



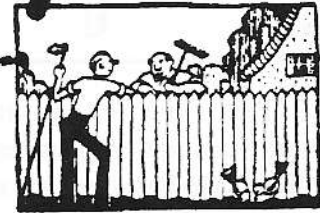
# The Garden Spray



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## Happy New Year 1992!

The first meeting of the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis will be held January 14 at **Lake Harriet United Methodist Church**, 4901 Chowen Avenue South, beginning with dinner at **6:00 p.m.** Cost: **\$6.50.**

### PROGRAM:

### “Asexual Propagation of Annual Flowers by Cuttings” by Lee Gilligan

Lee grows thousands of coleus and impatiens from cuttings in his basement each winter for planting in his Hidden Acres apple orchard behind his Brooklyn Park residence. These cutting are taken from the previous year's outdoor plants and from cuttings he acquires from other growers. Lee has been sharing his knowledge and techniques with individual Club

members for years. Now he will be spreading his expertise even more widely.

Be warned — Lee will teach a “hands on” class. He will bring materials so members can put into practice what he shows them. Come ready for gardening!!!!

### Programs Plans for '92

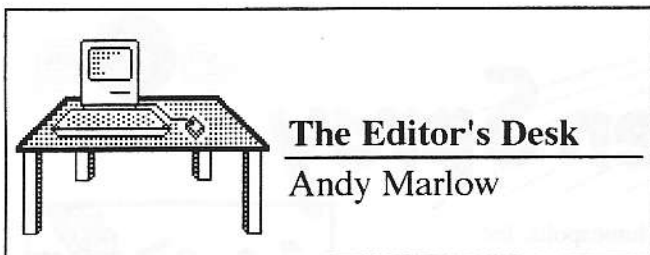
Lee, as MGCM Vice-President, is also the program chair for 1992. He says that every meeting will have an educational program utilizing the skills of our mentor gardeners. Lee reasons that most of us joined MGCM to learn more about gardening, and he intends to make the meeting programs serve that purpose and to make better use of the mentor gardener program. In February, for instance, Kent Petterson will talk about selecting vegetable varieties and growing them for eating and for showing. If you have some special gardening knowledge you would like to share with your fellow MGCM members, Lee would like to hear from you. See him at the meeting, or call him at 536-9858.

### Meeting Reservations

If you are on the permanent meeting reservation list, it will still be in effect for this meeting. A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting to continue your permanent reservation. If you are not on the permanent reservation list, send the enclosed card back to Eldon Hugelen right away.

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## The Editor's Desk

Andy Marlow

This is the first year in the last 22 that this bulletin has not been under the editorship of Ed Culbert. He has done an outstanding job over a very long period of time. He has won nearly every newsletter award that MGCA (now Gardeners of America) gives out. I have seen newsletters from other clubs. Ours has always been first rate both in design and content. Thank you, Ed, for 22 wonderful years of service to this club. You are a hard act to follow....

As the new person on the job, I can use all the help I can get. Please submit any suggestions, tips, story ideas, articles, photographs (black and white, please) or line art that you think appropriate. Bring them to meetings, or mail them to me at 10700 Minnetonka Boulevard, Hopkins, Minnesota 55343-6744. My phone is 933-5759 at home or 625-2856 at the office.

I am searching for a new me. For the last 8 or so years I took notes on what the speaker had at say at our monthly meeting and wrote up a report for the following month's *Spray*. Some other editors say this is a waste of time, since people who want to know what the speaker has to say will come to the meeting and the others probably don't care. Ed Culbert felt, and I know from comments of many members, that members sometimes cannot come, even though they are interested in the subject, and others get interested if they read a little about it. If you would be willing to take over this job, you'll get a byline, frequent pats on the back from your fellow members, and my undying gratitude. Step forward and volunteer at the January meeting.

