

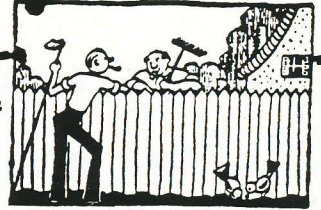


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You're invited

Spring Sale

AUCTION

QUALITY HOME GROWN NURSERY STOCK.

Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis
Annual Plant Sale and Auction

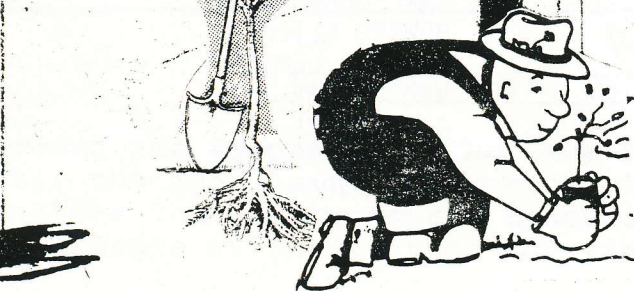
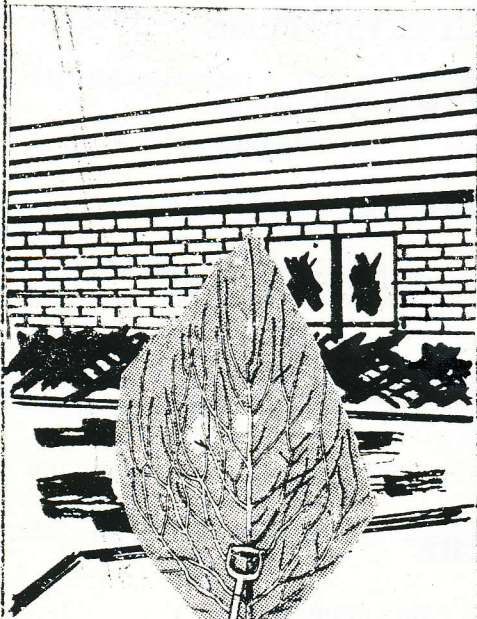
Wednesday May 12, 1982

Linden Hills Park Recreation Building
43rd & Xerxes Avenue South

5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Country Store + Auction
Dinner - Price \$3.75

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION CARD AT ONCE



...it's Spring

PLANNING TIME

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

COME ONE! COME ALL!

ANNUALS PERENNIALS VEGETABLES SHRUBS

HANGING BASKETS PATIO PLANTS FRUIT TREES AND VINES

ALL ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU JUST IN TIME

- MEMBERS, SPOUSES, GUESTS INVITED -

TO

MGCM PLANT SALE AND AUCTION

-RELAXED DINING -

- VARIETY OF PLANTS AND SPECIALTY ITEMS -

- BIGGER AND BETTER COUNTRY STORE -

- DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS' GARDENS NEEDED -

- ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT CLUB PROJECTS -

- BOXED DINNER AND BEVERAGE \$3.75 -

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Thoughts From the Gazebo

April finally has arrived! The snow is gone, the winter mulch has been pulled back, the crocus, snowdrops, scilla are in bloom, and the other spring bulbs are beginning to grow. Some of the wildflowers, such as the hepatica will be blooming this week and others such as the bloodroot will soon follow. Yes, the spring garden around the gazebo is coming to life. I do believe "spring has sprung" and the happy days of gardening is just beginning.

During the week of Easter, I set up the largest of my coldframes and moved outside all the perennial transplants along with the geraniums, primula, and cool weather vegetables such as cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and parsley. They are relishing in their new bright outdoor environment. In ten days or so, they will be planted in their permanent garden location.

Last evenings meeting was such fun, over seventy-six members and their guests were in attendance. The panel members presented such an outstanding program, and with Dr. Turnquist's suggestion, I am out looking for "Green Ice" leaf lettuce. I hope everyone present enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

As you read this article, it will be May, and means that it is time for the plant auction and sale for the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. This is our major fund raising project for the year and will be held on Wednesday, May 12. Make out your shopping list of garden plant needs, bring your money, wife, and other garden friends, and let's make the auction a rousing success.

Jerry Shannon

WE'LL PLANT TREES ON THURSDAY MAY 13th

Let around the fountain in the Lake Harriet Rose Garden at 10 A.M. the day after the auction for a tree planting ceremony--our first effort to help restore the beauty of the Lyndale Park area. Check with Ray Marshall or Ev. Haedecke at the auction for final details.

THE MARCH MEETING IN REVIEW

One hundred sixty of us (71 members, 89 wives/guests) gathered at tables of 6 and 8 in Dayton's Sky Room on March 25 for our 1982 Dayton-Bachman Flower Show dinner meeting. Vice-president Chet Groger presided in the absence of President Jerry Shannon who was in Atlanta, Georgia, attending the national Elementary Principals Association meetings. Before introducing speaker Fred Glasoe, Chet put in a plug for Mission 125, circulars concerning which he had distributed to us as we entered the dining room.

Fred, in turn, started by holding up a copy of the May 1982 issue of FLOWER AND GARDEN magazine whose lead article, "An Idea-Packed Garden", featured MGCM member Roger Koopmans' garden. There were color pictures and a yard lay-out sketch. Roger said afterwards, "I couldn't afford to buy that kind of publicity". If you haven't seen the article, buy, beg, or borrow a copy of the magazine. No MGCM member has been so honored since years ago BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS featured Al Blackburn's garden on Minnehaha Creek.

