



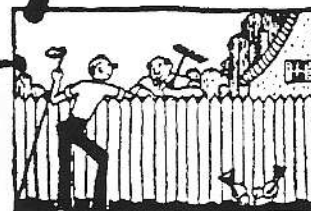
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October 12th Dinner Meeting...

Developing Plants for Your Future Landscape

Dr. Harold Pellet from the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum will speak. Dr. Pellet has done plant research over the last thirty years. Minnesotans and others in northern zones can enjoy flowering shrubs and trees that can live with urban stress because of his efforts. One of his major research projects is the development of hardy azaleas for zones three and four (those released are the Lights series; Northern Lights, etc.). He would like more individuals and garden clubs to become involved with the Landscape Plant Development Center which he founded. It should be an interesting talk, so be sure to come.

Big Sunflower and Pumpkin Contest

Remember to bring your entries to the October dinner meeting. The bigger the better.

Date: Tuesday October 12, 1999

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

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

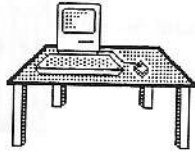
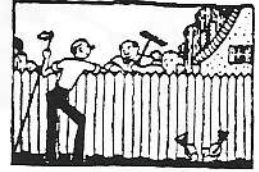
Cost: \$9.00 if reserved in advance
\$10.00 at the door if extra meals are available



Permanent reservations are in effect.

(Note the change in whom to contact)

The permanent reservation list will remain in effect for this meeting. Check your mailing label. If it has a "p" or "pp" (one or two reservations) you are on the permanent list. If there is no "p" on your label, you are not on the permanent reservation list and must notify Mary Maynard by Friday, October 8, to be assured a place at dinner. If you are on the permanent list and will not attend, you must notify Mary by the same deadline or risk being responsible for the cost of your dinner. Mary can be reached at 612-926-7506. Leave a message on her voice mail if you can't reach her in person or send her an e-mail at mary.j.maynard@healthpartners.com. If you have reserved a dinner and on Monday or Tuesday you have an emergency where you find you can't attend, call Howard Berg. If the reservation can be sold to late-comers or drop-ins, you will not be billed.



The Editor's Desk

Chuck Carlson
Managing Editor

During the September business meeting an increase in dues was approved by the membership. It was pointed out that all of this increase goes to groups with which we are affiliated. The Club's renewal form shows the breakdown. Also, see our president's column for a discussion of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society's (MSHS) portion.

The year 2000 budget is in process as required by our bylaws. It must be approved by the membership at our January meeting. Then it becomes our spending plan for the year 2000. Committee chairs or other members are encouraged to provide input to the budget process. Please address any requests to the board and send them to Treasurer Howard Berg.

In order to provide new members with some background I have summarized some of the existing financial conditions. We generate income from dues, calendar sales, raffles, slide shows, and the plant auction. The dues generate about \$1200. To put this in perspective, it does not cover the generation and mailing of the newsletter which consumes about \$1700.

All other income streams have to cover the expenses for Arbor Day, awards and trophies, the *Spray*, donations, sunshine, national director stipend, the member directory, office supplies, honorary members, the Flower, Food & Foto Show, speaker honorariums and miscellaneous items.

We expect the dinner meetings (including church rent), club tours, the holiday party, the Dayton's-Bachman's show and any special trips or programs to

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Coming Attractions

Saturday October 2, 8:30 AM

TGOA/MGCA
Mid America Regional Seminar
Minnesota State Horticulture Society
1755 Prior Avenue North
Falcon Height MN

Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 PM

Board of Directors meeting
Eldon Hugelen's house

Tuesday, October 12, 6:30 PM

MGCM Dinner Meeting
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church
49th and Chowen Avenue South

Tuesday, November 2, 7:30 PM

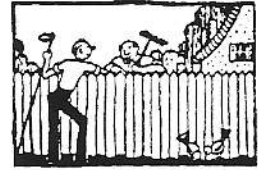
Board of Directors meeting
Ritchie Miller's house

Tuesday, November 9, 6:30 PM

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Overall In The Garden

by Eldon Hugelen, President MGCM

It seems again that our club affiliation with other horticulture groups is getting our attention.

