

January Tea Party

This is a tea party of elegant celebration.

Table covers can be white but will really gain attention if the cover is a bright or lime green with white napkins.

Utilize clear or white bud vases to hold stems of green cut flowers such as carnations or any other green bloom available.

Crystal garlands strung across the table add a wonderful new year's flair (available at Walmart in the party section).

Cups, saucers, and serving plates could be white or green. If not available set table with mixed china cups & saucers.

Make small "envelopes" by stapling or taping three sides of a folded construction paper rectangle. Inside this envelope place one packaged green tea tea bag and a typed note concerning the new year (like a fortune cookie saying of a positive nature). Place one envelope by each tea cup for the participant to take home.

Menu: Green grapes-halved, avocado slices, sliced kiwi fruits, green apple slices, pistachio ice cream, serve green tea as a beverage and/or sparkling white grape juice to be more festive.

Topics of conversation:

- New Year's Resolutions
- Remembered news from the year past
- Predictions for the coming year

- What was happening 100 years ago
- Greatest inventions of the past 100 years

The “Bud” for January is the Snowdrop. It could also be the Carnation but as that is used for the White Tea, the Snowdrop makes the perfect alternative.

SNOWDROPS

The Snowdrop is a tiny (3 to 4”) flower that emerges as one of the first flowers of spring, often through the snow.

The stem and single leaf are lime green, the petals are pure white. The Snowdrop carries several meanings: purity, hope, rebirth, and consolation.

Christian Legend of the Snowdrop

Eve was distraught after God cast her from the garden.

As she sat weeping, an angel appeared to comfort her. The angel caught a snowflake and breasted upon it. The snowflake fluttered to the Earth and gave birth to the Snowdrop flower.

German Legend

When God created Snow, He gave it the task of visiting all the flowers of Earth to gather color. All the flowers refused until snow visited the gentle Snowdrop. Seeing the Snowdrop was kind and generous, Snow decided to make a deal. In exchange for its color, snow would agree to allow the Snowdrop to be the first to bloom in the spring. The Snowdrop agreed. She shared her white color with snow and is indeed one of the very first flowers to bloom every spring.