



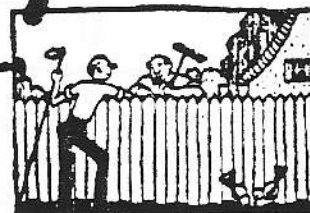
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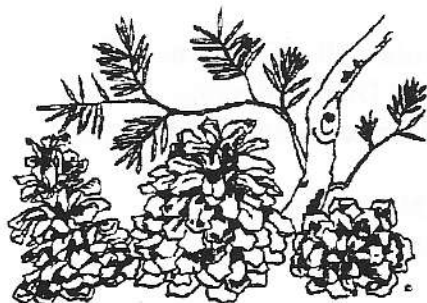
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November Meeting Program:



New Trees and Shrubs for Northern Gardens

Lee Gilligan will host a slide show prepared by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society illustrating recent, winter hardy introductions of tree and shrub varieties for Minnesota. Plus, we'll be voting on officers and directors for 1993.

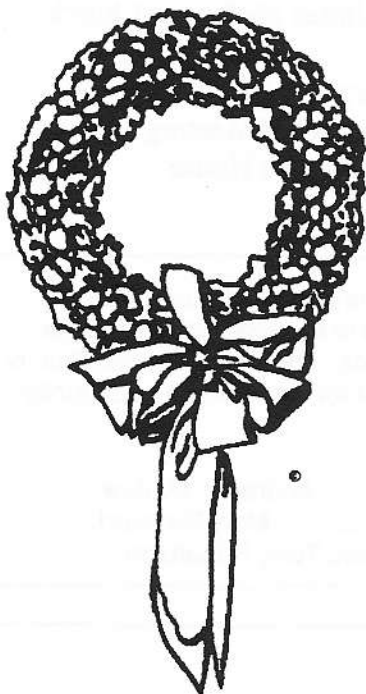
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Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$6.50

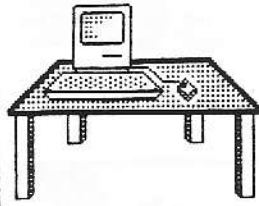
Location: Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 4901 Chowen Avenue South

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Make Your Own Holiday Wreath or Centerpiece

MGCM members and their spouses are invited to Klier's Nursery, 5901 Nicollet Avenue, to make holiday decorations on Friday, November 27. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. so COME EARLY! Howard and his friendly crew provide materials at cost, plus supply the know-how and "the place to make the mess." They'll help you make wreaths, centerpieces, wall hangings and various other pieces. The Kliers are great hosts and there'll be lots of good fellowship, in addition to the chance to be creative. It's a great way to start the holiday season and also bring home something you'll use throughout this very special time of the year.



The Editor's Desk
Andy Marlow

Mary Maguire Lerman, MGCM member and coordinator of horticulture program for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, tells me she's found a wonderful new gadget called the Upper Hand. It's another handle you can attach to any long-handled tool that allows you to use the tool without having to bend over.

Mary says she doesn't usually promote such things, but she used it for a weekend and saved the usual two weeks agony with her back. She says, "It's fantastic. I'm going to put it on our snow shovel this winter."

Greater yet - it's made in Minneapolis and it's under \$5.00 (plus, of course, sales tax). It's available at Lyndale Hardware and other hardware stores, or from Upper Hand Marketing, 7620 University Avenue, Minneapolis 55432. The phone is 571-7637.

The good news for readers of the Spray is that starting next month we'll be running a series of articles on native Minnesota plants written by Mary. She'll start with a look at the Balsam Fir in December (how appropriate). In future issues she'll be writing about a whole variety of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants found here before Europeans brought their own varieties from the Old World.

By the time you get this, the snow may be flying (at least if last year is any indication). I hope the annual race between the last oak leaf to fall and the first snowflake is won by the leaves so I get them all to the compost pile before they are buried under the white stuff. Past President Merle Pulley is busy preparing an illustrated article on his very impressive compost enclosure. He offers proof that you can compost a lot of leaves cleanly and neatly in a standard city lot.

