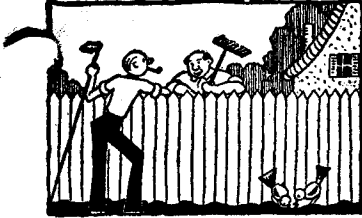


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## JULY GARDEN TOUR

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 1953

Time: 5:30 P.M. Sharp

Place: Chet Harkins' Lawn -  
3504 - 17th Ave South

Dinner: Caterer's De Luxe

\$1.50

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## DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL

Please mail the enclosed reservation card this very evening. We have to guarantee the caterers a definite number of dinners so we must know by Monday, July 13, how many members and their guests will meet and dine at Chet Harkins' place.

Remember, the Club cannot afford to pay for more meals than will be bought by members. Further - if you do not have a reservation for dinner, you will have to take your turn at the end of the line and take your chance that there will be enough to go 'round.

DO, PLEASE, COOPERATE WITH US! Mail the card regardless of whether you can come or not; just check off "Yes" or "No" - and if you will bring guests, indicate how many.

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HELP! HELP! HELP! We need bigger and better laughs - how about coming to our rescue?

## OVER THE FENCE



"Say Mike, what's wrong with your lawn this year?"

"Why it's dying of frustration"

"How come Mike?"

"Well I sprayed it with an inhibitor to slow down the growth and my wife, not knowing, gave it a good feeding of plant food."

"So what?"

"The darn stuff's going crazy t

### THE JUNE MEETING

We had a remarkably good turnout and enjoyed a most interesting program - thanks again to Bob Adams and his committee. W. A. Rowell's talk on Lilies was exceedingly interesting as well as being instructive. Thank you, Wally, for so fine an elucidation on such a big subject - you have encouraged many of us to grow more lilies.

Below is a list of hardy lilies selected by Mr. Rowell which with the proper care should do well in our gardens. A more complete report on the planting, culture and care of lilies as included in Mr. Rowell's talk will appear in a later issue of the Spray.

1. Anabile	10. Dauricum	19. Coral Pinnatum
2. Anabile Luteum	11. Davidi	20. Regale
3. Aurelianse HenxSarg	12. Green Mt. Hybrids	21. Sargentiae
4. Brownii	13. Henryi	22. Speciosum Rubrum
5. Callosum	14. Madonna	23. Superbum
6. Canadense	15. Martagon	24. Sulphureum
7. Cernuum	16. Maxwelli	25. T. A. Havemeyer
8. Concolor	17. Preston Hybrids	26. Tsingtauense
9. Crow's Hybrids	18. Principis	

### GARDEN LANGUAGE

If you would know a language without utterance --  
speech without phrases, meaning in its essence; --  
enter a garden in an evening cool  
when the wind has died; the little pool  
placid and clear; the Heaven bright.  
Walk among the flowers and make your heart and mind  
open as the sky, yet warm with sympathy  
and true appreciation!

And then, if like the pool you are as clear,  
to your quiet being will their hearts appear;  
and you will know, in tongues no man can speak,  
something of the Beauty that we ever seek;  
something of the Beauty they can ne'er display --  
though with a thousand colours their sweet petals ray.

Harold Tyrwhitt

### THE JULY GARDEN TOUR

Your program committee has arranged a tour of some extremely interesting gardens you will not want to miss. It will begin at Chat Harkins' place, 3504, 17th Ave. South, where dinner will be served, and will then proceed in approximately the following order

1. To Al Nelson's - 3404 Snelling Ave.
2. To Glen Cerney's - 1927 East River Terrace
3. To Al Coxe's - 3204, 43d Ave. South
4. To Otto Erickson's - 5322, 39th Ave. South

You will want to spend some time looking at Al Nelson's roses and at Glen Cerney's garden where, as an added attraction, a "plant guessing" contest will be held. We haven't seen Al Coxe's garden but have great expectations, and as for Otto Erickson's, those who saw it at the last showing are eager to see its perfection once again. So come early - not later than 5:30 P.M. and be prepared for a most enjoyable evening.

## OUR SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Considering the lateness of the season and the lack of cooperation on the part of weatherman, the show proved highly successful - thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work General Chairman "P. W." Young together with his Co-chairman Al Nelson and their commi members.

