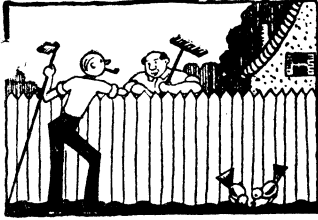


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## OUR ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 10

Tuesday January 10 5:30 P.M.  
Colonial Room Hasty Tasty Dinner \$1.50  
1433 West Lake St.

### A full and interesting program

6:30 A short but important business meeting including:

The Officers' Annual Reports

Voting Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

Report of the Nominating Committee

Election of new Officers

Brief Annual Reports (with slides) of:

—Club Rosarian - Stan Lund

—Club Chrysanthemarian - Harold Kaufmann

Special Interest Groups Reports - Cortis Rice,  
Chairman

—Violets - Rene Dufourd

—Dwarf Apple Trees - Archie Flack

—Small Garden Dahlias - Andy Nyberg

—Perennials in Minnesota - Glenn Cerney

—Lilies - Morris Lifson

—Begonias - Jim Cristman

—New Annuals - Vic Lowrie

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### SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION CARD - NOW!

Let us show our retiring officers and committeemen how much we appreciate their efforts in our behalf.

Let us show our new officers that they can count on our full support and participation for an even bigger and better 1950!

LET'S HAVE A ROUSING 100% ATTENDANCE. This promises to be an unusually interesting and informative meeting, one that will add much to your horticultural knowledge.

## IN RETROSPECT

You, the members of the M.G.C. of Minneapolis, have made this an outstanding year in our Club's history - as will be borne out by the reports of your officers and committee chairmen.

We have emerged from a year wherein the early part of our Club activities and personal efforts were focused on the M.G.C. of A. Convention, with our normal Club activities seeming of minor importance. But once the Convention became history, it was evident we had gained in all phases of Club activity. A successful Fall Flower Show, less than a month following the Convention and despite adverse growing weather, was the greatest proof that we had not allowed the Convention to be our only interest.

In the closing months of the year it has been easy to see that we have as a Club contributed much to the M.G.C. of A., as well as to our own Club, and that we have as individuals and as a Club rededicated ourselves to the purpose of the M.G.C. of Minneapolis.

To our members who worked so diligently on the Program, Membership, Auction, Photography, Social, Convention, Flower Show, Constitution and By-laws and Special Interests Committees, and to members, their wives and non-members who contributed by giving material for auction, or time and talent on our programs - and in other ways - and to the other officers of the Club, my sincere appreciation for your contributions and co-operation in attaining the twofold goal set early in the year; namely, to give M.G.C. of A. the best convention to date; and to strengthen and improve the M.G.C. of Minneapolis. Thank You!

Cordially - BILL

## OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was a lovely party, and, as usual, packed full of fun and merriment made even more joyous because we had our ladies with us. This December it seemed more appropriate than ever that we should celebrate the close of an unusually busy year with our ladies - for weren't they equally responsible with us for the success of the Club's operations this year? We salute them!

Donaldson's provided unusually pleasant surroundings for our party as well as an elegant meal. Lester Johnson's table decorations added still more charm, and Mrs. Cortis Rice provided the finishing touches with Christmas corsages for each lady. Bill Swain was a real Santa with his present of a combination kitchen-ingredient-measuring spoon and garden trowel for each member family in attendance.

### Christmas Party Highlights

We enjoyed the fascinating word picture Mrs. Menzel gave us of the elaborate miniature Christmas scenes the Menzel's erect in their home every year for their friends and neighbors - particularly the children. The clever performance of Jocko revealed another of Walter Menzel's many talents.

Harold Pederson, new president of the Minnesota Horticultural Society, gave us a better understanding of the progress being made horticulturally in the state, particularly in cultivation and marketing of Minnesota-grown vegetables and fruits. The display of member-made Christmas ornaments and decorations included a number of ingenious ideas and must have been of more than a little help to a number of members in planning decorations for their own homes.

## MESSRS. KAUFMANN AND KAHLERT HONORED

No more popular choice could have been made by the committee than their recommendation to award the 1948 and 1949 M.G.C.A. Bronze Medals to Harold Kaufmann and Herb Kahlert. The endorsement by the membership at our November meeting was enthusiastically unanimous. The medals were presented to the winners at our Christmas party, Rene Dufourd making the presentation to Harold Kaufmann, and Charlie Doell to Herb Kahlert.

