

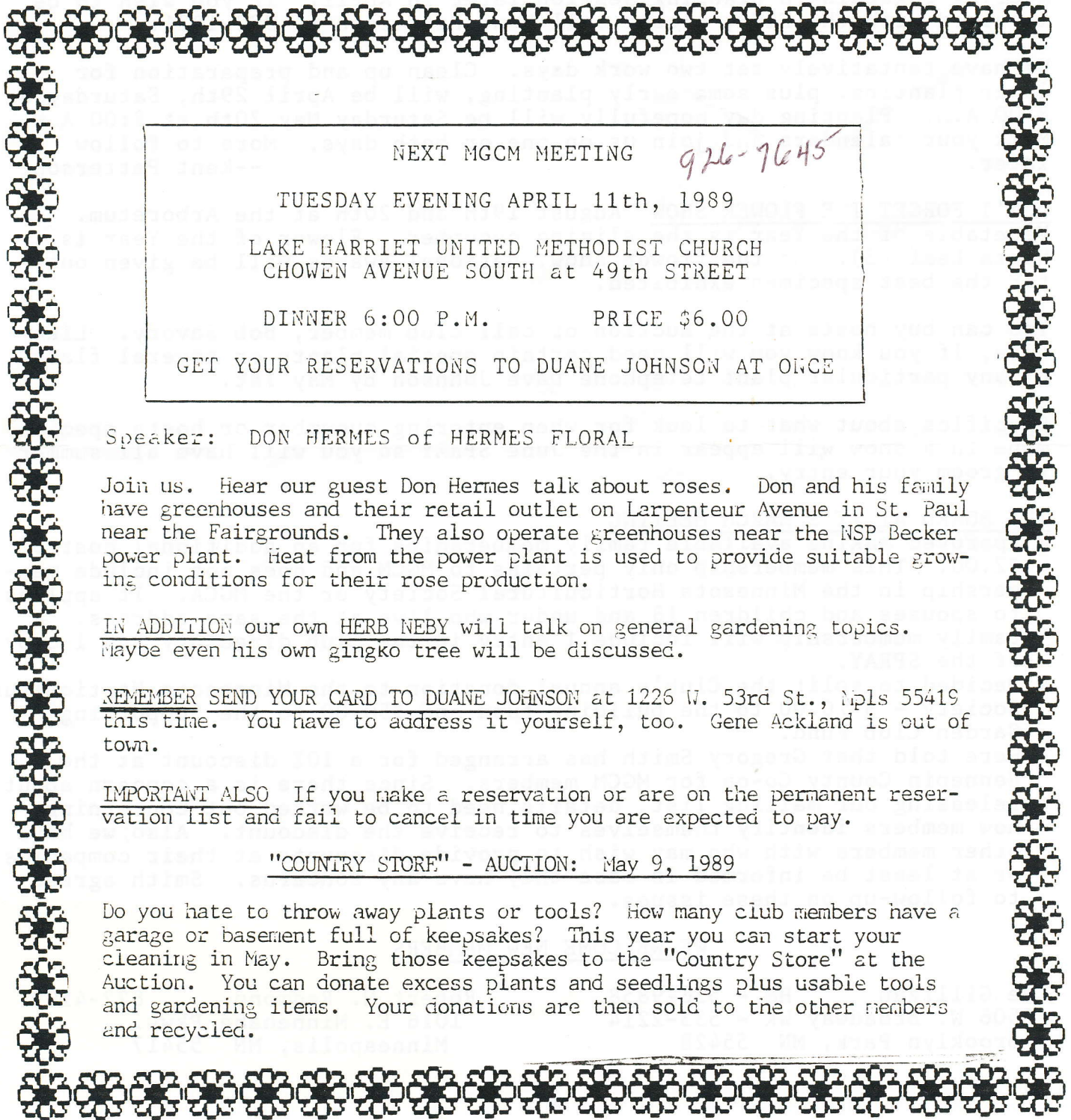
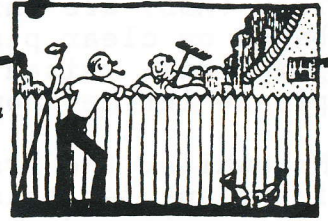


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NEXT MGCM MEETING 926-7645

TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 11th, 1989

LAKE HARRIET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHOWEN AVENUE SOUTH at 49th STREET

DINNER 6:00 P.M. PRICE \$6.00

GET YOUR RESERVATIONS TO DUANE JOHNSON AT ONCE

Speaker: DON HERMES of HERMES FLORAL

Join us. Hear our guest Don Hermes talk about roses. Don and his family have greenhouses and their retail outlet on Larpenteur Avenue in St. Paul near the Fairgrounds. They also operate greenhouses near the NSP Becker power plant. Heat from the power plant is used to provide suitable growing conditions for their rose production.

