

North Carolina Botanical Garden
 100 Old Mason Farm Rd
 Chapel Hill. 919-962-0522
ncbg.unc.edu



The Garden's Shop is filled with gifts for children, gardeners, naturalists, art lovers and more.

Be sure to check out our Holiday Craft Market featuring crafts by North Carolina artisans during our Winter in the Garden Holiday Festival Saturday, December 8, 5-9 p.m. More information at ncbg.unc.edu.

Camellia Forest Nursery
 620 NC Hwy 54 West
 Chapel Hill. 919-968-0504
www.camforest.com



Camellia x vernalis 'Christmas Candy'. Starts to bloom soon after Christmas and will carpet the ground with bright pink flowers because the blooms are so profuse. This new variety is a sturdy bushy grower and the plants being offered are in 3 gallon pots. \$48.

Tarheel Nursery
 7160 Old Stage Road North
 Angier. 919-639-4598
www.tarheelnursery.com



Celebrating 40 Years Growing Poinsettias. Ready for gift giving or for yourself. Ask about discounts for Gifts, Schools, Churches and Club Fundraisers.

Super-Sod
 1225 Farmers Market Dr. in
 Raleigh & 1900 NC 55 in Cary.
 919-836-0492
www.supersod.com



Don't let the gardener in your life treat their soil like dirt!

Give them OMRI Listed organic compost from Super-Sod to help all soil types. Soil3 will improve soil structure and aeration and it introduces nature's nutrients and beneficial micro-organisms into the ground. \$178 for a cubic yard BigYellowBag, includes local delivery.



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Market Imports
 1208 Farmers Market Drive
 Raleigh. 919-833-0466
www.market-imports.com



Market Imports carries a wide selection of gifts for your home and outdoor living space like the Kew Gardens Botanical Collection.

We have expanded our selection of Christmas inventory and our pottery selection is unmatched in the Triangle. If you are searching for unique presents, you can find them at Market Imports.

Atlantic Gardening Company
 5217 Atlantic Avenue
 Raleigh. 919-878-8877
www.atlanticgardening.com



For the plant-enthusiast we have a wide selection of live gifts for the holidays. Choose from custom orchid arrangements, poinsettias, winter-blooming bulbs, rosemary topiaries, and more - let's keep the green in Christmas! Starting at \$9.99.

The Garden Hut
 1004 Old Honeycutt Road
 Fuquay-Varina. 919-552-0590
www.NelsasGardenHut.com



Gifts for everyone on your list. Fun tea towels, Thousand Oaks Barrel Co. barrels for homemade sauces, whiskey or moonshine, and gourmet food items like The Debutante Farmer Bloody Mary Mix!

Homewood Nursery & Garden Center
 10809 Honeycutt Road
 Raleigh. 919-847-0117
www.homewoodnursery.com



Stay warm in style with these handsome felted hats for men and women from Sun Day Afternoon. Made with naturally water-repellent Australian wool, most styles feature internal adjustable sizing and will pack for travel. \$56-\$58.

Barnes Supply Co.
 774 Ninth Street
 Durham. 919-286-7331
www.barnessupplydurham.com



Holiday Bulbs in Stock!
 Browse our selection of Amaryllis and Paperwhite Bulbs. **10% OFF** all holiday bulbs with this ad.

Simchock Stone
 5404 OLD Hillsborough Rd,
 Durham. 919-382-8773
www.simchockstone.com



Come see our selection of locally-crafted stone birdbaths, lights, benches, tables, and sculpture. Any would make unique holiday gifts. \$80 and up.

City Garden Design
 266 W. Chatham Street
 Cary. 919-234-0933
www.citygardendesign.com



We have something for everyone this holiday season. Interior and exterior plants - air plants, succulents, palms, cacti and more - assorted containers including glazed pots, faux stone planters and imported terracotta, and gifts for the home including, candles, fragrances and other eclectic offerings. Check out our ready-made terrariums and live arrangements.

LightKeeper Pro and LED Keeper Fixes Light Sets
 888-858-2548
<https://lightkeeperpro.com>



Don't let one bad bulb ruin your string of miniature lights. The LightKeeper Pro is the complete tool for the repair of incandescent light sets. Simply plug your LightKeeper Pro into the light set and pull the trigger. The LightKeeper Pro sends a pulse through the light set, finds the bad bulb, and fixes the shunt—allowing the light set to work properly. There is also an LED Keeper that can diagnose and repair LED holiday light sets. \$35-\$40.



Happy Holidays from our Advertisers and from Triangle Gardener!

Millennials to Baby Boomers, Gifts That Grow Are All the Rage

Modern Spout



It's a jungle in there. Every window, surface and brightly lit corner is filled with decorative or edible greenery. There is no doubt what to gift this person for the holidays. More of the same.

A lack of outdoor growing space, limited growing seasons, and time constraints have many people filling their apartments and homes with fiddle leaf figs, palms, succulents, herbs and vegetables.

And you have probably heard of the houseplant craze amongst millennials. Perhaps the need to de-stress after a long work day, concern for purer air, an interest in safe fresh food and a desire to be close to nature contribute to this craze. No matter the reason, gifting a millennial a trendy houseplant is sure to be a hit.

No matter your age, living in a green space and tending plants has many benefits. It reduces stress, improves one's mood and provides a sense of emotional well being. Planting seeds and watching them grow generates feelings of hope. If it's edible, even better. Indoor herb and vegetable gardens provide fresh, nutritious food to harvest and enjoy.

Newbies and those making the gardening transition indoors may find it challenging. Limited light, a different pallet of plants and variable watering regimes can be intimidating. Those who have killed philodendrons and succulents in the past may have given up, but fortunately there are solutions and easy-care options for those looking to expand their indoor green spaces.

Take the guesswork out of watering with hydroponics. Water and nutrients are available and delivered via a wick or similar system to the plants when needed. Colorful Mason-type canning jar planters fitted with hydroponic grow kits are perfect for starting seeds and growing plants on windowsills or

countertops. Add a sleeker touch with a colored glass cylinder like Modern Spout's Hydroponic Tumbler Grow Kit (modspout.com).

Give them all they need; seeds or plants, container and growing media. Make it yourself or buy a ready-made kit. This gift is sure to provide a sense of satisfaction from planting to harvesting their first sprig of basil or decorating the spruce tree they grew from a seed.

Brighten up growing spaces with indoor lights. Supplementing natural light or providing light in a windowless space can make the difference between success and failure. Energy efficient LED grow lights provide the light plants need, while saving on energy costs. Attractive options and space saving systems blend in nicely to any home. Complete lighting systems, like the Growhouse, are designed to fit small spaces and make watering easy while protecting surrounding surfaces from water damage.

Match the plants to the light conditions and the recipient's gardening skills. Succulents are trendy and perfect for busy gardeners with sunny windows or grow light setups. They thrive with benign neglect; as do snake plants, Chinese evergreens, Anthuriums and ZZ plants in low light conditions. Orchids and bonsai make the perfect gift for those ready to take their indoor gardening to the next level. For the most fool proof winter option, gift an amaryllis or paperwhite bulb kit.

No matter the recipient's age or experience level, the gift of gardening will provide immediate and lasting enjoyment.

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