Last January, the question of affiliation to the Men's Garden Clubs of America / The Gardeners of America was brought to a vote, and MGCM strongly voted to stay affiliated with them.

Now the Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) is raising their dues by \$3.00—making it \$20.00 per year starting October first.

The subject of benefit automatically comes to mind. The number of my volunteer hours has not decreased, nor have they for many of our club members. But I have noticed the names connected with the society are not as familiar to me as they once were. Maybe affiliation has been re-

translated to support. Affiliation requires some close connection, maybe even some fellowship. Perhaps that is a lot to ask of a 20,000 members society.

But the issue of next year's MGCM dues is still there. When our local club dues, \$10.00 per member, is only 21% of our renewal dues, that means 79% is going to support other groups. We have over 100 members, which entitles us to have a representative on the MSHS Board of Directors. For that privilege, we must

have 100% membership in the MSHS. Options for MGCM are to leave membership to MSHS optional to each club member at \$23.00, or to leave membership totally optional to each club member without club involvement at \$30.00. The last option would mean, per our By Laws, the club would have to disaffiliate from the MSHS.

The reason for the MSHS increase is to keep it solvent. And I think it is to every Minnesota gardener's benefit that there is a Minnesota State Horticultural Society. It's like wanting a beautiful garden and having no good plant nurseries at which to buy plants. No gardener is an island onto himself. He can plant only what he knows and gardeners in Minnesota gain from having the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

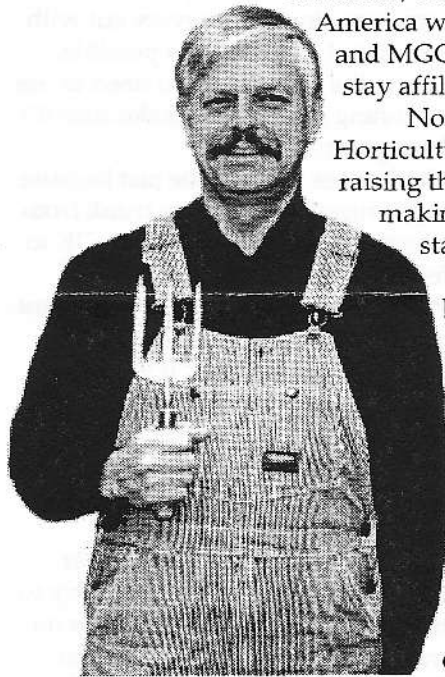


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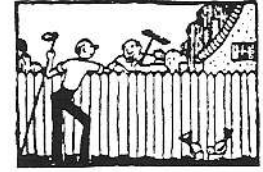
Weeds

A weed is no more than a flower in disguise. A weed can be any plant in the wrong place.

Let no weed go to seed.

Membership Renewals

Year 2000 membership renewal forms have been mailed. Please fill them out and return them by mail or bring them to the October meeting. If they are not in by November first, you will miss the January issue of the *Minnesota Horticulturist*. Also make sure you provide all 10 digits of your phone numbers and sign up for a least two committees.



September Program Report

By Mary Maynard

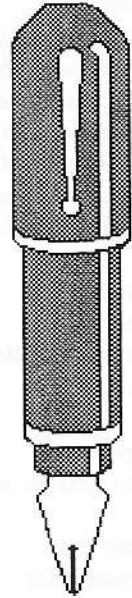
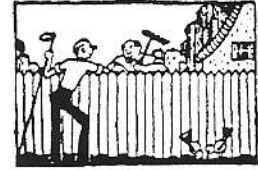
Our September speaker was MGCM member Jackie Overom. Jackie is a Master Gardener and a volunteer tree advisor for the City of Burnsville. Her presentation was very informative and interesting. So interesting, in fact, that I was completely absorbed and forgot to take notes. So, forgive me if my memory is faulty!

