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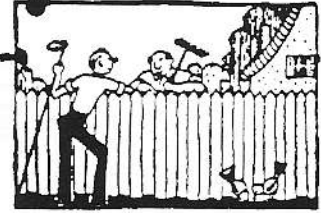


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November Dinner Meeting...

## The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

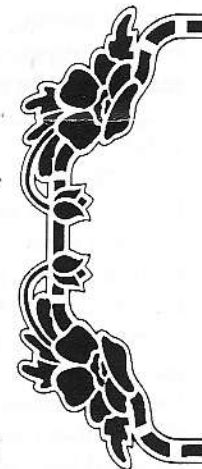
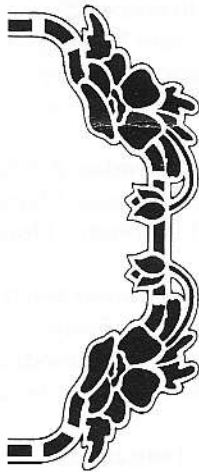
November's program will be on  
"The Good, Bad and Ugly"  
concepts of garden and landscape design.

Sher Curry and Duane Reynolds will share their opinions on slides they have collected.  
This will probably be the most opinionated (and fun) presentation you will ever see.

The selection of topics is:

garden accents,  
rocks and boulders in the landscape,  
containers and arrangements,  
design and movement,  
entryways,  
foliage, groupings, invasive plants,  
landscape and design,  
photography hints, structures,  
ideas to share, whimsical features,  
and of course ...

the good, the bad, and the downright ugly.



Hope you will join us and share your opinion!

Date: Tuesday June 10, 1997

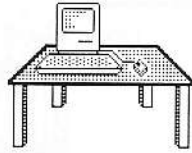
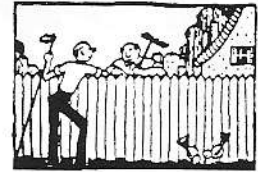
Place: Lake Harriet United  
Methodist Church  
49th and Chowen Avenue South

Time: Dinner 6:30 pm  
Business 7:00 pm  
Program 7:30 pm

Cost: \$7.00 if reserved in advance  
\$8.00 at the door if meals are available

### Important Note about Reservations

The 1997 permanent reservation list is in effect for this meeting. Check your mailing label. If it says "p" in the corner, you are on the permanent list. If there is no "p" on your label, you are not on the permanent reservation list and must call **Director Kay Wolfe by Friday, November 7**, to be assured a place at dinner. If you are on the permanent list and will not attend, you must notify Kay by the same deadline or risk being responsible for the price of your dinner. Kay can be reached at 922-0762. Leave a message on her voice mail if you can't reach her in person or send her an e-mail at [opperwolfe@att.worldnet.com](mailto:opperwolfe@att.worldnet.com).



**The Editor's Desk**  
Andy Marlow

You should take note of several big dates coming up in November. The first is the dinner meeting on November 11. The program by Sher Curry and Duane Reynolds should be fun, opinionated—and controversial. Come prepared to add your opinions to the mix.

We'll also be electing officers and voting on a budget for 1998. To help you be an informed voter, you'll find the proposed slate of officers as part of the Board meeting minutes on page 5. The budget, approved by the Board for submission to the membership, can be found on page 7. Check it out. Be an informed voter!

The next important date is November 15. That's when your membership renewal form and 1998 dues are due. The early deadline is so your subscription to the *Minnesota Horticulturist* will continue uninterrupted and insure you will be included in the 1998 membership directory. The renewal form was included in the October *Garden Spray*, but I'm sure Howard Berg will have a supply of them at the November meeting if you've misplaced yours.

November 28 brings the wreath and centerpiece making get together at Kliers Nursery. Howard and his gang put on an event you don't want to miss.

Finally, the deadline for reserving a place for you and your guests at the annual Holiday Party is November 30. The reservation form is on page 9. The Holiday Party is our most gala event of the year. You won't want to miss it! And while you're at it, sign up to be a carver.

