

You'll Never Look at a Poinsettia the Same Again

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A couple months back I had the opportunity to hear a speaker talk about the history of poinsettias. I was surprised and enlightened and think you might be too. It all starts with adventure and exploration and winds into a tale of knowing your audience. Intrigued?

First, let's address the poisonous thing. Um.. yeah.. Myth. **Myth!** Granted, it's not deadly but probably toxic enough to give you a wicked tummy ache if you had the fortitude to eat a coupla pounds. Most folks (and pets) wouldn't get past the first bite because it's reported to be very bitter. Doubt me? I don't blame you. A good myth is hard to kill.

Here's the Snopes link.

<http://www.snopes.com/holidays/christmas/poinsettia.asp>

I wouldn't make a meal of one but that's mostly because it would look ugly if I picked the bracts off to eat them. So maybe you will be more willing adorn your home with those pretty holiday plants in the future?

Here's the tale. I can't tell the story any better than those who have been telling it long before me.

Read on the history and the legend here.

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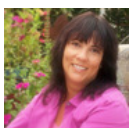
Do you find it interesting that Johnny Carson was instrumental in increasing the popularity of this now so very traditional holiday plant?

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http://ecke.com/new1/corp_story/corp_story1960s.asp

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year!

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