Jackie provided three brochures for us, and they cover a great deal of information. They are (1) *Planting Trees in Designed and Built Community Landscapes: Checklists for Success* published by the U.S. Forest Service and the State of New Hampshire; (2) *Tree Pruning Near Power Lines*, by Northern States Power; and (3) *How to Prune Trees* by the USDA/Forest Service. *How to Prune Trees* is very informative and thorough, and I am far too lazy to reproduce all of the information in that brochure or in Jackie's presentation. If you weren't able to attend the club meeting, it would be worthwhile to get this brochure. It has an ID code of NA-FR-01-95. I bet it's available from the Extension offices or from the Forest Service Office in St. Paul.

A few key points that I remember:

1. There are three basic pruning tools: hand-held pruning shears (Jackie likes Felco #2), lopping shears, and a pruning saw. (I only have one of those three. No wonder things are looking shaggy!)
 2. When removing a large branch, use the three-cut method. First, make a cut on the underside of the branch about a foot farther out the branch
3. Avoid pruning oak trees until late summer. If for some reason (like breakage in a storm), you need to do some pruning, cover every cut with latex paint as quickly as possible. This is the only time you need to use a pruning sealer. And make sure it's latex paint!
 4. Maple trees will not die just because sap is running down the trunk from a recent pruning wound. It is OK to feel sorry for them, though.
 5. Prune spring-flowering shrubs right after they flower, since they'll form next year's buds soon. If you wait too long, you won't have flowers next year.
 6. Never, never top a tree. It looks terrible and results in weak growth from the cut ends.
 7. If it is necessary to remove lower branches of an evergreen tree, try to make sure that the bare trunk is no more than 1/3 of the total height. Even then, it can look a little silly.
 8. We should learn to recognize weak joints: where branches from the main trunk have "included bark", for instance. Weak joints can be a hazard to your or your neighbor's property. It's tough to deal with these when the tree is 50 feet high. It's best to remove weak branches when the tree is young.
 9. Think ahead when planting trees below power lines, unless you want to cut that fir tree down later for a

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Board Meeting Summary

Margaret Hibberd, Secretary

September 7, 1999.

Present: Howard Berg, Chuck Carlson, Margaret Hibberd, Eldon Hugelen, Dave Johnson (Fridley), Mary Maynard, Tim McCauley, Ritchie Miller, and Kay Wolfe.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given and approved. The vice president reported on future programs.

Committee Reports

Calendars: They will be for sale at the September meeting and then other members will be called for orders. 476 will be for sale.

Holiday Party: Duane Johnson wanted input from the Board on how much it can cost. The answer is that it can cost whatever the committee thinks is needed to cover costs. Suggestions by the board to cut down

expenses: no paid entertainment (maybe try home grown entertainment), spending less on fresh greens and using the decorations we have.

Perennial Garden: Bob Redmond is in charge of maintenance and Kay Wolfe is in charge of plant materials. Bob is discouraged by poor cooperation from the Park Department. There is still no watering system and they have not fulfilled the repeated promise to spray the big weeds.

Also discouraging is the apathy of members. Many of the committee members do not show up to work. Despite all this, there has been dramatic improvement this year.

Garden Spray: Chuck outlined needs and schedule for September and October and reminded that we still need a replacement for Andy.

Nominating Committee: Mary Maynard will call a meeting and asked Eldon and Ritchie to be on the committee in addition to the past presidents.

Old Business

Membership Secretary: Howard drafted a list of duties. Bylaw changes will be needed to create this position. Jackie Overom may be interested in the job.

Proposed Bylaw Changes: Eldon and Kay will prepare a description of changes for the October *Spray* to fulfill the 30-60 day advance notice before voting on them at the annual meeting in November.

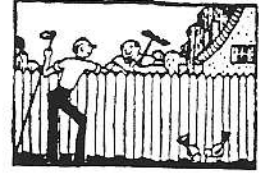
Committee Descriptions: On a motion by Kay and a second by Ritchie, the Board voted that a Membership handbook be prepared which includes Committee Descriptions, Officer's Duties and Bylaws. The discussion of the details of committee descriptions was tabled until November.

Membership Renewal: The form needs to be changed to reflect committee listings as they now exist. The Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) dues are increasing \$3 in October to \$20 with 100% club participation and to \$23 if not 100%. The Board voted to accept the dues increase and pass it on by increasing membership dues. Howard will check on the spouse charge change and Eldon will present the \$5 dues increase to \$47 (\$3 for MSHS and the previous \$2 for regional dues) for a vote of the members at the September meeting.

