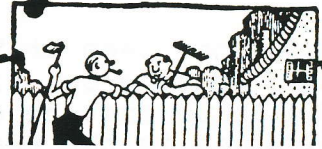




# The Garden Spray

BULLETIN OF THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS, INC.

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## Attention

BE AN EXHIBITOR AT THE MGCM FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 -- 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 -- 11:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

ENTRIES ACCEPTED FROM 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.  
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22.

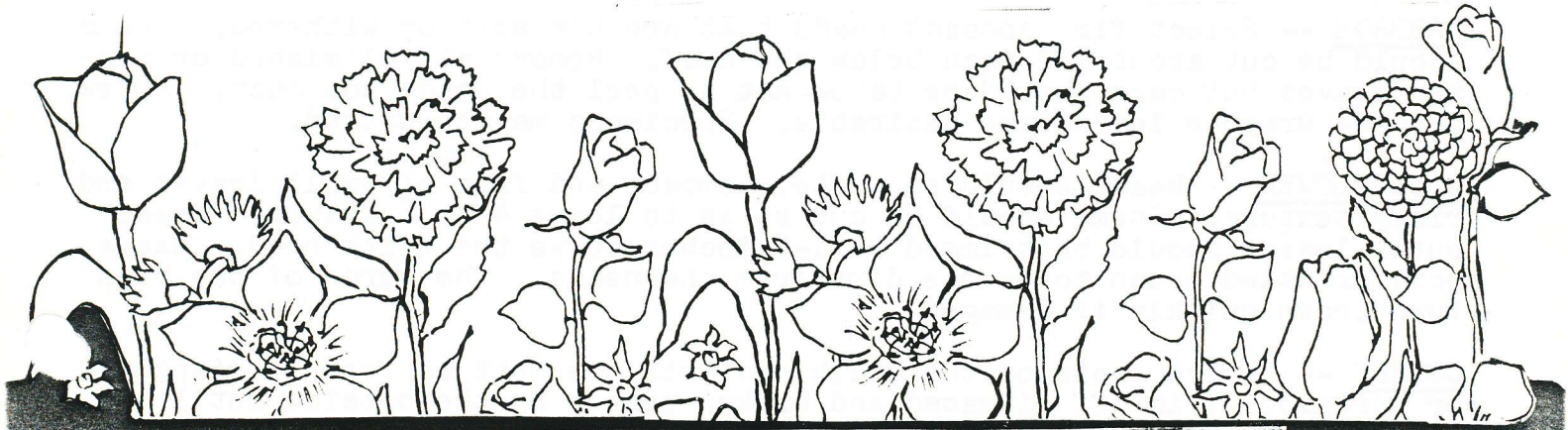
Our garden club has very few functions which include other than club members --the plant auction, garden tours, Christmas party and the ANNUAL FLOWER/VEGETABLE SHOW. The show is the only event where we can demonstrate our expertise to the general public for at the Arboretum we have a built in audience to view the results of our efforts.

We are all dedicated gardeners. Some of us have gardened many years. Some are fairly new gardeners. You don't have to be a Master Gardener nor need you exhibit many specimens at a show to win a ribbon. Some have won awards with only one or two entries. You can, too. I earned ribbons the first show I entered. I have often seen blue or red ribbons on entries when I knew I had better specimens at home in my garden.

Over the years some eight to ten men have carried the big weight of the show, usually accounting for 70 to 80% of the entries. It is high time more of us joined the fun. Enter one or more exhibits on August 22.

See you at the Arboretum.

--Charley Proctor.



SPECIAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW EDITION

BIG FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW at the ARBORETUM  
SATURDAY and SUNDAY AUGUST 22nd and 23rd

PREPARING VEGETABLES FOR EXHIBIT  
by Orrin C. Turnquist

Much has been written on how to do a better job of raising top quality garden produce but little on the selecting and exhibiting part of gardening. Exhibits must be educational to be worthwhile. They must show that better produce is the result of the use of good seed of adapted varieties. They must show what can be produced when improved cultural methods are used and when insects and disease are controlled.

During the late summer and fall, gardeners have opportunities to show the produce they have grown in their gardens. County and state fairs, and horticultural and garden club shows usually have places for the amateur to exhibit vegetables. To assist the gardener in selecting and preparing the vegetables for exhibit, the following suggestions may be helpful.

ASPARAGUS -- Select straight, dark green spears with tight scales at tip. Should be free of rust, insect injury or other defects. Trim to a uniform length of 6 to 8 inches and tie 12 spears in a bunch with rubber bands or ribbon.