### Award Committee's Report

The committee reviewed the member roster and selected twelve names of those members who ranked highest according to the scoring system approved last March.

We then applied the system again to these twelve gardeners and came up with two names who in our opinion ranked highest in service to the Club.

While we are prepared to present ten names to the Club for balloting, we ask the privilege of recommending to you the following names for the award of the 1948 and 1949 medals:

The 1948 medal to Harold Kaufmann, because of his excellent work in organizing and setting a pattern for our flower shows and for his untiring efforts in the Ways and Means Committee of the Convention.

The 1949 medal to Herbert Kahlert for excellent work as chairman of the Convention Committee.

It is not necessary for us to go into the details of what these two men did for this Club, not only in the years mentioned, but also in previous years. We deem it a special privilege, therefore, to recommend them to you for this honor. They are both deserving of all the awards that you can give them.

Respectfully submitted,

George Titus, Victor Lowrie, Rene Dufourd, Chairman

### Award Committee's Recommendation in Award Selection

The following recommendation by the committee was unanimously adopted by the membership at our November meeting:

That the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, appoint a committee of three active members. This committee will review the activities of each member of the Club and select the two outstanding candidates, basing their selection on the number of points as established by the present schedule.

The committee will report their choice to the Executive Board, at a meeting of the Board. The Board and this committee will then become a committee of the whole who will make the final recommendation or selection of one man. This name will be presented to the membership for approval at the November meeting. The award will be made at the December meeting.

It is further recommended that the committee be composed of the three immediately past, available, recipients of the medals. The Secretary will

BOOK DEPARTMENT

The following list of books may be purchased through the M.G.C.A. at more reasonable prices than available through retail channels.

Author	Title	List Price	Discount 1-4 copies
<b>Ferguson &amp; Associates</b>			
Biles	"GARDEN MAGIC"	\$3.50	30%
Biles	"MODERN FAMILY GARDEN BOOK"	1.75	30%
<b>MacMillan Company</b>			
Arms	"DESIGN IN FLOWER ARRANGEMENT"	3.00	25%
Bailey	"CULTIVATED CONFIERS IN NORTH AMERICA"	10.00	25%
Bailey	"GARDENER'S HANDBOOK"	2.49	25%
Bailey	"GARDEN OF GOURDS"	2.50	25%
Bailey	"GARDEN OF LARKSPURS"	1.98	25%
Bailey	"HORTUS SECONDO"	7.50	25%
Bailey	NURSERY MANUAL"	1.00	25%
Bailey	"PRUNING MANUAL"	4.00	25%
Bailey	"STANDARD CYCLOPEDIA OF HORTICULTURE"	37.50	25%
Balthis	"PLANTS IN THE HOME"	3.75	25%
Blair	"THE GARDEN CLINIC"	2.95	25%
Blair	"THE FOOD GARDEN"	2.49	25%
Corsar	"PRIMULAS"	3.75	25%
Gardner	"BASIC HORTICULTURE"	6.00	25%
Hume	"AZALEAS"	4.00	25%
Hume	"AZALEAS CAMELLIAS"	2.00	25%
Krauss	"BEGONIAS FOR AMERICAN HOMES AND GARDENS"	4.00	25%
McFarland	"GARDEN BULBS IN COLOR"	3.49	25%
McFarland	"HOW TO GROW ROSES"	2.49	25%
McKenny	"BOOK OF WILDFLOWERS"	2.50	25%
Rockwell	"GLADIOLUS"	1.75	25%
Rockwell	"BOOK OF BULBS"	4.00	25%
Southwick	"DWARF FRUIT TREES"	2.75	25%
<b>Wm. H. Wise &amp; Co.</b>			
Seymour	"NEW GARDEN ENCYCLOPEDIA"	5.00	25%
Seymour	"FAVORITE FLOWERS IN COLOR"	4.95	25%
	"AMERICAN BIRDS IN COLOR"	4.95	25%

All prices are postpaid.

Send your order - with cash - to our Secretary, Rene Dufourd, 5020 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis 19.

