

# The Garden Spray

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## Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Jan 8	LHC	Design Elements and Microclimates: Mary Lehrman
Feb 12	LHC	Populating Border Design: Mary Lehrman
Mar 12	LHC	Woody Plants: Bert Swanson
Apr TBD	TBD	Bachman's/Macy's Flower Show
May TBD	WLC	Plant Sale and Auction

LHC = Lake Harriet Church, 4901 Chowen Ave S., Mpls. (Lower level)

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park

See more about 2013 programs on Page 4.

### Jan. 8 Schedule:

6:00 p.m. Informal social hour

6:30 p.m. Catered dinner

~7:15 p.m. Short business meeting

~7:30 p.m. Program

**Note: Permanent reservations are in effect.** Dinner is \$12.

Reservations or cancellations are required by Friday, Jan. 4 – **no later!** Call or e-mail Carole Ann Brekke (952-435-6029, numsix24@comcast.net) for your reservation or cancellation.

For last minute cancellations, call Nancy Bjerke at 612-353-5220. If she can sell it, you won't be billed.

## January Program Perennial Border Design Part 1: Design Elements and Microclimates in Your Garden with Mary Maguire Lerman

The first program of 2013 will feature advice on planning your design for a perennial garden and how microclimates could be created by the design, thereby allowing you to push the hardiness zone button. Advice on updating and renovating existing perennial gardens with a fresh new design may help many of us breathe new life into our perennial borders.

Mary is an independent horticultural consultant and the current chair of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

Before becoming a consultant, Mary was the environmental coordinator of horticulture, and is now archivist, at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. She also acts as the education officer for the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory. Outside of her professional endeavors she puts her expertise to work in her own garden.

In February, Mary will continue by giving us tips on how to combine native plants as well as tropical, annuals, and perennials into our design.

### January Dinner Menu:

Beef Stew	Mashed Potatoes
Cheese Biscuits	Salad
Apple Crisp	



## Notes from the Prez:

-- Sandra Abraham

### Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgotten?

In the spirit of a New Year and resolution making I would like to offer this question up to all of you. Is it right that old times be forgotten? According to most accounts, this song is a call to remember long-standing friendships.

As we embark on a new chapter for the MWGCM may we all remember the rich seventy-year history of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. In addition to singing Auld Lang Syne at the end of the year it is also used to symbolize new beginnings. With that in mind, may I suggest each of you reflecting on what you can contribute to the club this coming year? Our committees are always seeking new members---serving on a committee is a wonderful way to get to know other members. It takes the nurturing of many people to keep us flourishing. Invite a new member to join you on your committee and mentor them through the process.

Committees are working hard developing new programs and activities to bring us together in our shared love of gardening. This next year will offer us many opportunities to "grow our club" from helping you create a way to design a new garden, offering new plants at fundraisers, working together to maintain public gardens, to visiting a well-known area garden on a club outing, we will strive to make it fun with others who share like interests!

So, as the song says, let's raise a cup o' kindness yet for auld lang syne.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our monthly meetings and other club activities.

## From the Editor

-- Mary Maynard

Happy New Year, Everyone! Another season of New Year's resolutions is upon us. I believe that I can simply dig out last year's resolutions and start over with all of them! This is the season of long shadows and cabin fever, which somehow makes me extremely optimistic about how much I will get done in the gardens next summer.

I look forward to seeing Mary Maguire Lerman at January's meeting. Many newer members may not know that Mary was the first woman to join the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis in 1989. Her qualifications were outstanding, and it's too bad that her other commitments kept her from staying in the club.

We are trying out a different masthead for the Spray. The photo is by Gary Opperman and it is similar to the "front page" photo on our website. What do you think?

Finally, the budget for 2013 is on Page 11. We will vote on it at the January meeting. See you there!



Photo by Lloyd Wittstock, from the Silent Auction





## Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 12-19-12-12

Checking balance	\$16,591.27
Designated Funds	
Memorials/Park Garden	\$1,694.72
Scholarship	\$2,460.96
Working Balance	\$12,435.59
CD	\$5,210.22

## Membership Corner

Happy New Year!

