

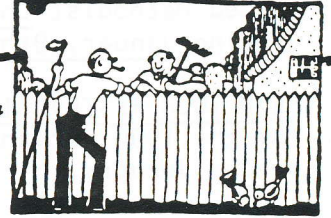


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Ring in the New Year.

Nicollet Mall is eerily quiet. Tiny lights still glitter on the trees. Store windows are lighted but few pedestrians linger in the cold to gaze within. A light snow is falling. It is early January.

New Years has come and gone. It may have been welcomed tumultuously, or quietly, or even slept through. Resolutions made may already have been broken. It's high time to greet fellow gardeners with a warm "HAPPY NEW YEAR" as we gather together at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, Chowen Avenue at 49th St., Minneapolis at 6 P.M. on Tuesday evening January 9th for dinner (\$6.00) and conversation followed by a talk.

SEND YOUR RESERVATION CARD BACK TO SECRETARY REED SONSTEGARD AT ONCE. Note: Sign up for the 1990 permanent reservation list at this meeting. The 1989 list is not good beyond January.

Merle Pulley reports that the featured speaker for the meeting will be ANN HANCHEK, Extension Environmental Horticulturist, with the University of Minnesota Department of Horticulture. Ms. Hanchek will be speaking on NEW ISSUES IN HORTICULTURE.

Some of the topics she will discuss will be:

- Alternative agriculture issues.
- Yard waste.
- Integrated pest management, and,
- Other consciousness raising issues.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

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DIRECTORS PLAN FOR 1990 AT NOVEMBER 29th MEETING

- MGCA will be electing a representative to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society Board of Directors.
- The 1990 Flower and Vegetable Show is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Eden Prairie Center in conjunction with the 5th District MSHS and the Men's Garden Club of Minnetonka.
- Regular club meetings were scheduled for the usual second Tuesdays of January, February, April, May, June (tour), September, October, and November.
- Meetings for March, July, August and December were scheduled as follows: March 20th, third Tuesday, Dayton/Bachman Show; July 14th, second Saturday, Flower and Vegetable Show; August 12th, second Sunday, tour; December 4th, first Tuesday, Christmas party.

FROM THE EDITOR

The 1989 garden year is over. Catalogs are at hand. Despite frustrations from time to time our labors have brought rewards and we start on plans for the year ahead. The same holds true for the editor of the SPRAY.

I can't begin to begin to thank individually all (lest I miss some) who have helped with suggestions, ideas, contributions of articles or services. Some have gotten by-lines. Others should have but didn't. So, THANK YOU ALL and keep it up. Doubly helpful will be articles, tips, cartoons. If they are typed fine, but that isn't necessary for acceptability.

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Flower Name Origins from Kent OH MGC bulletin: Many of the names for flowers came from Greek and Latin words that seem to describe the shape appearance of the flower or plant. For instance, delphinium is Latin for dolphin because the buds seemed like miniature dolphins. Impatiens alludes in Latin to the plant's impatient habit of bursting its pods. Gladiolus, someone thought, had leaves like a gladiator's sword. The aster was seen as a star. Philodendron translates literally to tree loving.

VIEWS FROM THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

MGCM PRESIDENT KENT PETTERSON



VEGETABLES FOREVER

1990, a new year, a new decade, and a new President for MGCM. It is my honor to be your new President. When I joined in 1986, helping to lead our fine organization was not what I had in mind. Learning about gardening was, and I have. Our Bylaws state that our purpose is to "exchange gardening information...." and in my case I am thankful the club purpose was successfully applied. I'll do what I can to be sure every member has the same kind of experience.

As we plan and carry on our club activities during 1990, we'll keep this purpose in mind. To this end we'll keep the business portion of the meeting as short as possible, support our Vice President Merle Pulley in bringing to us new and interesting programs, continue traditional club events and add some new ones. If anyone has an idea we should consider, please give me a call - I'm in "the book". Incidentally, a big thank you to Andy Marlow for his work in preparation of "the book", our 1990 roster.

