

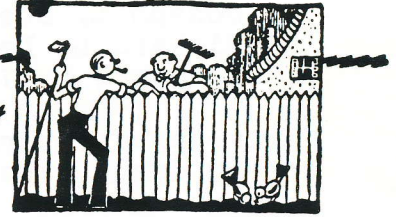


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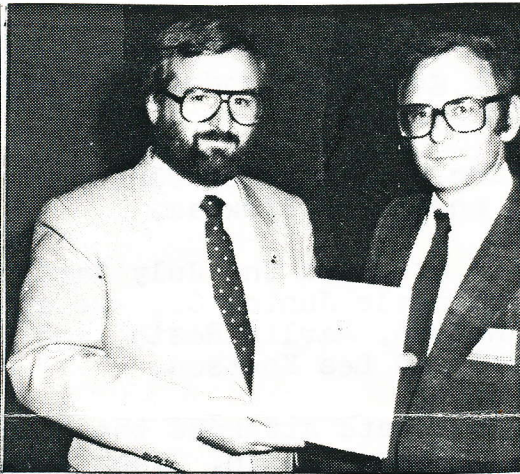
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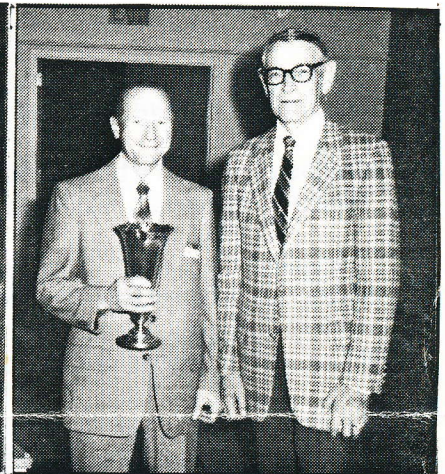
THREE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY MEETING



Jerry Shannon received the Blackburn Trophy for Flower Sweepstakes at the August Show from Charles Proctor.



Ray Marshall received the Past President's Award from his successor Jerry Shannon 1982 President.



Bob Smith received the Tom Foley Cup for Vegetable Sweepstakes at the August Show from Charles Proctor.

NEXT MGCM MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9th, 1982
(One week after Ground Hog Day; one day after Full Moon according to the MGCA 50th Anniversary Calendar.)

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 49th St. & Chowen Ave. S.
Dinner 6 P.M. Price \$5.00 Program 7 P.M.

OUR SPEAKER will be BRUCE JOHNSTONE, a former member and formerly Chief Horticulturist for Northrup King until his retirement. His TOPIC will be "THE INTERESTING WORLD OF FLOWER SEEDS".

Bruce will discuss the viability of seeds, their different characteristics and the methods used in their production. His presentation will include slides of growing ranges to give us a better idea of where the seeds we buy are produced. It should whet our appetites to plan our gardens and to get our seeds in time for spring planting.

GET THAT RESERVATION CARD BACK PROMPTLY!

At the January meeting Vern Carlson reported that Bill Cowcill was in North Memorial Hospital because of a broken hip.

1981 IN RETROSPECT

January of 1981 saw the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis beginning the year with 113 members.

From January to December, the following men joined our ranks:

Robert L. Smith	Leo J. Grebner	William G. Haddeland
Joseph L. Stenger	Raymond D. Campbell	Richard L. Tepley
Richard L. Leming	Daniel P. Jach	David Hoel
Theodore L. Johnson	Albert J. Rahlenbeck	

From January through December 1981, one of our members was separated from us by death. This member was C. A. "Jack" Peterson.

Excluding the March meeting which was held in conjunction with the Dayton-Bachman Flower Show, the July and August tours, the Flower and Vegetable Show, and the Christmas Party, 63 members and guests, on the average, attended the regular monthly meetings.

78 members and their 86 guests attended the dinner and tour of the Dayton-Bachman Flower Show in March.

Members who attended the Men's Garden Club of America convention in Austin, Texas were Ed Culbert and Sherm Pinkham.

44 members and 3 guests attended the July Garden Tour which viewed the Japanese Garden at Normandale Junior College and the gardens of George McCollough, Carleton Nelson, Marlin Rosin, and non-member gardens of Chuck King, Darlene Gelakoski and Les Knutson.

33 members and their 48 guests attended the August tour and visited the gardens of Nate Siegel, Russel Smith, Glenn Ray, Don Wilson, Jim Mielke, Bob Gage and non-members Al Corcoran and Roy Oelschlaeger.