SNAP BEANS -- Wax and green beans should be harvested before the constrictions appear between the seeds, when the seeds are about half grown. The ends of the pods should not be broken off in picking. The pods should be uniform in size, color and quality. The pods may be wiped clean but should not be washed. Avoid showing blemished or wilted specimens.

LIMA BEANS -- Harvest when the seeds are full grown but still tender and before they have changed in color from green to white. Prepare like snap beans.

BEEETS, CARROTS, PARSNIPS, TURNIPS, RUTABAGAS -- Root crops should be mature but not over-grown, pithy or coarse in texture. Tops should be trimmed off 1 - 1-1/2 inches above the crown. Side roots should be carefully trimmed off but not the tap root. Roots may be carefully washed but not scrubbed so that the outer skin is injured.

BROCCOLI -- Although the heads quickly wilt, it is sometimes brought in to exhibits. Heads should be dark or purplish green and compact. Avoid any yellow flowers in the head. Stems should be cut about 5 inches from the top of the head. Specimens should be free from insects or defects.

CABBAGE -- Select firm compact heads that are not soft or withered. Stems should be cut about 1/2 inch below the head. Remove all blemished or broken leaves but care should be taken not to peel the heads too much. A few outside wrapper leaves are desirable. Specimens may be washed.

CAULIFLOWER -- Heads should be white, compact and free of small leaves and ricey texture. Stems should be cut so as to leave 4 to 6 leaves. These outer leaves should be trimmed to 1-2 inches above the white head. Use a soft bristled brush to remove dirt from the heads. The curds of the head turn brown quickly if damaged.

CELERY -- Remove roots of the stalk and trim the butt to form a triangle or pyramid. Trim off diseased and broken leaves on the outside until the color is uniform. Avoid pithy or woody and stringy stalks.

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SWEET CORN -- Select ears that are well filled out to the tip. Kernels should be milky and juicy. Remove outer husks but allow a short shank and the inner husks to remain. Ears should be uniform in size and color. They should be fresh and green and free from insects and disease.

CUCUMBERS -- For pickling select fruits 3-5 inches long. All specimens should be at the same stage of maturity and uniform in size, shape and color. For slicers select fruits that are straight, dark green, and 6 to 10 inches long. They should be uniform in size, shape and color. Do not show over-ripe fruits that are usually dull in color.

EGGPLANT -- Fruits should be of uniform purple color and free from bronzing and greening. Stems should be left on the fruits. Specimens should be wiped clean but not washed. Avoid large or wilted fruits. Dark spots indicate bruises or decay.

KOHLRABI -- The ball should be 2 to 3 inches in diameter with the roots removed just below the ball. Remove all the leaves except the 4 to 6 top leaves and trim them to 2 to 3 inches long. Be sure there are no worms present on the petioles of the remaining leaves. Exhibit three specimens. Often the kohlrabi will be too large, tough, with a poor, whitish color. There is also often damage caused by insects. They should be clean but not washed.

LETTUCE -- Some people prefer to exhibit lettuce in a container of water to prevent it from wilting. This usually distracts from the exhibit more than it helps. If the lettuce is picked the night before and kept in a cool area it should be in good condition for showing. The outer older leaves should be removed and only fresh crisp well colored leaves exhibited. It should be exhibited as an entire plant rather than individual leaves. Only one plant is required.

MUSKMELONS -- Harvest fruits when they separate easily from the vines. Specimens should be free of soft spots, mechanical injuries and discoloration. They should be wiped clean but not washed.

ONIONS -- Have specimens mature and thoroughly cured. The neck should be small. Do not peel to give a slick appearance. Only such outer scales that are broken or discolored should be removed. Small basal roots should be left intact but trimmed to a uniform length of 1/2 inch. Wipe or brush but do not wash.

TABLE ONIONS -- These are exhibited as green onions. Trim the tops to 3 inches long so the overall length should be 6 to 8 inches. Have 12 onions tied in the middle. The roots are trimmed to 1/2 inch length. In some cases the wrapper skin is removed to expose the long white shank. This is generally done just before showing as it often discolors if it stands too long. The general diameter of the onions should be 1/2 inch in diameter. They should be straight with a white stem and dark green leaves. The bulbs should not be enlarged. Some of the usual faults include crooked, poor colored stems, dry or discolored leaves, and bulbs enlarged or too small.

PEAS -- Select bright green, well filled pods with seeds at the best eating stage. Do not wash as "bloom" should be preserved. Exhibit 12 pods with stems attached.

