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more of the best

The entries for this year's photo contest were so wonderful, it was hard to choose just a few. Check out www.gardeningclub.com to see lots more of our favorite submissions!

from the heart

Share members' memories of the best garden gifts they've ever received at www.gardeningclub.com.



GARDEN VARIETY

News, notes, and events

poinsettia pointers

If you get sad when your poinsettia dies each year, try these steps. They take some patience and commitment, but they'll make your holiday plant bloom again next winter.

After the holidays: Place the poinsettia in a very sunny indoor spot and keep soil barely moist. Fertilize as package recommends.

March: Trim to 6 to 8 inches tall after its leaves fall. Continue to water and fertilize.

May: When poinsettia shows strong new growth, repot and bring outdoors. Give plant six to eight hours of sunlight daily. Protect from harsh afternoon sun. Fertilize weekly.

Mid-July: Trim one-fourth of growing tips to encourage branching. Leave at least 2 to 3 large leaves on each stem. Continue watering and fertilizing.

Early autumn: Bring indoors when nights fall below 60°F.

October 1 to December 15: Place your poinsettia in complete darkness from 5 p.m. until 8 a.m. in temperatures around 65°F. Any light—even for a moment—will ruin your efforts. Place in a sunny location during the day.

Mid-December: After bracts start to color, a long night is not as necessary, but keep giving poinsettia six to eight hours of bright sunlight until completely colored. Then stop fertilizing and place the plant in its holiday location. Your poinsettia may not be quite as lush or bright as those in the nurseries, but it will still be beautiful. —Michelle Leise

