



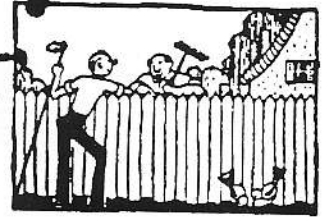
# The Garden Spray



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## September 14th Dinner meeting Jackie Overom Speaks on Pruning



Jackie is a member of MGCM, a master gardener and is certified by the University of Minnesota as a Tree Care Advisor. She has chosen to speak on pruning, a subject she has studied, researched and practices in her own garden. Those of you who were fortunate to see her garden on the July tour had a visual peek of her capabilities as a gardener. Come and hear first hand if she snips, cuts or slashes. Maybe she does all three. Can you make



the cut? If you are in doubt, come on the fourteenth and learn pruning. You can then go home, lubricate those loppers and lop off those lopsided Lindens.

### Added Attractions

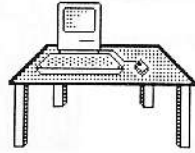
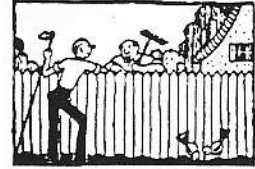
- Photos from the "Foto"contest. •
- Visitors from another Garden Club. Make sure you greet them •

Date: Tuesday September 14, 1999  
 Place: Lake Harriet United Methodist Church  
 49th and Chowen Avenue South  
 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. See Below

#### Important Note about Reservations Note the changes in who 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, September 10, 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

Judy Anderson, editor of the TGOA/ MGCA newsletter and magazine, reads our newsletter and saw the picture of Fred Glasoe and wanted to know more about him. The following was prepared for her and I thought this could also be my editorial. I hope it will be an example so others in our club will take it upon themselves to write about a fellow club member. I would dearly like to include some of these in future issues of the *Spray*. Maybe you could write about the person in the club who is your mentor, the one who introduced you to our club or a member who is just a good friend.

#### Freddy The Gardener

A member of TGOA / MGCA, a gardener, a teacher, a writer, a broadcaster, a lover of food and an all around jolly good guy.

Fred O. Glasoe has been a member of The Gardeners of America /Men's Garden Club of America since 1972. Since that time he has also been a member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. Here he has served well, being on the Board of Directors, President of the club in 1977 and a bronze medal winner in 1982.

He lives in the eastern area of south Minneapolis with his wife Beth and has had a home garden there for years. He grows a bit of everything. Hostas, roses, and dahlias are some which predominate. A water feature also resides in his small, but flower packed, city backyard.

He is a retired public school teacher but still lectures on gardening at Bachman's Garden Center where he also serves the public as a garden answer man.

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## Coming Attractions

**Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 PM**

Board of Directors meeting  
Kay Wolfe's house

**Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 PM**

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

**Saturday October 2, 8:30 AM**

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

**Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 PM**

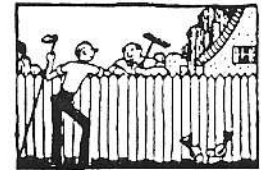
Board of Directors meeting  
Eldon Hugelen's house

**Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 PM**

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

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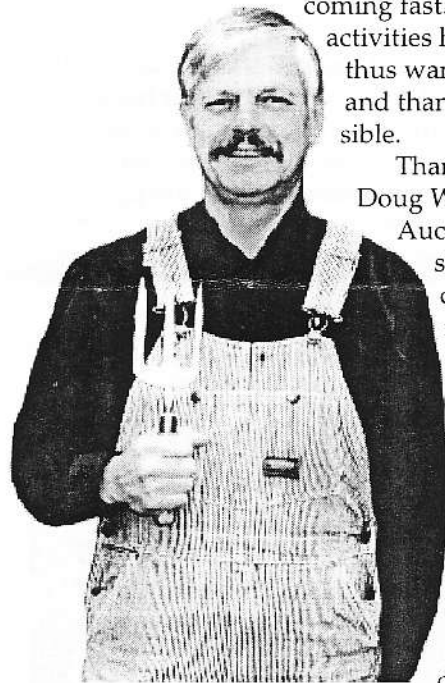
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# Overall In The Garden

by Eldon Hugelen, President MCCM

At nine PM in the garden it's dark. It's bringing the chrysanthemums into bloom, but it seems a bit early. But then when you think about the clubs activities that have occurred one realizes that fall is coming fast. Most of our major club activities have taken place and I thus want to reflect on them and thank all those responsible.



