Workshop – Statesboro
- 25 Native Plant Symposium - Athens
- 30 Dogwood District Board Meeting, Hastings

February, 2006

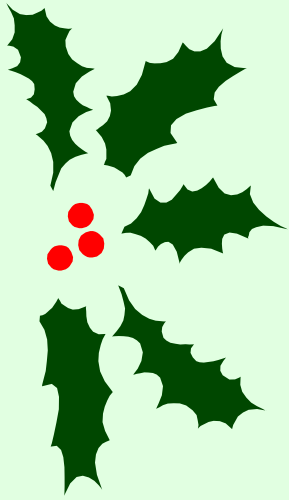
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