**Coming Attractions**

**Tuesday, November 4–7:30 pm**  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
Mary Maynard's House

**Tuesday, November 11–6:30 pm**  
MGCM Dinner Meeting  
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church  
49th & Chowen Avenue South

**Friday, November 28–5:30 pm**  
Wreath Making  
Klier's Nursery  
5901 Nicollet Avenue South

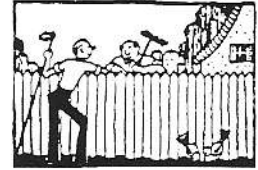
**Tuesday, December 2–7:30 pm**  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
Maury Lindblom's House

**Tuesday, December 9–6:00 pm**  
Holiday Party  
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church  
49th & Chowen Avenue South

**Tuesday, January 6–7:30 pm**  
Board of Directors' Meeting

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Richard Coldren, Sher Curry and  
Robert Olson



# Maury's Musings

by Maury Lindblom, President, MGCM

As I was planting tulip bulbs this past weekend I thought about the great amount of faith and hope that gardeners have. We put these little brown and white



Photo by Lloyd Wittstock

almost dried up bulbs into the ground each fall and believe that they will respond in the spring with growth and flower. That's our faith and belief. Of course, there are gardeners who plant things and just hope that everything will go all right!! Both faith and hope are needed in gardening as in other aspects of life, but it is

the work that we do to insure proper growing conditions that strengthens our faith.

The story is told about a young man who was very successful in business. Someone asked his father how it was that the young man was so lucky as to succeed so well. "Well ", his father replied, "It seems that the harder he works the luckier he gets!"

One circumstance where both faith and hope are really needed is when we decide to try a new species or a new type of plant. Will it succeed? Are the conditions right? At our October meeting Steve Kelley talked about a lot of new plants and plant trends. I would encourage all of you to try some of these ideas if you can. My garden is smaller and I don't think Plume Poppy or Angelica would fit, but I am intrigued by some of the other suggestions.

Every garden has a style that reflects the likes and dislikes of the gardener. Perhaps many of us don't think we have a certain "style" but it is there nonetheless. I am going to attend *Horticulture*

magazine's Symposium on "Wild Style for Gardens" tomorrow. (This is being written on 10/20/97). I am sure that there will be many interesting things to be learned there. Perhaps with what I learn I can convince my wife of the merits of a very informal garden style. (We have had this ongoing discussion about "formal" versus "informal" for years.)

I encourage all members of the club to take advantage of the many educational opportunities that are offered each year. They are well worth your while and you are sure to learn a lot. Gardening is not a static body of learning any more than medicine is. Lets all take part in CGE - Continuing Gardening Education - this year!!

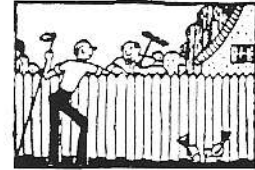
## New Members

John Ceryes  
190 E. Wayzata Blvd. #5  
Wayzata MN 55391

Lyla and Alfred Anderegg  
117 Westwood Drive So.  
Golden Valley MN 55416  
Home Phone: 377-1685

## Wreath Making at Kliers

- 5:30 p.m. on Friday November 30th at
- Kliers Nursery, 5901 Nicollet Avenue
- South. Treats and advice provided.
- Materials available for purchase.



# Monthly Program Report

by Andy Marlow

Sher Curry told me, just before the October dinner meeting, that her presentation at the November meeting would be “opinionated”. Steve Kelley might have provided a warm up with his October talk “Off the Top of My Head”. In it Steve candidly shared his opinions with us about plants he likes and some of the trends he sees in the use of perennials.

Steve is part of the current generation involved with the family business, Kelley and Kelley Nurseries in Long Lake. They sell a wide variety of plants, but concentrate on new and out-of-the-ordinary perennials. Their place of business is actually more like a public garden than a garden center, so it's worth a visit to collect new ideas even if you're not ready to buy any new plants.

Among the plants Steve really likes are Calamintha Variegata for its long bloom period, minty fragrance and hardiness. One of his favorites he brought to share with us was *Tricyrtis Hirta*



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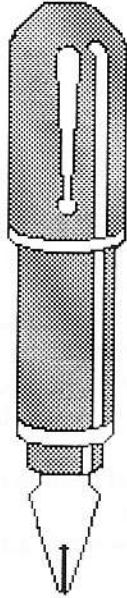
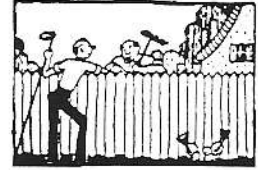
'Moonlight', one of the Toad Lilies. It has a lemon yellow leaf with a spotted flower resembling an orchid. It likes light shade and was still blooming in mid-October. Steve brought two toad lilies and some other plants which were auctioned by Joe Stenger (see photo below left) to benefit MGCM.

Trends in the perennial trade include using big, bold plants as accents in the garden; an emphasis on foliage texture and color; growing plants in pots and containers; use of grasses and native plants; and a trend against formality. Steve also sees a trend toward late bloomers that carry their flowers well into fall. Many of the plants whose pictures Steve showed exhibited this trait.

