



The Garden Spray

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MGCM Club Meeting, November 9, 2010

November's Program is "All About Us!"--
A "Meeting in 3 Parts"

- 1: MGCM Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers for 2011
- 2: Recognition of Members Over 25 Years
- 3: Sharing of Garden Knowledge

16 MGCM members who have been in the club for 25 years or more will be honored at our November meeting. The members and their "club age" are: Jerry Olson-53, Rog Koopmans-52, Phil Smith-48, Dave (Golden Valley) Johnson-45, Jack Kolb-45, Bob Livingston-39, Chet Groger-38, Archie Caple-35, Stan Crist-33, Jerry Shannon-33, Howard Berg-30, Andy Marlow-30, Russ Smith-30, Carleton Nelson-29, Lloyd Wittstock-28, and Bob Olson-27. Both Rog Koopmans and Bob Olson will share some of their memories with all of us.

Following the 25 year recognition we will have a discussion including all members. Mary Maynard and Jason Rathe will emcee this sharing of garden knowledge. What better place to learn than from other club members? We have a rich source of knowledge between us—so let's share!

Be prepared with information as well as with questions. Here are some examples to get you thinking: What did you learn in your garden this year? What was your favorite plant this season? What went well? What went poorly? What was different about this year? What was your biggest success/mistake? What are you excited about for next year? What habits or characteristics as a gardener would you like to change about yourself?

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Thoughts from the Prez:

by *Don Untied*



The seemingly endless list of autumn garden chores has been tempered for me with flashbacks to last month's program on winter gardening. Thanks Lynda and MGCM program committee members for another mind stretching program with Anna and Steve.

Isn't it exciting to be so involved with green thumb gardening interest at a time when a record number of Americans and people worldwide are pursuing garden interests? The National Gardening Association estimates that nearly 100 million households are participating in one or more indoor and outdoor garden activities. The economic value of food production, floriculture, and landscaping is now a multi-billion industry.

This growth in percentage of people enjoying gardening is taking place because of young people. Many under 35 years of age have taken it upon themselves to make a more positive use of their natural surroundings. Other young people turn to gardening as a means of "nurturing the planet back to health."

Isn't it wonderful to be part of an organization, MGCM that has contributed more than \$ 50,000 for scholarship awards to help young people become better gardeners? And most of this money has been raised through our public tours.

How is our club doing in this exciting environment as we enter a new decade? Quite well, thanks too many people and our active membership committee! In 2010 we again will soon have 100 members.

Your board of directors is committed to "Growing Our Club." We invite anyone interested in the topic of membership expansion to go with us to the 2 hour District meeting Nov. 13 of garden clubs affiliated with the MN Horticulture Society. If interested in attending please call me by Nov. 8.

Now is the time to recruit more members so that we remain a vibrant group. As we come into the holiday season it would be good to give a MGCM membership to a gardening friend. Everyone benefits – you for the thrill of giving, your friend from membership, and the club.



A Note from the Editor

As the weather turns cold and we start more-and-more to drive to and from work in the dark - we know another calendar year is drawing to a close. At the end of the year I will also be drawing my co-editorship of the Spray to a close. As I do I would like to thank all of the fabulous editors before me who established a great format, regular features and high standard. I hope that Mary and I have not let you down.

I also need to thank Mary Maynard. She does all the hard work of rounding up and determining the content. I just put it together.

While there have certainly been number of nights where I had to put in some hours to meet our deadline, it has been a great experience. I agreed to be the editor four years ago (I think?) because I thought it would be good way to get to know the club and its members and get involved and it has certainly done that.

I strongly encourage new members to find ways to get involved. If there is someone out there who has the interest in skills to be Spray editor or help out in the production of the Spray, please let Mary know. It really doesn't take a lot of time and we could always use someone with fresh energy to contribute.

And there are many other great ways to get involved, too. Help out with the FFF Show, do some work at the Perennial Garden, or suggest a new way to contribute. It is the people of the club that keeps us vibrant, strong and relevant.

Jason Rathe

TREASURER REPORT

Checking Acct. Balance 10-20-10
\$11,188.82

CD
\$5,000.00

Designated Funds
Memorials/Park garden fund
\$1,441.21

Scholarship fund
\$298.43

Working Balance
\$7,249.18

OCTOBER PROGRAM

❁ FAIRY GARDENS ❁



The October Program featured Steve and Anna Risan from Tonkadale Nursery. They enlightened the group on fairy gardens, dish gardens and terrarium gardens. All types of gardens that can indulge our gardening impulses in the winter months!



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MGCM November Club Meeting,

The Schedule:

6:00 Conversation Hour.

6:30 Dinner: cost is \$12

7:15 Business Meeting

7:30 Program

Location: Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 49th and Chowen Ave S., Minneapolis. Enter via the back door and go to the lower level meeting room.