Thanks to Bob Stepan and Doug Whitney, the Plant Auction was again a success this May. The committee with its many regular contributors and some new ones lowered the cost and upped the profit to a new high.

Bob Redmond and his Perennial Trial garden committee turned our Lake Harriet plot into a garden this year. The club bought a rototiller

(The Purslane Express) to help aggressively overcome any weeds. By the way, the club will allow club members to use it but we would expect a donation to the club. Kay Wolfe orchestrated, with donations of Bob Kean's Arbor Day committee, plants for a background planting of shrubs and large perennials to compliment the perennial trial strip.

Carol Ann Brekke and Mary Wahl and their focused tour committee arranged for the club to visit member gardens which impressed us all.

As I write, the Flower, Food and Foto Show committee is all prepared to receive your garden specimens for judging, Henry Orfield and Lloyd Wittstock, as co-chairs of the Photography committee have the winning photos in hand.

The Scholarship committee, Kent Petterson, Chair, has met and awarded \$1000 scholarships to four worthy students of horticulture.

Dave Johnson of Fridley has the new calendars for year 2000, so get in line before they are all gone.

Clyde Thompson is planning a new venture with the Mid America Region; A mini-convention at the MN State Horticultural Society building. Keep October 2nd open and be ready to help him when he asks you.

Duane Reynolds has the awesome task of directing the club through a national garden club convention in year 2001.

Our Vice-President, Ritchie Miller, has been presenting stellar garden events each month.

And the Board of Directors has been reviewing the Bylaws and have found some possible updating to be recommended.

I must also mention the ongoing monthly regulars as the Spray, Hospitality and Sunshine committees. The Holiday Party committee I'm sure has started their letter to Santa.

Looking back, this club has had a lot of daylight this year and I wonder if some of the committees haven't burned some 'midnight oil' to get all these events so successfully worked out. As president, I can only thank them for their diligence.

If you're new to the club, be sure you sign up for one or more of these committees. Everyone will have that opportunity when we renew our club memberships this October.

# Monthly Program Report

## Club Members Garden Tour on Sunday, August 8, 1999

by Bob Voigt

I have always known that individuals who garden are in a special class by themselves. There is no comparison to the joy they receive from their efforts and the pleasures they bring to others who understand their love of gardening.

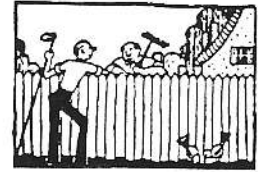
The Sunday tour to the gardens of Marion and Chuck Carlson, Kathleen and Jack LoSapio and Patty and Lloyd Weber was truly an outstanding experience. All the members and friends who participated were rewarded beyond expectations.

There are a few unrelated analogies that come to my mind for individuals who believe there might be something else in life, I have categorized these other endeavors as a,b,c and d. Please stay with me for this idea. You can add your own comparisons later.

In (a) auto racing, one ultimate is winning the Indianapolis 500, In (b) baseball, three homeruns back-to-back by star players would bring standing ovations. For those who like (c) champagne, the best would be a French selection. And, if you collect (d) diamonds, a ten carat gem would be a real sparkler,

The gardens of Carlsons, LoSapios and Webers are all these and more. For all of us on the tour, we were glad to be there. For you who missed the bus, I hope you find a way to see these gardens.

