

# FACEBOOK LIVE SEMINAR Holiday Open House Show & Tell

Can't wait to get into the holiday spirit? Neither can we! Get ready for the most wonderful time of the year with our annual Holiday Open House event, which marks the opening of our beloved MGC Christmas Shoppe. Join Mike Westphal, the Garden Guru, and Green Team member, Carly Dilday, for a discussion on this year's holiday themes, plants, and products that are sure to get you in the holiday spirit.

# THE TOP 5 PICKS

The holidays are finally here and we are ready to get decorating with our favorite plants and products of 2021. Both Mike and Carly have chosen their top 5 favorites from our Greenhouse of themes, so there is a total of 10 great products for you too seek out when coming to visit us this season for the holidays.

Pick #5 -

# Mike's Pick: Ribbon

Ribbon can be used so many different ways during the holiday season. From hanging wreaths to making bows, ribbon can elevate your holiday decor exponentially. Many of the ribbons we have here at the garden center are wired, which adds to the ease of decorating with ribbon. McDonald Garden Center Green Team members are also bow experts! So, if you need something spectacular for your tree or wreaths, we have you covered at both of our year-round locations.

# Carly's Pick: Holiday Containers

No holiday plant is complete without a beautiful container to match. Galvanized planters are perfect to jazz up your indoor plant collection for

the holidays or even encourage the addition of new plants to your collection. Plants such as poinsettias and holiday cactus to keep the holiday cheer in all aspects of your decor.

Pick #4 -

# Mike's Pick: Polestar Lights

These fanciful lights are sure to create a sense of wonder indoors and out this holiday season. Polestars are easy to shape, come with multiple setting, and are available in a variety of sizes for any holiday lighting projects. For more information on holiday lights, check out Mike's webinar on "How to Light Up your Holidays" here.

# Carly's Pick: Wreaths and Garlands

Are the holidays really complete without wreaths and garlands? We couldn't imagine it! There are a wide variety of choices here at the garden center for both lifelike wreaths and garlands. Everything from fruit-bearing to snowy pines, the choices are virtually endless and they are always a classic.

Pick #3 -

# Mike's Pick: Holiday Picks

After you choose your favorite wreaths and garlands, you may also want to choose a few picks to add your own flair to our holiday decor. Picks come in so many choices from berries to snow-covered branches and blooms, you can't go wrong with adding in a pick or two.

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#### Carly's Pick: Light Decor

Having lighted elements in the home during the holiday season is a great way to integrate that extra little something into your existing holiday decor. We carry glimmering churches, candlesticks, and Christmas trees that act almost as lit snowglobes that are absolutely mesmerizing.

Along with our sparkling snow globes, we carry pre-lit bottle brush trees that are perfect for that lonely bookshelf, mantle, or even the kitchen to add something special in every corner of your home for the holidays. These come in multiple sizes as well as styles to fit any preference.

Pick #2 -

### Mike's Pick: Simplux Candles

These virtual candles are one of our staples here at the garden center. Simplux candles are made of real wax and have a 360° wick with an LED light built into the wick so that the "flame" can be viewed at all angles. The candles have a remote option as well, so you can light all your candles with ease. With a variety of shapes and styles, there is a simplux candle for everyone.

### Carly's Pick: Old World Ornaments

Deck your halls with handmade glass ornaments from Old World. These fantastical trinkets are perfect for your own collection or as a gift for your friends and family. Many of these ornaments are vibrantly colored as well as covered in glitter for that perfect traditional ornament look. All Old World ornaments also come with description tags of the ornaments' origin, as well as facts about what the ornament is.

Pick #1 -

# Mike's Pick: Ivisilites

These Micro LED strands of lights are an amazing decorating element for the holiday season. With wire choices of green, silver, and copper, you can fit invisilites into every aspect of your decor. The strings of lights themselves are watersafe and come with a built in timer, so they are perfect for adding to wreaths, garlands and indoor plants. They come as battery operated and plug in to suit any lighting need you may have. For more information on Mike's top pick, check out his webinar on How to Light Up your Holidays here.

# Carly's Pick: Heirloom Ornaments

McDonald Garden Center's Heirloom Ornaments have been a tradition here for many year. Each ornament is locally handpainted with scenery of areas around Hampton Roads. Some highlighted ornaments include our local lighthouses, the Cavalier hotel, and even the Lesner Bridge. Each ornament comes with a description card of the place the ornament represents, which makes them perfect gifts for family and friends that are from Hampton Roads and the penninsula. For a closer look at our heirloom ornament selection this year, check out our heirloom ornaments page on our website here.

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