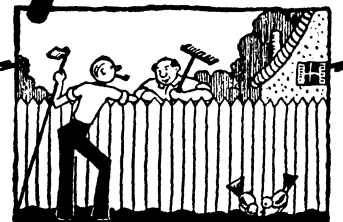




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NOVEMBER MEETING

Election of 1958 Officers

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 1957
Place: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church
Time: 5:45 P.M. Sharp, Please
Dinner: A good one at \$1.50

OFFICERS

A. W. Koester	Preside
R. C. Adams	Vice Pr
W. H. Hull	Treasur
N. W. Christopherson	Secreta
J. M. Witmer	Past Pr

PROGRAM

Business Session
Election of Officers
"Landscaping Your Home" by
Felix Dhainin
"Composting" by P. W. Young
A Panel of Experts to Answer Any
Gardening Question

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This is a must meeting for every active member who is interested in the Club continuing progress. The election of officers for the coming year is our individual responsibility so come prepared to vote for those who you want to run the organizati for 1958. We are looking for a 100% turn-out -- now don't disappoint us.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Did you see that colorful picture of Sherm Pinkham in the Sunday Star, planting his spring flowering bulbs? T'was hard to judge which looked more attractive, the colorful flowers or the snappy looking gardener.

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On a picture postcard Rene Dufourd writes "Florida - here I am. Have rented a small house in the middle of Debsdread Gold Course for the winter and will look around for something permanent. Stop in if down this a-way, will be glad to see you all." And I'm sure the Dufourds will also be happy to hear from us all at 201 1/2 Hazard St. Orlando, Florida. Best wishes to you, Rosalie and Rene.

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Are we ever proud of our Fred Paul who has just been made head of the Freeway Information Service for the Minneapolis area, in addition to consultant on design of the freeways. Of course, Fred is assuming these new responsibilities along with his duties as a member of the Metropolitan Airport Commission. How do you do it, Fred?

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Hasn't this been a delightful Fall? May be a little on the dry side so you had better make sure your evergreens are properly watered as well as any newly planted shrubs or trees. On our porch this very day, October 31, is an arrangement of nine Peace roses, the size and color of which would take a ribbon in any flower show. Still more are blooming in the garden, standing bolt upright defying the weather to destroy their beauty. And at the very end of the garden a solid mass of pink snapdragons are blooming as though it were still July. Immediately behind the snaps is a row of white mums that have been flowering for not less than six weeks and the combination is most delightful. Maybe gardening in Minnesota can, at times, be frustrating but with an autumn as we have just enjoyed, can you think of anything that could be more rewarding than successful gardening with nature cooperating so generously?

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Sitting on our porch overlooking the garden I cannot but help notice how much can be added to the winter appearance of our gardens by the strategic placement of a few well-chosen conifers. Here in the north where we are dependent upon deciduous shrubs and trees for spring and summer bloom and autumn fruit, after the first killing frost our gardens become totally bare, so completely undressed that they appear positively ugly. Now no matter how small your garden, we have evergreens to suit every possible type of situation be it large or small, sunny or shady, and requiring high or low growing plants. It only takes a few but what a difference just a very few will do toward giving you an attractive picture garden the whole year through.

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INTRODUCING!

Edward Peterson (and Myrtle) reside at 3520 Fremont Avenue South and Eden Prairie, home phone TA 3-2303. Ed was sponsored by Harold Kaufmann and became a professional member in May of this year. His principal garden interests are flowers, vegetables and fruits. He is a member of Kiwanis, the Breakfast Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Volunteers of America. One of the leading florists in the Twin Cities, Ed, as president of Edward Peterson, Inc., putters around for his extremely business-wise wife who is also an accomplished floral designer.

William (Bill) C. Thorne (and Gladys) live at 8327 Dupont Avenue South, resident phone TU 1-2325. A former member of our Club, Bill was brought back into the fold by Cortis Rice and re-elected to membership in August. Welcome home, Bill, the Club needs men with your gardening enthusiasm and ability. Dahlias and tuberous begonia are Bill's special interests, his other hobbies include photography, landscaping and flower show judging. In business he is with the Lull Engineering Company, foreman of their welding department.

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SLATE OF OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1958

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Fred Paul, Harold Kaufmann, and Archie Flack, Chairman, will present the following slate of officers at the November meeting for the Club's consideration.