34 members exhibited plant and vegetable material at the August Flower and Vegetable Show. 13 members visited the Show but did not exhibit.

80 members and 126 guests attended the 1981 Christmas Party.

Members winning awards in 1981 were:

Lehman Trophy - Carleton Nelson	Bronze Medal - Ev Haedecke
Tom Foley Memorial Trophy - Bob Smith	President's Cup - Ev Haedecke
Blackbourn Trophy - Jerry Shannon	

Three Industrial Landscape Awards were given in 1981. The recipients were: Bachman's Inc. on Lyndale Avenue South
Northwestern National Life Insurance Company in downtown Minneapolis
The senior citizen's housing complex at 7500 York Avenue South.

As of December 31, 1981, there were 124 members in our Men's Garden Club.
--Jerald Shannon, Secretary

WE GOOFED IN THE JANUARY SPRAY

It was Dave Johnson, not Bill Hull, who called off the list of long time members at the Christmas party. And, we omitted the name of Vic Lowrie who joined in 1946 - 35 years ago. We apologize to both.

--Ed.



Thoughts From the Gazebo

As I am writing these thoughts for the February issue of the "Spray", it is 25 degrees below zero, with a wind chill factor of close to 70 degrees below. The garden gazebo is hardly the place to reflect on thoughts for this article, so I have moved in front of the fireplace to do my thinking.

This year I am going to ask the Hospitality Committee to assume the function of the old calling committee, and resume the practice of calling all members before each meeting.

I would like to establish two new committees this year; a Calendar Committee and an Arbor Day Committee. During this past year both of these committees functioned in an ad hoc capacity, but the Board feels that they should become permanent committees. With the success of the calendar sales this year under Chet Groger's leadership, we feel that in 1982, monies generated from this project can be a valuable source of income for Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis.

The Arbor Day Committee this past year under the able leadership of Ev Haedecke, provided a valuable service to our community in the area of horticultural beautification and should be an annual event.

Chet Groger is tentatively planning on a repeat performance of having our March meeting take place in conjunction with the Dayton-Bachman Flower Show, and like last year guests also would be invited.

As members of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, I hope that all members of MGCM will help the Society in launching its "Mission 125", by attending the gala event planned for the Landmark Center in St. Paul on May 15, 1982. Read the January 1982 issue of the Minnesota Horticulturist in regard to "Mission 125", and learn about the goals for the Minnesota Horticultural Society during its second one hundred years.

J. Shannon

MGCM BUDGET FOR 1982. APPROVED AT JANUARY MEETING

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1981 BUDGET</u>	<u>1981 ACTUAL</u>	<u>1982 BUDGET</u>
Dues	2,750.00	2,703.00	2,875.00
Spring Plant Auction	1,400.00	2,217.67	2,250.00
Monthly Meetings	2,750.00	3,465.75	2,900.00
Tours	1,000.00	673.50	750.00
Christmas Party	1,800.00	1,725.50	1,800.00
Interest on Savings	600.00	615.51	600.00
Monthly Plant Auction	150.00	216.90	225.00
MGCA Calendar Fund Receipts	NEW	3,250.00	3,250.00
Miscellaneous Income	50.00	3.00	50.00
TOTALS	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>14,870.83</u>	<u>14,700.00</u>

<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Members dues to MGCA	1,100.00	1,080.00	1,100.00
Members dues to MN. Hort. Soc.	660.00	660.00	775.00
Spring Plant Auction	600.00	1,337.45	900.00
Monthly Meetings	2,500.00	3,408.43	2,850.00
Garden Spray Expense	1,050.00	994.04	1,075.00
Tour Expenses	800.00	558.38	650.00
Christmas Party	1,800.00	1,728.33	1,900.00
Monthly Plant Auction	50.00	28.33	50.00
Flower and Vegetable Show	200.00	385.76	400.00
Arboretum Project	350.00	350.00	350.00
Remembrances	150.00	21.01	100.00
Awards and Trophies	100.00	195.75	100.00
National Convention Delegates	200.00	200.00	500.00
Honorariums	100.00	16.50	75.00
MGCA Life Membership (outgoing Pres.)	100.00	100.00	100.00
Directory Expenses	100.00	132.91	175.00
Brochure Expense	100.00	22.95	100.00
Memorials	290.00	25.00	200.00
MGCA Calendar Fund Costs	NEW	2,769.40	2,750.00
Arbor Day Project	NEW	NEW	250.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	250.00	119.77	300.00
TOTALS	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>14,134.01</u>	<u>14,700.00</u>

Year end revenue over expenses will be applied to, e.g. Lyndale Garden Project and Fragrance Garden, at the discretion of the Board.