## JANUARY CHORES

1. Cut the limbs off your Christmas tree and use to cover your more tender perennials when the ground is free of snow.
2. If you want to keep your poinsettia from year to year, the November issue of The Minnesota Horticulturist gives the whole procedure.
3. Save your wood ashes from the fireplace and store in a dry place. In the spring, sprinkle on rose or perennial beds for limestone and fertilization value.
4. Have you started your program of painting garden stakes, seats, and window boxes, etc.?
5. You no doubt are already studying the new catalogs - it's not too early to place your order for seeds, particularly for the new varieties or novelties in limited supply.
6. Grapevines may be pruned now and should be cut back rather heavily to produce new wood. The pruning of fruit trees may be done at any time when the weather is not too cold.
7. Examine your gladiolus corms. They should be cleaned and placed in paper bags with naphthalene flakes (one ounce to 100 corms.) Remove in three weeks.
8. Watch potted plants for overcrowding of roots. Repot in larger container and they'll do better.
9. For long flowering stems, allow the buds of your hyacinths to develop in the dark. Cover plant with inverted pot or a cornucopia of paper as soon as the leaves unfold and buds appear.
10. Examine dahlia tubers for signs of damping off or dry rot and cut diseased parts away. Dust the cut surfaces with sulphur.
11. Lilies of the valley can be brought into flower in the house in three weeks if given a temperature of from 75 to 80 degrees the first week.
12. Calla lilies are heavy feeders - top dress with house plant fertilizer every ten days.
13. Now is the time to plan your garden for next season. Draw a plan to scale and stake out the perennials, annuals and shrubs. Draw from last year's experience for changes in location of those plants that didn't do so well. Determine and put down in black and white what you plan to do this spring, when, where and with what materials.
14. Check your wintering-over cold frames for mice and trap them. Keep the contents of the frame cold until late winter, then warm up gradually for an early start. Air occasionally when the outside temperature is in the 30's.

### WE LOVE OUR SECRETARY!

Oh, yes, we do! And the gift suggestion offered by Archie Flack to our Board of Directors was the wish of every member - that something suitable be awarded to Rene Dufourd for fulfilling so adequately

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Victor Reis of "Country Gardeners" reports that there are 285 species of roses in the world. Asia has 208; Europe, 55; America only 22. Roses are among the oldest fossil plants having lived some 35,000,000

## YOUR GARDEN THROUGH THE CAMERA

Bill Block, George Titus and their film committee are to be congratulated on the fine presentation they made of a representative group of gardens and specimen plants and blooms cultivated by our members. The committee selected and grouped together a little over 200 slides combined from over 600. Only the better photography and subject matter was picked, although every member's garden for which there was a slide was included in the showing. Material from 43 member gardens was shown.

### LADY, DID YOU GET YOUR RIGHT RUBBERS?

Mrs. Harry F. Baker mistakenly walked off with someone else's rubbers following our Christmas party. The lady with the wrong rubbers may reclaim her own by telephoning Mrs. Baker at Colfax 1165.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Bill Holmberg and to Ralph Sherman and to their families in the passing away of their mothers this holiday season.

## JUST PLAIN THOUGHTS

The rewards one gets from gardening are many. First the material gains - flowers, vegetables and fruits - harvested through the several seasons and made doubly enjoyable when shared with our neighbors and friends.

Then there is a physical benefit - the exercise and recreation gained from digging, spading, spraying and raking.

Next, but not at all in order, comes the pride of helping to create something extraordinary, fine and beautiful, and the inspiration that comes from working hand in hand with nature.

Then there is the thrill of an award, or just the recognition for something unusually good. But the largest award and the most satisfying comes in the companionship of our fellow gardeners - the joy of camaraderie very time we get together.

It is this good fellowship that reigns throughout the year among our Club membership that is responsible for our joint success - that has made this Club so strong - may it ever be so.

Your officers and editors wish that the new year may bring each and every one of you and your families much health and joy and happiness, with an abundance of opportunities to share these blessings with your friends and neighbors the whole year through!

## SOLANUM PSEUDO-CAPSICUM

The botanical name for Jerusalem Cherry or Christmas Cherry, as it is sometimes called, is *Solanum Pseudo-Capsicum*. It is not related to the cherry at all but is a poor relation to the tomato and a relative of the eggplant. The bright orange berries are not edible but are full of seed which may be saved and then planted indoors in February.

When large enough, the seedlings should be potted, and after all danger of frost has passed, the pot and all plunged in the ground outdoors. Shift into larger pots during the spring and summer and bring flowering size plants back indoors in September.

Plants are very delicate and should be protected at all times from gas, drafts and drought.

To preserve the mother plant, prune the branches to within two or three inches of the main stem (after the winter fruiting season), place in a sheltered spot outdoors for the summer, and bring in in September).

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