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# NEWS

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### ***Friends of OC Arboretum Host Annual Holiday Boutique and "Lights in Bloom" at Arboretum***

**GOSHEN** - Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana and Commissioner Richard L. Rose of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation are pleased to announce that the Friends of the Orange County Arboretum will host their annual Holiday Boutique in conjunction with the "Holiday Lights in Bloom" display on the weekends from December 2 through December 18.

The Friends will be offering a wonderful selection of holiday items that have been hand crafted by the Arboretum's dedicated group of volunteer "elves," ideal for your decorating and gift giving needs. Handmade ornaments, wreaths, garland, centerpieces, kissing balls, miniature trees and honey collected from the Arboretum's bee hives are just a small sampling of items available. After a visit to the Boutique, shoppers are invited to take a walk through the beautiful "Lights in Bloom" display. The Boutique will be open in the Ottaway Education Center on Fridays, December 2, 9, and 16 from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturdays, December 3, 10, and 17 from 1 to 8 p.m. and Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18 from 1 to 8 p.m. All proceeds from the Boutique will benefit the Arboretum for plantings and programs.

"Holiday Lights in Bloom" is a charming garden themed light display featuring a variety of flowers and 'critters' that illuminate the paths and gardens in the Arboretum. This fun family activity is FREE and will be open to the public on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 5 to 8 p.m. from December 1 through December 24 and then daily during winter recess from 5 to 8 p.m., December 26 through January 1 (closed Christmas Day). Volunteers will be on hand in the Ottaway Education Center to serve visitors hot cocoa and answer questions about the Arboretum.

The Arboretum is located within Thomas Bull Memorial Park on State Route 416 in Montgomery (enter Campbell Hall for GPS directions) and is most easily accessed from the Grove St. entrance to the park. Just pull up to the motion activated gate to enter. For more information, please contact Tamara Moson at 845-615-3828, email [tmoson@orangecountygov.com](mailto:tmoson@orangecountygov.com) or visit [www.orangecountynyparks.com](http://www.orangecountynyparks.com).

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*Pat LeClair, Barbara Winans and Dora Wright (president of the Friends of the Arboretum) display some of their handwork at last year's Arboretum Boutique.*

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