MGCM CASH REPORT FOR 1981

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1981	\$14,880.83	
LESS EXPENSES FOR 1981	<u>14,134.01</u>	
NET PROFIT		\$ 746.82
of which the Fragrance Garden Income was		<u>52.37</u>
Regular Club activity income was		694.45
Designated as dues rebate		<u>253.00</u>
Undesignated balance of the 1981 net income is		\$ 441.45
 CASH ON HAND AS OF 12/31/81:		
Checking	\$ 3,276.00	
Cash Fund	50.00	
Savings at 12% Interest	4,692.85	
Savings at 5-1/2% Interest (Fragrance Garden)	<u>730.73</u>	
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF 12/31/81		\$8,749.58

SOME COMMITTEE(S) NEED YOU

The vitality of MGCM is directly proportional to how actively you participate on the committees, which are the life blood of your club.

If you did not do so at the January meeting, please put a check in front of the committee in which you would like to serve and return this page (with your signature) to Jerald Shannon, 1847 Eleanor Ave., St. Paul, MN. 55116.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS 1982 COMMITTEES

Garden Tours:

To select gardens for summer tours; visit ahead of time the gardens to be toured; make arrangements for transportation and all special requirements for the tour.

Plant Auction:

To plan, solicit and obtain plants and materials; select the site, and stage the auction as a fund raising activity for club projects and obligations.

Christmas Party:

To plan and make all arrangements for the club's annual gala event - the grand finale of the year - the Christmas Party.

Sunshine Committee:

To keep in touch with members who are hospitalized or ill; send appropriate get well cards signed by members; send plants/flowers as directed; use hospitality calling committee for emergency notifications.

Auditing Committee:

To annually audit all records of the club; guide record keeping procedure of Treasurer; give annual club audit report.

Flower/Vegetable Show Committee:

To plan, promote, supervise, and make all necessary arrangements for the club's annual flower/vegetable show.

Community (Fragrance) Garden Committee:

To plan and organize planting; rework (as authorized) projects and maintenance of the garden area; supervise actual work of planting and maintenance; maintain photographic exhibits of committee activities.

Buddy/Membership Committee:

To assist new members in attendance at the meetings, introduction (hosting); assist club board to gain and maintain membership; promote the club and all its activities.

Arbor Day Committee:

To select and arrange the planting of a tree in the metropolitan area on Arbor Day.

Hospitality Committee:

To greet new and old members at each club meeting - making everyone welcome; issue and collect name tags - special handling of
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guests; assist treasurer in collection and tallies of dinners and other monies and issuance of meal tickets; maintain reservations/attendance roster; offer/arrange assistance in the form of transportation of members with transportation problems; coordinate functions with the Buddy/Membership Committee; maintain a telephone committee to inform members of meetings and special events.

Trophies/Awards Committee:

To monitor and account for all trophies/awards issued by the club; to establish criteria for awards/trophies; arrange for all engraving; make presentations at the appropriate event and/or at designated trophy/award meetings.

Photography Committee:

To plan, promote and solicit professional photos of members' flower and vegetable gardens, landscape projects, decks/patio, and other gardening interests; include club projects and special tours so as to have available for presentation to the club membership at monthly scheduled meetings.

Calendar Committee:

To work with membership in the sales of M.G.C.A. calendars and their distribution.

Historian:

To write and maintain records of all events, activities, functions of the Mens' Garden Club of Minneapolis; include community activities, functions, and events worthy of recording.

Nominating Committee:

Composed of the present club President and the past five club Presidents who will solicit and select from within the club membership individuals to fill the offices of President, Vice President (program chairman), Secretary, Treasurer, and four (4) Directors. Every attempt will be made to upgrade the current membership of the board and add one (1) new Director each year.

I would be willing to serve as chairman or co-chairman of the committee/committees I chose above.

Members Name _____

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GREEN THUMB AWARD WINNERS FOR 1981

(Presentation made by Archie Caple for Bill Hull who could not be present.)

One Year Perfect Attendance (1981)

Burton Deane	Bob Livingston	Philip Peterson
Paul Lindstedt	Carlton Nelson	Sherman Pinkham

Two Years Perfect Attendance (1980 and 1981)

Ed Culbert	Chet Groger
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Six Years Perfect Attendance (1976 through 1981)

Fred Glasoe

plus Robert L Smith, who was awarded his one year certificate for 1981 at the April 1982 meeting. Jerry Shannon had discovered his error.