One of many ideas that past President Duane Johnson brought to us was the Member of the Month recognition he gave to those who contributed to the success of MGCM in 1989. I intend to continue this recognition through what I will call our "Volunteer of the Month".

The club's interest in the Community Fragrance Garden continues. This interest is shown by the, to date, twenty seven that have signed up for that committee. Those who were at our Nov. meeting recall the comments from Rachel Parker of MSB and my request for help to develop a plan (blue print and design) that could be used to further our goals. Someone did step forward after the meeting. Since then the garden has been surveyed and an "as built" blue print drawn. That person, Eldon Hugelen, is our Volunteer of the Month. Eldon is a landscape Architect and will be working with the committee to plan our work for this year and in the future. Thank you, Eldon.

In talking with many of you through the last month, I've been encouraged by the strong commitment we have from our membership. Members like Ed Culbert, Larry Corbett, Bill Hull, Vic Lowrie, Bob Savory....the list is too long to mention everyone, have participated in and built a club with a rich history. We can all be proud of this history. Let's continue to promote the fellowship and community involvement that has been so characteristic of this history.

Diane Emerson, current president of MSHS, once told me the life blood of any organization is new membership. New energy for the group and future leadership comes from these new members. In this new year, let's renew our efforts to promote MGCM. Let's toot our horn a little. A goal of twenty five new members is not unrealistic. If everyone invited one guest during the year we would easily gain twenty five members.

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I'd like to finish by touching on a few of the things that will be new or are proposed for 1990. Please give us your comments.

- 1) The hospitality committee will have two greeters at each LHUMC meeting to welcome members and guests. A new guest information sheet will be available for guests, prospective members etc.
- 2) The Flower and Veg. Show has been moved to Saturday July 14th. We are joining with the Educational Conference of MSHS, the 5th District of MSHS, the Minnetonka Men's Garden Club and undoubtedly others for a combined show. We will not have a Tuesday meeting in July.
- 3) Club garden tours will be held in June and August.
- 4) A visit to Doug Smith's Trillium Wildflower Garden in the Spring, and a cider pressing party at Lee Gilligan's orchard have been proposed.
- 5) Last, but maybe more important, will be the opportunity June 16-19 to attend the MGCA National Convention in Des Moines. Several options for the group exist, including shared rooms and transportation. Also, my friend Kent Whealey at the Seed Savers Exchange in Decorah would love a visit by a group of us.

Good Gardening to You

Kent

**R E M E M B E R!
DUES EXPIRE DECEMBER 31st**

MGCM BUDGET PROPOSED FOR 1990
(To be voted upon at the January meeting)

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Dues.....\$ 3,700.00	Dues - MGCA.....\$ 1,550.00
Meetings..... 4,400.00	Dues - Hort. Soc..... 1,250.00
Plant Auction..... 4,100.00	Spray..... 1,200.00
Tours..... 1,000.00	Meetings..... 4,000.00
Christmas Party..... 2,000.00	Plant Auction..... 2,400.00
Calendar Receipts..... 2,000.00	Tours..... 1,000.00
Interest Income..... 450.00	Flower Show..... 350.00
Slide Income..... 500.00	Christmas Party..... 2,300.00
<u>Total</u> \$ <u>18,150.00</u>	Directory..... 120.00
	Memorials..... 100.00
	Honorariums..... 100.00
	Arbor Day..... 250.00
	Awards..... 100.00
	Convention Delegates..... 600.00
	Arboretum Project..... 350.00
	Minn. Hort. Soc..... 150.00
	MGCA..... 100.00
	Calendar Costs..... 1,400.00
	Miscellaneous Exp..... 120.00
	Fragrance Garden..... 610.00
	People for Parks..... 100.00
	<u>Total</u> \$ <u>18,150.00</u>

