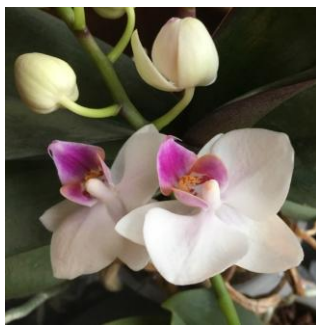


LEABROOKS WITTER

24th December, 2021

The Artists' Forum at Leabrooks Arts Complex. Keeping in Touch

We'd like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, with the festive season bringing you peace and pleasure. We hope that you'll have a number of reasons to celebrate: this special, religious/spiritual event, your good fortune in your relationships, your continuing good health, getting through 2021, your positive focus on the future, a day free from routine..... We hope, too, that you receive the best gifts of all: love, kindness and smiles – and that you can give them in return. Carol and John



The photographs above show some surprising Christmas arrivals two days before Christmas. Despite being placed in hostile environments, treated to an unreliable watering routine and subject to clumsy pruning these houseplants have produced flowers! I won't be winning prizes for my prowess in growing plants but I appreciate their resilience: they were determined to survive and bloom. (Below is a topical poem – just because I like it - and something to make you smile.) C.

WHAT THE DONKEY SAW by U.A. Fanthorpe

No room in the inn, of course,
And not that much in the stable,
What with the shepherds, Magi, Mary,
Joseph, the heavenly host -
Not to mention the baby
Using our manger as a cot.
You couldn't have squeezed another cherub in
For love nor money.

Still, in spite of the overcrowding,
I did my best to make them feel wanted.
I could see the baby and I
Would be going places together....