Coming Attractions

November 3 – 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board Meeting
Greg Smith's House

November 10 – 6:00 p.m.
MGCM Dinner Meeting
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

November 15
Deadline for MGCM membership renewal

November 24 – 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board Meeting
Lee Gilligan's House

November 27 – 6:00 p.m.
Wreath Making
Klier's Garden Center
5901 Nicollet Avenue South

December 1 – 6:00 p.m.
MGCM Holiday Party
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

January 5 – 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board Meeting
Greg Smith's House

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Scenes from the MGCM 50th Anniversary Banquet - October 6, 1992



Scholarship winners Heather Kriedermacher and Karin Lundquist with Scholarship Committee Chair Kent Petterson. The third scholarship winner, Will Oswald, could not attend.



Jim Tracy, President of the Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America, gave the keynote address as Master of Ceremonies Bill Hull listened intently.



Roger Kopmans was recruited to play "die Walküre" by Kevin's Belles.



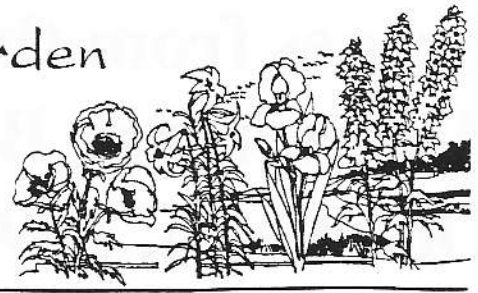
Kent Petterson tips his hat to the crowd and to Kevin's Belles.





The Freedom Garden

Gregory P. Smith
President, MGCM



Each year MGCM devotes a portion of its budget to help support organizations with horticultural missions; organizations such as the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, People for Parks and, this year, Minnesota 4-H. These organizations are grateful for our support and this month I'd like to share excerpts from their thank you notes:

from the Minnesota State Horticultural Society:

Thank you for helping MSHS increase peoples' involvement and care of the environment through gardening by your generous gift of \$250.00. Through the gifts of people like you, recent years have seen many new programs grow and flourish....

Daniel Holmquist
Business Administrator

Many thanks for the contribution supporting MSHS. The assistance and hearty support of your members really carry many of our efforts, as we increase outreach and services to the gardening public. Please convey the thanks of the MSHS Board of Directors to all of your members.

Dorothy Johnson
Executive Director

from Minnesota 4-H:

Your generous gift will be included in a travel scholarship to enable a 4-H member with a strong interest in horticulture to attend the National Junior Horticulture Association's

Conference and the FlorAmerica celebration in Columbus, Ohio, in October.

An opportunity such as this is a valuable experience that can open many doors for a 4-H'er. The knowledge gained may be applied toward a career in horticulture or fuel a lifelong hobby. Your gift will help a Minnesota youth participate in a memorable and educational experience.

Susan Nielson
4-H Youth Development - Plant Science

from the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum:

Thank you for the Men's Garden Club's generous contribution of \$350 to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's Guaranty Fund.

Unrestricted gifts such as yours allow the Arboretum to continue providing critical programs such as youth and adult education. Your gift also helps us maintain the gardens, grounds and facility.

The generosity of the MGCM over the years has caused the gardens to grow in beauty. We are reorganizing programs to meet current needs and improve visitor services. I hope you can all come often to visit.

Peter J. Olin
Director

from People for Parks:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the People for Minneapolis Parks Fund I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$50.00 for the General Fund. Gifts such as yours allow the Minneapolis park system to continue

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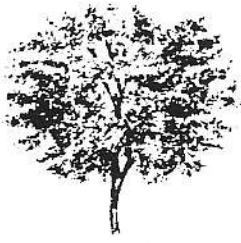
Lee and Jerry Shannon, an unidentified spouse, Harold and Phyllis Gulde and Fred Glasoe enjoyed the evening.



Just a few of the many who nearly filled the basement meeting room at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church.



Agnes Ostlund, MGCM's cook for many years, takes a bow for another job well done. Agnes will retire at the end of 1992.



Chucks' Chestnuts

by Chuck Carlson

If you noticed, the last Spray was mailed with the new wild flower stamps. That was a nice touch by our editor. If you haven't seen or used them, they are quite unique. They come in a sheet of fifty and are all different.

