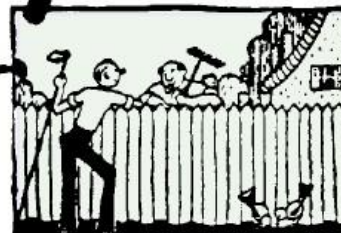




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Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Jan 11	LHC	Gary Johnson, U of M Prof, Forestry
Feb 8	LHC	Russ Henry: Permaculture
Mar 8	LHC	TBA
Apr 5	Bachman/Macy's	Flower Show?
May 10	WLC	Plant Sale and Auction

LHC = Lake Harriet Church, 4901
Chowen Ave S., Mpls. (Lower level)
WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church
9001 Cedar Lake Rd S, St. Louis Pk

January Program

Growing Better Trees and Shrubs without Soil:

Gravel Bed Nurseries and Superior Root Systems

Gary Johnson, U of M Extension Professor of Urban and Community Forestry

So, you thought you knew everything about growing trees and shrubs? Would you even consider that woody plants produced or grown in nurseries using nothing more than pea stone and water would have superior root systems and higher transplant survival rates than field or container-grown plants? Get ready to be introduced to gravel bed nurseries, no soil or fertilizers and planting bare-rooted trees and shrubs in the autumn...in Minnesota...with better results than spring planting. It's something that can be set up on a patio, or in a full-scale nursery production area. Check out the U of M Urban Forestry web site at www.trees.umn.edu, and get introduced to the gospel of gravel.

Speaker: Gary Johnson has been with the University of Minnesota, Department of Forest Resources since 1992. As Professor of Urban and Community Forestry, his research has included tree production, best planting practices, tree failure in storm events, and impacts of construction and development activities on tree and urban forest health. He has over 20 years experience in the nursery and landscape profession. (Schedule on p. 2)

Note: Permanent reservations are in effect. Dinner is \$12. Reservations or cancellations are required by the Friday before the meeting. Call or e-mail Carole Ann Brekke (952-435-6019, numsix24@comcast.net) for your reservation or cancellation. For last minute cancellations, call Andy Marlow at 952-933-5759. If he can sell it, you won't be billed.



Notes from the Prez:

-- Kay Wolfe

Happy New Year! I am your new President for 2011. For those who don't know me, I joined MGCM in 1993. I joined to learn more about gardening. My first committee jobs were public and club tours, chairing many club tour events throughout the '90's. Then I served on the Board as a Director from 1995 to 2000. In the late '90's I joined the Lyndale Park Garden committee. I started chairing that committee in 2002, and have done so ever since. It is one of MGCM's community service projects, a large border garden in Lyndale Park near the Peace Garden and Rose Garden by Lake Harriet. And now I am back serving on the Board again, having been convinced in 2009 to serve as Vice-President.

I am quite certain that I owe all of my garden knowledge to members of this club—or at least, all of my practical knowledge. This is a group of very knowledgeable gardeners. I read a lot of books on gardening, but as Mary Maynard has always reminded me, I cannot grow what Penelope Hobhouse (a favorite author) grows—we are in Minnesota and not in England. In addition to gaining garden knowledge, I have made many very good friends in MGCM. And that is why I stay in this club! Working together with friends and creating a garden at the park has been a thrill. Running huge public tours in the 90's was thrilling too—plus a lot of work. And there are always new things to learn.

One develops new interests too. Once I was keenly interested in heirloom roses, shrub roses with old fashioned multi-petaled blossoms. Then I started loving mixed borders, designing with perennials and shrubs and grasses, using leaf color and texture. Lately I have been studying landscape gardens and Japanese style gardening—how they use all green plants, and just vary the shape and form to create an artful garden. And again, no matter what your pursuit, there are club members who know something about it.

How did I learn so much from other club members? By participating in committees, by joining the Board. Our club needs everyone to be involved. Knowledge and friendships result. Try a new committee this year. The club particularly needs members to help with programs—our programs should educate all of us—and input is needed from all members. Volunteer to help with the plant sale in May, or have your garden on the club tours this summer. It is a great experience to have club members visit.

So join in and “grow with us”. Let's have a great 2011—with renewed energy, a host of new friends, and more garden knowledge!