The staging, under the direction of "S. F." Pinkham, was extremely well done. Ch LaCrosse and his gang did a bang-up job of good housekeeping and we were most thankful Greg Lucking for having the greenhouses restored to order, including emptying and pack away the glass containers.

Stan Lund and Harold Kaufmann, between them, arranged for the judging and we owe a debt of gratitude to Horace Barnes, Stanley Bachman and Bob Bryant who labored hard and long judging the 375 entries. The registration and clerking, supervised by George Tit was carried out without a hitch with every entrant and every exhibit properly accounted for. Art Fakler and his telephone committee were responsible for bringing in many ent and George Luxton by doubling up on the publicity brought in a steady stream of visitors from early Sunday morning until after four in the afternoon.

~~As always, Herb Kahbert came to our assistance with an imposing display of Iris - a wide range of the better named varieties. Thank you Herb.~~

Bachman Associates added color with a showing of potted annuals and house plants for which we were truly grateful.

And to Greg Lucking, again, goes our heartfelt thanks for the use of the Park Bo facilities and the help and assistance of his boys.

Now the outstanding participant in the show was Maurice Lifson with over 50 exhib. You should have seen Maurice at work readying his material - he labored from early in the morning until just about judging time - but he was well rewarded, reaping a total of 99 points - taking sweepstakes in both the specimen and arrangement classes plus a place in the Court of Honor ---- Congratulations Maurice!

Thirty members were represented in the show with 375 exhibits. Every entrant but one received point awards; the one exception had but one entry.

### The Show at a Glance

Grand Champion - Specimens: S. F. Pinkham, with a gorgeous tuberous begonia.

Grand Champion - Arrangements: Stanley Lund, with a delightful arrangement of Harrison yellow roses.

Court of Honor: Bill Brooks - Bearded iris, Ola Kala  
Archie Flack - Heuchera - coral bells  
Tom Krumm - Peony  
Charlie LaCrosse - Clematis, Ramona  
Maurice Lifson - Lily  
George Titus - Oriental iris  
P. W. Young - Oriental poppy

Sweepstakes - Specimens:	Maurice Lifson, 53 points	Rene Dufourd, 23 points
	Cortis Rice, Jr., 40 points	Archie Flack, 21 points
	Otto Erickson, 36 points	P. W. Young, 20 points
	Al Nelson, 28 points	

Sweepstakes - Arrangements: Maurice Lifson, 46 points  
(Only 7 members entered arrangements)

## NEWS AND VIEWS

Lucking and Carl Holst have every reason to be proud of the National Rose Show they so excellently staged and efficiently conducted. And so are we proud of our own Mrs. Stanley Lund, who with but four rose arrangements won four blue ribbons, a silver trophy for the best arrangement in the show, plus taking sweepstakes for the arrangement class. Congratulations Esther, we are indeed proud of you! Many of our members won ribbons. The complete list of winners is not yet available so those mentioned are from memory: Stanley Lund, Al Nelson, Otto Erikson, Maurice Lifson, A. R. Blackburn, and P. W. Young.

But did you see the mammoth blooms exhibited by members from the State of Washington? Some of them were the size of cabbages with canes fully three feet long. Can you imagine how large the shrubs must have been? Some roses from the State of Michigan were almost as big. It evidently takes a much longer growing season than we enjoy here in Minnesota for plants and blooms to reach full maturity.

Remember it is best to use separate sprayers for 2, 4D weed killers and insecticides. If you don't want to purchase an extra sprayer, rinse your sprayer afterward with kerosene or fuel oil, wash out with soapuds, and then rinse with clear water.

The White Bear Lake Men's Garden Clubs will hold a competitive Flower Show on Saturday, July, 18th, at Laramie's Ford Garage in Excelsior. The show opens at 3 P.M.

At this writing we haven't had to worry much about watering...but it would be a good idea to use a fungicide, when weather permits to guard against mildew. Dust or spray at 10 day intervals.

Many members report heavy infestation of red spider mites. As soon as they appear be sure to spray with one of the new miticides reviewed in an earlier issue of the Spray.

While on the subject of red spider, Dr. R. Milton Carleton in the current issue of Better Homes & Gardens reports of some interesting red spider population observations made at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. It seems that plants grown in soils rich in potash are much more attractive to red spider and that all forms of potash seem to increase red spider population.

However, when calcium nitrate was applied to the soil after potash the number of mites were reduced. They are now conducting experiments to see how red spider can be kept under control where potash fertilizers are needed.

