



Zone 3 Gardens Winter 2013 Newsletter

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Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Friends and Flowers

Perennial garden flowers and house plants are notorious for being passed along to/from family and friends.

Given the season I'm thinking about indoor gardening and appreciating that my Grandma Jean lives on in the huge spider plant she gave me in 1986 when she moved.

My first friend, of my age group, passed away from natural causes in September. I have a plant (pictured below) from when I plant-sat while she and her



husband and two young sons built a new house. **Does anyone know what it is?** One of the joys of having a green thumb is to share it. Many perennials actually like being "split out" from time to time.

Client Appreciation

If you employ our Zone 3 Garden services at least **three times a season**, you'll see reduced hourly rates in 2014! Since buying the business from Teddy, I've wanted to offer an incentive for regular clients. We also plan to advertise for the first time; the work crew is growing!



The planters shown are similar to what we decorated for our two biggest [business] clients – look for them on Sheridan Street in Ely! Next year we'll also do one for the biggest residential client too... the below zero temps snuck up on us. *Thank goodness for the early snow - it is a fantastic blanket for the thousands of bulbs we planted!*

New service: give us your planter pot(s) and we'll decorate them in November. \$85 for the top style with birch and bow, \$65 for the bottom style.

Community Supported Agriculture

CSA is a business model that connects farmers directly to their customers. Customers purchase a share of the farm's produce before the growing season begins. **Farmers then plan, grow and deliver produce to customers weekly throughout the growing season.** When you purchase a CSA share you buy more than fresh fruits and vegetables; you invest in healthy food systems and support food producers in your area.

Ellen Root and Van Conrad are starting a new CSA farm called **Northern Delicious**. It's located between Ely and Babbitt on a piece of land that was first farmed in the early 1900s. They have 30 acres of cleared land, with an acre and a half that is tilled and ready for planting next spring. You can follow what they are up to on their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/NorthernDelicious.

