

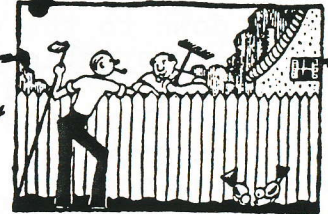


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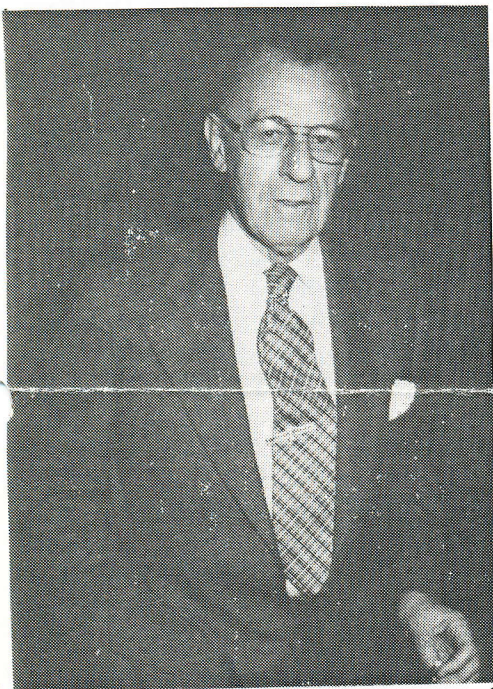
DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MAN?

HE JOINED LATE IN 1980.

TAKE A LONG, LINGERING LOOK AT YOUR GARDEN
THEN COME PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT IT
OVER THE TABLE AT THE

NEXT MGCM MEETING

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 8, 1981
RICHFIELD AMERICAN LEGION CLUB
6501 PORTLAND AVENUE SOUTH 6:00 P.M.
DINNER \$5.00



George W. Wilharm

Our program this evening again features one of our own members, Roger Koopmans landscape architect par excellence. If you were on the August 1977 tour you saw the wonders he can work. The April 1980 SPRAY showed pictures of some of his garden handiwork.

Bring an interested friend or neighbor.

GET YOUR RESERVATION CARD BACK AT ONCE!!

GOOD NEWS

The next issue of the GARDENER will announce the First International MGCA Field Trip in Mexico, Nov. 28 to Dec. 7, 1981. This is an MGCA Southwest Region and Texas Garden Club sponsored Field Study Program involving archeology, anthropology, horticulture and floriculture. Cost will be \$585 per person, air transportation to and from Mexico City additional. Air arrangements can be made to join the group at Houston, San Antonio or Mexico City.

For brochures or additional information write or call David D. Polan; 3405 Daffodil; McAllen, Tx. 78501. Tel. (512) 686-8176. If you just want a quick peek at the brochure Ed. Culbert has a copy.

Bill Hull, though he still must wear his neck brace, is now able to go out to dinner with Carol upon occasion. AND, He's so glad to get into the garden again for a look-see that he wrote a report on a new cucumber for the SPRAY.

Bud Christenson, still in Abbott-Northwestern Hospital (August 18), is now getting physical therapy in the Sister Kenny unit. He is in fine spirits and working hard at recovery.



PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE
THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING.

In any organization there are times when it doesn't run efficiently and breaks down to the chagrin of both the people running it and of the people in it. Frustration and division are the result; both of which are counter productive. I used to work for a man who was one of the best bosses I have ever had. His rule of thumb was: "When the organization breaks down or there are problems it is time to establish policies and procedures so the same thing does not happen again." In this light the Board of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis has written for your approval constitutional by-law changes that will allow initiative and referendum from the floor and the overturning of a board decision by members. This by-law change appears in this SPRAY issue. A lot of work went into this change and I am sure you will see it will help the club. Cameron Smith wrote the original draft. The final copy was rewritten by Jerry Shannon, Archie Caple, and Chet Groger with revisions by Cameron. I urge you to approve this change at our October meeting.

It is fun to be the president of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. It is fun because there are so many fine working members in the club. Fred Glasoe did an outstanding job on the tours this year. Bob Livingston conducted a great auction. Donal O'Donnell has set up a fine program. Charlie Proctor did a tremendous job on the Flower Show and Nate Siegel has worked hard on the Fragrance Garden. With good men like that working for you, how can you miss? I appreciate, too, the work the board does. We are lucky in such a busy society to have so many good men give of their time for our organization. Whenever you list people who are doing a good job you are afraid to leave someone out. We are lucky to have persons like Ed Culbert to be editor of our paper and Vern Carlson to be the head of our sunshine committee. Each puts in a lot of time on his job. I want all to know their work is appreciated.

--Ray Marshall

JULY GARDEN TOUR
by Andy Marlow

The Garden Tour Committee made the proper arrangements with the weather service for the on again-off again rain on the evening of July 14. It rained while we rode about Bloomington and environs, but let up almost every time we emerged to view gardens. A most convenient arrangement!

