



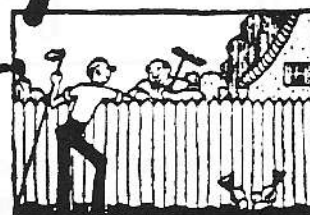
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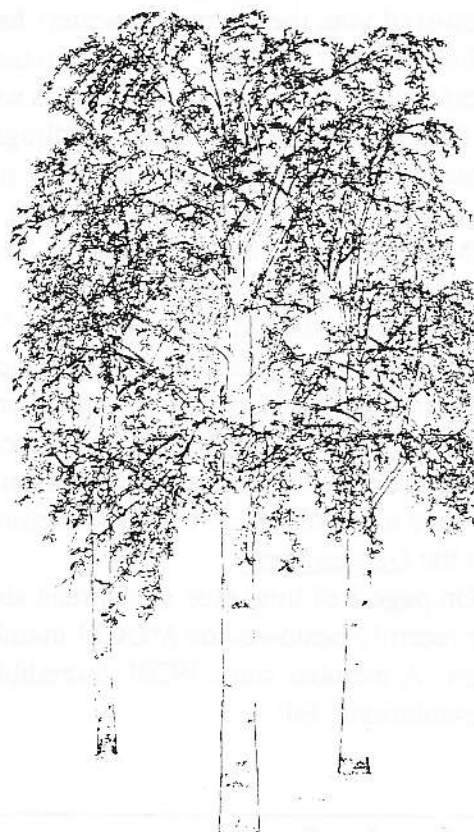
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## June MGCM Meeting At the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

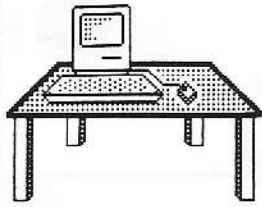


Come, bring your guests and enjoy a summer evening at the Arboretum on June 9, 1992, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$9.50 per person and includes Arboretum admission, a soup and sandwich picnic supper from the Arboretum Tea Room and a Tram Tour of the grounds. You can even arrive early and take a leisurely look at over 900 acres of beautiful grounds. But, please return your reservation card with the names of any guests to Eldon Hugelin before June 2 to make sure supper is reserved for you and your guests.



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**The Editor's Desk**  
Andy Marlow

# Flower and Vegetable Show Dates, National Awards Set

You should notice two things about this issue of the Garden Spray; it has arrived in your mailbox a week or so earlier than usual and, even if you are on the permanent reservation list, it again has a dinner reservation card attached. Both are because we will be trekking out to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for our June meeting and the folks at the Arboretum Tea Room need to know a week ahead of time how much soup and how many sandwiches and dessert to make. So, fill out the card with your name and the names of any guests and get it back to Eldon Hugelin as soon as possible, but make sure it arrives by June 2 or risk no dinner.

This issue of the Spray is also a bit thinner. Like most of you, the editor and writers have been busy in their gardens. There is no time of the year quite like spring for those of us who grow things. Seeds to be started, seedlings to be transplanted and finally set outside, new plants to acquire and put in (some, at least, from the MGCM plant auction and sale), and, in my case, a new garden or two to build.

I hope you enjoyed Terry Robertson's story on the historic seed packet he got from the Minnesota Historical Society. Terry reports that all seeds are planted and he's keeping track of how they fare through the growing season. He'll have a full report on results sometime this fall in the Garden Spray.

On page 3 of this issue you'll read about an honor recently bestowed on MGCM member Ed Culbert. A member since 1920! Incredible! Congratulations, Ed!

By the time this newsletter arrives the MGCM Flower and Vegetable Show Committee will have had their first meeting. They will be meeting to work out the details of this years' show.

The site will be St. Anthony Main, one block down from RiverPlace, the site of last year's show. The show dates are Saturday August 8th and Sunday August 9th. Set up will take place on Friday August 7th.

Of importance to all members is the decision on the vegetable and flower that are eligible for the National Awards. The vegetable is green beans, either bush bean or pole bean. The flower is any size of marigold.



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## The Freedom Garden

Gregory P. Smith  
President, MGCM



The 1992 edition of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis Plant Auction and Sale is complete, and once again Dave Johnson and his committee put together a first class event. The preliminary income is less than previous years (maybe because the meal was less), however plans are being made for a larger space next year, so we can have more area to hold the inventory and purchases, along with increased use of the country store. Hat's off to all of the workers who put in many hours to make the show a great success.