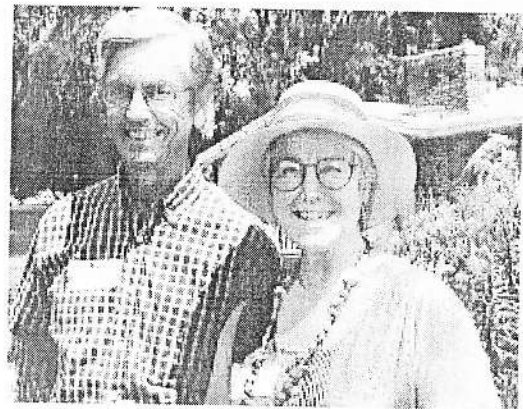
Tour members shared comments of admiration, exclamation and delight. We learned what is possible with loving labor. We saw perfection, beauty, variations in texture, color, designs and displays that



grabbed our attention with invitations to stop and stare at the enviable diverse plantings of our fellow gardeners.

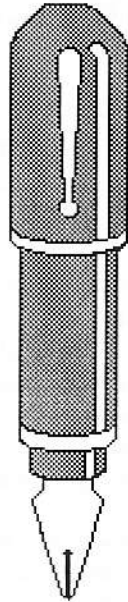
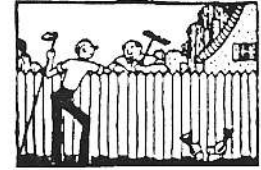
If I sound overly complimentary, I admit to being guilty. Yes, I read the pre-tour summary in the Garden Spray by Bob Olson. I studied the tour-guide provided as we entered the bus. These write-ups gave advance notice to be prepared for special treats. I can't top those write-ups in detail or descriptions, I can only add my impressions that we saw some of the "creme de la creme" of the local garden world.

Marion, Chuck, Kathleen, Jack, Patty and Lloyd, you were marvelous hosts. Your exciting and delightful expressions as we talked showed your love and knowledge of gardening and the pleasures you receive from sharing your gardens with others. Thanks to each one of you for a wonderful experience.



The above picture of Bob & Mavis Voigt at the August Tour. Taken by Dr. Robert Olson, Hosta grower and Photographer extraordinaire





# Board Meeting Summary

*Margaret Hibberd, Secretary*

*Meeting Date August 3, 1999  
Members present: Howard Berg, Chuck Carlson, Margaret Hibberd, Eldon Hugelen, Dave Johnson (Fridley), Mary Maynard, Tim McCauley, Ritchie Miller, Kay Wolfe*

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were submitted corrected and approved.

## Committee Reports:

### Calendars:

Howard Berg bought them at the Green Bay convention, saving us \$60 in postage. Dave will write an article for the spray. Henry Orfield and Lloyd Wittstock, MGCM members, have photographs in the 2000 calendar.

Food Flower & Foto Show:  
Bob Voigt and Kathy

LoSapio will serve as co-chairs. The Arboretum has again been reserved for the show August 21 - 22, 2000.

### Auction:

An After meeting was held and main change for next year will be changing to tabulation by a scribe and into a computer as each sale item is auctioned. Since it has proved to be such a great site, the church has been reserved for May 9, 2000.



## Scholarships:

Four candidates were recommended to the Board; Rita Minnichsoffer and Anna Mau (Hennepin Technical College), plus Heather Schuelke and Mary McDonald (U of M) were approved by the board.

## Old Business

Proposed changes to the bylaws:

- one of the directors will be replaced by a new officer which will be a Membership Secretary.
- All committee chairs shall be appointed by the President-Elect, including an Auditing Committee of 2 or more and a Nominating committee of 5 or more, and the names of committee chairs shall be announced at the Installation Meeting
- Auditing the books of the treasurer shall be at the end of the year rather than the end of service.

## Region Newsletters:

They will be distributed at our dinner meetings and summaries of certain parts included in the Spray.

## Hospitality Committee:

Mary prepared the draft of its duties and a vote on it was tabled until September.