Kay Wolfe

January Meeting Info (*cont. from Page 1*)

The Schedule:

- 6:00 Conversation Hour.
- 6:30 Dinner: cost is \$12
- 7:15 Business Meeting: Installation of Officers; Approval of 2011 Budget
- 7:30 Program

Dinner Menu

- Winter Spinach Salad with apples, grapes and dried apricots
- Slow-Cooked Pot Roast with potatoes, onions, and carrots
- Roasted Brussels Sprouts
- Pickled Beets
- Apple Cake with Caramel Sauce.
- Beverages: Coffee, Tea, and Milk.



Editor's Note

-- Mary Maynard

Is winter over yet? With the solstice just behind us, and the sun still setting before 5 p.m., I guess that's a silly question. But I have the feeling that this is going to be a long, long winter!

And a long winter can be a dangerous thing. It gives us time to record more New Year's resolutions than we will ever be able to keep. Time, too, to pore through the seed and nursery catalogs and order more seeds or plants than we'll have time to plant. And we write down a list of things to do that would keep us occupied full time until 2013. Which just sets us up for disappointment!

On the other hand, as the years go by I feel the need for rest more and more. And winter gives us that time. I don't know how those of you (Phil Smith!) who garden in the north in the summer and in the south in the winter possibly do it.

And so we begin another year. We have a new President, who, I'm sure, will add her own flavor to the post. And, we have a different newsletter team. My editing partner Jason is moving on to other areas in the club, so I'm flying solo this month. Thanks in advance for your patience!

Fortunately, we have a new member who is an actual publishing pro, and he has offered his services. Tom McKusick is the publisher of the *Northern Gardener* (how cool is that!) and I look forward to working with him and learning from him. Tom will undoubtedly bring new ideas to the *Spray* in the coming months.

I'd like to take a minute to thank Elaine Spiegel and the whole Holiday Party committee for yet another fine event. It is a lot of work to put together a party during the busy holiday season, but everything looked beautiful and ran like a well-oiled machine.

I look forward to another year with MGCM! See you in January!



Photos by Lloyd Wittstock

Treasurer's Report

As of 12-20-2010

Checking balance	\$10,976.27
CD	\$5,000.00
Designated Funds	
Memorials/Park Garden	\$1,451.21
Scholarship Fund	\$2,173.43
Working Balance	\$7,351.63



MGCM Awards Three \$500 Scholarships in 2010

Each year since 1992 the club has awarded scholarships, now totaling over \$50,000, to students of horticulture in Minnesota. The scholarship program was established in honor of our 50th Anniversary year as a club. Each year we have generously given to young people who aspire to careers in horticulture. This year three students were given \$500.00 aid scholarships.

With the scholarship fund balance hovering in the low hundreds of dollars at the beginning of 2010, the club and public tour committee led by Denise Rust raised enough funds to assure we could go ahead with awards this year. In addition, due a wonderful donation of \$1000.00 by club recording secretary Jan Johnson, we were assured of continuity of scholarships until the next public tour which has been our primary source of scholarship funds. On behalf of the scholarship committee, I would like to thank Jan for her donation and the entire club for their continued support of this program.

At the club Christmas Party, two of the three recipients were introduced to the audience, but I would like to describe each for you. Those of us on the committee that get to read these wonderful applications each year feel each of these young people will represent themselves well in the future.

Kristine Neu is from Pelican Rapids, Minnesota and attends the University of Minnesota Crookston. She expects to graduate in May of 2012 with a triple major degree in Production Horticulture, Environmental Landscaping and Urban Forestry plus a degree in communication. Talent is not in short supply here as evidenced by her high school senior classmates voting her most likely to change the world. She is active in Horticulture Club, Collegiate Horticultural Competition, personal missionary work and community service projects all the while maintaining a 3.942 cumulative GPA in school.

Justin Schiroo is from Glencoe, Minnesota and attends the University of Minnesota St. Paul. Justin has a 3.317 cumulative GPA and expects to graduate in May of 2012 with a degree in Floriculture / Nursery Production and Retail Management. Justin wants to work in growing plants for a retail garden center, which is what he has done for the past five summers at Tangletown Gardens. Eventually, Justin would like to own his own garden center and landscape company. Justin wants to share his passion for plants with others. He has also been selected as student representative to the Board of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

Laura Schwarz is from New Ulm, Minnesota. After graduating Suma Cum Laude in English from The College of St. Benedict, Laura enrolled in the Master of Agriculture in Horticulture program at the University of Minnesota St. Paul. With her English background, Laura wants to be a garden writer. From her home gardening, to working at River Creek Garden Center in New Ulm and on the landscape crew at the Landscape Arboretum, Laura has been developing the hands on experience to balance her academic experience to become a fine writer helping novice gardeners and home owners to be more successful in the gardens.

