

# The Greenhouse Gabber

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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

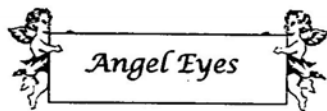


### The Holiday Parties

**The Minnesota greenhouses will be having their party on Jan. 21st.**

**Look for you invitations and be sure to return your replies.**

**The Madison greenhouse will be having their party on Jan. 13th.**



### Angel Eyes

*Angel eyes...  
Ornaments of glass  
Like pendants and mirrors  
They twinkle and flash  
Dancing in light  
A ballet begun  
Pirouettes performed  
On each branch they're hung.  
Gracing our lives  
Through passing years  
Brightening our paths  
Calming our fears  
Reminding us  
We're not alone  
With angel eyes  
To see us home.*

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### The Low Down

AGH: They would like to thank everyone who has been coming to the airport to help their venture in "geranium land". They say they are rolling along into the new year with positive thoughts about how much Santa should bring them, because they have been such good boys and girls. And from their range to yours they all wish you a very safe and merry holiday season.

MGH: Robin and Rob would like to thank everyone who attends the Christmas pot luck and wish all a Happy New Year. The perennials are all covered and ready for winter and they have a lot of cleaning going on. Marie Teresa left for Arizona on the 16th and will be back on the 15th of January. Rob, Marv, and Terry are all working on winter projects, and Robin went to the IPM Short Course with Kim, Deb, Carol, Lenny, Chris, and Nancy. This was at the U of M St. Paul Campus and they learned about biological approaches to insect control.

MADISON: They have been working on replacing the energy curtain on one acre of greenhouse, which should take a month to complete. There is about 5 people working on the cuttings, things like Fuschia, New Guinea, and Vinca Vine. They will be adding a few people in January if they start to fall behind. The poinsettia season is over, and both here and the Hill will be donating poinsettias to the local nursing homes. The weather there has been cold and windy for the last month, with more to come, so hopefully to fuel prices will level out.

HGH: They have continued to work on winter projects as well. The guys are replacing the drain tile in the new bay. Production will be starting a plant line in January for baskets, and Functional Industries will be with us again through the spring. They are here now pulling apart all of the hangers for the baskets. The extra poinsettias that we had have been donated to several area nursing homes, at least twenty. It is always a joy to brighten up their holiday season. Also, thank you to everyone who helped with the poinsettia bowls that were a success. We sold around a hundred of them, and the plants would have been thrown away otherwise. It was a great idea. Many of the guys have left for Mexico to be with their families and will return next year.

BGH: The employees at the Buffalo range have been going back and forth to the Airport to help out there. They will be planting some spikes, and the experiment with the U of M seems to be a success. The fungus gnats are almost all gone, thanks to a product called Scanmast that works through the water system to get into the soil and eat the larva before they hatch.

### DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS!

We would like to welcome Karen Porter back to our team. She will be returning to the Airport greenhouse on December 26th as our plug grower.

### Meet Our New Growers!

We have two new faces among us here on the hill. Their names are Lenard High, or Lenny, and Nancy Carnes. They come as growers, and bring us their knowledge and new ideas. Lenny comes to us from Lyons Greenhouse in Maple Grove, and resides in the Monticello area. Nancy comes to us from Halla Nursery in Chaska, and resides in the Clearwater area. So if you happen to see a new face or two, stop and say HI!

-- Dana Korbel



### Classifieds

This space is available to you to advertise anything in!

Kathy's cat is still waiting patiently for someone to give her a good home!



### HR Corner

Anyone who has not turned in their cafeteria worksheets have until the 27th of December. Please send them to Kathy at the Hill.