IN ADDITION our own HERB NEBY will talk on general gardening topics. Maybe even his own ginkgo tree will be discussed.

REMEMBER SEND YOUR CARD TO DUANE JOHNSON at 1226 W. 53rd St., Npls 55419 this time. You have to address it yourself, too. Gene Ackland is out of town.

IMPORTANT ALSO If you make a reservation or are on the permanent reservation list and fail to cancel in time you are expected to pay.

"COUNTRY STORE" - AUCTION: May 9, 1989

Do you hate to throw away plants or tools? How many club members have a garage or basement full of keepsakes? This year you can start your cleaning in May. Bring those keepsakes to the "Country Store" at the Auction. You can donate excess plants and seedlings plus usable tools and gardening items. Your donations are then sold to the other members and recycled.

COMMUNITY FRAGRANCE GARDEN

Plans are afoot for the 1989 garden. We have received continued enthusiasm from the Minneapolis Society for the Blind at our most recent meeting. Phil Peterson and Kent Petterson met with representatives of MSB. They (MSB) are thinking in terms of a "five year plan" with goals set based on clear plans that are thought out in terms of access, paths, plantings, raised beds, etc. If you wish to be involved with this process, please let me know.

Meanwhile, the Fragrance Garden committee (FIGS) will be meeting to finalize plans for this year's garden. Check for an announcement at the April meeting regarding a planning session later in April. If you wish to be involved with the FIGS, please call Kent Petterson at 332-1821.

We have tentatively set two work days. Clean up and preparation for later planting, plus some early planting, will be April 29th, Saturday, at 8:00 A.M. Planting day hopefully will be Saturday May 20th at 8:00 A.M. Mark your calendars and join us on one or both days. More to follow later.
--Kent Petterson

DON'T FORGET THE FLOWER SHOW August 19th and 20th at the Arboretum. Vegetable of the Year is the slicing cucumber. Flower of the Year is Hosta Leaf (3). At the flower show, national awards will be given out for the best specimen exhibited.

You can buy hosta at the auction or call club member, Bob Savory. Likewise, if you know you will need certain special plants or several flats of any particular plant telephone Dave Johnson by May 1st.

Specifics about what to look for when entering cucumber or hosta specimens in a show will appear in the June SPRAY so you will have all summer to groom your entry.

THE BOARD AT IT'S MARCH MEETING

- Approved making available family memberships for an additional cost of \$2.00. This membership only pertains to MGCM and does not include membership in the Minnesota Horticultural Society or the MGCA. It applies to spouses and children 18 and under who live at the same address. A family membership will include 1 entry in the Club directory and 1 copy of the SPRAY.
- Decided to split the Club's annual donation to the Minnesota Horticulture Society - \$ 50.00 to the building fund and \$50.00 to the Supporting Garden Club Fund.
- Were told that Gregory Smith has arranged for a 10% discount at the Hennepin County Co-op for MGCM members. Since there is a concern about releasing our mailing list, details need to be worked out concerning how members identify themselves to receive the discount. Also, we have other members with who may wish to provide discounts at their companies or at least be informed in case they have any concerns. Smith agreed to follow-up on these issues.

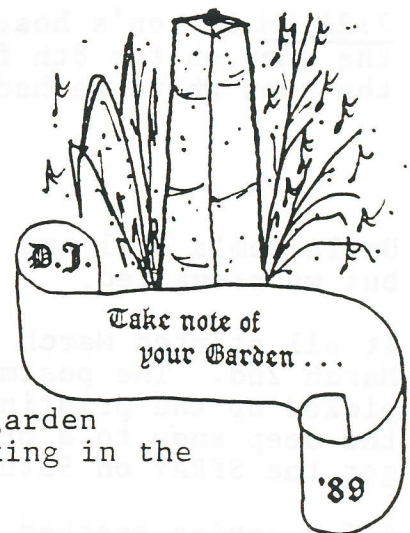
WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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1016 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.
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Notes from the President . . .