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society has finalized the contract on the purchase of their new home in Falcon Heights. The actual closing is to happen any day, and as soon as interior offices are finished the boxes will be moved. Members of MGCM can talk pride in helping make a long-term dream come true

through our pledges and contributions to the building fund. If you have not already been contacted by Kent Petterson about making a pledge or donation, please give him a call.

The 1992 MGCM Flower and Vegetable Show will be held this year at St. Anthony Main. The close-in, central location should help promote members' participation, like last year when we were just up the street at RiverPlace. The show offers gardeners a chance to meet, display their favorite plants and compete for ribbons (and sometimes a little glory). It's also another way MGCM serves the community. Everyone is encouraged to show. It's easy and fun. You'd be surprised how much a show like this can lift your spirits.

Finally, I hope to see you all at the June meeting at the Landscape Arboretum!

## Phi Delta Kappa Honors Culbert

*(Editor's note: The following is adapted from the Spring 1992 edition of the newsletter of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, the national honorary education fraternity)*

On February 27, 1992, former Garden Spray editor and long-time MGCM member Edwin C. Culbert was awarded a service key for his meritorious dedication to Phi Delta Kappa. Ed has been an active member of Phi Delta

Kappa since March 20, 1920.

He was treasurer of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Chapter in 1921 and served as President during the war years, 1941-45. He served as a host, speaker and active attendee to chapter meetings during his 72 years in PDK.

Ed was born on October 26, 1899, in Soudan, Minnesota. His grandfather came from Cornwall, England, to open up the Soudan mines. His mother came from England at age 16.

He attended Eveleth grade school and high school. Upon graduating, he attended the Uni-

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# Jerry Olson on Roses

by Terry Robertson

Wow. Imagine this, a typical rambler on a city lot with a small front and side yard and a modest backyard that gets ample sun. Now imagine this typical yard with over **FIVE HUNDRED** rose plants in pots and in beds. What you are imagining is Jerry Olson's reality. Roses have been Jerry's gardening life and passion for over fifty-five years.

Not only does he collect roses, he also collects books, prints, and anything else with a rose theme or subject. Jerry is very much dedicated to the continuing education of people on the beauty and culture of this most cherished of flowering plants.

Jerry's knowledge extends far beyond just the names and culture of the individual plants. Jerry personally knows the hybridizers responsible for most of the roses available today. He can also tell you the cross breeding that went into creating most of the plants in his yard. Jerry is intimately familiar with where and how his plants evolved. He has also been judging shows nationally for a number of years.

Jerry also has a great deal of time involved in the teaching of rose culture in the Midwest. He emphasizes the importance of choosing the right plant. Often, a plant listed as a hardy shrub is not hardy in our climate. He stresses the need to thoroughly investigate a plant prior to purchase. This will prevent a lot of headaches and the loss of a plant to improper care.

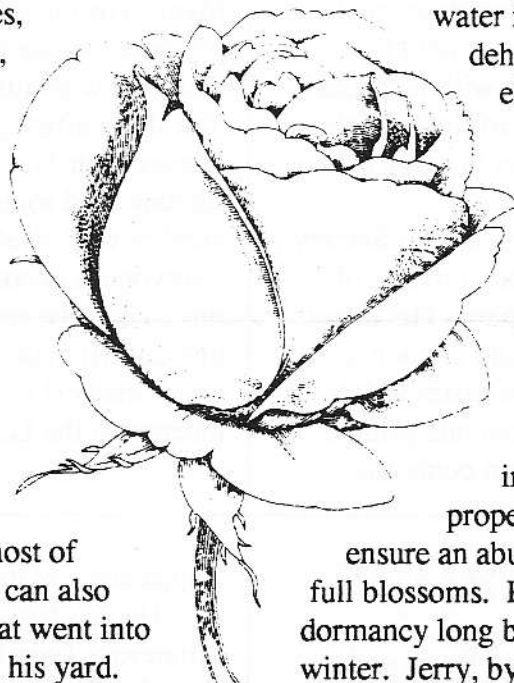
Jerry hates to see someone give up on roses because of a poor purchase.