Fred continued with a few comments about the origin of tulips and about his travels in Europe while teaching in the Armed Forces Dependents Schools then showed selected slides of spring flowers in Holland. These he commented upon from time to time. A major part of the showing was of fields of tulips -- "like fields of wheat in Dakota". This gave Fred an opportunity to emphasize planting tulips in masses of one color and to decry planting them "one at a time, a foot apart, for ever and ever and ever".

He told us tulips in the growing fields were not allowed to go to seed; that children picked off the flower heads and made garlands of them for sale. He had slides to demonstrate this. He told us the fields were overplanted with broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower for fall.

For variety Fred had slides of: trial grounds with tulips labeled for the information of potential buyers; rows of single family houses ("not common in Europe") with front yards resplendent with tulips; flower packed parks; canals in Amsterdam ("More canals than in Venice and smell much better"); and, costumed Hollanders in Volendam. One young woman kept showing up in pictures chosen apparently to rib Fred's wife, Beth.

Then, closing with a poem composed for the occasion, he sent us on to the show area redolent with the fragrance of hyacinths. Featured were beds of tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, frittelarias, cinerarias, azalias flanked with rhododendrons, red-osier dogwood and other shrubs, and backed up with large river birches in full foliage. Central to all was a huge tree festooned with Spanish moss. At its foot in an open space were the unused makings of a picnic and a women's straw hat. I looked in vain for the woman but all I could see were live birds in the tree and under the bushes.

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Many things grow in the garden that were never sowed there. --Proverb

All gardeners know better than other gardeners. --Proverb

FROM THE ARCHIVES, RE: AUCTIONS, TREE PLANTING

May 13, 1947. "The Annual Auction Sale was held on this date in the Park Board Maintenance Building. A fine buffet dinner at 85¢ was disposed of and then a short program followed.---The plant sale with our Number One auctioneer, Frank Janes, putting on the pressure was a real success. 177 items were sold and \$143.70 was added to the treasury.---"

May 13, 1952. "The Country Store and Auction held at the Park Board greenhouse started at 3:30 P.M. and lasted until nearly 11 P.M.---(It) turned into the club treasury the sum of \$423.26---"

May 10, 1955. "Our Spring Auction was held as usual in the Park Board greenhouse. Dinner was served at 5:30 by a caterer. The material left over from the Country Store sale in the afternoon was sold at auction in the evening with Doc Stillman and his robber gang of Haedecke, Blackburn, Cerney, Menzel and Sherman producing a gross take of over \$700 which netted the club nearly \$600---."

April 8, 1952. "---The most important part of this meeting was the report of the Civic Interest Committee with Cortis Rice as chairman.---Arrangements had been made by the Committee for the purchase wholesale of about 200 flowering crabapple trees of the five most desirable varieties and an agreement had been reached with the Park Board for a very desirable location near the Rose Gardens where the trees were to be planted by members of the club as a donation to the Park Board and to be known as a Mens' Garden Club Memorial. Each member was asked to buy one or more of the trees and to donate and personally plant at least one in the area selected. As was to be expected, the sale was a huge success and enough trees were purchased at this meeting to make a fine showing when they reached flowering age."

May 3, 1952. "Although a very warm day a surprising number of men turned out and as a result all trees which had arrived were in place by noon. We were greatly helped by the expert advice and actual labor of Park Board members Doel, Lucking, Dhainen and Holtz. The location, pruning and actual planting was done under their personal direction." (Editors Note: The Park Board members cited were also MGCM members.)

APRIL 1982, and NOT FROM OUR ARCHIVES. In GARDENING IN MINNETONKA. Stan Crist, editor, quotes their president thus. "We have several planting projects to be done this spring. We need help with the work and anyone who can give of his time and skill would be greatly appreciated. The projects include Excelsior, Wayzata and now the City of Deephaven has asked us to help them with some flower plantings at their new Heathcote Park. It would be nice to have plantings in all the areas of Lake Minnetonka representing the Minnetonka MGC."

"Membership and participation in the Garden Club is a valuable and learning experience. However, I have found that from time to time one receives confusing, if not opposing information from other gardeners. For example, we've all participated in or overheard a conversation which went something like: "Anyone can grow a _____." "Well, then, why did mine die?" "Oh, that's simple. You over (under) watered it. It must have had too much (not enough) sunlight. Also, the pot is too big (small) and it really needed more (no) fertilizer." After this conversation and deciding to really find out what was the matter with your _____, you decide to read up on it a little and then you discover that it was an annual after all."

--Harold Way in the CORT-LAND SOD BUSTER

MGCA HISTORIAN NAMED ...

John H. Leonard, president, announced the appointment of WILLIAM H. HULL, MGCA Past President as MGCA Historian effective March 1.

Following action taken at the Delegates Session at the Austin Convention last June, Past President Hull assumes the responsibility for MGCA and will have a working fund of \$150.00 as requested by the delegates.

A member of the MINNEAPOLIS MEN'S GARDEN CLUB, a life member and recently retired from the medical publishing arena, Bill has been chairman of the MGCA Awards Committee for a number of years. He is also a winner of the MGCA SILVER MEDAL AWARD.

We welcome Past President Hull to this new responsibility and extend our appreciation to him for his past efforts for MGCA and look forward to his work in pulling together many of the aspects of MGCA's history which until now have not been carried forward.

— by MGCA Office Staff



Each spring...a gardening instinct, sure as the sap rising in the trees, stirs within us. We look about and decide to tame another little bit of ground.

--Lewis Gannett

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50th Anniversary Convention

The dates are August 7, 8, 9 and 10th at
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