



We're moving into a busy month. The days are turning cold and we spend many hours indoors enjoying the warmth of our homes. December is a time to cherish the blessings of your family, home, and garden!

December 2019

Recipe to Make

A cold December night calls for a pot of soup. Put this pot of Creamy Chicken and Vegetable Soup on to simmer while you enjoy time with your family. Add some whole grain crackers and a vegetable tray to enjoy while puzzling or reading by the fire.

Vintage Decor

Keep an eye out for end-of-the-year sales at your favorite vintage stores. Oftentimes by the end of December you can find blow-out prices when some vendors want to clean out their inventory to add new merchandise in January. Who knows what treasures you will find!

To Stay Organized

Set aside some time to remember your lovely garden. Finish out your garden journal for the year by adding in some photos of your favorite plants. Review your notes and add in comments before the memories fade away. Purchase a new garden planner and begin making plans for 2020.

In the Garden

Hopefully your garden has been put to bed and is ready for a few months of sleep. Fill your garden needs by planting some indoor bulbs such as Paperwhites. Planted late in the month you can enjoy the blooms in January when everything is gray.

Simple Craft Idea

Create ornaments to hang for the birds. Here are two ideas: Attach a ribbon to pinecone tops. Spread pinecones with peanut butter and dip into birdseed. Attach floral wire to faux bird nests to form a handle. Add decorative ribbon and fill with sunflower seeds.

Good Read

When you finally sit down to relax this month, consider picking up a copy of *Selena Lake Winter Living*. Get some ideas to decorate your home this winter while you're unable to hit the garden outdoors.

Fun Outdoor Activity

Set up an outdoor Christmas tree to add to the festivities. Purchase a fresh or faux tree and set it up on your porch. Use natural decorations such as ribbons, pinecones and dried flowers to decorate.

Planning Ahead

Now is the time to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Pull out your jam, apple butter or pickles that you preserved this year. Make some zucchini bread or apricot cobbler to enjoy. Serve your homegrown goodies to company or use as hostess gifts.

Inspirational Quote

Winter is not a season, it's a celebration....Anamika Mishra