The evening began at Normandale Community College with a tour of the College's Japanese garden conducted by Yvonne Bublitz of the Bloomington Garden Club. The garden designed by architect Takao Watanabe includes three rare and beautiful imported lanterns hand-carved from granite. Japanese gardens include water and rock, as well as vegetation, to create a place for rest and meditation. The vegetation includes two specimen ginkos at the entrance, Japanese lilacs and maples, many Red Splendor crab apples and a wide variety of pines, which are being formed into graceful curves by Mr. Watanabe and local Japanese-Americans he's training to care for the plant materials. A waterfall, central pond and stream supply the pleasant sight and sound of running water. An island in the shape of a turtle and another with a white, red and black Bentendo provide visual interest. The garden was a project of the Bloomington Garden Club.

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Just a few blocks away, our bus pulled into a church parking lot, leading to lots of speculation about what we might see next. It was actually to let us enter MGCM treasurer George McCollough's back yard. We were greeted by a bright orange display from two of the largest trumpet vines I have ever seen. George says they grow quite well in this climate and that his only problems are keeping them contained and picking up the fallen blossoms. A nice display of summer phlox and lilies led us back to the terraced corner of the yard, where petunias edged each of the three tiers leading up to the rose garden at the top. Vegetables were nicely integrated into the scheme of things in another corner. A second-level screened porch allows George to enjoy it all bug-free.

Despite the rather gray evening, the 5000 marigolds blooming in Carlton Nelson's yard brightened us up. A 75' bed of many colors and sizes of marigolds lined the street where our bus parked. Nelson grows all his plants from seed each spring, bringing them along in his greenhouse and coldframes. Lest he be thought a narrow specialist, Carlton's yard also features 15 tree roses, 400 cannas, about 100 dahlias and a vegetable garden big enough to house 54 nearly tree-sized tomato plants. He says getting done work at 2:30 every day makes it all possible.

Darlene Gelakoski's home was proof-positive that front yards can be deceiving. From the rather plain front yard, we stepped around into an almost magical back yard. A lean-to greenhouse attached to the east side of the house was stacked from floor to roof with every imaginable kind of succulent. Along the yard's north border were several scallop-shaped gardens with lilies, phlox, peonies and other perennials edged with brightly blooming petunias, marigolds and snapdragons. To the west was a small wooded area with a large willow and other trees sheltering hostas and a useful and charming screen house. To the south, was a small rock garden and, then, along the edge of the yard, the vegetable garden. There wasn't a weed in sight and the soil looked so rich anything could grow there.

Roses are the specialty of Dr. Marlin Rosin. Despite some drastic rearrangement of his garden just now beginning most of his 125 mature roses were in bloom. Some are as old as 10 years, but all are healthy vigorous plants, averaging 3-4' in height. While the roses, in large center and border beds in a long yard leading to a lake, catch the eye first there was much more to see. An extensive iris bed was awaiting a move to another area; orchids were being summered in a shady arbor; raspberries were bearing near the lakeshore. The entire yard was set off by a dozen Austrian pines grown from Christmas seed sent to Dr. Rosin.

Charles King's garden has been featured on tours. The foundation plantings of juniper in the front are surrounded by pink geraniums; they in turn by dusty miller. The north side of the house had a delightful garden of shade-loving tuberous begonias and coleus. In the back yard, daylilies lined the fence on the north side. Lilies, hibiscus, salvia, cosmos and snaps graced the center of the yard, while the south side behind the garage was devoted to vegetables. It was clear from the evidence that the King family has been enjoying lots of red-stemmed swiss chard this summer. Burpless cucumbers hung from a portion of fence pitched at a 30° angle. Beans were climbing another 10' section of fence nearby. The best of Charles' flowers are yet to come. The entire south side of the house is lined 3' deep with chrysanthemums of many varieties and I counted another 20 flats of mums along the back of the house nearly ready for transplanting. Next to the flats was the largest jade tree I've seen in the Twin Cities outside of the Como Conservatory. (Almost 4" in diameter through the trunk.)

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The sign at the end of Les Knutson's driveway says "Stop If You Wish". We did and it was well worth it. The driveway, lined its entire length with roses, led us to a back yard with three large rose beds. Also in the back yard we saw white asters 2-1/2' high and nearly ready to bloom. Their advanced development was the envy of several other aster growers. Les' Super Steak tomatoes also caught the eye. They stood more than 5' tall and were loaded with fruit. The Knutson yard is centered around a large grape arbor completely covered with vines and with clusters of fruit hanging through the overhead slats. Baskets of large-flowered impatiens hung in the arbor --a pleasant place from which to view the yard. On the north side of the house, Les has created a functional work area nicely screened by variegated dogwood.

Just as we pulled out of our last stop, headed back for Normandale Community College, the sun began to peek out from behind the clouds and treat us to a colorful sunset. It was appropriate punctuation for our evening's journey.