For president: W. W. (Bill) Brooks, 6 Mill Road, Bellgrove, Minneapolis 26. A member since 1944. Chairman show committee 1946, treasurer 1951, vice president 1952. Specialties: Daylilies, peonies, and wildflowers

For vice-president: P. W. Young, 4544 Beard, Minneapolis 10. A member since 1950. Secretary, flower show chairman, program chairman 1957. Specialties: Begonias, pansies, daylilies, photography.

For treasurer: W. H. (Bill) Hull, 6104 Oaklawn Avenue, Edina, Minneapolis 24. A member since 1952. Flower show chairman 1955, treasurer 1956, 1957, National Director Men's Garden Clubs of America, and Director MEGA, 1957-1960. Specialties: Chrysanthemums, roses, photography.

For secretary: N. W. Christopherson, 6145 Clinton Avenue, Minneapolis. Member since 1952. Secretary 1955, 1956, 1957. Specialties: Chrysanthemums, roses, fruits, photography.

TREES SELECTED FOR SEASONAL BEAUTY

A. Trees with Ornamental Flowers:

Acer rubrum (Red Maple)
Aesculus glabra (Ohio Buckeye)
Aesculus hippocastanum (Horse Chestnut)
Catalpa speciosa (Northern Catalpa)
Cercis canadensis (Eastern Redbud)
Chionanthus virginicus (White Fringetree)
Crataegus species (Hawthorns)
Malus species (Flowering Crabapples)
Prunus padus commutata (Mayday Tree)
Pyrus ussuriensis (Usurian Pear)
Syringa amurensis japonica (Japanese Tree Lilac)

B. Trees with Ornamental Fruits:

Acer rubrum (Red Maple)
Acer tataricum (Tartarian Maple)
Crataegus species (Hawthorns)
Malus species (Flowering Crabapples)
Prunus pennsylvanica (Pincherry)
Ptelea trifoliata (Hoptree)
Sorbus aucuparia (European Mountain Ash)
Sorbus decora (Showy Mountain Ash)

C. Trees with Interesting Bark:

Acer pennsylvanicum (Striped Maple)
Betula papyrifera (Canoe Birch)
Betula pendula (European Birch)
Phellodendron amurense (Amur Corktr)
Populus alba pyramidalis (Bolleana Popular)
Populus tremuloides (Quaking Aspen)
Prunus maacki (Amur Cherry)
Salix alba chermesina (Redstem Will)
Salix alba vitellina (Yellowstem Willow)
Syringa amurensis japonica (Japanes Tree Lilac)

D. Trees with Colored Summer Foliage:

Acer platanoides schwedler (Schwedler Maple)
Acer platanoides schwedler nigra (Crimson King Maple)
Elaeagnus angustifolia (Russian Oli)
Gleditsia triacanthos inermis "Sunburst" (Sunburst Honey Locust)

E; Trees with Attractive Fall Color

Acer ginnala (Amur Maple)
Acer rubrum (Red Maple)
Acer saccharum (Sugar Maple)
Chionanthus virginicus (Whitefringe Tree)
Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda Dogwood)
Ginkgo biloba (Ginkgo)
Larix decidua (European Larch)
Populus species (Cottonwood, Aspens, etc)
Prunus pennsylvanica (Pincherry)
Sorbus aucuparia (European Mountain Ash)

By Leon C. Snyder, Professor and Head,
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DUES ARE DUE

Your 1958 club dues are payable December 1. So pull out that badly abused check book and write one for four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) to the order of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, and mail it to our esteemed Treasurer, Mr. Wm. H. Hull, 6104 Oaklawn Avenue, Minneapolis 24. Why don't you do so now while it is on your mind? Thank you.

SPEAKER CHOSEN FOR OUR DECEMBER 10 CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Mr. Hrand Hampikian, a prominent landscape architect and member of the Men' Garden Club of Detroit, has consented to be our Christmas banquet speaker on Decem 10. Mr. Hampikian was selected from numerous possible speakers and was officially invited by the Board of Directors to be our guest speaker. He comes to us well recommended by Herb Kahlert, Bill Hull and P. W. Young, all of whom have met him a heard him talk. His subject will be MAXIMUM ENJOYMENT OF YOUR GARDEN WITH MINIMUM EFFORT, with choice slides illustrating a schematic plan.