## New Publicity/Public Relations Committee

-- Judy Brooke

We have a new committee in 2013: Publicity and Public Relations. Committee members will be meeting in early January to define the committee's purpose and prioritize projects. We've already started our work by submitting a notice about the club's January 8th program to the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Southwest Journal, Bloomington Sun Current and the Edina Sun Current. Additionally, we'll be looking for club members to staff the MWGCM table at the Minneapolis Home & Garden Show, Feb. 27th through March 3rd. The object will be to answer visitors' questions about gardening and to promote our club. We're hoping the efforts of this new committee will help "get the word out" about the club and bring in new members. Any member interested in volunteering some time at the Home & Garden show, please contact me at 952-944-7925 or [jbrooke-co@msn.com](mailto:jbrooke-co@msn.com).



Jan Johnson introduces our 2012 scholarship winners at the Holiday Party.

Left to right: Jan, Bernadette Emery, Sandy Romsdahl, Jodi Refsland.

*Photo by Lloyd Wittstock*



## Program Theme for 2013: Building a Perennial Border

-- Sandra Abraham

The program committee has planned a great educational experience for the coming year. After much discussion it was decided to follow a specific theme for the year. The 2013 theme of offerings will be “Perennial Border Design”.

The January program will start things out with the topic of “Design Elements and How It Could Affect Microclimates in Your Garden” presented by Mary Maguire Lerman. In February Mary will continue with the topic “Populating Your Garden Design-Combining Natives, Tropicals, Annuals and Perennials”. In March we will hear about woody plant additions to our perennial gardens by Bert Swanson.

The annual trek to the Macy’s Bachman flower show will follow in early April and the May Plant Sale and Auction will be a promising start to our growing season.

The summer months will bring us visits to local gardens, garden centers and the Food, Flower and Foto Show. These activities are in the planning stages but we will bring you up to date as the plans unfold. In October we will hear about “Winter Hardy Cactus and Succulents” presented by Craig Johnson and in our final educational program in November we will hear from Terry Yockey on “How to Add Color to our Fall and Winter Gardens”.

We think 2013 will be exciting and interesting for gardeners at all levels of their expertise.



*Photos by Sandra Abraham*





## Holiday Party Wrap-Up

*Randi Larson, Committee Chair*

The annual Holiday Party has come and gone. Travel might have been an issue from the packed snow from the days before, but all arrived safely. There were 69 reservations.

The proceeds from the silent auction came to \$722. There were fewer items this season.

I want to thank Jane Sheedy, who designed and printed another lovely program this year. Delores Johnson placed the Bachman's order and decorated the tables along with myself and Chuck Benson. The fun stuff! I'm glad Jan Johnson's surgery was successful. I can rely on her to set the tables and provide the cheese and crackers before the dinner. Nona Johnson also set tables and provided and made the punch.



I want to thank Carole Ann Brekke for doing the invocation and Andy Marlow and Bob Olson (aka Santa and his favorite elf) for setting a note of fun with their 'awards' ceremony and for Bob doing an outstanding job as master of ceremonies.

Elaine Spiegel, chairman of the silent auction, once again did an outstanding job. She said her husband, Les, was a great help to her. In fact, husbands played a big role in tallying the auction bids. Judy Berglund and Jean Strande and their husbands, both named Steve, determined the bid winners in record time. Molly Dean, Nona Johnson, Sandra Abraham and Carol Schreier, were also invaluable helpers. And a shout out goes to Kay Wolfe, who provided the beautiful burgundy table clothes.

I also want to thank my husband Larry, who bought all the decorations and lights for the Christmas tree and for taking and keeping track of all the reservations. He also made lists of silent auction items and sent them to Elaine, who could fill out the bid sheets in advance.



Both Elaine and I are extremely grateful to Don and Geri Trocke. Elaine called them a 'god send'. They came early and did set-up of tables and centerpieces. Don was sweeping the floor in the morning and again at night. And finally I want to thank Dave McKeen, who was there before me in the morning to help set up the table and chairs and picked up auction items from Bob Livingston (and he isn't even on the committee)!

