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POINSETTIAS - THE LEGEND

Perhaps no single plant symbolizes the holiday season more than the poinsettia. The traditional bright red “flowers” and dark green foliage display their time honored Christmas colors to perfection. As with most plants associated with the Christmas season, the poinsettia has a legend.

One Christmas Eve long ago, a young Mexican girl was very sad because she had no gift to present to the Christ Child at church services. An angel heard her crying and told her that even the most humble gift, given in love, would be acceptable in His eyes. The child then gathered a bouquet of roadside weeds and placed them on the altar. As she heard the crowd looked up to find her beautiful bouquet of flowers. According to the poinsettia became de la Noche Buena” Night. Joel R. South Carolina and to Mexico, was in the Holy Night”. It of Mexico red during Poinsett, an avid diplomat, brought this the United States in distributed it to his cuttings from the were grown primarily



she knelt in prayer, murmuring and humble weeds were a of dazzling scarlet to legend, this is how known as the “Flower of the Holy Poinsett, a native of our first ambassador awe of the “Flower of colored the hillsides the Christmas season. botanist, traveler, and “Mexican Weed” to the 1820’s and friends. Until 1923, original introduction in botanical gardens

or as flowering tropical shrubs. Now they outsell every other flowering potted plant in the United States with more the 65 varieties available. Colors range from the flaming reds to pink, white, cream, speckled, marbled and even yellow! Here at Andy’s Garden we grow approximately 30,000 poinsettia plants in a wide variety of sizes and colors. Some of our poinsettias are used in malls to create huge poinsettia “trees”. You may see such a “tree” at the Salem Mall in Dayton along with some beautiful poinsettia hanging baskets. What a colorful display of the “Flower of the Holy Night!”

As you visit Andy’s Garden this holiday season, you will see hundreds of poinsettias

**Making the world beautiful
one flower at a time.**