## New Business

### Renewal membership Form:

Chuck prepared a new form. The Board voted to table an approval vote on it until September after the committee discussion is completed

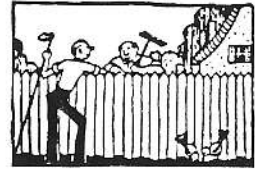
### New Members:

The Board voted to accept new member; Alice Chapin, Walker Place #220, 3701 Bryant Ave. S., Minneapolis MN 55409, 612-827-8578.

### CD Interest:

The Board voted that interest money from savings, CDs, etc. to go into the general fund.

Next Meeting is September 7 at Kay Wolfe's house.



## Calendars

By Dave Johnson(Fridley)

### Year 2K Calendars for Sale

The garden calendars are here for the year 2000 and there's not a better buy around. Purchase some of these for yourself, family, friends or business acquaintances. The price is only \$4.00 per calendar and features great garden photography.

Two of the monthly pictures were submitted by our own club members, Henry Orfield and Lloyd Wittstock. This is indeed an honor, since hundreds of pictures are submitted by individuals throughout the country but only thirteen are selected.

Members of the Calendar Committee will be contacting you soon to take your order. Calendars will be on display and available for pick-up at each of our monthly meetings, beginning in September. We have purchased and received 501 to sell and with approximately 130 members, this is only 3.8 for each member. Get your orders in early, because we have been advised by the national organization, that they may not be able to supply any more.

When you place your order remember that the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis has really only two main fund raisers: the plant sale / auction and the calendar sale. Also keep in mind that the club dues has typically been earmarked for the *Garden Spray* expenses (which it doesn't quite defray) and proceeds from public tours go towards the scholarships. Thus the more money that we can raise from the calendars, the more activities we can fund.

## Happiness

By Chuck Carlson

**One who plants a garden,  
plants happiness.**

Author Unknown

- Happiness is the first bloom of spring.
- Happiness is seeing the return of a new perennial.
- Happiness is a bag full of weeds.
- Happiness is a finished pile of mulch.
- Happiness is the winning bid in a plant auction.
- Happiness is a gentle rain in July and August.
- Happiness is a worm free apple.
- Happiness is the completion of a successful garden tour.
- Happiness is receiving the Best of Show award.
- Happiness is a dead slug in the Hosta bed.
- Happiness is the first bloom of a new plant.
- Happiness is that first ripe tomato from your garden.
- Happiness is the start of the deer hunting season.
- Happiness is twenty bags full of oak leaves.

By Chuck

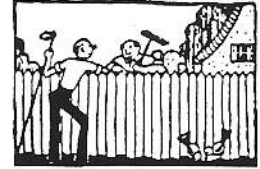
You have to believe in happiness,  
Or happiness never comes...  
Oh, that's the reason a bird can sing--  
On his darkest day he believes in Spring  
By Douglas Malloch

## A Garden

A garden is like those pernicious machineries which catch a man's coat-shirt or his hand, and draw in his arm, his leg, and his whole body to irresistible destruction

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

(Editors note: But he is happy)



# DON'T SKIP A BEET

*Reprinted-- from the Germinator*

Beets may never be as glamorous as tomatoes, but very few plants are as nutritious, versatile and easy to grow. And beets just keep getting better. Hybrid beets provide earlier, sweeter and more intensely colored roots, with a lot more resistance to common diseases.

These new beets are good, but an unfortunate side effect of this success is that more gardeners are growing only the new beets, and as a result the wonderful though perhaps less efficient beets of earlier times may soon disappear.

If you want the earliest beet crop, grow transplants. Beets are one of the few root crops that can be successfully transplanted. For transplanting sow the seed balls singly, 1/4 inch deep in a flat of sterile potting soil about two months before the frost free date. The ideal germination temperature is about 85 degrees F. As soon as the seedlings emerge, move the flats to a bright, cool location. Thin each clump to the strongest plant, and after 4-6 weeks, transplant the seedlings three inches apart in rows a foot apart or in beds on four-inch centers. You can also transplant whole clumps without thinning, but they will need more room — eight inches on center — and some plants in each group will dominate others. Harvest as soon as the roots reach two inches in diameter; early beets do not hold well in the ground and are likely to become rough and woody if not picked promptly. If you are planting an early crop, put a floating row cover over the bed immediately after seeding. It will not only keep the spring rain from packing down the soil in the bed, but will buffer

temperature swings and provides a windbreak for the delicate seedlings.