PEPPERS -- Select specimens that are uniform in size, shape and color. They should be free of disease or other defects. Stems should be left 1/2 - 1 inch long. Wipe clean but do not wash the fruits.

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POTATOES -- Tubers should be uniform in size, shape and color. Washing is permitted but do not blemish the skin by scrubbing. Avoid specimens with defects or disease.

PUMPKINS -- Specimens should be mature and uniform in size, shape and color. Stems should be attached to the fruits. Wipe clean but do not wash.

RADISH -- The radish should be prepared by removing any discolored or injured leaves. The roots should be washed and tied in bunches of 12. They should be kept refrigerated until ready to exhibit. Only fresh, firm, crisp, good colored, smooth, and roots free of blemishes should be shown. Some of the common faults include spongy, wilted, or poorly colored roots. They should not be exhibited without the leaves.

RHUBARB -- The stalk should be pulled from the plant and the leaves trimmed so only 2 inches of the leaf blade remain attached to the petiole or leaf stalk. (Only 3 stalks need to be exhibited in a 4-H Exhibit.) The stalks should be straight, free of any blemishes and should have a good color. The faces of the leaf stalk should be clean and free of any soil.

SPINACH -- This vegetable is less succulent than leaf lettuce. However, some people still prefer to show it in a jar of water to prevent it from wilting. The best way is to display the entire plant with the roots removed. Trim the roots 1/4 inch from the bottom leaf. Be sure the leaves are clean, fresh and crisp. They should also be well colored and free from blemishes. Spinach is often wilted and poor colored together with insect damaged leaves.

SUMMER SQUASH -- Select small to medium size fruits when the rind is soft and easily punctured with thumbnail. Select specimens that are uniform in size, shape and color. Leave about 1/2 inch of stem and wipe fruits clean.

WINTER SQUASH -- Select mature specimens where the rind resists the pressure of the thumbnail. Fruits should be uniform in size, shape and color and free of defects. Leave stems attached to the fruits.

SWISS CHARD -- Select plants that are fresh, crisp, and have bright green leaves. Trim off roots and trim butts to a pyramid shape. Exhibit like celery.

TOMATOES -- Select fruits that are uniform in size, shape and color. Remove stems. Fruits should be perfectly shaped and free of cracks or blemishes.

WATERMELON -- Fruits should be mature but not overripe. Leave one inch of stem on each melon. Wipe but do not wash.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR. SATURDAY and SUNDAY AUGUST 22 and 23  
These are the dates for the MGCM Annual Flower and Vegetable Show at the Arboretum. We expect and hope every member will become a real exhibitor.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS  
1981 FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

1. Show Classes
  - A. Children's Class: A child sponsored by a member. The Sponsor must be available to assist the entrant in staging his horticultural material. This class will be broken up by age; Under 11 years of age, and 11 through 15. This class cannot compete for Court of Honor or National Awards.
  - B. Members' Class: A member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis or a member of a club especially invited to participate.
  - C. Open Class: A member or non-member over 16 years of age. This class cannot compete for Court of Honor or National Awards.
2. Exhibits may be entered and registered at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, August 22, 1981. Judging will begin at 12:00 noon.
3. No one will be permitted in the exhibition room during the judging, except members of the judging committee.
4. No exhibits may be removed until after 4:30 p.m., Sunday, August 23, except by permission of the show committee.
5. Identification of each competing entry will be by official registration tag upon which the name of the exhibitor will be concealed until after the judging has taken place. Entry tags will be color coded for each class.
6. Each exhibitor will be required to fill out a registration and scoring sheet to be delivered to the clerk in charge.
7. Exhibitors are not limited in the number of entries they may make in each class. Exhibitors may make more than one entry in each class provided that each entry is of a different variety and the name of the variety is specified on the entry tag, as in Dahlias, Roses, Tomatoes, etc. When varieties exist (unnamed) in color only, the color must be specified on the entry tag and an entry may be made in each color, as in Tuberous Begonias, Phlox, Zinnias, etc. Additional class numbers will be assigned by the staging committee at the exhibit table as needed. In miscellaneous classes, new numbers may be assigned if three or more entries of a species have been made and two or more are meritorious.
8. Judging will be strictly on the merits of the entry and more than one place may be awarded to an exhibitor in a class provided the Rule 7 is complied with.
9. Awards will be made on the merits of the entries and if in any class there are no entries worthy of awards, the judges may withhold any or all awards.
10. Section A entries will be exhibited in containers available at the Landscape Arboretum and at other designated locations. Section C entries will be exhibited on paper plates provided by the exhibitor.
11. Permanent trophies will be awarded to the winner of the greatest number of points based on 3 for first, 2 for second, and 1 for third and the Grand Champion in Sections A and B combined and in Section C. The Blackburn Award will be made to the member attaining the greatest number of points in Sections A and B combined. The Tom Foley Memorial Award will be made to the member attaining the greatest number of points in Section C. SEE NEXT SECTION.