-- Kent Petterson



David McKeen Receives Bachman Award

Out-going Treasurer Dave McKeen was honored with the 2010 Bachman Outstanding Service award at the MGCM Holiday Party on December 14. The award is presented to a member with a long history of distinguished service to MGCM. The recipient is chosen for the honor by the last five winners of the award.

Dave dove right into leadership roles not long after becoming a member in 1994. He served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors, stepped up when Peter Olin was unable to serve as Vice President in 2004, and was President during 2005. As Past President, he was also a member of the Board of Directors in 2006. He capped off his involvement on the Board by serving as Treasurer from 2007 until the end of 2010.

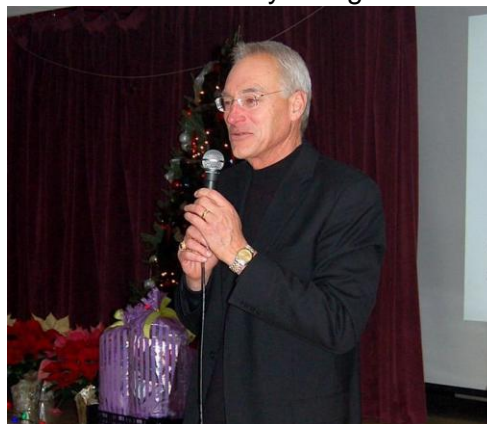


*Dave receives award from last year's winner Bob Stepan
Photo by Chuck Carlson*

Dave has been active on the Food, Flower and Foto Show, Photography, Park Garden, Plant Sale/Auction, and Valleyfair committees. He has chaired the FFF Committee.

David is married to Kathryn, and in 2011 will celebrate his 30th year as the landscape gardener for the Minneapolis Golf Club. Dave's primary gardening interest is roses. He has won many awards from local, regional and national rose societies.

The Distinguished Service award entered a new phase of its history in 2010, being re-named to honor the decades-long involvement of the Bachman nursery and greenhouse family with MGCM. Henry Bachman was one of the founding members of the club. Over the years Larry Bachman, his son Dale, Lloyd and his son Todd were all members. Lloyd passed away early in 2010, and Todd was killed in a tragic incident at the 2008 Olympic Games in China. Dale, Larry and Susie Bachman West (Todd's daughter) witnessed the presentation of the first Bachman Distinguished Service Award and Dale shared words of gratitude from the entire Bachman family. – *Andy Marlow*



*Dale Bachman
Photo by Lloyd Wittstock*



Ann LeFlem wins Lehman Trophy



The Lehman Trophy for Best Garden on Tour was awarded to Ann LeFlem, who welcomed us to her garden on the August Club Tour. Ann joined the club in 2008, and this was the first time that her Edina garden was on an MGCM tour. Ann's garden is a fine example of what can be done in a fairly compact space. Congratulations, Ann! *(Ann has a special interest in clocks and will no doubt be able to change the clock on this trophy back to Standard Time.)*

Ann receives trophy from Pres. Don.

Rookies of the Year



Three new members were named Rookies of the Year for 2010. We thank Judy Brooke, Tim Malooly and Jean Strande (pictured left) for their service to the club in their first full year.

Photos by Lloyd Wittstock



Flower, Food and Foto Show Awards



Gary DeGrande, Photo Sweepstakes Winner



Lynda Carlson, Smith Trophy for Best First-Time Exhibitor



Judy Berglund, Foley Trophy for Vegetable Sweepstakes



Mary Maynard, Blackburn Trophy for Flower Sweepstakes

Photos by Lloyd Wittstock

Holiday Party



Elaine Spiegel, Dave Johnson (Fridley), Norm Brummer



2011 Holiday Party



Harpist Raeney Hendrickson

A Surprise Visit from Santa



Outgoing Pres. Don Untiedt receives the "Wounded Mallard" award



Lynda, Mollie and Carol looking festive!



Santa provides a way for the Lazy Gardener to sit down while weeding. If she actually does any weeding...



More Scenes from the Holiday Party

Thanks again to the Holiday Party Committee for putting on another excellent event!