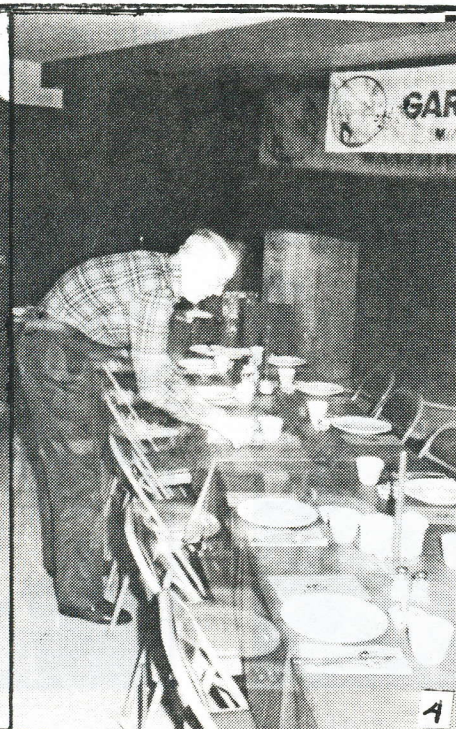
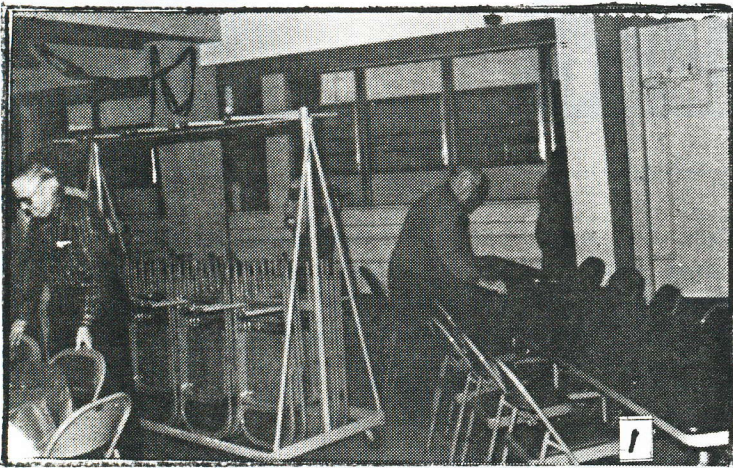
THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Every MGCM Christmas party involves much advance preparation. The 1989 party committee worked for weeks planning, making and collecting decorations, then spent two half days putting things together at the church. The editor equipped with a Polaroid donated by Bob Livingston dropped in on both those days and took the pictures below.

The next evening 160 members and guests crowded around the punch bowl. Dr. Bob Olson, photographer for the SPRAY, snapped a few. At 6:30 appetites whetted for turkey downstairs all went where, knives a gleam, carvers Phil Smith, Todd Bachman, Andy Marlow, Dwight Stone, Fred Glasoe, Merle Pulley, Rick Bonlender, Phil Peterson, Duane Johnson, Bob Churilla, Duane Reynolds, Russ Smith, Bob Olson and Greg Smith stood carefully smoothing their aprons. But not for long.

PICTURES:

1. Chet Groger and Jerry Olson set up chairs.
2. Bob Gage's reindeer study the operation. At the Christmas party they appeared harnessed to a sleigh.
3. Joe Stenger and Dale Durst assembled ornaments.
4. Charlie Proctor set the table.
5. Duane Johnson and Howard Berg decorate the tree.



THE PARADE OF TURKEYS



D. Smith

Pulley

Peterson

Stone

PARTY continued

President Duane Johnson stood up to welcome guests and make introductory remarks before calling on Dwight Stone. Dwight told us about what happened at the Dayton/Bachman show, about the half raw turkey several years ago. He regaled us with stories galore. Then he started to give away presents. At 6:50 Duane took over and started more give-aways. Hey! This wasn't a spoof! An oven at Caterer's Inc. had failed. Some of our turkeys were not ready so none had been sent.

At 7:00 we started on our salads, rolls, relishes and nut cups while Henry Halverson played soothing music. The Cooper H. S. singers, arriving with the turkeys, took over the stage until 7:15. Then Henry struck up a lively march and the Parade of Turkeys began. Dwight marched his men around the room. Not one defected or broke ranks (a first). After the invocation, 7:20, the Singers continued for another half hour while we ate.