12. Court of Honor Awards will be made to members with particularly meritorious exhibits in Sections A, B, C. (5 in Section A, 3 in Section B, and 5 in Section C). In addition, 2 points will be awarded for each exhibit on the Court of Honor towards the Sweetstakes tabulation.
13. National Awards will be made to the particularly meritorious Zinnia and Cucumber exhibits shown by a member.
14. All exhibits must have been grown and prepared for exhibition by the exhibitor. Assistance may be rendered in the area of exhibition preparation to entrants in the Children's Class.
15. The show will be open Saturday, August 22 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Everything including containers and personal property must be removed between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on August 23, 1981.

IMPORTANT! READ CAREFULLY

1. Make a thorough study of both the "Schedule of Entries" and the "Rules for Exhibitors", particularly Rule 7.
2. The registration and scoring sheet is your personal registration blank. Very important
3. On the upper right hand corner of the Registration and scoring sheet appears your personal Exhibitor's Number which will be entered by the Registration Clerk. Print your name and the name of your club plainly underneath this number.
4. Indicate the number of actual entries in the "No. of Entries" column using Class Number as per "Schedule of Entries" including all of the sub-entries under the main class numbers.
5. File this sheet, when fully completed, with the Registration Clerk when you enter your exhibit.
6. On each entry tag used, print your personal "Exhibitor's Number" and your name and the class number. Conceal your name by folding the tag and clipping the undercut.
7. When known, print the name of the variety of specimen on the entry tag.
8. After your entries have been listed, file the Registration Sheet with the Registration Clerk not later than 11:45 a.m. Saturday, August 22. Your cooperation in getting entries in well before the deadline will be appreciated.

To make the show a success we will need all of the flower and vegetable exhibits that you will have time to prepare and enter in a wide variety of colors and species. Your attention again is called to Rule 7. Prior to judging, the staging committee will subdivide classes where large numbers are entered. Example: Class 2, Aster, could end up 2A Aster, 2B Aster, red; 2C Aster, white; etc.

GOOD LUCK!

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS  
1981 FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

SCHEDULE OF FLOWER ENTRIES  
SECTION A

CLASS NUMBER

1	African Daisy	3 blooms	38	Lathyrus-Perennial Sweet Pea*	5 stems
2	Aster	3 blooms	39	Liatris	1 stem
3	Balsam	1 stalk	40	Lily	1 stalk
4	Begonia-Tuber-Rose*	1 bloom	41	Lupine	1 stem
5	Begonia-Tuber-Carnation*	1 bloom	42	Lythrum*	3 stems
6	Begonia-Tuber-Others* (4, 5, 6, no leaves)	1 bloom	43	Marigold-2½" and over	3 blooms
7	Begonia-Fibrous*	1 branch	44	Marigold- under 2½"	3 blooms
8	Calliopsis*	1 branch	45	Pansy- not Viola*	3 blooms
9	Canna	1 spike	46	Passion Vine (Branch not over 36" Exhibitor provide support)	1 branch
10	Celosia-Plumed	1 stalk	47	Petunia-double	1 branch
11	Celosia-Crested	1 stalk	48	Petunia-grand	1 branch
12	Chrysanthemum	1 spray	49	Petunia-single mult.	1 branch
13	Chrysanthemum-Spoon or Quill	1 spray	50	Phlox-Annual*	3 branches
14	Chrysanthemum-Exposition	1 bloom	51	Phlox-Perennial*	1 spike
15	Clematis (Branch not over 36" Exhibitor provide support)	1 branch	52	Rose-Hybrid Tea A-Red C-White E-Orange & Apricot B-Pink D-Yellow F-Bicolor	1 bloom
16	Cleome	1 stalk	53	Rose-Floribundia-Poly.* A-Red C-White E-Orange & Apricot B-Pink D-Yellow F-Bicolor	1 spike
17	Coleus-Foliage	1 stalk	54	Rose-Grandiflora*	1 spike
18	Coreopsis*	5 blooms	55	Rose-Miniature*	1 stem
19	Cosmos*	5 blooms	56	Rose-Climber	1 stem
20	Dahlia- AA or A A-Cactus C-Formal B-Semi-Cactus D-Informal	1 bloom	57	Rudbeckia-Gloriosa Daisy	3 blooms
21	Dahlia- B A-Cactus C-Formal B-Semi-Cactus D-Informal	1 bloom	58	Salpiglossis	3 stems
22	Dahlia- BB, Minature, Pom Pom	3 blooms	59	Salvia-Annual	3 stalks
23	Dahlia- Unwin, Colt	3 blooms	60	Salvia-Perennial	3 blooms
24	Delphinium	1 spike	61	Shasta Daisy*	3 blooms
25	Dianthus- Pinks*	5 blooms	62	Snapdragon A-Standard B-Butterfly	3 spikes
26	Carnation-Garden*	3 blooms	63	Verbena	3 branches
27	Digitalis	1 stem	64	Veronica	3 stalks
28	Gaillardia*	3 blooms	65	Zinnia A Large Dahlia B Cactus C All other	3 blooms
29	Geranium	1 stem	66	Other Annuals** Browallia, Lantana, Nicotiana, Stocks, Vinca, etc.	
30	Gladiolus A Large B Small	1 stalk	67	Other Perennials** Achillea, Astilbe, Campanula, Columbine, Lychnis, Monarda, Pentsteman, Potentilla, Pyrethrum, Solidago, etc.	
31	Heliopsis*	3 blooms			
32	Hemerocallis- Day Lilly	1 branch			
33	Hibiscus (Furnish own container)	1 bloom			
34	Heuchera- Coral Bells*	3 stems			
35	Hollyhock	1 stem			
36	Hosta	1 stem			
37	Impatiens	1 branch			