You will notice that the *Spray* looks a little different. It is being edited and prepared for publication on computer. For the technically minded here are some details: I am using PageMaker, MacWrite II, SuperPaint and Digital Darkroom software on a Macintosh SE/30 computer with an internal 40 megabyte hard drive and an external 105 megabyte drive. Images and photographs are scanned into the computer using a Logitech ScanMan 32 handheld scanner. Printing is done on a Hewlett-Packard DeskWriter ink jet printer at 300 dots per inch.

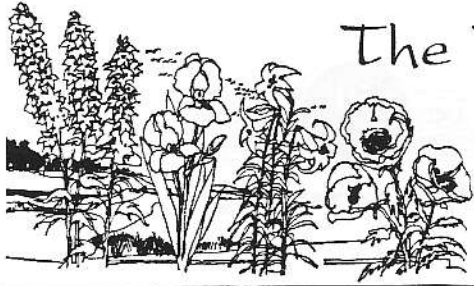
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## Christmas Party

The 1991 MGCM Christmas Party was a wonderful affair, thanks to hard work on the part of Chair Walt Gustafson and his Christmas Party Committee. The emphasis this year was on giving as much as getting. Gifts to party goers were limited to wreaths and those superb Bachman's poinsettias. Gifts from party goers included canned and packaged goods for the Inter-Church Association holiday food drive and unwrapped gifts for the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program. The ever-so-perfect tree was literally surrounded by gifts from MGCM to those who are less fortunate than most of us.

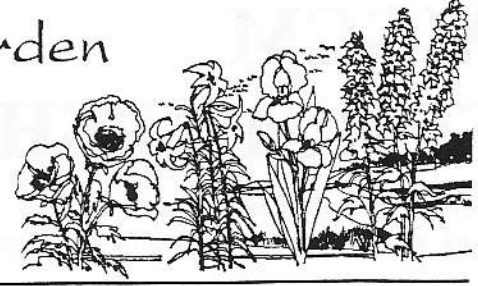
Outgoing *Garden Spray* editor Ed Culbert was presented with a special Green Bronze Medal by President Merle Pulley. The award was in recognition of Ed's 22 years of service as

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# The Freedom Garden

Gregory P. Smith  
President, MGCM



As the heavy winter snow covers the gardens, patios and lawns, most Northern gardeners sit patiently confined indoors awaiting warmer days. Yes, some will escape the winter cold by fleeing to Florida or Arizona for extensive research on orange trees or cactus. A few will even take time off to fly to Hawaii or Mexico looking for exotic plants. However, most will quietly remain at home remembering the freedoms they enjoyed when they were out in their gardens.

The freedom and love of gardening bring us all together as a Club, and in the coming year we look forward to sharing many special events.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis is our special celebration this year. Bill Hull and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee are planning special tours, programs and an Anniversary Dinner in October, the same month the Club was founded half a century ago.

Vice-President and program chair Lee Gilligan is working with our Club's mentor gardeners to have more "hands-on" programs at our monthly meetings. He wants to help us all learn more about gardening, the reason most of us belong to MGCM.

Kent Petterson is spearheading a fund raising drive to help the Minnesota State Horticultural Society purchase a new home. A building has been found and plans are underway to proceed. This Club, with the leadership of Dr. Leon Snyder and others, helped start the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Let's remember our past members by doing something major in 1992 for the Horticultural Society.

Past President Merle Thomas Pulley continues in a direction he set as President in 1991. He will chair a new committee, Community Service, that will be an outreach effort by MGCM to help spread the joy of gardening.

1992 looks like a great year. Get involved and help spread the freedom!

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the editor of this award-winning publication.

President Pulley also presented the President's Cup, awarded for outstanding assistance to the President during the year, to Kent Petterson. Kent served as Past President on the Board of Directors, as chair of the Flower and Vegetable Show, headed up the 50th Anniversary Scholarship subcommittee, and did his usual yeoman stint with the Fragrance Garden. It was a well-deserved honor.

