



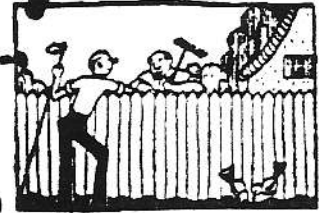
# The Garden Spray



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**How did your garden grow?**

**Any special problems or challenges with our cool, wet summer?**

**Want answers to all of your gardening questions?** ?

**Get them at the September MGCM Dinner meeting!**

**A panel of selected MGCM members who are also Master Gardeners will discuss the summer's problems and respond to your questions.**

? **Tuesday September 8, 1992** ? ?

**Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

**Business Meeting and Program to follow.**

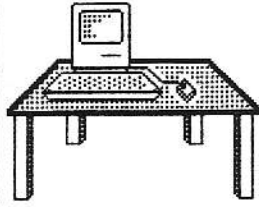
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**Remember, if you are on the permanent reservation list, you must let Eldon Hugelen know if you will not attend. Otherwise you will be charged for dinner whether you are there or not.**



**The Editor's Desk**  
Andy Marlow

The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis is not yet ready to consider a new name. Due to my misreading of the minutes of the July Board of Directors meeting, I thought such a thing might be being considered. Turns out that Kent Petterson is working on new by-laws, not for MGCM, but for MGCA/The Gardeners of America. MGCA's name change is still in a trial period and not yet permanent and official. If I can keep all this straight, we'll report on any new developments as they occur.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find profiles of the MGCM 50th Anniversary Scholarship winners. They are truly deserving students of horticulture and it is fortunate that our tours/fund raiser was such a success, so that we could award three scholarships. As a member of the committee that evaluated the scholarship applications I can say that we had a very impressive group of applications, but these three were the "best of the best."

It's barely noticeable on the back page, so I will call your attention to it here. The U.S. Postal Service, in its infinite wisdom, has chosen to bestow a new zip code on the editor of this publication (and a whole bunch of other folks north of state highway 7 in the old 55343 zip code). If you have to write to me, please use 55305 from now on. The USPS says they will continue to deliver using the old zip until next July, but it's not too early to get in the habit of using the new one.

The cool summer has not been good for some plants, but it has certainly been good for building new gardens. Three yards of top soil, several pick-up loads of compost and tons of rock have been added in my yard with a lot less perspiration than I expected.

# Coming Attractions

**September 8** – 6:00 p.m.  
MGCM Dinner Meeting  
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

**September 29** – 7:30 p.m.  
MGCM Board Meeting  
Merle Pulley's House

**October 6** – 6:00 p.m.  
50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner  
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church

**October 24** – 8:00 a.m.  
Fragrance Garden Clean Up

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

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# The Freedom Garden

Gregory P. Smith  
President, MGCM



The summer of 1992 looks like the year of the cold crop. The State Fair is here already and I have had only one red tomato from my backyard garden and a CABBAGE grown by Kent Petterson won "Best of Show" at the Club's Flower and Vegetable Show at St. Anthony Main. I don't remember a vegetable taking top honors before at one of our shows, however with all the excellent vegetable growers in the Club, I bet someone knows a past winner.

The garden tours are all complete for 1992 with good results. Hats off to everyone who participated either as a volunteer, host or visitor. The enjoyment of being an MGCM member is directly proportional to one's involvement. You get out of a club what you put in it, and when I

notice a member who is working up and beyond what's called for, I have to stop and say "This member must really enjoy the Club!"

The fall indoor meetings are ready to roll again. Now is a good time to bring a guest or new friend to a meeting. The dues for the second half of the year are only \$11.00, and we still have four meetings left in the year to sign up new recruits.

Mark you calendars ahead for the gala 50th Anniversary Banquet in October and our annual, and fabulous, Holiday party in December. If you are dieting, leave those dates open because it looks like excellent meals are planned.

See you at the September meeting!

## Fragrance Garden Update

*by Chuck Carlson*  
*Chair, Fragrance Garden Committee*

Things at the garden are going well. The only items that didn't do well during the last month were the Apricot plumed celosia. The plants seem to have died one by one. In early August we replaced them with some Nicotiana, Impatiens and Dianthus.

I have received comments from workers, people using the garden and those that toured the garden. All have been positive. For that, each of you who have worked at or for the garden should give yourselves a pat on the back.

On August 20 we had a group from the Winabar Garden Club of Edina tour our garden. Chet Groger gave them an excellent history of MGCM and of the garden. Thanks, Chet!

