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Next meeting:
Holiday party
at the Ertlelts',
Dec. 12 2:00.
Bring some
scrumptious
snacky thing
and maybe
cuttings or
plants to share.
'Tis the season!

A Message from the President

Greetings one and all - - - Yes, yes, you are all welcome this Sunday is the annual holiday party at the home of the president, which for some completely inexplicable reason is still me. I hope that you can all come and celebrate the season with Bonnie and me and Sam at our home. The past couple of years we've had some fun times, and there are always some interesting things to see new things that I'm trying to do with terrariums, plants and frogs growing here that you'll never see being entered in a show. There may even be a couple of things in bloom,

though I make no promises. Of course, even with all the work I will have put into getting the place ready for the party, if you can't come, I'm not going to work on making you feel guilty about it. But we do

have a fun time, and there there's actually a wide variety of reasons why this home is the place to be come

Sunday afternoon. Yes, it can be a potluck, mostly of tasty

snacking foods, but if you don't have

something to bring, don't let that stop you from coming either. So, Sunday afternoon, come one, come all! Sure

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Happy Holidays



From the (Co-) Editor

Julie Mavity-Hudson

This has been an unusual winter so far in middle Tennessee with unseasonable warm temperatures. At our house we did not have frost until December 2nd, which is the latest in my memory. As I write this the temperature is 65 degrees (December 7). Hopefully this is not a sign of climatic catastrophe! I have had to leave the exhaust fan plugged in (on a thermostat of course) in my greenhouse to keep the temperatures from going up into the 90's in the sun. In spite of the warm weather, the Achimenes know that the season is over, presumably because of the shorter

Nematanthus 'Christmas Holly' from www.gesneriads.ca

we have the traditional President's Christmas party for our December meeting, a tradition that I actually started in 1983 or 84 when I was president for the first time. It's always a lot of fun, both the gathering together with fellow plant lovers and the opportunity to see the growing spaces of our President. Please come and join us for this fun meeting at the home of Jonathan and his wife Bonnie and son Sam. It's a potluck, so bring something to eat if you can, but mostly just bring yourself.

Julie