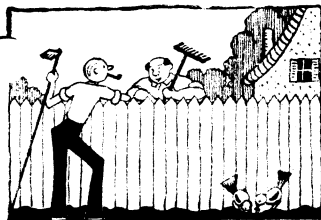


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DECEMBER MEETING

Annual Christmas Dinner Party
for all members and their wives

Place: Donaldson's Tea Rooms
(7th St. elevator to 6th floor)
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 1950
Time: 6:30 P.M. - come early
Dinner: Prime roast ribs of beef
Cost: \$2.50 per person
Including service charge

PROGRAM

Decorations! Favors! Entertainment!
Greetings: Cortis Rice, President
Presentation: M.G.C.A. bronz medal award
to the outstanding member
of our club for 1950
Honoring: Past-presidents with M.G.C.A.
president's membership buttons
Entertainment: Demonstration by Ed Peterson
and James Scott of Christmas
arrangements for the home, par-
ticularly with evergreens
Color slides: 1950 gardens in color

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Another Christmas get-together to be enjoyed with your head gardener, your inspiration, your reason for being a gardener and not a social butterfly! Come help make this a joyous occasion for every member and his family. Mail the reservation card for yourself and wife immediately so the committee can make adequate arrangements. We are looking for 100% attendance!

Your officers and directors wish each
and every member and their families

OUR ANNUAL BULL SESSION

Frank Janes, true to his reputation, sparked the BULL and made the SESSION!

Joe Witmer, who gardens in the dark and does a good job of it too, got his greatest thrill this year from attending the National Rose Show in Indianapolis (greenhouse roses). 50,000 roses were on exhibition, some with stems seven and eight feet long and with blooms that you couldn't hide with the palms of two hands! This show will be in Minneapolis at the Dayton Company in 1952.

Robert Adams claims that the blooms he got this Fall were not only better than those he got all Summer, but were bigger and he got more of them.

Howard Bishop, the squire, has been propagating evergreens in flats set on the laundry tubs in front of his basement windows and has as fine a stock of young yews as one could wish for.

Glen Cerney, our "perennial" expert, turned his experimenting this year to annuals, including cleome, hollyhocks, lazy daisies, and what have you, about which you will hear more later.

Jack Cohen. Mulching roses with ground corncobs proved to be a successful experiment with Jack in holding moisture and keeping out weeds. One of Jack's real thrills comes from the number of people who visit his garden every year. You know he has a large "Welcome" sign on his front gate and people all over the country visiting Minneapolis drop in to view his colorful garden.

Joe Cohen. Assisting Ed Culbert in judging gardens of junior high schools boys and girls gave Joe his greatest garden thrill this Summer. They visited 17 gardens twice and learned a great deal from these children, and he highly recommends that others in our Club become interested in a project of this kind.

Ed Culbert. There is an opportunity here in Minneapolis, says Ed, to help to develop a greater interest in gardening on the part of the youngsters by working through the junior high schools. He would like to see more of our members take an interest in these children and offers his co-operation in bringing together those who are interested.

Thurber Day. Calling on neighbors to help take care of his garden during long absences has not only improved the length of bloom of Thurber's begonias, but has interested many in taking up the hobby - a good way to spread the garden gospel!

Rene Dufourd. A "get-acquainted" spot set aside for experiments has proved to be a real trial project for Rene. All the plants he buys at our plant auction about which little is known, are tested in this get-acquainted spot. Rene is also co-operating with the National Testing Program on vegetables and claims that a new carrot which was sown in a row twenty feet long not only furnished all the family's table requirements for the summer, but also produced an additional half bushel which will pretty well take care of their winter needs. He also tested cucumber seeds which produced fruit with unusually long staying qualities - keeping fresh for over a week without refrigeration.

Ray Edlund. A rose fancier at heart, Roy's greatest thrill came from cutting his most perfect Peace Rose on November 2.

Archie Flack. A new garden which most of us visited in August gave Archie a

George Germain. Our VP spent so much time on the Club's Special Interest projects that he had little left, after taking care of his business, to do too much gardening.

Oscar Gustafson. Tomatoes were Oscar's pride and joy - with only four dozen plants, he just about fed the whole neighborhood - and so he should.

Frank Janes. Finally Frank, after many years of patient waiting, representing a tremendous investment mostly in the Club's annual auction, saw his mums break into bloom and the sight, claims Frank, was worth waiting for.

Herb Kahlert. Annuals and more annuals, new varieties, old revived, all grown from seed, is Herb's continuous thrill. This year he experimented with many varieties, particularly dwarf annuals, and we hope to get a complete report from Herb on his experiments for later publication in the Spring this Spring.