2000 Budget: The 2000 budget will be
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Secretary
Margaret
Hibberd



Flower, Food & Foto Show

By Bob Voigt & Chuck Carlson

Visitors and judges both had good comments on the show and its diversity. The one thing lacking was the amount of vegetables and the number of participants in that section. We had 28 participants, five of which were nonmembers. Thanks to all who participated and thanks to all who helped with the arrangements. The major winners are shown below:

Flower Division

Flower Sweepstakes Winner

Dave and Delores Johnson

Best Flower

Mel Anderson

National Flower Award

Margaret Hibberd

Vegetable Division

Vegetable Sweepstakes

Bob Voigt

Best Vegetable

Jim Dzandzarn

National Vegetable winner

Ken Hibberd

Best of Show

Mel Anderson

Best First-Time Exhibitor

Marilyn Brummer

The top ten point winners were:

- Dave & Delores Johnson (74)
- Henry Orfield (59)
- Margaret Hibberd (49)
- Bob Voigt (45)
- Mel Anderson (38)
- Mavis Voigt (35)
- Lloyd Mikkelson (31)
- Chuck Carlson (26)
- Jerry Shannon (26)
- Eldon Hugelen (23)

Photo Division

There were 12 participants (2 non-members). The photographs were excellent but we could still use more participants. We congratulate Lloyd Weber on being the overall winner. It should be stressed to all those who have never entered that Lloyd was a first time exhibitor.

Foto Sweepstakes

Lloyd Weber

Best of Show and the Best Slide

Sher Curry

Best Print

Eldon Hugelen

The top six finishers in the Foto

Division were:

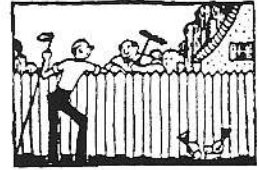
- Lloyd Weber (64)
- Chuck Carlson (52)
- Lloyd Wittstock (36)
- Sher Curry (34)
- Eldon Hugelen (33)
- Marty Anderson (25)

Annual Meeting Notice

As part of the November 9, 1999 dinner meeting, we will hold our annual business meeting. Items to be covered are:

- Election of officers for 2000
- Approval of changes to the Bylaws.
- Items deemed necessary by the members in attendance.

**Are you Y2K compliant?
You can be if you:
Fill in the year 2000 Renewal
form and return it to the
MGCM's Treasurer**



Scholarship Awards

By Kent Petterson

In August, the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis awarded four \$1,000.00 academic scholarships to students of horticulture. The winners were chosen by a committee consisting of Kent Petterson, Dave Johnson, Andy Marlow and Merle Pulley. These scholarships are the latest in a total of 23 scholarships over the past eight years totaling \$23,000.00. Congratulations are extended to the entire membership for their ongoing support of this program. The success of our biennial tours has provided funding for the awards over the years.

This year for the first time we awarded scholarships to four winners. The applications were outstanding and the choice was difficult. The four recipients were Anna Mau and Rita Minnichsoffer, both students at Hennepin Technical College (HTC) in Brooklyn Park, and Heather Schulke and Mary McDonald, both students at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus. Each has been invited along with a guest to join us at the Holiday Party.

The following is a short recap for each student and their involvement with horticulture:

Anna Mau has completed her second semester at HTC. After growing up with the influences of a family hobby farm near Excelsior, and graduating with an AA Degree from Normandale College, as well as raising her children to school age, Anna returned to her interests that had grown over the years. Influenced by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, Minnesota Green Project, Anna founded the Garden Ministry at St. Joseph The Worker Church in Maple Grove. The

Ministry has grown to over 60 volunteers and their work received the Governor's Commendation for Community Greening from MSHS in 1997. Anna has also worked with Mary Schmidt, Hennepin County Master Gardener and owner of Gardens Galore Landscaping.

Rita Minnichsoffer discovered her love of gardening when she and her husband bought their first home. Her interest grew into becoming a Master Gardener for Chisago County and chairperson of the Chisago City Park Board. A BS degree in Applied Design and Visual Communications from the University of Minnesota led to a variety of creative positions including her current job with an internet design firm. Rita turned to the program offerings at HTC to help with her interest in residential and community landscape design based on sustainable design principles. She has found a new career path in her love of plants and helping people.