In the garden beet seed should be sown 1/4-1/2 inch deep depending on soil type, moisture and temperature conditions. Once the plants are an inch or two high, thin each clump to the strongest plant. At the next thinning the tops will be the right size for salad; thin the plants to their final spacing: 2 inches for cylindrical varieties, 4 inches for small, round types, and 6 inches for large, late storage beets.

The best soil for beets is only slightly acidic, has ample organic matter and is well drained. Some soils are deficient in boron, which beets require. You can correct it by adding a pinch of borax.

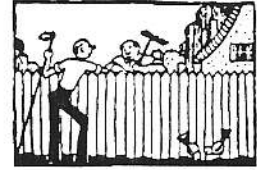
You can pick beet greens at any time. Beet roots are best harvested once they have reached half inch or more in diameter. For storage, the roots can be much larger. When harvesting storage beets, cut the tops a half inch or so above the crown of the plant and store the roots in damp sand or sawdust just above freezing either in heaps or in a container such as trash can. Don't let the roots touch each other. Under good conditions the beets should keep 3-4 months.

Whatever the season, and whatever your use, try beets. They give back a dividend that outshines the more glamorous garden vegetables.

## Definition

### Mulch,

By definition, Mulch is any material spread on the ground to retain moisture. The word is derived from the German word *molsch*, meaning soft or beginning to decay. This process has been used since the seventeenth century. Now you have the rest of the story. Didn't you always wonder?



## Editorial

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Fred has written a column in the Minnesota Horticulturist for many many years. (This magazine is the official publication of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.)

Fred is also part of a call-in-talk show on Saturday morning on KSTP radio. The show is billed as the Home and Garden Show. Fred, known as *Freddy the Gardener*, answers all the garden related questions whereas his cohort takes the questions on home repair.

Now for the lover of food. Many times he has mentioned food on his radio show but I believe he is most happy when he goes to the Sons of Norway gathering where *Torsk and boiled potatoes* are served. I think they also use *aqua vit* to wash it all down. I know he also attends any church dinner, offering that old Scandinavian meal of *lutefisk*. so you can gather that he is Norsk through and through.

Fred, an all around good guy with a jolly disposition, will be a speaker at the Mid-America Region meeting in Minneapolis on October 2. Come and visit with Freddy the Gardener, I know you won't be disappointed.

## Autumns Beginning

*By MGCM member Alice Chapin*

In this world of paths, journeys, tributes  
and telling of tales  
The garden blooms and sets seed.  
It was an off season; not a true course for  
weeks;  
Yet behold the bloom!

## Mums

*By Chuck Carlson*

I read an article in *The Avant Gardener* about mums at the University of Minnesota.. It reminded me that a few years back we had one of the professors talk at one of our dinner meetings and he remarked that shrub mums were being developed. The *Avant* article indicated that at least one of them have been introduced. It is called 'Betty Lou'. It was released as a maxi-mum and grows three feet high and clumps to a mound three feet across. Other features of 'Betty Lou' are that it can grown from seed, has hundreds of red button flowers and blooms from midsummer until frost. Other hardy maxi-shrubs are in process and are a primary U of M developmental goal. Another project is to develop mums which bloom early and require no pinching. Day neutral mums are also being developed and a number have been released. Some day neutrals already released are: 'Rose Blush', 'Inca', and 'Snowscape'.

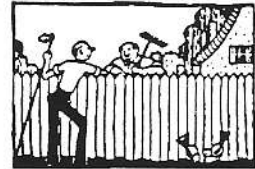
The University has released over 75 mums over its 60 years of breeding mums. We in Minnesota are lucky since we have a good source of these and others at Dooley Gardens in Hutchinson.