## WHY PLANTS WILT --- SOMETIMES

Ordinarily a plant, provided it is not diseased, wilts because it's dry; and the cure, of course, is to water it. But, better make sure before you water that dry soil is the cause, as plants that have gone thru a period of several days of dark weather will almost invariably wilt the first warm, sunny day -- even tho the soil is moist. The reason is clear if we understand something of how a plant uses water. Its primary function is to carry, in solution, the necessary chemicals from the soil to the leaves so that food may be manufactured for proper plant growth. It also serves to keep the cells of the plant stiff and turgid.

As the roots absorb moisture, the leaves throw it off after the chemicals have been "extracted" so to speak. During the dark weather this "throwing off" process, called transpiration, slows down, and the roots take up less moisture. When the sun suddenly pops out, the transpiration rate speeds up more rapidly than the roots can take up water, until a balance can again be established; and since the leaves throw off more moisture than is replaced, the cells partially collapse and wilting results.

Cutting down the transpiration rate rather than adding more water to the roots is the reasonable answer. This may be accomplished either with a temporary shade, or by wetting down the foliage.

June 29, 1953

Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis  
Minneapolis  
Minnesota

Gentlemen:

On the occasion of the spring meeting of the American Rose Society held in Minneapolis and St. Paul, June 25-27, 1953, a great deal of the man-power provided for the various activities - especially the Flower Show at the Northwestern Bank and registration and other details at the St. Paul Hotel - was carried on by men of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. I have tried to thank as many of them individually as I could, but I am afraid there are some individuals I may have missed, and consequently I would appreciate your receiving this communication as official thanks to the members of your club for their very fine and ~~valuable support of this important meeting.~~

More than that, I want to call to your attention the great reservoir of resourcefulness which there is in your club by the mere fact of its existence. Were it not for the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, I am afraid that the individuals who have now made such a great contribution to this meeting may not have been known, and certainly the comradeship which made them glad to participate would not have been present. In consequence of all this I am deeply grateful for the Men's Garden Club, and let me add, too, that the American Rose Society in convention assembled officially thanked through proper resolution the efforts of your club in making their meeting here a success.

Sincerely,

Chas. E. Doell  
General Chairman

IN APPRECIATION

Once again our members pitched in to help bring success to another important event - this time the American Rose Society's Convention and the National Rose Show held in conjunction with it. The spirit and willingness of our members to contribute of their time and energy is indicative of what a fine club we have and it is very gratifying.

To Charlie Doell, General Convention Chairman, Joe Witmer, Publicity Chairman, and Greg Lucking, Show Chairman, - congratulations on a job well done! And to all of our other members who served upon the Registration, Transportation, Show, and other committees, or who assisted in other ways, including last but not least those who exhibited their roses in the show - please accept my sincere thanks.

Rene Dufourd, President MGCM

GLEANED FROM OUR MEMBERS AND MGCA NEWS LETTERS

*Allen  
Krasberg  
Woodson Jones  
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Home & Garden Survey among Real Estate dealers found out that good landscaping adds 13% to the value of property.

Did you study the pictures of Bruce Krasberg's tool house in the June issue of Better Homes & Gardens? Bruce is immediate past president of MGCA.

Recognition buttons: MGCA is offering an attractive label button to its members at \$1.10 each, tax included, in lots of 25 or more; or \$1.25 for singles. If interested, contact your Secretary.

Corn roasts are becoming popular among the Men's Garden Clubs, with the ladies or the entire families attending - might be the sprout of an idea here.

Carry your Club Roster in your car and when in the vicinity of a member's garden drop in and look it over. If you do not have your copy of the Roster, ask your Secretary for another, or look for the MGCM garden signs that are so proudly displayed. *10/3/309  
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It is the intense personal pleasure we derive from creating a garden which comes the reward of receiving the appreciation of our visitors.

And while on the above subject, we suggest that the MGCM garden marker be staked out somewhere in front of the house so that passersby will recognize it. Too often they are partially obscured amid the foliage in the rear garden. *10/3/309  
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Another suggestion is, if your garden is not included in a tour this year (also all of the selections have not as yet been made), that you select some date and declare an "Open House." We will be happy to publicize these dates in the Spring or otherwise announce them to the membership at large. *10/3/309  
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