So you can see, there are lots of helpers needed to put on a party like this. Thanks to everyone and see you next year!

*--Photos by Lloyd Wittstock*



## **Bachman Award Goes to Carole Ann Brekke**

*-- Bob Olson, 2011 Bachman Award Winner*



The Bachman Award is given to a member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis who has over a period of years given distinguished service and served as an inspiration to gardeners everywhere. The recipient is chosen by a panel of past Bachman Award designees.

This year's honoree has impressive credentials. She has served on the Board of Directors in myriad capacities including truly distinguished tenures first as the Chair of the Garden Tour Committee and later as President of the Club.

She is an accomplished gardener whose meticulous attention to detail is readily apparent throughout her garden – which is always "tour ready". She has not just welcomed, but she has also mentored new club members – many of whom are now helping to run the organization. She inspires those working with her to achieve a little more than thought they could do – and she does it all cheerfully.

She continues to serve in many ways and capacities; she freely shares her knowledge and her plants with others, and she is always a pleasure to be around. If I were to name a single garden club member as the one person new members should seek to emulate, it would be Carole Ann Brekke.

*-- Photo by Lloyd Wittstock*





## President Robert Kean Announces Awards

**President's Cup.** The President's Award goes to the Club Member not on the Board who gave the most help to the president. Robert awarded the President's Cup to **M.T. Pulley**. Robert cited M.T.'s activity on the Perennial/Trial Garden Committee, Arbor Day and Nominating Committees, along with a general willingness to pitch in and help with whatever else Robert needed. Congratulations, M.T.! Keep your silver polish handy!

**Lehman Trophy.** The trophy for the best member garden on tour was awarded to **Jonathan Uecker** for his extensive garden in Anoka. We thank both Jonathan and Denise Rust for opening their gardens to us in 2012.

**Rookies of the Year.** The Board selected three Rookies of the Year for 2012: **Tami Hagen, Bonnie Haehn and Laurie Levin**. Tami and Bonnie are shown below with Robert. (Laurie is not pictured, but there will be other photo opportunities for Laurie, since she will be serving on the Board in 2013.) Thank you and congratulations!



-- Photo by Lloyd Wittstock



## FFF Awards



### Photo Sweepstakes

Andy Marlow, Gary DeGrande and Lloyd Wittstock share the Photo Sweepstakes trophy. It was not clear who was going to have it on his mantel for the first third of the year.

-- Photo by Mary Maynard, since Lloyd was otherwise occupied.

### Smith Trophy

The Smith Trophy for the best first-time exhibitor at the FFF went to Tami Hagen. Congratulations, Tami!

### Foley Trophy

The vegetable sweepstakes trophy went to perennial favorite Judy Berglund, who also chaired the FFF Committee. Seen below with Awards Chair Chuck Carlson.



### Blackbourn Trophy

Flower Sweepstakes trophy goes to Mary Maynard.

-- Photos by Lloyd Wittstock





## From the Holiday Party



What Holiday Party would be complete without a visit from Santa and his assistant Elf Bob? Row 1: Sharla receives "Golden Hat Award", which looks lovely on her; Lynda and her Garden Shoe award, which she will treasure forever; Mary receives Lazy Gardener award. Row 2: Gary gets Jacques Cousteau award for most aquatic creatures; Chuck is our Prolific Emailer; and Dave gets the "Go Fly a Kite" certificate. Row 3: Bob Livingston gets the "Re-Focusing" award for shifting his focus to heirloom tomatoes; Sandra receives the Roger Koopmans Award for overcoming her shyness and taciturn nature; and Mollie Dean accepts the Holiday Party Perfect Attendance award for M.T. Pulley, who maintains his record of never having attended the Holiday Party.

Photos by Lloyd Wittstock



## MWGCM Board Meeting December 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Kean.

The agenda with additions and the minutes of November meeting as amended were approved.

Treasurer's report: The Arboretum sent a thank you letter for our donation along with several free passes. All bills have been paid. The Treasurer's report was received and filed. The 2013 budget will be printed in the January Spray and approved at the January meeting. Committee chairs should send their 2013 budget requests to the Treasurer.