A natural leader is our third recipient, Heather Schuelke. Involvement in 4H, Future Farmers of America, Lutheran Campus Ministry and as current president of the University of Minnesota Horticulture Club are just a part of Heather's life. Her work with Bushel Boy Farms in Owatonna, a hydroponic tomato producer and the TRE Nursery program are part of her horticulture work. Deb Brown, her advisor at the University, called her a "very determined and hard working individual who shows solid potential and will be a real asset to the horticultural community—a good investment in the future". Needless to say, we were convinced.

Mary McDonald is interested in owning her own retail nursery/landscape business. An outstanding student and motivated gardener, Mary has been inspiring those around her through her

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Bylaw Changes

By Eldon Hugelen and Kay Wolfe

The Board of Directors will present some changes to the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis (MGCM) bylaws to be voted on at our November Annual Meeting on November 9, 1999.

Early this year our Past President, Maury Lindblom, presented the Board with a document which defines MGCM's committees, their functions, and the duties of all club officers. After compiling all this information, Maury and those he consulted suggested that these definitions and descriptions be incorporated into the current bylaws as appendices.

The Board has spent much time reviewing this material. The Board decided that the information should be adopted as part of a handbook.

The handbook will also contain a copy of the bylaws, and be distributed to the membership. It was decided the officers and committees and their duties often change or evolve according to Club needs, and if these were a part of the bylaws it would require a vote every time there is a change. Setting term limits of the Board members was also discussed. It was decided that these limits can be controlled by the nominating committee.

In reviewing the duties of the present officers, the Board decided to recommend the creation of a new office, Membership Secretary.

This officer will keep the database of our members current, and communicate this information to MGCA/TGOA and the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Currently the Treasurer does this work in addition to tracking club finances. The club will have five officers: President,

Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer. There would be three Directors (instead of the current four). With the Past President there will be nine board members as prescribed by our present Bylaws.

Copies of the proposed Bylaw changes will be available for your review at the October meeting.

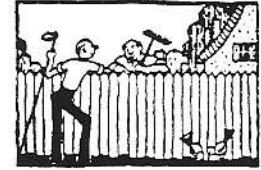


Marilyn Brummer (above) and Sher Curry (below) getting ready for the Flower, Food & Foto Show.



Directory Changes

Sher Curry has a new phone number. It is 612-537-7071.



Committees

By Mary Maynard

Be sure to sign up on the 2000 membership renewal form for at least two committees. If you are in doubt about the committee's duties, please ask another member or a board member. The board has been working to define the duties of all the committee and make this available to the membership. Most committees will be no different than in the past, but the Hospitality Committee has been given new duties.

As you are looking at all the committees that you could sign up for in 2000 please consider the Hospitality Committee. Responsibilities include:

- Take meal reservations for regular meetings
- Manage the permanent reservation list and communicate changes to *Spray Editor*
- Coordinate arrangements with caterer(s)
- Set up tables, chairs, sound system for meetings at church
- Manage name tags
- Greet members as they enter
- Make sure new members are taken care of at meetings—show them around, introduce them, etc.
- Check members in , collect money for meals. (The Treasurer should not have to do this unless she or he wants to)

There will be plenty to do, and the Committee will need to be larger than it has been in the past. Please consider the Hospitality Committee and at least one other committee. The club functions by these committees. You will be surprised what you can learn about gardening , make new friends, and have fun doing it.

Alerts

By Chuck Carlson

Petunia Alert

You have probably heard of or even grown *The Wave*. There have been purple, pink and mystic lilac waves. Another called Coral Wave was also hybridized but it was found to have a genetic defect. Its growth habit is much less vigorous than the others and the foliage turns yellow. It has been withdrawn from the market, but be aware if it shows up unexpectedly.

Lock Jaw Alert

Get your tetanus (lock jaw) shot. Another gardener, not having the shot, has died after contacting the bacillus, *Clostridium tetani*, through the soil .