\*Denotes specimen to be shown in a pint container.  
\*\*Other varieties to be judged separately for awards.

SCHEDULE OF POTTED PLANTS AND HANGING BASKETS  
SECTION B

CLASS NUMBER

66	Begonia	Potted	81	African Violets	Potted
	A-Wax			A-Blues & Purples	
	B-Rex			B-White	
67	Begonia-Tuberous	Potted or hanging		C-Pinks & Reds	
68	Begonia-Fibrous	Potted or hanging	82	African Violet Miniatures	Potted
69	Ferns	Potted or hanging	83	Episcia	Potted
70	Aspapagus Ferns	Potted or hanging	84	Streptocarpus and other	Potted
71	Succulents	Potted		Gesneriads	
	A-Non-needed		85	Orchids	Potted
	B-Needled			A-Cattleya	
	C-Aloes			B-Paphiopedilum	
72	Palms	Potted		C-Phalaenopsis	
73	Ficus	Potted		D-All others	
74	Dieffenbachia	Potted	86	Terrariums & Dish Gardens	
75	Prayer Plant (Maranta)	Potted	87	Bonsai	
76	Aralia, Croton, Fatsia	Potted	88	Vining Foliage Plants	
77	Schefflera	Potted		A-Potted	
78	Dracaena	Potted		B-Hanging baskets	
79	Norfolk Pine	Potted	89	Other potted house plants	
80	Gloxinia	Potted	90	Other non-vining house plants in hanging baskets	

SCHEDULE OF VEGETABLE ENTRIES  
SECTION C

101	Beans - bush	12	120	Potatoes	5
	A Green; B Wax; C Lima			A White; B Red; C Russet	
102	Beans - pole	12	121	Pumpkin	1
	A Green; B Wax; C Lima			A Small pie	
103	Beets-table	5		B Field & Big Max	
104	Broccoli	1 head	122	Squash	
105	Brussel sprouts	12		A Summer	3
106	Cabbage	1 head		B Winter	1
107	Carrots	5	123	Tomato	
108	Cauliflower	1 head		A Red	3
109	Celery	1 stalk		B Yellow	3
110	Corn-sweet	3 ears		C Small Preserving	6
	A Yellow; B White; C Bicolor		124	Watermelon	1
111	Cucumber		125	Other vegetables not listed	
	A Slicing	3	126	Apples	
	B Pickling (below 5")	6		A Standard	3
112	Eggplant	1		B Crab	6
113	Kohlrabi	3	127	Grapes	3 bun.
114	Leek	3	128	Pears	3
115	Muskmelon	1	129	Plums	6
116	Okra	5 Pods	130	Raspberries	1 pt.
117	Onion	3	131	Strawberries	1 pt.
	A Yellow; B White; C Red		132	Other fruits not listed	
118	Parsnips	3	133	Patio vegetables	Potted
119	Peppers			Tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, etc.	
	A Sweet Bell	3	134	Herbs	Potted
	B Long hot	6			
	C Any other pepper	3			