

Nature Notes

From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum!

Have a fantastic winter break!

Saint John's Arboretum



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Wondering what is Nature Notes? Our weekly Nature Notes email will include natural history topics, upcoming events, and silly jokes! We hope to inspire you to get out and explore the Arboretum!

The Holly Family

- Not native to MN, the American Berry (*Ilex opaca*) is the holly you are most likely to see in holiday décor.
- Many holly species are poisonous to humans while others have been used to brew highly caffeinated teas!
- Hollies vary in shape and size, from short shrubs to evergreen trees.

Sources:

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=ILVE>

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=ILOP>

<http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/>

Jokes...so bad they're funny!

- Q: What did the frog order from the drive-thru?
A: Flies and a Croak!
- Q: What game do cows play at parties?
A: Mooosical chairs!

Upcoming Arboretum Events

Arboretum Photo Contest Results Are In!

Check out this [slide show of the 2011 photo contest winners](#)! Special thanks to all who submitted photos. Keep exploring the Arboretum, taking photos of your favorite moments to submit to next year's contest!

2012 Nature Conservancy Internships

The Nature Conservancy will be hiring two interns to help with preserve management next summer. See the [job description and application details](#) (ID #39376). Also, keep on eye on the [Nature Conservancy Career Page](#) for other available jobs!

If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail your name and graduation year to: arboretum@csbsju.edu.

We'll be in touch with the next issue of Nature Notes on January 18, 2012!
Your friends at the Arboretum

It's your backyard, so get out and play!

***Nature Notes is a weekly publication designed to keep you informed about exciting events offered by the Arboretum!

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