The musical word for the month Legato. By now those seedlings should have their true leaves--so transplanting is necessary. Do it in a graceful and smooth manner.



MGCM - APRIL PERSON OF THE MONTH -- This person joined the club in 1980. He is a past president of the Club. His quiet effective leadership is very evident. More specifically, he takes notes at our garden meetings. I'm amazed at his recall and his note taking in the dark. His journalistic skills are well known.

This year he is serving on the Arbor Day, Awards and Trophies, Flower and Vegetable Show, Photography, Tour and Nominating Committees and is Vice Chair of the GARDEN SPRAY. It is a pleasure to recognize ANDY MARLOW as April MGCM Person of the Month.

MARCH 14, 1989 -- ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE, or Where Was Bill Hull That Eventful Meeting?

9:27 AM Decision time--Dayton's called wanting to know if the MGCM meeting was a go. I looked outside. It looked like the snow might quit. I told them with guarded assurance, "Sure, let's go for it". The day progressed, the snow turned to rain. I'd made the right decision, I thought.--Then it started snowing and blowing!

3:20 PM A long distance call--You guessed it, Roger Koopmans from Faribault. --"Sure the party is on. Head north and enjoy the fun."--No, he didn't show.

4:00 PM Driving home from work I experienced white out. I said to myself, "March in Minnesota, this is what we expect." At home, "Was that lightening and thunder I heard?" This is an unusual experience in March.

4:43 PM The show must go on.--With Jan at my side for these many years, I knew we were in business. We started downtown on Park Avenue--little traffic. Then a black out of lights from 32nd Street to Grant Street--one wonders. Left on 9th Street to LaSalle--In 14 minutes after we turned on 9th we were into the ramp--not bad.

5:27 PM We head to Daytons 12th floor and just beat the first guests, Phil Peterson and his wife Beth Marie. Then the long wait. When will the 110 arrive?

5:31 PM Dale Bachman arrived and our spirits were lifted. Part of the show was here. When at 5:45 our guest, Tomie de Paola, such a vivacious guy, arrived the show was ready to go.

6:27 PM By this time 65 of us were there to start eating the wonderful chicken and wild rice. We rushed so the program started at 7:10 only 10 minutes late.

7:20 PM Dale Bachman was speaking--Over the loud speaker we heard, "Daytons is closing in 10 minutes due to the weather." Dale ran through a couple of slides and abruptly stopped.

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7:26 PM Dayton's hostess assured us we'd be able to continue and even see the show on the 8th floor. Tomie abbreviated his talk and we adjourned the show where we had our own private party.

--Duane

IT COULD HAVE BEEN A DISASTER

Uncle Sam's mail and Jupiter Pluvius conspired against our March meeting but we prevailed.

It all started March 1st. Typing due then failed to arrive. It came March 2nd. The postmark showed it should have arrived on schedule. I picked up the printing on Friday the 3rd and wallowed 10 blocks through the deep snow to a branch postal station thinking most members would still get the SPRAY on Saturday. Wrong!

A few copies reached their destinations on Saturday, a few on Monday, others at scattered dates thereafter. One hadn't arrived by the 14th. Either the PO, ignoring the 25 cent stamp, decided, "It's only 3rd class no hurry mail;" or the carriers were like Fred Glasoe's carrier who refuses to handle more than so many pounds per day on his route.

Duane told you about our travails on the 14th. When Tomie de Paola took over he kidded us a bit about the weather, then offered to lead us to a hotel. He told about Minneapolis Children's Theater productions based on his writings and about how he became involved in the Dayton-Bachman Show. Having never previously designed a flower show he was amazed at how well and quickly everything fell into place because of Bachman's expertise. This, he said, is the world's largest flower show under one roof put on by a single nurseryman. Other shows may be bigger but involve many nurseries each of which plans its own design.

We got a bit of de Paola's life story during the course of his brief discourse: how at age 4 he wanted to quit kindergarten because they didn't teach reading; how he thought you had to decide upon your life's work when you first entered school. He decided to draw and to write stories.