Another well-deserved honor was given to Duane Reynolds. He was presented the Bronze Medal by last year's winner, Russ Smith. The Bronze Medal recognizes outstanding, sustained service to MGCM. Duane has served the Club as Secretary, Vice-President and President. During his presidency MGCM was host to the Men's Garden Club of America annual convention. Duane played a major role in making that convention such a success. He has also worked on many committees, is a certified flower and vegetable show judge, and has represented MGCM at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

Bob Stepan took home the Lehman Trophy, awarded by the Tour Committee for the most outstanding garden on the summer tours.

# MGCM SCHOLARSHIP

Kent Petterson, Chair  
50th Anniversary Scholarship Subcommittee

The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been meeting since early 1991 planning events and exploring ideas of ways to celebrate our half-century of existence. One idea that emerged early in the discussions was to award a scholarship to a student of horticulture and present the scholarship to that student at our Anniversary Banquet in October. Kent Petterson took on the responsibility for researching ways to do this.

He found, not surprisingly, that scholarships are given annually by many organizations, including gardening groups. Most awards are administered by the group according to guidelines they establish. No special requirements are necessary for private groups such as MGCM. There is no record of MGCM awarding scholarships in the past, but it is in keeping with Club purposes and would be a wonderful way to commemorate our anniversary. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee voted to fund and administer the scholarship for one year. Any future scholarship will depend on the preferences of our Board and the membership.

The scholarship will be funded from the proceeds of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Tour fund-raiser. Our anniversary would be marked by a celebration tour in our gardens. Tickets will be sold by members over a period of time prior to the tour, tentatively scheduled for July 12. The goal is to raise enough money for at least one \$1000 scholarship. Dave Johnson is chairing the Garden Tour sub-committee and will be providing more details later.



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Page

Details regarding the scholarship and application forms will be available following the January 15 meeting of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Application requests will be sent to all colleges and technical schools in Minnesota which offer formal horticultural training programs. If you know of students interested in study leading to a future career in horticulture, are Minnesota residents, and are enrolled or will enroll in a Minnesota school, let Kent Petterson know and he will send them an application packet.

## Minneapolis 1942

*(Editor's Note: To get an idea of what was going on in the world during 1942, the year the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis was founded, I visited the newspaper archive at the University of Minnesota Library. Each month this year in the Garden Spray you will see headlines from the corresponding month of 1942 selected from a local newspaper. This month's headlines come from the now-defunct Minneapolis Star Journal.)*

- Jan. 1 **Battle for Manila Still Rages**
- Jan. 2 **Little Falls Jailbreakers Raid Farm, Take Coats to Continue Flight in Cold**
- Jan. 4 **Stassen Urges Temporary Plan to Avert Strike in City Schools**
- Jan. 5 **No Relief from Cold Wave Cited 33 Below in State, City -17**
- Jan. 7 **Nine Billion in New Taxes Biggest Budget in World History**
- Jan. 8 **122-Hour Below-Zero Wave Ended 7 Deaths Recorded**
- Jan. 12 **Japs Drive to Within 150 Miles of Singapore**

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# Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis 1992 Proposed Budget

To be voted on at the January Meeting

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dues	\$3,300.00	Gardeners of America Dues	\$1,400.00
Meetings	\$4,000.00	MN Horticultural Society Dues	\$1,200.00
Plant Auction	\$5,000.00	<u>Garden Spray</u>	
Christmas Party	\$2,000.00	Expenses	\$1080.00
Calendar Sales	\$2,000.00	Capital	\$570.00
Interest Income	\$500.00	Meetings (dinners)	\$4000.00
Slide Show Income	\$600.00	Plant Auction	\$2500.00
Misc.	\$100.00	Flower Show	\$500.00
Raffles	\$100.00	Christmas Party	\$2000.00
River Place (Flower Show)	\$500.00	Directory	\$125.00
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		Memorials	\$200.00
Tour	\$2,500.00	Honoraria	\$200.00
Dinner	\$2,500.00	Arbor Day	\$300.00
From Savings	\$955.00	Awards	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,055.00</b>	Convention Delegates	\$600.00
		Arboretum Project	\$350.00
		MN Horticultural Society Project	\$250.00
		Gardeners of America Donation	\$100.00
		Calendar Costs	\$1600.00
		Miscellaneous	\$200.00
		Fragrance Garden	\$150.00
		People for Parks	\$50.00
		Publicity Committee	\$500.00
		Community Service Committee	\$150.00
		Corporate Identification	\$150.00
		Membership Campaign	\$100.00
		Life Membership	\$250.00
		Photography Expenses	\$250.00
		50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	\$5000.00
		Nat. Jr. Hort. Assn.	\$50.00
		Hall of Trees	\$50.00
		Document Carrier for President	\$80.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,055.00</b>