MGCM treasurer Mel Anderson sent me a note saying that he had received a check for \$25.00 to be used for the Fragrance Garden. This was an honorarium given to Mary Maynard for a speech she gave to the Federated Garden Clubs Life Members Breakfast. Thanks, Mary! We will put it to good use.

If you haven't taken a trip to the garden lately, please do. I think you will be pleased.

# Three Students Receive MGCM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarships

by Kent Petterson, Chair, Scholarship sub-Committee

As a result of our successful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Tours on July 11 and 12, The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis is able to award three college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. MGCM received 10 outstanding applications. A sub-committee of the 50th Anniversary Committee, consisting of Andy Marlow, Merle Pulley and Kent Petterson, reviewed the applications. The scholarship winners are Will Oswald, Heather Kriedermacher and Karin Lundquist.

When we started this process, we hoped to award at least one scholarship. We are now delighted to be able to award these three scholarships and also be able to establish a trust fund account with the remaining money. Additional scholarships will be awarded in future years with the hope that this scholarship can become an annual award. If you have any comments or ideas, please let a committee or Board member know your thoughts.

The three scholarship winners have been invited to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner on October 6. Here is a brief profile of each of them:

**H**eather Kriedermacher is a junior at the University of Minnesota from Altura, Minnesota. Majoring in Science in Agriculture, Heather hopes to attend graduate school to study plant breeding and genetics.

Heather started her horticulture career early on her family's farm and business "Pork and Plants." With a 15,000 square foot greenhouse to manage, and a retail plant sales business to help operate, Heather is already an experienced plant and business person.

In addition, Heather is an outstanding student, talented artist, campus leader and volunteer in her community.

**K**arin Lundquist is a junior at the University of Minnesota from Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She is studying to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticultural Science with emphasis in nursery management.

Karin has worked in retail and wholesale nursery sales. She is a member and officer of the U of M Horticulture Club, is a teaching assistant and has been a caretaker for the U of M test display gardens, which many of us have enjoyed over the years at the St. Paul campus.

Karin's love of plants and people showed through very strongly in her application. Her background in horticulture has been diverse. This, combined with her helpful spirit, produced an outstanding scholarship winner.

**W**ill Oswald will be a sophomore at the University of Minnesota - Crookston. His love of plants began when he was a child in Swanville, Minnesota. He's enrolled in a two year program in Greenhouse Management and Landscaping that will lead to an Associate of Applied Science degree.

Although Will is a young student, he has already shown the kind of maturity that has led to an officer position in the Horticulture Club, excellent grades in school, and a reputation among his peers and instructors as an honest, able and focused individual.

We believe that these three young people are outstanding citizens and individuals who

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# Flower & Vegetable Show Report

by Kent Petterson, Chair  
Flower and Vegetable Show Committee

The 1992 MGCM Flower and Vegetable Show was held at St. Anthony Main Shopping Center on August 8 and 9. Fifteen members entered their best flowers and vegetables, and many compliments were given for a successful and attractive Show.

The following participated in the show - Phil Peterson, Clyde Thompson, Eldon Hugelen, Lee Gilligan, Lloyd Mikkelson, Duane Johnson, Ted Olson, Bob Churilla, Maurice Lindblom, Lloyd Wittstock, Harold Gulde, Bob Heiberg, Henry Orfield, Kent Petterson and Dave Johnson. The following, although they did not enter plant materials in the show, helped in a big way with set-up, hosting and tear-down of the show - Ray Weisberg, Floyd Ashley, Duane Reynolds, Chuck Cotter, Chuck Carlson, Henry Halvorson, Robert Kean, Bob Livingston, Bob Voight, Len (and Jan, too!) Brenny, Bob Redmond, Merle Pulley and Lorraine Churilla.

The following individuals were specially selected winners:

**National Vegetable Award (green bean)**  
**Eldon Hugelen**

**National Flower Award (marigold)**  
**Lloyd Mikkelson**

**Albert R. Blackburn Trophy**  
(flower sweepstakes)  
**Dave Johnson**

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## Board Notes



At their August 4, 1992 meeting, The MGCM Board of Directors....

- pointed out that Kent Petterson is working on by-laws changes for The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America, not MGCM
- commended owners of gardens on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tours and the Tour subcommittee for excellent work, both in raising funds for scholarships and for recruiting potential new members
- discussed issues related to the purchase of liability insurance to protect member garden owners on the tours from damages since the

public was invited to tour.