After the loud speaker again blared out about closing hour de Paola quickly stopped. We were hurried down to the 8th floor flower show. There though we had the place all to ourselves no one hurried us. We enjoyed the flowers, bushes, trees--all the artifacts telling the tales Tomie had planned e.g. Mother Rabbit's vegetable garden, so lush and green. The ducks fishing in the tiny mill pond amid the bamboo shoots.

I lingered longest at one approach to a shelter on a hill where the plantings held my eyes. Beds of ranunculus and gazanias were centered by a tulip tree in full bloom. To one side were a pair of gorgeous camellia bushes covered in flowers. Across a path cinerarias held sway.

The Petersons and the Culberts hung around "until the last dog was hung". Tomie de Paola true to his promise was still there. A store employee took us down on the elevator to the 1st floor where guards ushered us out the 8th Street door into the slush, snow and cold. No direct access through the store to ramp elevators after closing hour! Surely we had heard the loud speakers.

--Ed Culbert

NOTICE: Andy Marlow will get out the May issue of the GARDEN SPRAY. If you have material or notices for that issue get it to Andy before Monday April 17th.

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LET'S GO TO PORTLAND

Jerry Shannon started something when he devised a logo for our July 1988 MGCA convention and mailed a page of various sized copies to every MGCA group.

Portland is following suit as shown by the two samples above which came with a recent letter from Jack Singer the Portland club's president. Excerpts from his letter follow.

"We are requesting your assistance in getting out the word about the 1989 convention by the use of enclosed clip-art....Also enclosed are details of special (air and car rental) rates for convention attendees....Please pass the word along of the availability of these special rates...

"Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion for our convention. Price of rooms is \$66 per night. Nine meals and the Jackson-Perkins hors d'oeuvres reception are included with registration. Also included is transportation to and from the airport to the Jantzen Beach Red Lion.

"Full information on convention details will be in a forthcoming issue of The Gardener." EDITOR'S NOTE: Check pages 18 and 19 in the March-April GARDENER which you have just received. You will find the schedule of events, the convention registration form, the hotel (Inn) registration form and complete information about Avis car rental rates and American Airlines fares.

DRIFT FROM THE SPRAYER

I've been saving my coffee grounds for years. Now I find I should have saved my tea bags, too, for according to scientists in India tea leaves contain tricentanol a plant growth stimulator. When even small amounts of tricentanol were applied to the soil they noticed significant yield increases for some crops.

That doesn't go for left over lutefisk. One person spread lutefisk on the ground in his backyard to keep squirrels away from his bird feeder. When the spring melt came the lutefisk leached into the ground and killed all of his trees and bushes...all except the Norway pine which grew 6 feet. If it had been me I'd have eaten the lutefisk and just poured salt on the ground.

Our Bronze Medal Recipi

1942	None	1966	Bill Brooks
1943	None	1967	Al Nelson
1944	None	1968	Sherm Pinkham
1945	None	1969	Dwight Stone
1946	None	1970	Charlie Proctor
1947	None	1971	Nate Siegel
1948	Harold Kaufmann	1972	Bob Smith
1949	Herb Kahlert	1973	Bud Christenson
1950	Jim Christman	1974	Evald Johnson
1951	Archie Flack	1975	Dave Johnson
1952	Rene Dufourd	1976	Carl Holst
1953	Glen Cerney	1977	Ed Culbert
1954	Vic Lowrie	1978	None
1955	Cortis Rice, Jr.	1979	Verner Carlson
1956	Joe Witmer	1980	Dale Durst
1957	Al Blackburn	1981	Ev Haedecke
1958	Tony Koester	1982	Fred Glasoe
1959	None	1983	Chet Groger
1960	Dick Lehman	1984	Henry Halvorson
1961	F. W. Young	1985	George McCollough
1962	Bob Adams	1986	Stan Van Vorst
1963	Les Johnson	1987	Frank Vixo
1964	Otto Erickson	1988	Jerry Shannon
1965	Bill Hull		

— Bill Hull, Historian
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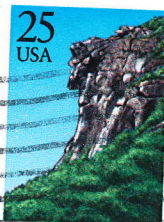
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