One of the plants that caught members' attention were a Ruby Chard that has stalks of brilliant red with deeply textured dark green leaves. Another was *Salvia 'Argentia'* that has neat, silvery seven inch hairy leaves. As a shade gardener, I also took note of the variegated *Solomon's Seal* and the suggested use of new varieties of *Hellebore*.

The use of grasses in the garden fits in two of the trends Steve identified. He emphasized that the grasses he likes are all non-invasive. Among them are *Calamagrostis 'Karl Forester'*, *Miscanthus 'Morning Light'* and *Helictotrichon Sempervirens*, or Blue Oat Grass, which grows in a delightful rounded clump under two feet tall.

Many new perennial are coming on the market every year. How does Steve find the new and sometimes rare varieties featured at Kelley and Kelly? He says networking is the key—meeting with other growers through the Perennial Plant Association, the Minnesota Landscape Association and others. Plus, keeping his eyes open every time he steps into a garden.



# Board Meeting Minutes

Margaret Hibberd, Secretary

October 7, 1997

Present: Howard Berg, Chuck Benson, Chuck Carlson, Margaret Hibberd, Maury Lindblom, Mary Maynard, Ritchie Miller, Bob Stepan, and Kay Wolfe.

## Secretary's Report:

Approved on a motion by Howard, seconded by Mary.

**Treasurer's Report:** The September financial report was approved on a motion by Margaret, seconded by Kay. The 1998 proposed budget puts more money into the *Spray* budget to meet the anticipated increase in *Spray* expenses. A motion by Mary, seconded by Ritchie, to accept the proposed budget for presentation to the membership was passed (see page 7).

## New Business

Cooperative Programming Proposal was received from the new Linden Hills Garden Club. They would like MGCM to serve as mentors and there was discussion of what help we could give. Maury will write them a letter telling them about our upcoming meetings and inviting them to attend if interested.

Report of meeting at the Arboretum in September on relationships between the Arboretum and plant societies or garden clubs. Kay and Howard attended for MGCM. They said 60-70 people were there and the meeting was good. For clubs and societies that become associated organizations there will be a "trade show"

at the Arboretum April 18, where they can show the public their information.

## Old Business

### Committee Reports

**Flower, Food and Foto:** 1998 show at Arboretum will be August 21 for setup and August 22-23 for show. Space will include the balcony. The committee is still working on the purchase of vases from the Rose Society. The suggestion was made that if these vases are purchased as replacements for milk bottles, that some of the milk bottles be sold. The first step might be to sort out any quart bottles with labels and auction them at club meetings.

**Perennial Garden:** September weeding took about an hour and some of the plants are doing really well, but there is still a lot of work to be done. Next season weeding might be done by a person assigned to a section rather than on a weekly schedule. Kay is interested in pursuing a plan for the back part of the perennial border behind the trial plants.

**Membership:** Applications from John Ceryes, and Lyla and Alfred Anderegg were approved on a motion by Ritchie, seconded by Mary.

**Newsletter:** A new editor for 1998 is still being sought.

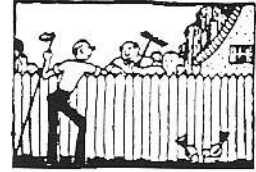
**Holiday Party:** A check has been written for deposit on outside entertainment.

**Nominating Committee:** The slate of officers for 1998 include:

Mary Maynard, President  
Eldon Hugelen, Vice President  
Walt Muehlegger, Secretary  
Howard Berg, Treasurer  
Maury Lindblom, Past President  
Chuck Carlson, Tim McCauley,

Ritchie Miller and Kay Wolfe, Directors  
The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m. on a motion by Ritchie, seconded by Mary.





# Chuck's Chestnuts

by Chuck Carlson

Eldon Hugelen sent me an article from *Green Prints* by Eric Grissell called the "Manure Party". Here's a short synopsis:

Eric says he has had it with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—and has concluded that a new party should run the country. He says the Americans need a new movement. The party will be based on hard work, planning, design and fruition. It would be a party for gardeners of the country. In fact, this party will be synonymous with both gardening and politics: *The Manure Party*.

The party will be run by a head gardener and will have this slogan, "Less mud and more Manure". The campaign promise will be, "A manure spreader in every garage". You can help by sending what manure makes, the green of course.

Manuricrats will bring about significant changes. They will abolish all the present state boundaries. The states will be replaced by "Hardiness States" based on the USDA hardiness zones. It will give each group something in common.

Another goal is to rid the streets of lawyers and courts. These will be replaced by the wisest garden club members who will review the evidence and prescribe sentences. The guilty parties will be exiled to the HMCC (Heavy Munitions Crop Corps). Here they will be forced to grow rutabagas, turnips, parsnips and beans for the new army, the National Weeding Corps. This fiber rich diet will assure that nothing will block their way.