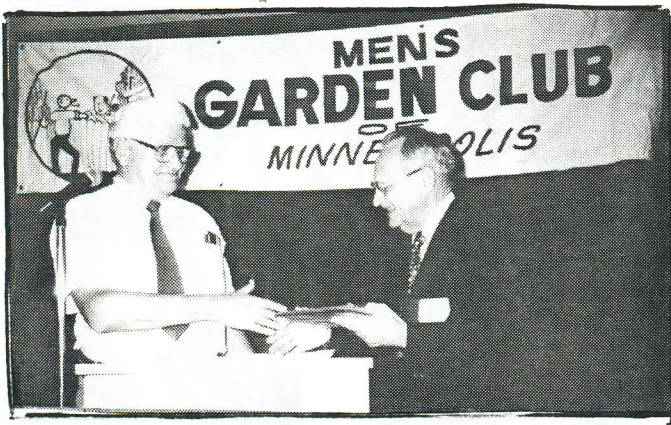


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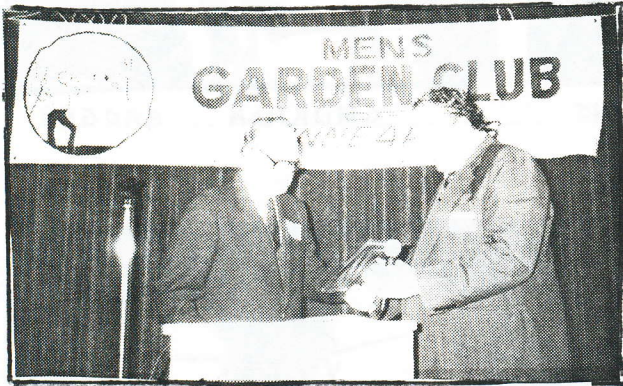
THE 1989 AWARDS



R. Smith Crist

The carvers hadn't time to eat their last bites of turkey before the awards presentations. Russ Smith started off by presenting the Industrial Landscaping Award to Stan Crist for the landscaping at Westwood Lutheran Church, whereupon Stan told how it came about and his travails getting the church board to approve the planting.

The Bronze Medal our highest award, went to Bob Churilla. Frank Vixo made the presentation.



Vixo Churilla

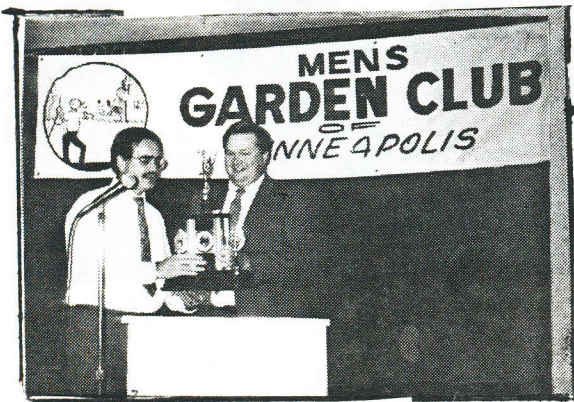
Greg Smith presented Phil Smith with the Lehman Trophy for best garden on tour. Phil took the occasion to tell what had been the original purpose of the trophy.

Phil Peterson, to his amazement, was given the President's Cup. When presenting it Duane Johnson cited Phils many contributions.

LEHMAN TROPHY

In a recent note to the editor, Phil expressed his appreciation for the Lehman Trophy award. Also, he wished to indicate the award will be shared with his good wife Wanda. Wanda always does a major share of the growing and planting of the many annuals they have each year. Also, Wanda does much of the weeding and removal of spent blooms.

Unfortunately, Wanda does not like to hoe or cultivate, but Phil is getting her a new special hoe for her birthday.