## For Sale

Approximately 150 ft of iron fence 4 feet high, 6 foot posts with round finials. Rails are 4 inches apart. The fence is built in 6 foot sections that bolt together. \$10 per foot. Can deliver.

M.T. Pulley 612-822-0172





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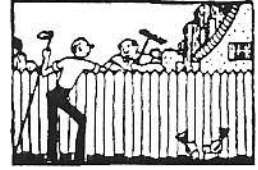
By Dr. Bob Olson



## Photos of Tour hosts

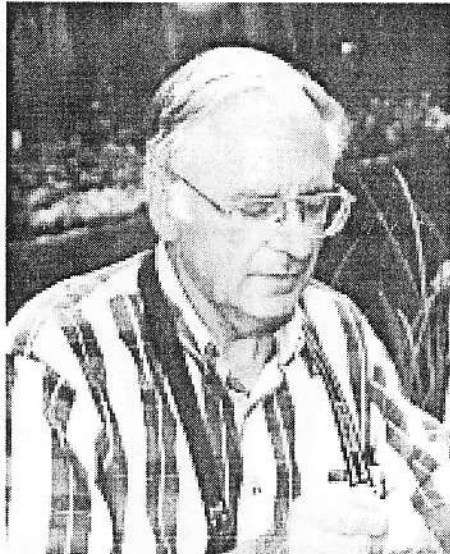
Photo top left Kathleen Losepio giving advice to Kay Wolfe and Gary Geister. Top Right Warren Nordley and friend. Middle row left to right- Dave and Renada Moehnke, Jackie Overom, Patti and Lloyd Weber. Bottom right Dave Moehnke providing Chuck Carlson with a chuckle





## A Tip on Mums

Protect your mums when they are done blooming. Either mulch or dig them up and heel-in next to the house and cover after the ground is froze. The north or east side of the house is the best place to winter them over. In the spring remove the cover, divide and throw away the woody center.



Photos by Dr Bob Olson

Above is M.T.Pulley getting that photo during the July tour

Left is Jerry Shannon having lunch at the July Tour

Below is Kay Wolfe and Henry Halvorson at the August Tour

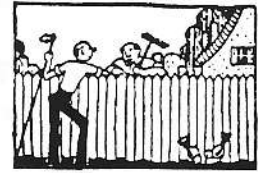


## Plant those Bulbs Soon

Late September through frost is the time to plant those hearty bulbs for next springs show in your garden. Bulbs like good drainage, lots of light, lots of compost, and a shot of bone meal.

If you have trouble with digging animals, put steel wool around bulbs when you plant them. It will keep squirrels and gophers from digging them up. Chicken wire placed underground just over the bulbs will also work plus it will keep you from digging into the bulb when no leaves are showing.

Come to the regional meeting on October 2nd to learn more. Dave Vandersman is speaking on Dutch Bulbs



# Mid America Region Meeting

## To Be in Minneapolis/St Paul Area October 2nd

### Hosted By Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis

Meeting Location Minnesota State Horticultural Society Building  
 1755 Prior Avenue North  
 Falcon Heights, Minnesota  
 55113-5549

Time 8:30 AM to 3:00PM  
 Cost \$10 pre-registered \$12 at the door  
 Registration Form below

#### Sessions

- Lets grow Orchids this Winter By Russ Smith
- Hardy Roses By Jerry Olson
- Lunch
- Dutch Bulbs By Dave Vandersman
- Growing Ulcers in the Garden By Fred Glasoe

Coffee, Lunch & Door Prizes also provided  
 For Information call Clyde Thompson 612-922-1696



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## Mid America Region Meeting Registration October 2nd 1999

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_ At-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$10 for Pre-registration \$12 at the door  
 Mail reservation and Check to Make Checks to Mid America Region  
 David Moody  
 2022 Westwood Acres Dr  
 Fort Dodge IA 50501-8512

Return registration and Payment by September 15

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