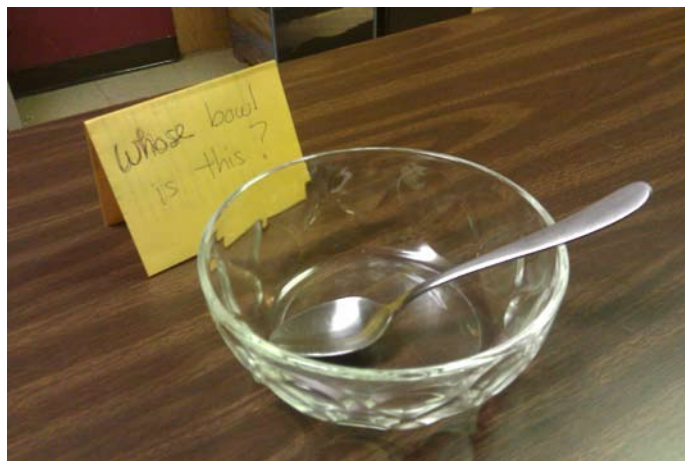
Dinner: Cost of dinner is \$12.00.

Menu: Apple Waldorf Salad, Boneless Pork Chops in Cream Gravy, Spaetzle, Roasted Root Vegetables, French Bread, Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting, Beverages: Coffee, Tea, and Milk.

The permanent reservation list is in effect. Phone or Email Carole Ann Brekke (952-435-6029 or numsix24@comcast.net) by Friday, November 5, 2010 to save a spot. If you are on the permanent list and need to cancel, do so by the same date. If you are late reserving or cancelling, call Carole Ann or Dave McKen and add your name to the wait list, or see if they can sell your spot. Bring spouses, friends, and neighbors!

Whose Bowl Is This??

A very nice glass bowl and stainless serving spoon were left at the September Pot Luck! Here is a photo. The bowl was found on the church's kitchen counter—clean but wet—someone must have rinsed it out, and then left it behind. You can pick up your bowl and spoon from the MGCM cupboard at the Lake Harriet Methodist Church. If it has not been claimed by late November, we just might build a terrarium inside it and put it up for auction at the Holiday Party! So claim your bowl now!!





From the Membership **C O R N E R**

Welcome to our new member, Kristina Hughes who joined the club in September. Kristina works in retail in the hardware store business. She took the Master Gardener course in January, 2010 but has not yet applied to become certified as a Master Gardener. She does volunteering at the Arboretum and has taken an interest in helping out at the Lyndale Garden Park. Her reasons for joining the club include connecting with other gardeners and learning more about gardening.

The MGCM Nominating Committee presents to you the slate of officers for the 2011 MGCM Board of Directors. We believe these members have a passion for MGCM and the combination of qualities needed for a strong Board of Directors. We look forward to their leadership in 2011.

President - Kay Wolfe
Vice President - Robert Kean
Treasurer - Andy Marlow
Membership Secretary - Sharla Aaseng
Recording Secretary - Jan Johnson
Past President - Don Untiedt
Directors - Maury Lindblom
- Jason Rathe
- Gary DeGrande

Sincerely,
Carole Ann Brekke
Elizabeth Hamilton
Margaret Hibberd
Kent Petterson
M T Pulley
Bob Voigt

Minutes of MGCM Board
Meeting date: Oct. 5,2010



Present: Don Untiedt, Andy Marlow, Maury Lindblom, Sharla Aaseng, Jason Rathe, Jan Johnson
Absent: Denise Rust, Kay Wolfe, Dave McKee. The meeting was called to order by Don at 7:30 A motion was made to accept agenda with the addition of the tour trophy. Seconded and carried.
Secretary's report: Andy moved to approve the September minutes with the correction of spelling errors. Seconded and carried.
Treasurer's report: Andy moved to accept and file the treasurer's report. Seconded and carried.
Committee reports: Don presented the Nominating Committee's report. Nominated were Kay Wolfe, president; Robert Kean, vice president; recording secretary, Jan Johnson; membership secretary, Sharla Aaseng; treasurer, Andy Marlow; directors, Gary DeGrande, Jason Rathe, and Maury Lindblom.
Membership Secretary's report: Sharla reported that Kristina Hughes was a new member. She also suggested that members give a membership to MGCM for Christmas presents.
Holiday party; Elaine has sent a well organized e-mail to listed members and those who said committees as needed with necessary activities to have a successful party. They will have a meeting following the October 12th meeting.
Tour trophy: Andy had suggested that we purchase an additional trophy for best member garden on the public tour. He volunteered to buy one and suggested the name be the Bachman Memorial Trophy.. The suggestion was made to invite Dale Bachman to award it during the Holliday Party. There was some discussion about continuing the Public Tour as there is so much competition from other tours in July. However, we have gained some new numbers from the Public Tour and the FFF show.
Old Business: Dave provided a copy of the Club's insurance policy. Andy moved we approve renewal of the policy. Seconded and carried.
Andy provided the proposal for memorials and the duties of the Sunshine Committee. Sharla moved the Memorial and Sunshine committee policy be adopted. Seconded and carried.
Rookie of the year: The board reviewed the many contributions to the club of all the new members to select those that should be recognized as a "Rookie of the Year" at the clubs award ceremony in December. We decided 3 people should be recognized this year. Andy moved that we send our selections to the Awards Committee to be announced in December.
On-line picture directory: Don shared that he had contacted Andy, Web master and Lloyd Wittstock, chair of photo committee in regard to taking pictures of current members and posting them on line. It is hoped that the Club will proceed with this project.
New Business: Don encouraged us to attend the MHS Fall Garden Club/District meeting on Nov. 13, 2010 at the new office. The topic is "Growing your Garden Club, Maintain and Increase Membership". Meeting starts at 11:45, refreshments will be served and a free class on Decorating for the Holidays with Diane Lee will occur at 1:00.
The topic of our Club's relevance and quality was discussed. Our new members vary in experience and knowledge. Many are beginners, but several have much experience.. We will provide a place for visitors to sign in at regular meetings and send them the Spray for three months. Don said he felt a few people did most of the work and perhaps we need to expand the number of people involved in activities. We also need to show case the passion of our Club members. Sharla suggested that a box for questions and suggestions be available before the meeting. Some questions could be addressed during the business meeting.