Gary DeGrande and Bob Voigt



Dave & Delores Johnson, Rog Koopman



Joanne Bauch, Ann LeFlem and Alice Livingston do some serious bidding



Don and Geri Trocke lead the way through the buffet line.

Photos by Chuck Carlson, Lloyd Wittstock, Mary Maynard

Happy New Year, Everyone!



The Lazy Gardener's New Year's Resolutions -- 2011

-- Mary Maynard

I'm not big on New Year's Resolutions after, oh, about 50 years of not keeping very many of them. The only one I can remember keeping is to buckle my seat belt every time I get in the car. That must have been 20 years ago!

So my gardening resolutions bear a distressing resemblance to previous lists. But, ever the optimist, I have put together another list. Here goes!

1. Get rid of the Creeping Charlie in the back yard. A perennial favorite on lists from previous years. Maybe the 25th year in my garden will be different. Maybe I'll hire my nephews to apply a single drop of Roundup on individual leaves of Creeping Charlie. That would probably cost me about \$500. Hmmm. How much does new sod cost, I wonder?
2. Get rid of the violets in the front lawn. See comments on #1 above.
3. Grow tomatoes in full sun. This might actually happen this year, since we ripped out the ugly bushes in front of the house. Will probably put some new foundation plantings in, but there should be space to grow a few tomatoes as well! Growing tomatoes in the shade has been an interesting experience over the years.
4. Prune back the overgrown yew that is probably older than I am. The beauty of yews is that you can prune them way back, since they're capable of producing new branches from long-dormant buds. I've been working on it over the past couple of years, but there's more to do. It's hard to tell how much damage these big snows have done.
5. Be ruthless! Sentimentality and laziness is a bad combination. I put up with substandard irises because my Mom gave them to me. And I am too lazy to pull out all of the American ginger that seems to be willing to grow anywhere. I have a black walnut on the boulevard because my Dad always liked them. I did take a step in the ruthless direction last year, when we ripped out all of the ugly shrubs in front of the house. Knowing me, they will be replaced by yet more ugly shrubs, but one can hope!
6. Be realistic. February is the most dangerous month for me. The seed catalogs are all in, and there's time to think of wonderful garden designs that, in April and May, turn out to be completely overwhelming.
7. Remember the value of space in the garden. There's something to be said for a little bit of elbow room here and there. I have always stuffed plants in every possible space, and I probably won't stop completely, but I could work on a little restraint!
8. Have fun with the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. It's always nice to have at least one "ringer" in the list! Happy New Year, everyone!



MGCM Budget for 2011

The Club will vote on this budget at the January meeting.

Category	Income	Expense	Net
Income			
MGCM Dues	\$1,700.00		\$1,700.00
Holiday Party	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
Holiday Party - Silent Auction	\$600.00		\$600.00
Hospitality - Meals	\$6,000.00	\$5,900.00	\$100.00
Plant Auction	\$7,000.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,200.00
Donations (to general fund)	\$150.00		\$150.00
Tours - Club	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Expenses, Fixed			
Hospitality - Room Rental		\$700.00	-\$700.00
Programs		\$700.00	-\$700.00
Arboretum Membership		\$75.00	-\$75.00
Directory		\$200.00	-\$200.00
Garden Spray		\$500.00	-\$500.00
Insurance (liability)		\$250.00	-\$250.00
Office Supplies		\$100.00	-\$100.00
President's Contingency fund		\$200.00	-\$200.00
Membership		\$100.00	-\$100.00
Website (renewal in 2011)		\$200.00	-\$200.00
Expenses, Committees			
Arbor Day		\$200.00	-\$200.00
Awards and Trophies		\$200.00	-\$200.00
Flower, Food & Foto Show		\$800.00	-\$800.00
Historian		\$100.00	-\$100.00
MGCM-TV		\$150.00	-\$150.00
Park Garden		\$150.00	-\$150.00
Photography		\$50.00	-\$50.00
Sunshine		\$300.00	-\$300.00
Expenses, Donations			
MN Landscape Arboretum		\$500.00	-\$500.00
MN State Hort. Society		\$200.00	-\$200.00
TOTALS	\$17,550.00	\$17,475.00	\$75.00
			to reserve
Designated Funds			
Memorials/Park Garden	\$200.00	\$1,000.00	\$620.18
(\$1,420.18 carried over from 2010)			
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,173.43
(\$2,173.43 carried over from 2010)			

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