

From the Archives

Welcome to the new year of 2022. I hope that everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season. This month's article is a little different, as I wanted to make it a tribute.

As all of you are aware, we lost one of our dear lifetime members, Harvey McClelland on the 9th of January. He had just celebrated his 96th birthday in October. Harvey was one of the original members of our society when it was established in 1970. Even in his latter years, he came out to plant sales, and never missed preparing something for our annual potluck dinners.

Three years ago, I was fortunate enough to interview Harvey, where he entertained me with his wit and charm. At the end of the interview, I remember that he showed me his apartment balcony that was gaily festooned with bright flower baskets. When the interview ran in our newsletter, he called me personally to thank me. On the occasion of his 95th birthday, I sent him a card and he sent me a wonderful picture of himself celebrating the event. I remembered from our interview that he said his favourite flower was the Chrysanthemum, because of their "big, bright blooms," so I leave you with the drawing I sent him. Rest easy Mr. McClelland, we will all remember you well.

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