Remember the old gardening rule: dig "a fifty dollar hole for a five dollar plant". This new party will be the finest

fifty dollar hole you have ever thrown your money into and that is no manure.

Did you know:

- that two can live as cheaply as one, for half the time.
  - that you always find something you've misplaced the last place you look.
  - that one good head is worth 100 strong hands.
  - that elevators smell different to midgets.
  - that wrong telephone numbers are never busy.
  - that the length of a minute depends on which side of the bathroom door you are standing.
  - that a quarter ounce of chocolate can be four pounds of fat.
  - that you have the capacity to learn from your mistakes. Today you will learn a lot. Your biggest one was reading this column.
- Happy Gardening!

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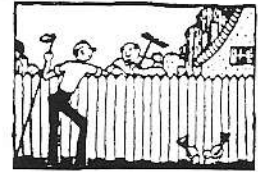
## Wanted

Chuck Carlson is looking for different ways to measure soil pH. If anyone is measuring it, he would like to know what method you are using. He is considering an article on the subject for a future issue of the *Garden Spray*.

# Proposed 1998 MGCM Budget

To be voted on at the November MGCM Meeting

<u>Income</u>	<u>96 Budget</u>	<u>96 Actual</u>	<u>97 Proposed</u>	<u>97-9 months</u>	<u>98 Proposed</u>
Biennial Garden Tours		\$8,916.00			\$8,000.00
Calendars	\$3,330.00	2,451.00	\$3,300.00	\$443.00	3,000.00
Club Tours	700.00	5,794.00	1,400.00	2,482.00	700.00
Dues	4,500.00	4,280.00	5,000.00	200.00	5,000.00
FFF	300.00	247.00	300.00	222.50	250.00
Holiday Party	300.00	2,030.00	2,000.00		2,500.00
Interest	500.00	64.00	250.00	41.46	250.00
Meeting Meals	5,000.00	5,794.00	5,430.00	4,797.50	6,500.00
Memorials		124.00		20.00	
Misc Income	100.00	103.24	100.00	64.30	200.00
Plant auction	5,100.00	6,856.45	5,150.00	7,169.47	7,000.00
Raffles	200.00	30.00	200.00	339.00	300.00
Scholarships	3,000.00	1,012.00		3,492.50	4,000.00
Slide shows	300.00	364.00	250.00	100.00	250.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$25,030.00</b>	<b>\$32,276.19</b>	<b>\$23,380.00</b>	<b>\$19,371.73</b>	<b>\$37,950.00</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>96 Budget</u>	<u>96 Actual</u>	<u>97 Proposed</u>	<u>9 Months 97</u>	<u>98 Proposed</u>
Arbor Day	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Awards - Trophies	200.00	282.00	200.00	109.45	200.00
Bank CDS		4,480.00			5,500.00
Biennial Tour					2,500.00
Calendars	1,800.00	1,577.40	1800.00		1500.00
Church Rent	400.00	482.00	450.00	301.25	478.00
Convention Delegates	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	500.00
Directory	200.00	162.41	200.00	207.50	250.00
Donation Arboretum	400.00	400.00	400.00		600.00
Donation MSHS	400.00	400.00	400.00		400.00
FFF	850.00	903.32	700.00	707.21	750.00
Holiday Party	2,000.00	2,006.40	2,000.00	494.16	2,500.00
Honoraria	100.00	100.00	200.00		200.00
Honorary Member	80.00	103.00	80.00		84.00
Insurance		287.00	300.00	290.00	300.00
Meals - etc.	5,000.00	5,956.46	5,250.00	4,881.25	6,008.00
Membership - Publicity	100.00	91.06	100.00	20.77	100.00
Memorials		70.00		125.00	
Misc.	200.00		100.00	616.92	100.00
MSHS	1,450.00	1,883.00	1,670.00	151.00	2,380.00
Office Supply	300.00	203.27	300.00	370.05	400.00
Perennial Garden	850.00	113.85	750.00		100.00
Photography	100.00		70.00		100.00
Plant Sale	3,000.00	4,054.29	3,000.00	3,877.94	3,900.00
Scholarship	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Service Charge	50.00	41.87	50.00	59.53	100.00
Slide Show	100.00	50.25	160.00		100.00
Spray	1,300.00	1,242.43	1300.00	1,011.84	1,650.00
Sunshine	200.00	195.86	200.00	168.98	200.00
TGOA	1,450.00	3,310.00	1,450.00		2,100.00
Tours	700.00		1,400.00	2,345.48	700.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$25,030.00</b>	<b>\$34,482.09</b>	<b>\$26,380.00</b>	<b>\$18,999.42</b>	<b>\$37,950.00</b>



## Giant Pumpkin and Sunflower Winners



Winners of the 1998 MGCM Giant Pumpkin and Sunflower Contests were selected at the October Dinner Meeting.