If you do decide to grow roses, Jerry warns that they require a lot of care. From planting time right up to the first snow, roses require a lot more attention than the typical flowering plant. Roses require a tremendous amount of water. An abundance of nourishing

water in the spring will prevent dehydration of the canes and encourage vigorous growth and budding. Pruning dead or withered canes will help prevent disease from gaining a foothold on an otherwise healthy plant. Dead or faded flowers should be removed from continuous blooming plants so that nutrients will go toward new flowers and not into the production of hips. And proper application of nutrients will

ensure an abundance of healthy foliage and full blossoms. Roses need to be prepared for dormancy long before being wrapped up for winter. Jerry, by the way, helped develop the "MINNESOTA TIP" method of burying roses. He has also prepared a pamphlet on the "MINNESOTA TIP" and several variations of winter protection for roses.

But the rewards are just as great as the demands. This is why Jerry likes to grow roses. It seems that no one remembers a gift of flowers as much as a gift of roses. Children like the large fully open flowers on the premise that 'bigger is better'. Adults seem to prefer the just opening buds because they can be enjoyed much



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## Culbert Honored

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versity of Minnesota and received a Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision in 1921.

Ed was superintendent of the Elgin School District for two years and the Henning District for three years. While he was superintendent at Henning, he also served as basketball coach and in 1925, his team won the consolation championship at the state basketball tournament. Many of those players went on to win the 1927 championship.

Ed entered the Minneapolis school district in 1926 and served as principal of Adams Elementary, Sanford Junior High, Lincoln Junior High and Clinton Elementary schools for a total of 42 years before his retirement in July of 1968.

Clearly Edwin has been an individual of accomplishment in many areas. Phi Delta Kappa is honored to have such an accomplished and active member for 72 years.

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## Olson on Roses

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longer. Jerry prefers the plants because they provide him with a large quantity of flowers he can give away.

If you grow roses now or are planning on growing roses in the future, call Jerry and visit his backyard. Take a walk around his collection and I'm sure he will help you find one or a few that are right for you. And before you go, ask for a copy of the pamphlet on the "MINNESOTA TIP". Whether you grow miniatures, hybrid teas, floribundas, polyanthas, grandifloras, or rugosas, make sure your passion for roses gets the best possible start.

# Coming Attractions

**June 6 -- 10:00 a.m.**  
Garden Planting at Stevens House

**June 9 -- 6:30 p.m.**  
MGCM Monthly Meeting  
MN Landscape Arboretum

**June 12-15**  
Gardeners of America National Convention  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

**July 7 -- 7:30 p.m.**  
MGCM Board Meeting  
Jack Kolb's House

**July 11 & 12**  
50th Anniversary Garden Tour (Driving)

**July 11 -- 11:00 a.m.**  
50th Anniversary Garden Tour (Bus)  
Leaving Christ Presbyterian Church  
Edina

**August 4 -- 7:30 p.m.**  
MGCM Board Meeting  
Don Powell's House

**August 8 & 9**  
MGCM Flower & Veg. Show  
St. Anthony Main

**August 9**  
MGCM Sunday Garden Tour  
Time and site to be announced

# You would have liked...

## SHERM PINKHAM

by Bill Hull, MGCM Historian



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Feature

...or Pink, as he was universally known.

Here was another good man, a man who contributed a lot of himself to the joy of living for other people. Always seemingly happy, joyous, his mood influenced other people, probably part of the reason he was so generally and generously loved.

Sherm and Harriet lived at 5410 Abbott Place in Minneapolis and maintained a good garden there. They had a very well known daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Pinkham, who wrote a column on household hints.

He always had a joke to tell. At MGCA national conventions he annually provided at least one story for delegates to take home.

Another side of his life was his activity in the Old Guard Club which, among other things, hand made wooden toys and distributed them to children. In fact, by a circuitous route, I obtained a small four wheeled toy made by Pink and given away years before. It's just a little eight-inch long bed with four wheels, but contain his branded initials and a stamped message that reads "made and given by the Old Guard Club." I wonder what I could do with it to perpetuate his memory? Any ideas would be welcome.

Yes, you would have liked this dynamic calendar salesman, expert slide show exhibitor and fine gentleman.

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