Harold Kaufman. "You can't garden half-heartedly," says Harold, after an experience which he hopes never to go through again and which was brought about by expecting to sell his house and consequently not enriching his soil. "What a failure," says Harold. "I don't recommend it!"

Tony Koester. Better begonias, more dahlias, gave more garden fun to Tony because he was able to share so much with so many.

Maurice Lifson. Ending aphid trouble with tobacco dust gave Maurice his greatest satisfaction which resulted in his most colorful garden, with emphasis on roses, delphiniums and mums.

Stan Lund. A present of two big loads of manure for Father's Day, unexpectedly delivered on Saturday morning, kept Stan hustling all weekend and well into Sunday night. Our rosarian spoke of a new white Floribunda which should be on the market next year and which holds much promise.

Gregg Lucking. A bed of dahlias which appeared for the first time in the Minneapolis Park system drew a lot of comments from the public and gave Gregg quite a thrill. I am sure the Dahlia Society had something to do with the inauguration of this dahlia bed - good going!

Walter Menzel. Sentiment in gardening - love of flowers, the joy derived from sharing his garden with his friends, gave the Walter Menzel family the most satisfaction in their gardening efforts.

Andy Nyberg. Dahlias, tuberous begonias, more dahlias, more tubers, kept Andy busy and his exhibition at the flower show must have been a comforting reward.

Fred Paul. Judging gardens, flower and vegetables, landscaping, new and old, in the village of Richfield, provided Fred with his greatest enjoyment this Summer and added much to his experience.

Tom Regan. "Witnessing the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena was really something," said Tom, "Almost as great as being able to divide my iris this Fall with so many of my friends and neighbors."

Charlie Reif. Experimenting with lilies, cascade, madonna and regals, created more than a little excitement for Charlie.

Cortis Rice. Growing those things that most people do not think will weather in Minnesota has been quite a thrill to Cortis and quite an education for others.

Fred Robinson. Small, hard, bitter and wormy apples, after the usual spraying treatment, almost proved to be Fred's undoing. He asks, "Who knows why?"

Harold Stevens. A successful dahlia show, coupled with the outstanding display of dahlias grown by Andy Nyberg, Bob Bryant, Tony Koester and Bill Holmberg, which the Midwest Dahlia Society members visited, gave Harold his greatest thrill this year.

Dr. Stillman. Anticipation of a new garden in a new home for 1951 kept Doc's spirits high all year.

Ernie Thompson. "Let the boy do it," said Ernie, while he spent all summer supervising his son's garden. What a deal!

George Titus. Now among the unemployed, George got a terrific thrill from a surprise party given by the officers and directors of the Pillsbury Company in honor of his retirement. George is now looking forward to taking up his hobbies in earnest, which, as you all know, include not only gardening but photography, natural history and the collecting of early American glass and pottery. George experimented with growing asters in the shade from seed this year and as a consequence, was able to furnish enough aster seedlings to take care of all the gardens from 49th to 50th Streets.

Harold Wright. Visiting southern gardens with their majestic camelias, hibiscus and other exotic blooms, proved quite a thrill for Harold, especially when in one of the most beautiful gardens of them all, the owner's greatest joy came from his success with the Hoppa Crab which, of course, as we all know, is quite common in this part of the country.

P. W. Young. Bringing a garden to fruition after four years, mostly done with bone meal, was "Brigham" Young's greatest thrill.

Dick Lehman. Attending the convention of the Hemerocallis Society in Cleveland was the bright spot in Dick's summer work. He also commented on the magnificent garden center located in a 120-acre tract, beautifully landscaped, which the garden clubs of Cleveland were instrumental in bringing about. It is now staffed with two professors of horticulture and includes the largest horticultural library in the country.

Robert Bryant. Cutting 100 spikes of delphinium on November 2 after the temperature had dropped as low as 25 degrees was quite a thrill for Bob, but I am sure it could not have been as great a thrill as the recognition that came his way at the Midwest Dahlia Show this Fall where he took more ribbons than any other member.

Henry Bachman. Nothing like the Burpee Hybrid tomatoes, says Henry. After selling them for a couple of years, he finally took six plants home and was amazed at their smooth, large, round and fleshy fruit. He never suspected they were that good!

Bob Savory. Germinating orchid seeds is Bob's unusual specialty. When one considers that these seedlings have to be nurtured from seven to ten years before the plant finally produces a bloom, Bob must have some patience!

MATERIAL AVAILABLE

through the Agricultural Extension Service, University of Minnesota,
U. S. Department of Agriculture, University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minn.

