Friends of the Garden Memberships!
Now is the time to renew your membership! First-timers are especially welcome to join! There are several benefits to being members including free parking tokens, reduced fees at garden events, and invitation to the Members-only Plant Sale which will be June 4, 2010. Join by clicking on this link.

Christmas Tree Classroom Project
The 4-H Children's Garden worked with local schools in November to create ornaments for trees that decorate our greenhouse halls for the holiday activities. This year over 400 students from ten different schools participated in the project. Each tree is themed after a piece of children’s literature. This year, trees showcase stories such as "The Ugly Vegetable Garden", "If I Were A Tree", and "Buzzy the Bumblebee". The students first heard the story and then created the ornaments. The trees are on display until January 4!

MSU Horticulture Trial Gardens
Trialing new plants is an important function of our gardens. Each year, several hundred plants are part of our “official” trialing process. This traditionally has included mostly annuals and vegetables, though this year we have added a trial of 18 native plants. Some of our favorites this year included Papyrus King Tut, Petunia Vista Silverberry, Coleus Trusty Rusty and Chillin' Blackberry Heart sweet potato vine. Basil Aristotle and Tumbling Tom tomato were two edibles that really caught our eye!

Many other great performers can be found on our website at:
http://trialgardens.hrt.msu.edu/