Membership Secretary's report: 61 members have paid dues for 2013. The number includes honorary members. 23 have been sent renewal forms.

Committee reports:

- Publicity committee: Larry Larson has submitted an article about the Club to suburban newspapers. It will also be printed in the Northern Gardener. We heard from MHS that we can have a space to promote the Club at the Home and Garden Show. The publicity committee will be meeting soon to determine what projects need to be done.
- Holiday party: It was suggested that members be sent an e-mail reminding them that reservations must be in by Dec. 6.
- Scholarship committee: \$130 has been donated to the matching grant. Donations will be accepted until the end of the year.

New Business: The 2013 Board will meet in January, February, March, May, July, September, October, November and December. Meetings will be held at Pershing Park except the following months at member's homes: May - Judy Brooke, July - Sandra Abraham, September - Robert Kean, and October - Randi Larson.

Directory: Information needs to be in by mid-December to be included.

Nominating committee: The Vice President appoints the committee. Past President Robert Kean will chair.

Club records: They are currently in Andy Marlow's basement and need to be moved. Nancy Bjerke volunteered to have them in her basement. Laurie said it is possible her students would be able to scan them as a class project. Andy, Nancy and Laurie will see to the project.

Kay moved the Club Make a \$50 contribution to the Memorial Garden in memory of Chet Groger and the family notified. Seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Johnson, recording secretary



**Proposed MWGCM 2013 Budget:  
To be Approved by the Membership at the January Meeting**

Category	2012 Actual	2013 Budget		
<b>Income</b>				
MGCM Dues	\$1,700.00	\$1,300.00		
Holiday Party	\$1,225.00	\$1,500.00		
Holiday Party - Silent Auction	\$767.00	\$750.00		
Hospitality - Meals	\$6,517.00	\$6,500.00		
Plant Auction	\$8,551.75	\$8,500.00		
Donations (to general fund)	\$1,225.00	\$400.00	*	
Tours - Club	\$890.00	\$750.00		
		\$19,700.00		
<b>Expenses, Fixed</b>				
Hospitality - Room Rental	-\$700.00	-\$700.00		
Hospitality - Meals	-\$6,508.49	-\$6,500.00		
Hospitality - Other	-\$52.78	-\$100.00		
Programs	-\$760.71	-\$1,000.00		
Arboretum Membership	-\$75.00	-\$75.00		
Directory	-\$244.17	-\$250.00		
Garden Spray	-\$207.75	-\$350.00		
Insurance (liability)	-\$250.00	-\$250.00		
Office Supplies	-\$34.20	-\$150.00		
President's Contingency fund	-\$55.00	-\$200.00		
Membership	-\$57.51	-\$100.00		
Website (renewed every 2 years)	\$0.00	-\$225.00		
<b>Expenses, Committees</b>				
Arbor Day	-\$822.42	-\$200.00	*	
Awards and Trophies	-\$106.41	-\$150.00		
Flower, Food & Foto Show	-\$622.40	-\$700.00		
Historian	\$0.00	-\$50.00		
Holiday Party	-\$1,753.65	-\$1,500.00		
MGCM-TV	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Park Garden	-\$141.00	-\$150.00		
Photography	-\$70.78	-\$100.00		
Plant Auction	-\$4,252.80	-\$4,500.00		
Publicity		-\$600.00		
Sunshine	\$0.00	-\$300.00		
Tours	-\$644.87	-\$500.00		
<b>Expenses, Donations</b>				
MN Landscape Arboretum	-\$500.00	-\$500.00		
MN State Hort. Society	-\$200.00	-\$200.00		
		-\$19,350.00		
<b>Income minus Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,815.81</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>		
	to reserve	to reserve		
<b>Designated Funds</b>				
(For Information only)	<b>Carry over</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Proj. Balance</b>
Memorials/Park Garden	1694.72	\$250.00	-\$200.00	\$1,744.72
Scholarship	2460.96	\$1,500.00	-\$3,000.00	\$960.96

\* includes \$800 for Robert's Bird Sanctuary Project

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