## DUES REMINDER

If you haven't paid your MGCM dues for 1992, this is the last copy of the Garden Spray you will receive. The good news is there is still time to pay your dues to Treasurer Mel Anderson and not miss an issue. Call Mel at 727-3015 and get a registration form. Mail it back right away to Mel, 5701 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55417 with your check and look for the February Spray in your mail box. The bad news is that the 1992 MGCM membership directory has already gone to print. If your dues have not already been paid, your name will not appear in the directory.

# 1992 Officer and Director Profiles

## **Gregory Smith, President**

Greg moves up from Vice-President in 1991 to MGCM's top office for 1992. He has been an MGCM member since 1982. He has served on the Arbor Day, Christmas Party, Fragrance Garden and Tour Committee, and as chair of the latter. As Vice-President, he arranged all the speakers and programs for MGCM meetings. Greg grows vegetables, annuals and roses at his home in Golden Valley. Greg is the son of MGCM member and Gardeners of America North Region Director Russ Smith. Greg's son, Matthew, is a former member of MGCM. Greg is a real estate appraiser with Russell Smith and Associates, and has several other business interests.

## **Lee Gilligan, Vice-President**

Lee served a two year term as an MGCM Director before agreeing to be Vice-President for 1992. He has served on the Christmas Party and Fragrance Garden Committees. He was instrumental in assembling the MGCM group that planted and maintains the new garden at the historic Stevens House in Minnehaha Park. Lee is a Master Gardener, a volunteer at the Arboretum and a member of the Greenhouse Gardening Society. He has an entire apple orchard behind his home in Brooklyn Park, and accents the grounds with mass plantings of coleus and impatiens he grows from cuttings. He also grows roses and many other annuals and perennials. Lee was retired as the owner of Crystal Shamrock Aviation, but has returned to the job in the last year.

## **Eldon Hugelen, Secretary**

Eldon is beginning his second term as Secretary. He joined MGCM in 1989, and is active on the Community Garden Committee. In 1990 he won the Robert L. Smith Trophy for best first time exhibitor at the MGCM Flower and Vegetable Show. He grows primarily perennials. Eldon is a self employed landscape architect.

## **Melvin Anderson, Treasurer**

Since joining MGCM in 1988, Mel has served on the Plant Auction, Christmas Party and Flower and Vegetable Show Committees. He is beginning his second term as treasurer after having served as a Club director. He grows vegetables and perennials, plus a few annuals. He is particularly interested in scented geraniums. He won the 1990 Vegetable Sweepstakes award at that year's Flower and Vegetable Show. Mel was a cost accountant at the Ford Assembly Plant in St. Paul, acquiring skills that serve him well as MGCM Treasurer.

## **Merle Thomas Pulley, Past President**

In successive years, Merle has served as MGCM Secretary, Vice-President and President. He has been active on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Plant Auction, Community Garden, Flower and Vegetable Show and Christmas Party Committees. During his term as President he established a Publicity Committee. He enjoys growing and consuming vegetables, and has an extensive house plant collection. Merle is an instructor and placement specialist for the Career Development Institute in the fields of marketing and technical writing.

