



The Legend of the Poinsettia

Maria and Pablo lived in a tiny Mexican village. Their family had little money for gifts. As the community decorated the church with a beautiful manger scene to honor the birth of the Christ Child, Maria and Pablo knew everyone would bring gifts with which to surround the manger in celebration of Christmas. On Christmas Eve, as they walked to the church, they were sad they could afford no gift to place among the villagers' gifts in the hay around the manger.

Suddenly, an angel appeared, and gently instructed them to pick the weed-like plants that were growing by the road, and to place them at the manger as their gift. They gathered armfuls of the short, green plants, and when they turned around, the angel had disappeared.

They went to the church and as they approached the manger, laying the "weeds" in the hay among the other gifts, the villagers were puzzled and began to laugh. Maria and Pablo became embarrassed, but they continued to place the plants, remembering the words of the angel.

When the last plant was placed, those dull green leaves began to shimmer, blossoming into bright crimson-colored stars surrounding the manger. Soon the villagers laughter rang out as peals of joy to see what beautiful gifts of the heart the children had brought as gifts to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child in the manger.

- Adapted from a traditional Mexican Folk Tale

Hope Hall's Holiday Poinsettia Sale

For the past 25 years, Hope Hall has sold poinsettia plants to help raise funds to meet our operational budget. This year, our budget is over \$3 million dollars. Approximately one-third of this budget comes from tuition. The remainder comes from gifts, grants, and fundraising efforts, such as our holiday poinsettia sale.

This year, due to scarcity and rising costs as a result of the COVID pandemic, we are selling beautiful poinsettia plants in 6" foil pots for \$12.00 each, as a fundraiser. These plants are very hearty, last a long time, and make wonderful gifts for the holiday season. We will also include the lovely folktale above on a postcard, perfect to include as a unique gift tag.

Please invite family, friends, colleagues, and employers to buy a plant, and please don't forget to purchase some as a gift to yourself! **Thank you in advance for your help in spreading the word and for your support of our students!**

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Hope Hall Poinsettia Sale Order Form

Money must accompany orders. Please return the order forms and cash or check to school by Friday, December 3, 2021.

On December 16-17 or 20-22, orders can be picked up at school between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Total # of plants @ \$12.00 each _____

Name (donor or student) _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Grade _____ (if applicable)

Parent/Donor Signature _____

If you are ordering by mail, please return this form to: Hope Hall School
Attn: Hope Hall Holiday Poinsettia Sale
1612 Buffalo Road Rochester, NY 14614