MGCM TAKES TRIP TO THE HIMALAYAS AT JANUARY MEETING

by Andy Marlow

A trip to the "Rooftop of the World" was on the itinerary of members attending the January meeting of MGCM. Though we travelled via slide projector, and not wide-bodied jet, the evening was a pleasant respite from the January cold snap that had temperatures plunging to -20° F. the weekend before.

Our tour guide and photographer was Dr. Francis De Vos, Director of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Dr. De Vos was formerly assistant director of the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. It was in that capacity that he made two extended trips to the Himalayas in 1962 and 1965 to collect new ornamental specimens. The 1962 expedition took him to Nepal and in 1965 he travelled to the Indian provinces of Bengal and Sikkim. Both expeditions were under the joint sponsorship of the U.S.D.A. supplying the explorers and Longworth, the former estate of Pierre DuPont, the necessary funds.

De Vos pointed out that new plant material is important both for its own sake and to renew the gene pool to strengthen and improve existing stock. In fact, he said, most of the food plants and ornamentals we now grow in this country are not native to North America. There's been a constant influx of new material since the first colonists brought with them the plants they were accustomed to growing in their native lands. Expeditions such as the two De Vos described are conscious, and expensive, efforts to continue that tradition.

Despite the nearly 20 years that have elapsed since he was there, De Vos' memories of the experience are still as sharp as the focus on the many slides he shared with us. He recalled that just getting into Nepal on the first trip was a chore. First, clearance had to be obtained from the Indian government, which handled all foreign relations for the Nepalese. Then, once in the Nepalese capital of Katmandu, permission had to be obtained to travel into the countryside--or, I should say, mountainside. De Vos said that patience was the most necessary quality for the trip, even more necessary than the stamina required for clambering about the sides of 20,000 foot plus mountains.

The areas visited by De Vos are at about the same latitude as northern Florida, but their altitude makes for a wide variety of climates. Also, the area is divided up into hundreds of separate valleys, each of which may contain unique variations of plants found throughout the area. Often a search through many different valleys would finally turn up slight differences, such as unusual flower color, that would make a plant worthy of collection. Because of the transportation and communication difficulties, few cuttings were made. They would have perished before reaching the National Arboretum. Therefore, seeds, spores and the like were obtained and preserved for shipment back to the U.S.

If members learned nothing else from De Vos' talk, it is that rhododendrons are really trees. They sometimes reached 3 to 4 feet in diameter with a height of 60 to 70 feet. There appeared to be an almost infinite variety of flower colors and sizes. Among other specimens viewed on slide were euonymous with fruit the size of a half-dollar, a fall-blooming cherry and a yellow-flowered dutchman's pipe. Also found was a very red relative of the cucumber, from which De Vos hoped a red, edible cucumber might be developed. However, the plant was never successfully grown here. The rhododendrons collected have proved useful. They have been interbred with existing varieties to develop hardier types.

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As you might guess from the mention of rhododendrons, the plants collected on these two trips have done best in the Pacific Northwest, an area with a climate and heavy rainfall similar to Nepal, where rainfall averages anywhere from 60 to 130 inches per year and temperatures rarely dip much below freezing. Very few can be grown in our area. For that reason, De Vos would like to organize an expedition to Manchuria, in northeastern China, where the climate is much like our own. In fact, a Chinese botanist who has been a visiting scientist at the Arboretum thinks that's a good idea, too, and is trying to persuade his government to authorize such a trip. Since the Chinese are usually reluctant to let outsiders wander about their countryside, it may take awhile. But several years from now, Dr. De Vos may entertain and enlighten another MGCM meeting with stories and slides from that part of the world.

Stan Crist in GARDENING IN MINNETONKA gives information we feel is worth passing on. "When the garden catalogs begin to come, you know that spring can't be far away. But do you feel a bit frustrated when looking through the catalogs? Which of the varieties should I order? A good way to begin is to phone the County Extension Office (472-4285) and ask for a copy of the "Suggested Variety" list. ("Recommended varieties" is a no-no word.)

"A record is kept of every inquiry made to the Extension Office. When it comes time to make appropriations to operate the office, those who make the allocations want to know how many people are making use of the service. The office is supported jointly by federal, state and county funds. So if you think the service is valuable, make use of it. Better yet, if you have found the service helpful, let our elected officials know."

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