Andy moved we adjourn at 8:55. Seconded and carried.



MGCM Holiday Party and Silent Auction

It's that time of year again! We hope you are all thinking about ideas and items for the silent auction. The holiday party and silent auction will take place on Tuesday December 14, 2010 at the Lake Harriet Methodist Church. This year's theme for the party is "Music in the Garden".

From 5-6:30 pm there will be a Social Hour with Hors d'ouvres and the Silent Auction set-up.

The catered dinner is at 6:40 pm.

Harpist Raeney Hendrickson will entertain us during the Social Hour and Dinner. Awards will follow.

Need ideas for items to donate to the Silent Auction? With "Music in the Garden" as our theme we can expand on the gardening theme and include items with a musical theme. For more ideas of items to donate to the auction please see the party RSVP included in the November Spray. Fill in the description; including the size, and a minimum starting bid. Include your contact information in case there are any questions.

If necessary, a few items can be dropped off at the Church between 10-11:30 AM that morning. Preferred time to bring items is from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM. Silent Auction committee members will collect them and set up the displays. Last minute donations are welcome. Check in with the committee: Item Forms can be created and must match the Master Tally

If you need a copy of the official request on Club letterhead for a business contact:

Elaine Spiegel, Holiday Party Chair (4814 West 41st Street, St. Louis Park, MN 55416; Phone: 952-927-9539; E-mail: elspiegs@comcast.net)

Note: Permanent reservations are not in effect for the Holiday Party. To make a reservation for the Holiday Party, please fill in the reservation form included with the November Spray and send to: Audrey Grote, 5745 Duncan Lane, Edina, MN 55436-1603
952.935.3104, amgrote@msn.com Checks can be made payable to MGCM and must be received by Thursday, December 9, 2010.

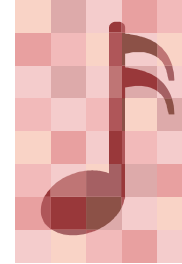


MGCM Holiday Party
 "Music in the Garden"
Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 5:30 pm
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

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PLEASE SEND RESERVATION FORM TO ARRIVE BY
Thursday, December 9, 2009.

Member & Guest Names: _____	
Total check enclosed (\$20 per person): _____	
Item(s) for the Silent Auction:	
Description: _____	
Size (space required for display): _____	Minimum Bid: _____
Submitter/contact: _____	
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Submitter/contact: _____	
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Submitter/contact: _____	

Need ideas or suggestions for the silent auction?

- Tickets (movies, theater, opera, or sporting events)
- Homemade or hand crafted items (crafts, baked goods, note cards, embroidery)
- Tools, plants, note cards, statues, books, bird feeders, bird baths
- Gift certificates (for hotel, resort, garden center, bookstore, restaurant, or membership in a specialty garden club)
- Time, talent or services (garden consultation, custom art/craft, teaching a craft or skill, make a meal, host a theme party)



Arbor Day Committee Planting



The committee gathers...



... discusses finding just the right planting location...



... digging the hole...



... and finalizing the planting.



The Men's Garden Club Perennial Garden across from the Lake Harriet Rose Garden -- if you haven't seen it recently, stop by and take a look.

Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
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Nov 9		What I Learned This Year and Business Meeting (LHC)
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Dec 14		Holiday Party (LHC)
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Jan		Gary Johnson from U of M (LHC)
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LHC = Lake Harriet Church (4901 Chowen Ave. S., Minneapolis)

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church



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