Mr. Hamikian is a graduate in Landscape Architecture from Michigan State Un sity and has studied at L'Artisan Pratique in Paris, as well as other United State centers. He was landscape architect for the City of Detroit for twelve years and designed countless parks and centers. Among them are the Johnny Appleseed Nationa Memorial Park in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has been honored and recognized in count ways, including the Bronze Medal from his home club and the Silver Medal from the Garden Clubs of America, the highest two awards those two groups could give him.

In constant demand as a speaker, an author, an entertaining speaker, we fee fortunate to have him as our guest.

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PARK BOARD'S ANNUAL MUM FESTIVAL

IN A SCANDINAVIAN SETTING, NOV. 10 - 24

On behalf of the Park Board, Mr. Gregg Lucking extends a hearty invitation to every member, family and friend of the Club to attend this year's Chrysanthemum Show which promises to out-do all previous displays in brilliance of setting and quality of bloom. Doors open from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. The exhibition is fre of charge.

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HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

How about sending in a story for the Spray? Now you must have done somethi of interest in your garden this year that would be of help or concern to our membe Come on, divvy up a poem, a laugh, some wisdom, a pep talk, a tall story, a helpfu hint, a program idea, maybe a gripe or a cheer. Let's have it, we'll publish it pronto.

SPLENDID OCTOBER TALKS IN SUMMARY

THE ART OF HYBRIDIZING by Dick Lehman. Dick urged the members to take up hybridizing as an extension of the garden hobby, stating that "Many of our finest plants have been developed by men who had no formal training in plant breeding or genetics." After whetting the audience's appetite for pursuing this art, Dick discussed the processes by which several new chrysanthemum introductions had been developed. Among the many excellent ones which caught this writer's eye, were Purple Waters, Purple Spoon, Red Luxton, Hilite (nice, very big yellow), Yellow Muriel (a sport of Muriel Rice), Gold Daisy (single), Daisymum (white with yellow center, single), and Ruby Breithaupt.

STORING DAHLIAS by Tom Krumm. Gave a complete description of preparing and storing dahlias. Emphasized importance of splitting stems and removing wet pith so it won't cause rotting to start. Recommended cutting off a lot of the root before planting because that procedure encourages feeder roots to go into the ground. Otherwise plant lives too long from self-stored energy and doesn't develop new tubers.

PREPARING ROSES FOR WINTER by Carl Holst. Emphasized importance of drainage as very important. He started hilling his roses on September 20 this year. Hilling plus oak leaves. On main beds have houses alone. Do not hill the roses inside those houses. Leaves must be removed early from other roses -- perhaps by the end of March. Houses must also be opened a little to permit more circulation by then. With houses, an eight percent loss occurred. Where conventional hilling and leaves was employed, a thirty percent loss. Use "Zip" or some other good mouse repellent.

WINTERING CLEMATIS by Tony Koester. Many clematis are planted with the crown too near the surface. Should be four inches down. Plenty of peat moss around it in winter. Cut them down to about four feet. Mulch with hay and perhaps hill with dirt if crown is too near surface.

WINTERING CHRYSANTHEMUMS by Harold Kaufmann. Harold called on about ten men for impromptu remarks regarding their wintering success with this plant. Successful recommendations seem to be: Lehman: It's water and poor drainage that kill mums. Cut them down, burn the tops, put some in a cold frame, perhaps hill them slightly to avoid a pit at crown of plant. Paul: Use a cold frame with them all and keep it fairly dry. Fills his frame with dry leaves. Snyder: Keep the crown dry and provide drainage. Every year we lose 90% of our field mums. Thorne: Cut them off and put a spadeful of earth over them, saving about 65% of plants. Flack: Buy fresh plants every spring.

OTHER INTERESTING REMARKS. Rice: Pray for a snow covering. Rain in February last year killed my mums, iris and some roses. Christopherson: Last year I put 60 mum plants in a cold frame and 58 died. No leaves were used and had glass top. Pinkham: I cut mine down and used a little covering. Lost most of them. I wasn't too systematic. P. W. Young: I lost all of my mums in the cold frame last year. I think I had them too wet.

In summary, the concensus seemed to be that chrysanthemums should be cut down, the tops removed and destroyed, a spadeful of dirt placed atop the plant to provide better drainage away from the plant, and some winter protection provided. Use of a cold frame is excellent if proper moisture and heat control methods are employed.