Fruit and Vegetable Alert

Wash melon rinds before cutting and eating. Rinds can harbor bacteria.

From the Greenhorn

Red peppers have nine times as much vitamin A and twice as much vitamin C as green peppers. Thus, eat red.

From Tufts University

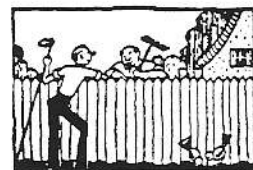
Bird Alert

Clean bird baths daily or have flowing water to control bacteria growth.

Age alert

No matter how old you get you can still garden and *Miracle-gro* is a lot cheaper than *Viagra*.

Mike Harden Columbus Dispatch via the Greenhorn



Board Meeting

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presented and voted upon in the January business meeting. The Budget Committee should include at least Howard and Ritchie as President-elect.

Hospitality Committee: Mary said members should realize that duties for this committee are expanding when they chose committees on their renewal form, so she will write an article for the *Spray*.

New Business

Plant and Garden Club Fair: A meeting has been called by the Arboretum for September 16. Howard and Margaret will attend to represent MGCM and express concerns. The biggest concern is attendance and its worth to the club.

Next meeting: October 5 Board at Eldon Hugelen's house.

Editor's Column

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be self sustaining (i. e., cost to participants equal to expenses).

I hope this provides some insight on the club financial operations. Make sure to read the budget and come to the January meeting prepared to vote on it. If you have any comments, please make them known.

Program Report

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Christmas tree. (We had a great one a few years ago!) Ornamental crabs, Japanese tree lilacs and other trees that grow only to 15 feet or so are more practical. Then you won't end up with the interesting arboreal sculptures we see on boulevards with power lines.

It was an excellent presentation. If you missed it, you missed yet another fine program presented by one of our own members.

Scholarships

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knowledge and enthusiastic can do attitude. Her Undergraduate Research Program to study phosphorus leaching in container grown plants is in progress. Her past experience includes gardening with her mother at home, a garden center in south Minneapolis, and the Horticulture Greenhouse and TRE Nursery at the University of Minnesota, where she is completing her senior year. She calls her future career in horticulture as an extension of her personality.

Future MGCM Programs

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Questions and, hopefully, answers by panel of MGCM members.

November 20

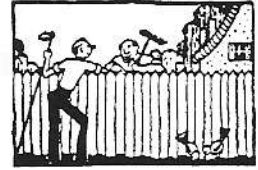
Tour of Bachman's Lakeville facility to see acres of poinsettias. See November *Spray* for details.

November 26

Make your own wreaths, sconces, table decorations or whatever at Kliers Garden Center. See November *Spray* for details.

January 11

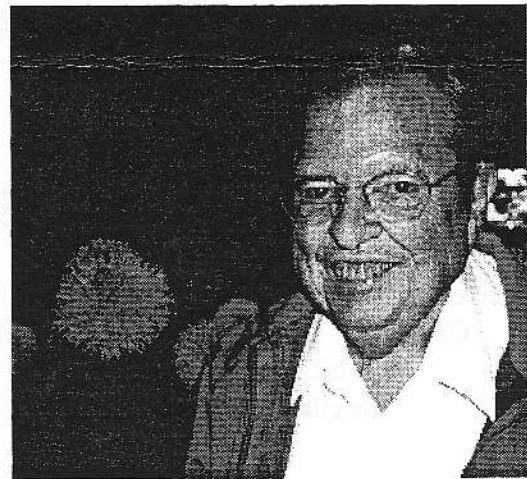
Successfully growing and propagating plants by Bob Stepan. Remember, Bob is Y2K compliant.



Mid America Region News

The Mid-America Region newsletter was distributed at the September 14th dinner meeting. Anyone not in attendance can obtain one from Eldon Hugelen or Chuck Carlson.

Don't forget the October 2nd regional meeting. Details were in the Regional newsletter and the September *Spray*. If you haven't made a reservation, you can still show up at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society's office. Contact Clyde Thompson with any questions.



Show Photos

Starting from the top:
Mel Anderson arranging his Best of Show entry. Harold Gulde at the National Dahlia Show. At left is Chet Groger at the July tour.

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