Bob Voigt (pictured at left) had the largest pumpkin, weighing more than twice as much as the third place fruit.

Richard Coldren grew the second largest fruit, and Howard Berg finished third with a pumpkin weighing 33 pounds.

Margaret Hibberd took the honors in the sunflower contest.

Chuck Carlson was runner-up and

Bob Voigt finished in third place.

(photo by Lloyd Wittstock)

## Former Member Don Hardesty Dies

by Andy Marlow

When I joined MGCM back in 1980 Don Hardesty was one of the "old timers" in the club. He was one of the guys who dug in and got things done. In fact, he won the President's Cup in 1981 for his service to the president. He also was an experts on growing fruits and vegetables, with grapes and apples among his favorites. He was a personable and likable man with a distinctly common touch.

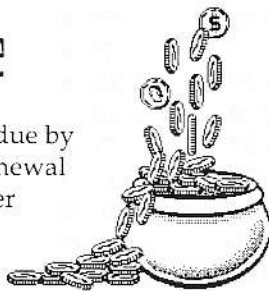
It was with great sadness that I read Don's obituary in the *Tribune* on October 5. Don passed away from a stroke on September 26. He was 90 years old. Marion, his wife of 62 years died on October 1, just a week later. She was 87.

Don's father died when Don was a few months old. He grew up with his grandparents, who homesteaded 160 acres of poor land near Grygla in northwestern Minnesota. He eventually graduated from West High School in Minneapolis. He worked a number of jobs until 1943, when he joined Northwest as Chief Military Accountant. He stayed 31 years, rising to chief accountant, treasurer, financial vice president and a member of the board of directors before retiring in 1974.

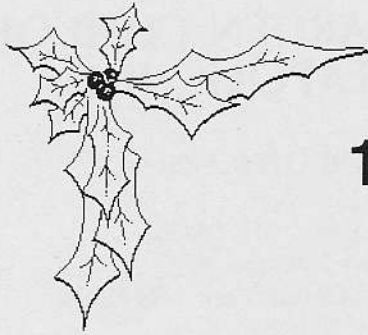
Don and Marion had a son born with Down Syndrome. They were active in starting what became Fraser Community Services in Richfield, a school for children with special needs. The family asked that memorials for either Don or Marion be sent to Fraser Community Service, Clifton House or the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Chaska County.

## Dues Due

1998 MGCM dues are due by November 15. A member renewal from appeared in the October Garden Spray.







# MGCM 1997 Holiday Party



**Tuesday, December 9, 1996**

Lake Harriet Methodist Church  
Chowen Avenue South at 49th Street, Minneapolis

Gathering: 6:00 p.m.

**Parade of Turkeys and Feast: 6:30 p.m.**

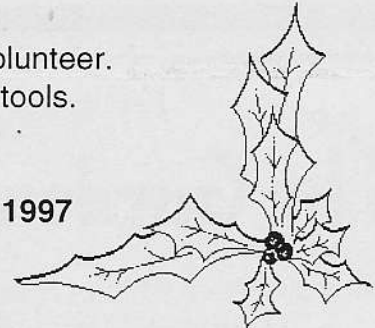
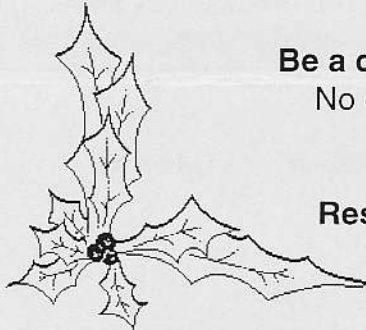
Entertainment by The Coventry Garden  
Poinsettia for every lady in attendance.  
Drawing for wreaths and large poinsettias.

Please an unwrapped gift for Santa Anonymous  
(for a child, preteen or teen)

**Be a carver.** Call Bill Hull (926-1327) to volunteer.  
No experience needed. Bring your own tools.  
Hats will be provided.

**Reservation deadline: November 30, 1997**

\$14.00 per person



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## Reservation Form

Member

Guest

Name(s):

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Total in party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$14.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (Make check payable to MGCM.)

Mail to: Howard and Ruth Berg, 10107 Lakeview Drive,  
Minnetonka, MN 55305-2615

Phone: 545-7290

**Note: All parties are assigned to particular tables. If you would like to sit at the same table with another group, please specify here:**

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