- began discussion of finding a replacement for Agnes Oslund, our cook for many years. She is resigning effective January 1. The Board is open to suggestions from members.
- approved David P. Kelley as a new member
- referred other membership requests collected at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tours to the Membership Committee for follow-up.

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## Scholarships

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will not only be successful students, but will continue with careers in horticulture. This is the goal we set when the scholarship program was established. We have found three outstanding recipients, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to them.

# Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### CELEBRATION DINNER

WHERE:

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
50<sup>th</sup> Street and James Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN

WHEN:

October 6, 1992

TIME:

6:00 -6:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

COST:

\$12.50 per person

Tear off and send the reservation form below (along with your check for the appropriate amount) to:

Mel Anderson, Treasurer  
5701 35th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Please make your reservation by October 1.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners @ \$12.50 each for the MGCM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Celebration Dinner for \_\_\_\_\_  
(member name)

Names of Guests:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Some Sun – and a Sun Dial – Belong in Your Garden

*(reprinted from The Hi-Country Gardener, TGOA's Rocky Mountain Region quarterly newsletter, and written by Leroy Fish of the Colorado Springs Men's Garden Club)*

Time, the change in the length of the day and the apparent change in the positions of the sun, moon and stars with the seasons have long been of practical and intellectual interest to humans.

The changes are complex, consisting of overlapping cycles of various periods that are not readily apparent. It is thought that at least part of the purpose of Stonehenge (which predates recorded history by thousands of years) was to serve as a rather sophisticated astronomical observatory.

Sun dials were the earliest attempts to measure the hours in a day. They may predate recorded history, too. Isaiah, chapter 28, may be the first written reference to a sun dial.

The time shown on a sun dial is called "apparent time." Clock time is called "mean time." The difference between the two is called the "equation of time." It is given in most almanacs and some calendars as "clock slow" and "clock fast."

Clock time, or "mean time," is the average of all solar days in a year.

The difference in times will be a few minutes in a day – sometimes a little ahead, sometimes a little behind. The maximum is about 16 minutes for a few days in November.

Four times a year they will agree – April 15, June 15, September 15 and December 24.

Each mile change in longitude (east/west) means about five seconds change in apparent time at middle latitudes. For us about a 14 mile change in location east to west will result in a one-minute change in apparent time.

Sun dials have long been an important feature of garden and landscape architecture, particularly for more formal gardens. In years past, no formal garden would have been considered complete without a sun dial and gazing ball.

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## Flower & Vegetable Show

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**Tom Foley Memorial Trophy**  
(vegetable sweepstakes)  
**Kent Petterson**

**Robert L. Smith Memorial Trophy**  
(best showing by a first time exhibitor)  
**Lloyd Mikkelson**

The Committee wishes to thank all those who participated and helped to demonstrate again that our shows are among the best.

Those who were unable to pick up their awards at the show, can pick them up at the September meeting.

We do have one request. We need a place to store the milk bottles that are used for the show. We need a dry space for about 15 boxes of bottles. Our old storage space is no longer available. If you can help, call Kent Petterson at 332-1821.

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### New Member:

David P. Kelley  
5116 54th Avenue North  
Crystal, MN 55429  
home phone: 536-8149

# You would have liked...

## LEON SNYDER

by Bill Hull, MGCM Historian

Perhaps we should be more formal (although Leon wasn't a formal man) and call him Dr. Leon C. Snyder, head of the Department of Horticulture at the University of Minnesota

Many of you knew Leon because he was very active in MGCM. He had been a member since 1951, after having been nominated for membership by Archie Flack. When he filed out his application for MGCM membership, it is interesting that he listed his occupation as educator — which, of course, he was.

He educated us in many ways about horticulture, always able to respond to questions and quick and willing to discuss new introductions, whether from his own department or elsewhere. I can't begin to list all the new varieties introduced under his auspices, but they were many.



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Feature

He made a huge impact on Horticulture and agriculture.

Honors came his way easily and deservedly. For example, I well remember bestowing on him the Gold Medal of the Men's Garden Clubs of America when I was a past-president of that organization. It was for outstanding leadership in horticulture.

Many of us remember Leon at the Club Flower and Vegetable Shows at the old Park Board Greenhouse, at the University of Minnesota apple breeding farm and at the Arboretum, which he so ably led for many years.

He was a fine president of our club, presiding and leading with verve and ability. We owe him a lot. Yes, if you never had a chance to know Leon Snyder, you missed a fine man.

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