P. Smith G. Smith

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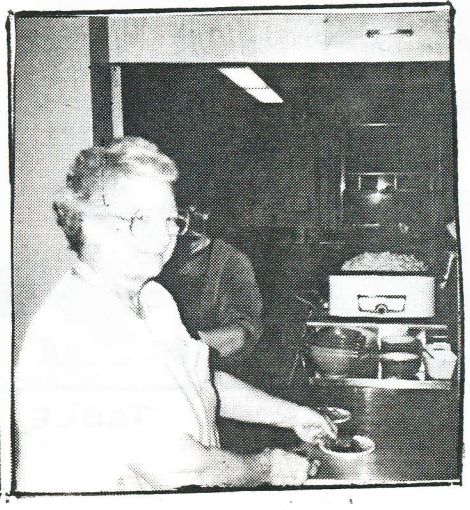
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Johnson Peterson



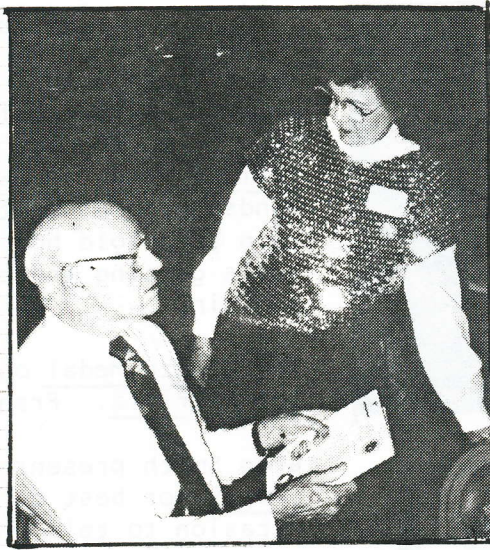
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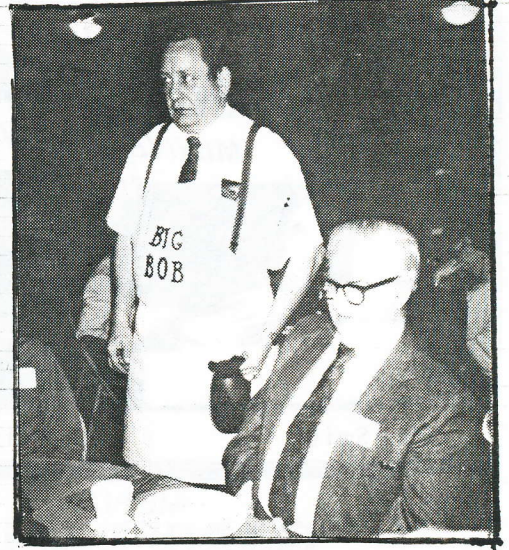
Agnes Ostlund



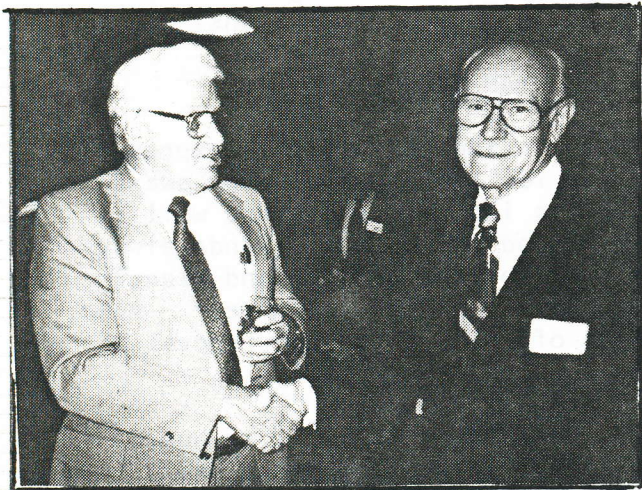
MARLOW



O'DONNELL K. KOOPMANS



CHURILLA GROGER



R. SMITH

O'DONNELL



K. PETERSON



J. OLSON

SIEGEL



GLASOE TABLE



A. PETERSON



REYNOLDS TABLE

KENT PETTERSON, PRESIDENT: As a member since 1986, Kent has served as Director and Vice President of our Club. He was Chairman of the Fragrance Garden Committee this year and also served on the Flower and Vegetable Show Committee. He served as a tour guide at our 1988 National MGCA Convention. Kent shows vegetables regularly at our show and this year won the Blackburn Trophy. He has a special interest in herbs and drying them for home use. He has a dryer and also enjoys drying plants and flowers for arrangements. His garden was on tour for the convention and also on our 1989 club tour. Kent is an Estimator for Laughlin Electric Company. He has many hopes for 1990 for the Club, including a sizeable delegation to the National Convention in Des Moines.