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| Perennials and Hardy Bulbs for Minnesota Gardens, Window and Porch boxes -
Richard J. Stadtherr, Division of Horticulture | Protection of Fruit Trees from Rabbits and Mice - J. D. Winter, Division of Horticulture, University Farm, St. |
| Home Plant Insects - Department of Entomology, University Farm, St. Paul | Comments on New Vegetable Varieties -
O. C. Turnquist, University of Minn. |
| House Plants in Small Containers -
R. E. Widmer, Division of Horticulture, University of Minnesota | U. S. Department of Agriculture |
| Selected List of Trees and Shrubs for Home Landscaping -
Leon C. Snyder | Growing African Violets and Gloxinias
L. E. Longley, Division of Horticulture, University of Minnesota |
| Making a Compost Pile - Leon C. Snyder, Extension Horticulturist | Roses for Minnesota - Recommended by Minnesota Rose Society and Division of Horticulture, University of Minn. |
| Crabgrass Control - Leon C. Snyder, Extension Horticulturist | Peony Culture - University of Minnesota |
| Fruit Spray Schedules | U. S. Department of Agriculture |
| New Varieties of Fruits, Vegetables and Ornamental Plants - Developed by the Division of Horticulture, University of Minn. Dated December 1, 1949 | Tuberous Rooted Begonias, Leon C. Snyder |
| Preparation of Plant Materials for Winter Decorations - R. E. Widmer | Spring-Flowering Bulbs - Leon C. Snyder |
| Improving the Keeping Qualities of Cut Flowers and Greens - R. E. Widmer | Garden Lilies - Charles Okken |
| | Gladiolus Culture - Leon C. Snyder |
| | Garden Irises - Leon C. Snyder |
| | Garden Chrysanthemums |
| | Cultural Hints - Notes prepared by the Minnesota Dahlia Society |
| | Zoning Woody Plants for Minnesota -
Leon C. Snyder and Raymond J. Wood |

"A HISTORY OF HORTICULTURE IN AMERICA TO 1860"

In this book one gathers a great deal of little known, intimate history about our country through the records which Dr. Hedrick has unearthed about the cultivation of plants.

The contribution of the American Indians to the horticulture of the whites was far more important than we realize - and might have been even greater had the settlers taken to more of the Indians' food plants, such as May apples, Maypops, lambs' quarters and sego lilies. "Few whites," the author says, "now know anywhere near so many wild plants as every North American Indian had to know in order to live."

Dr. Hedrick tells of gardens and their products, of gardening methods, and of social influences in all the colonies, in the post-Revolution states, and in the country as it developed westward during the first six decades of the 19th century.

Other chapters tell about the early explorers and botanical gardens about the beginnings of plant breeding, and the first horticultural societies and literature. While the book concerns plants, the people who grew them and used them stand out as living characters. (Oxford University Press, N.Y., \$

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL LOCAL CLUBS OF
MEN'S GARDEN CLUBS OF AMERICA

We, in Detroit, with only a few months left, are in the process of completing plans for our 1951 Convention. Making up our Convention brochure is one of our promotions.

This is an appeal to all members who can solicit an ad for the brochure. There are many times when personal acquaintance can have favorable results, and surely there must be many such contacts in our 8,000 membership.

Some of you appreciate the work required in connection with putting out an Invitation Brochure, and for those who have not had this experience, let us just say - "It is tough!"

The Men's Garden Club of Regional Detroit hopes that this letter will be read by each local Club, at their regular meetings, or printed in their respective bulletins.

For any favorable prospects, drop a card or letter to the following, and receive complete information as to advertising rates, etc:

Leo E. Coffman, Chairman, Advertising Committee,
29649 13-Mile Road, Farmington, Mich.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1951

Here are your new officers for 1951, unanimously elected by the membership at our November meeting, to take office in January:

President	Fred Paul	Secretary	Rene Dufourd
Vice-President	Vic Lowrie	Treasurer	Bill Brooks

All the officers just elected, plus the retiring president, Cortis Rice, make up the Board of Directors for 1951.

NEWS AND COMMENTS

Do you remember voting on the revision of our by-laws last January? Well, part of the revision had to do with dues coming due December 1st, and being delinquent if not paid before January 1st. Check, please - the biggest \$4 worth you invest each year - make payable to Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis and mail to the Club Secretary, Rene Dufourd, 5020 Second Ave. South, Minneapolis 19.

We are happy to report that both Jim Cristman and Bill Addy are recuperating at home and would appreciate a personal visit.

Those of you who haven't had time or taken time to send in your "Special Interest" reports, please do so immediately while

For many reasons, including "Spray" torture, committee summoning, bill collecting, smarting up and extracting secrets, we need to know of any change in your whereabouts, including phone number. Please oblige the secretary.

So few members indicated interest in making Christmas decorations that there will not be a group project as we have had in previous years.

With snow on the ground, better get the bird-feeding equipment functioning and keep it well filled - don't forget the suet!

By making a fresh slanting cut in the