Since I am a stamp collector, I wondered, how many times the US postal service has commemorated the field of horticulture. A short investigation showed the first such stamp was in 1898, titled "Farming in the West". Over the years, including the new wild flower issue, 137 stamps have been issued. These stamps had subjects such as Arbor Day, Future Farmers, Gardening, Forest Conservation, Soil Conservation, Botanical Congress, Trees, Flowers and simply Plants. The wild flower stamps are still available and would make a nice touch on your or the club's correspondence.

Carymb—— Isn't this an unusual word? It is pronounced [kor 'in] and comes from the Greek word Korymbos. Carymb is defined as a flat-topped cluster of flowers in which the outer stocks are long and those toward the center are shorter. An example is the Candytuft. Maybe you can use this word when you see a bed of candytuft in someone's garden, or even in a game of scrabble. By the way candytuft is a nice low growing flower for the front of a border planting.

It's too late now but maybe you can use this tip next year. If you have a large number of green tomatoes on the vine and the season is coming to an end, try this. Cut the roots all around the plant with a sharp spade. Do this 6 inches to a foot away from the stem. This is supposed to shock the plant and ripen all the

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Fragrance Garden Report

by Chuck Carlson, Chair
Fragrance Garden Committee

By the time you read, this the garden will have been cleaned and put to bed for the winter. Thanks to all who have given their time to the project. Without your efforts the garden wouldn't have been the success it was. Thanks to all.

Eldon Hugelen deserves some special recognition. He did an excellent job of selecting plants, ordering them and drawing up our planting day guides. Great job Eldon!

The various beds looked good throughout the year. I have had a number of good comments from people in the area so I know the garden is appreciated. See you at the garden next year.

Chuck's Chestnuts

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mature green fruit. This year would have been a good year to try it, since we have had such cool weather. I did, but maybe too late since frost was imminent. I must learn that fall and winter come faster than anticipated, but, optimist that I am, I'll probably procrastinate again next year.

President's Column

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to thrive and serve the people in this community.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us raise the quality of life for all residents and visitors of Minneapolis.

Holly Elwood
Membership Administrator

MGCM Announces the 1992 Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 1, 1992. Lake Harriet Methodist Church
Chowen Avenue South at 49th St., Minneapolis

Social Get-Together: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner, featuring the Parade of Turkeys*

Entertainment: Minneapolis Boys Choir

Price: \$12.50 per person

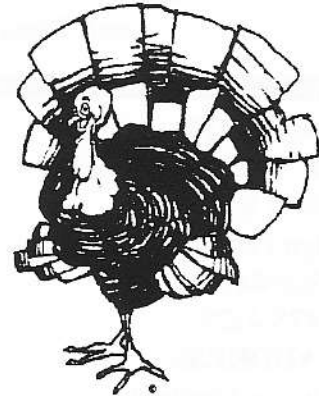
Poinsettia for each lady in attendance

Free Drawing: selected poinsettias and wreaths

Reservations: in by *November 28*. Complete reservation form below.

Gifts: Each member, on his/her behalf and for each guest, is requested to bring to the party and unwrapped gift of a non-perishable food item for the food shelf program or a toy or article of clothing. This is a great opportunity to help others, and we had good feedback from last year's participation in this endeavor .

*Be a Carver: Call Dwight Stone and volunteer. His number is 588-5692



*****Tear Off and Return*****

MGCM Party Reservations

Names of those attending:

Member

Guest

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Number Attending _____ x \$12.50 = _____ (Check payable to MGCM)

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NEW ADDRESS

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5219 Malibu Drive
Edina, MN 55436

*Please add Apartment #301 to Phil Peterson's
new address published in the October Spray.*

Vera Snyder Dies

Vera Snyder, widow of MGCM member and University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Founding Director Dr. Leon Snyder, died on October 23. She was 79 years old. Vera was much more than just Leon's wife of many years. She was a friendly, personable and caring person who was close to many members of MGCM and their families. Although she was not a member of MGCM after Leon's death, she continued to subscribe to the Garden Spray in order to keep up on MGCM activities. And she always attended the annual Holiday Party and other club events.

Vera is survived by a son, three daughters, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held October 26 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. The family prefers memorials be sent to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

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