**Jack Kolb, Director**

Jack's interest in gardening has been both vocational and avocational. He enjoys growing things — which lead him to his first career as a golf course greenskeeper. Unhappy with the quality of turf supplies available to him, Jack started his own turf supply business, selling quality fertilizer and other materials. He has freely shared his specialized knowledge of turf maintenance with turf care professionals and home gardeners through the years. Jack recently retired from this second career. He's been an MGCM member since 1965. He and wife Rajah have hosted two wonderful picnics on the spacious grounds of their Dodd Road residence as part of MGCM summer garden tours.

**Don Powell, Director**

Don is beginning his first year as a Director. He was introduced to MGCM by his then Golden Valley neighbor, the late Hal McIntyre. He became a member in 1986. Don says he's always been a "putzer" in the garden, having grown roses, vegetables, perennials and annuals. Though space is limited now at his Hopkins residence, he stills puts in a tomato plant or two for that fresh tomato flavor in late summer. Don has served on the Sunshine and Christmas Party Committees, and put in time at the Fragrance Garden, too. Don is retired after 37 years with Sears in the accounting area.

**Robert Stepan, Director**

An old friend from church is responsible for Bob's interest in gardening and his membership in MGCM. Dave Johnson gave him a tree rose

some years ago. Roses are still Bob's special favorite. He also grows vegetables, a whole host of annuals and perennials. Like his friend Dave, Bob uses lots of begonias in a garden that won him the Lehman Trophy last year for best garden on the MGCM summer tour. Bob joined MGCM in 1986, and has been active on the Plant Auction and Fragrance Garden Committees. He and two partners operate a tooling, metal work and engineering business.

**Lloyd Wittstock, Director**

Lloyd is entering his second year as a Club Director. He is chair of the Photography Committee and active on the Fragrance Garden Committee. Lloyd likes growing vegetables, especially trying new and unusual varieties. He uses a version of square foot gardening for both flowers and vegetables, utilizing inter-cropping and double-cropping techniques. Lloyd is an instructor and curriculum director for the American Indian Vocational School.

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- Jan. 13 **Illegal Sale of Tires, Hoarding of Rubber, Probed in Minnesota**
- Jan. 16 **U.S. Navy Sinks Five Japanese Ships**
- Jan. 17 **Carole Lombard and 21 Others Feared Dead Aboard Plan Wrecked on Peak**
- Jan. 22 **Japs Hurl Full Army Against MacArthur Line**
- Jan. 25 **Lake Cottages May Be Assigned to House Defense Plant Workers**
- Jan. 27 **Churchill Hails AEF, Says Americans Will Defend Britain, Bomb Germany**
- Jan. 31 **British Withdraw to Singapore Isle, Abandon Mainland; Brace for Siege**

# You Would Have Liked...

## LES JOHNSON

Bill Hull  
MGCM Historian

Leslie W. Johnson lived with his wife, Catherine, at 3919 Pleasant Avenue in South Minneapolis. He had been sponsored to membership in MGCM by a good friend, P.W. Young, of whom we wrote in the *Spray* some time ago.

Les did a lot for a lot for the Club, helping MGCM get well established and setting many Club precedents. He was program chair in 1959, Vice-President in 1960 and President in 1961, the Club's 19th year. He was awarded the Bronze Medal in 1963 for outstanding service to MGCM.

Les and Catherine had a very large family, something like seven children and forty-eleven grandchildren, plus some great grandchildren. Proud of and pleased with their family, they had



### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Feature

many large gatherings that required increasingly large quarters for the whole clan. He lived to about 90, and I think Kate still lives in a nursing home.

Les' garden was full of perennials, forming a large, wandering and deep area in a lot that was overwhelmed by neighboring apartment buildings. Les was proud of his unusual perennials, some good annuals and handsome allium, all hiding a fine compost pile. That was because, like his mentor P.W. Young, he did not believe in wasting garden materials. He always composted them.

Les Johnson was a soft-spoken, hard working member who helped make MGCM what it is today. We owe him a great deal.

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