MERLE PULLEY, VICE PRESIDENT: Also a member since 1986, Merle has been active in the Club. He was a Director last year and has served regularly on the Fragrance Garden and Flower and Vegetable Show Committees. Last year he won the National Award for his green beans at the show and noticed that, after winning the award, they tasted even better. He grows vegetables mostly and is an avid indoor gardener. Every spring, he must sell many plants, which have overgrown the house during the winter months. Last year he was one of our delegates to the National Convention in Portland. Merle is an instructor and placement specialist for Career Development Institute in the field of Marketing and Technical Writing. He formerly was a recruiter for the Peace Corps and, since leaving that field, has taken a special interest in Mexico. He speaks Spanish and has motored throughout Mexico during extended visits to that country.

REED SONSTEGARD, SECRETARY: Reed joined our Club in 1988 and has served on the Fragrance Garden and Flower and Vegetable Committees. He grows mostly perennials, iris and daylilies and hopes to show them in the future. Reed is an electrical engineer in the computer field with Sea Gate Technology. His second hobby after gardening is that of home improvement.

JOE STENGER, TREASURER: Joe has been a member since 1981 and joined the Club through the recommendation of Otto Nelson, his neighbor. Joe also gardens on a hillside and grows many annuals. He retired in 1983 as Officer in Charge of the Minneapolis Office of the U. S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission. He has previously held positions in other U. S. Government agencies. Joe is an amateur ham radio operator with equipment in his home. He has served on the Raffle and Photography Committees and as Chairman of the Fragrance Garden Committee.

DUANE JOHNSON, PAST PRESIDENT: After a year's fine service to our Club, Duane now becomes principal advisor on our Board of Directors. He has been a very active member for 8 years, serving on Arbor Day, Community Garden, Christmas Party, Flower and Vegetable Show and Plant Auction Committees. He attained the status of Master Gardener in 1989 and has applied for service with the Extension Service Mobile Horticultural Center. He also is involved with the Minnesota State Horticultural Society 5th District Spring Fling event. Duane has been at Field Elementary School for 27 years and heads the Special Education Department there.

MEL ANDERSON, DIRECTOR: A member since 1988, Mel has been active on the Plant Auction, Flower and Vegetable Show and Christmas Party Committees. He grows vegetables and perennials and showed both at last year's show. He also joined our ranks of Master Gardeners in 1989. Mel retired as a Cost Accountant at the Ford Assembly Plant. He now spends 3-day weekends in New Ulm helping his son in his commercial greenhouse. He enjoys woodworking and is active in the study of Swedish Genealogy at the Swedish Institute.

CHARLES BENSON, DIRECTOR: A member since 1986, Charles grows both annuals and perennials. He is an Elementary Art Teacher at Concord School in Edina. One of his hobbies is the collection of glass from the Depression years.

LEE GILLIGAN, DIRECTOR: A new member in 1989, Lee brings a lot of horticultural experience to our Club. Those on the early 1989 tour saw his apple orchard, rose garden, hundreds or thousands of coleus and impatiens and his many annuals and perennials. His first attempt at the Flower and Vegetable Show netted him a Grand Award on his Coleus Collection and several blue ribbons.. Lee is a volunteer at the Arboretum planting shrubs and woody vines and is a member of the Greenhouse Gardening Society. He is taking Master Gardening training starting this month. Lee retired as owner of Crystal Shamrock, Inc., a general aviation service at Crystal Airport, which his son now runs. They provide Cessna and Piper aircraft sales and service, flight training and charter service including fishing expeditions.

GREG SMITH, DIRECTOR: The son of MGCA Director Russ Smith and father of member Matthew Smith, Greg is the middle person of a three generation family in our Club. He has been with us since 1982 and has served on the Arbor Day Committee and the Tour Committee, which he chaired this year. He grows vegetables, roses and annuals. Greg is a real estate appraiser with Russell Smith Associates and also a home equity loan officer with Heartland Mortgage Company.

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