1982 MGCA CALENDARS

Attached to this copy of the SPRAY is your Calendar Sales Form to use as you sell the new MGCA 1982 Calendar during the rest of the year. The letter on the back from Bob Smith, committee chairman in Spokane, explains its use. The initial sales period is from now until the end of September, when first orders should be placed in order to determine the quantity to be printed for delivery by November 1st. Additional calendars will be printed, allowing members to continue selling until the supply is gone. Our goal is 35,000 calendars, or 5 per member, which will bring the cost to our club down considerably below the \$1.70 figure quoted now.

When you are asked to turn in your order to our club, please give or send your check for the number of calendars you want at \$2.00 each. Our club will retain the \$.30 each until delivery is made and will receive a cash rebate for the expected lower price, or additional free calendars. This can prove to be a money-making project for our club each year and, at the same time, can provide a reasonably priced gardening calendar for family use, for gifts and for sale to your friends and anyone needing a calendar.

We have 12 sample calendars for circulation among members. I will try to keep track of which member has them as they are passed around. If you need a sample, please call me and I will locate the nearest one to you. We also have a supply of receipt forms which will be with the sample calendars. I'm sure each of you can use several calendars and I hope all of you will participate in the calendar program.

--Chet Groger - 922-6411

Installment 8, last in Cameron Smith's fine series on Plant Propagation From Cuttings, deals with a practical automatic mist system. It takes 3 pages and, because of the calendar sale material, had to be deferred until the October issue of the SPRAY.

The club contributed \$25 to Temple Baptist Church as a memorial to our honorary member "Jack" Peterson. This type of action is now specifically provided for in the proposed amendments to our by-laws.

If borer afflicted after harvest pull up and deposit cucurbit vines in the garbage. Treat diseased tomato vines similarly.

Don't plant any more than your wife can take care of. You may not always be around.

In order to provide guidance for the Club in management of its affairs, it is suggested that the following Article III be added to our present By-Laws (Dated March 23, 1980).

ARTICLE III

Management of the Club's Affairs

Section 1. General. While the membership retains the right to directly manage all of the affairs of the Club, it chooses, for reasons of convenience and efficiency, to vest certain powers in its elected Board and, through it, in its appointed committees.

Individual decisions of the Board are subject to referendum as specified in Section 2.

Club members may also cause the Club to act on any issue that may properly come before the Club membership through the initiative process as specified in Section 3.

Section 2. Referendum. A referendum shall be the process of rejection (or affirming) entire individual decisions of the Board by the Club membership.

A referendum on any Board decision shall be held on petition of any ten (10) Club members in good standing. Such petitions may be made in writing at any time to the Board or in person by members at a properly called meeting of the membership or the Board.

A vote on any referendum petition shall be conducted at the first properly called business meeting of the membership which occurs after proper notice is given. The text of any referendum petition and notice of the vote on any such petition shall be included with written notice of the meeting of the membership at which the matter will be considered.

A referendum to rescind an act or decision of the Board shall pass on a vote of three-quarters ($3/4$) or more of the members present, providing there is a quorum present.

Section 3. Initiative. Initiative issues shall be defined as new issues, both monetary and non-monetary, over which the Board has been given jurisdiction by these By-Laws.

An initiative may be presented on petition of any ten (10) members in good standing. Such petitions must be first presented in writing for consideration by the Board at any time or in person by members at a properly called meeting of the membership or the Board.

If the Board, after consideration, recommends approval of an initiative, unamended, it will pass the issue and announce the fact at the next properly called business meeting.

If the Board, after consideration, rejects an initiative issue, the text of the initiative shall be published in the next written notice of a properly called business meeting of the membership for the purpose of membership consideration and further discussion or action at that meeting.

A vote on any initiative petition, after rejection by the Board and subsequent discussion, shall be conducted and the initiative shall pass on a vote of three-quarters ($3/4$) or more of the members present, providing there is a quorum present.

(The remaining Articles shall be renumbered, using the next succeeding number)

In order to provide continuity in the remembrance of our departed members, it is suggested that the present Article VIII be amended as follows:

ARTICLE VIII

Budget

Section 3. Memorials. The Board shall consider suitable recognition of members within three months of notification of death. Memorials in the form of gifts of money, goods or services may be made to appropriate non-profit institutions.

Pan-American Plant Company says anyone can grow an African violet and keep it blooming if:

- Plants are watered thoroughly when soil feels dry to the touch.
- Correct lighting is maintained. If leaves remain horizontal, lighting is right. Too little light and leaves will stretch vertically. Too much and they will curl around the pot.
- Plants are fertilized every other watering in spring and summer, every fourth watering in fall and winter.
- High humidity is maintained. Place violets on a tray of wet sand or gravel. Do not let plants stand in water.
- Use containers with drainage holes, and a soil with good drainage properties.

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