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# June 11 Meeting Preview

## LILACS IN MINNESOTA WITH PETER MOE



Peter Moe, director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and MWGCM member will show us how to use lilacs in our Minnesota landscape.

**Tuesday, June 11**

**Meeting location:  
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum**

### Menu

6:00 Social Time  
6:15 Dinner  
7:00 Business Meeting  
7:30 Program

Sub Sandwiches  
Fruit Salad  
Potato Chips  
Dessert

- Permanent reservations are in effect.
- Dinner is \$13.00.
- Reservations or cancellations are required no later than Friday, June 7.
- Email Sharla Aasang at [resmwgcm@juno.com](mailto:resmwgcm@juno.com), or call (612) 623-9341 and leave a message.
- Note: for last-minute cancellations, contact Sharla. If she can sell it, you won't be billed.

**Tour Committee**  
Robert Kean, Chair

## **SIGN UP NOW FOR THE PROGRESSIVE CLUB TOUR**

**Tuesday, June 25**

**6:00-7:00 p.m.** Drinks and appetizers at garden of Tracy Sanders, 1072 Fairmont Ave. St. Paul 55105

**7:00-7:15 p.m.** Drive to second garden

**7:15-8:15 p.m.** Dessert at garden of Steve Shubick, 28 Wheeler St. S. St Paul 55105

**Cost: \$5 per person**

Please join us for our evening Progressive Club Tour. We will begin at the garden of Tracy Sanders, enjoying appetizers and drinks while we tour her garden. We will then move to the garden of Steve Shubick for dessert.

Club members and their guests are welcome.

We encourage those attending to bring an item to share--appetizer, beverage or dessert--and please indicate accordingly on the registration form.

You can register at the June 11 MWGCM meeting, or download the [registration form](#) and send with payment to Denise Rust (address is on form).

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## **PUBLIC TOUR TO SHOWCASE SEVEN WEST METRO GARDENS**

**Saturday, July 20**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Choose from two options:

- Self-drive for \$15/person pre-paid (\$20 day of Tour)
- Ride an air-conditioned bus for \$35/person (includes lunch and bottled water)

Tickets will be on-sale at the June 11 MWGCM monthly meeting. You may also e-mail [Denise Rust](#) or call (763) 221-1466 for bus and self-drive tickets and information.

Proceeds will benefit the MWGCM Scholarship Fund. This event is also a great way to promote our club, so we encourage you to buy and/or sell lots of tickets. We will tour seven excellent gardens in the west metro:

Darlene Addison  
Minnetonka

This is a hosta collector's garden with over 500 varieties artfully arranged, meticulously cultivated and labeled. In the front yard features a host of miniature and small hostas, including many hybrids. The lower backyard has larger hostas, many of the old reliables and several of the newer varieties. In the backyard is a wisteria-covered arch. This garden is constantly changing as the owner divides, moves and replaces hostas every year.

Ralph and Lindsay Bashioum  
Wayzata

This 1/3-acre garden is highlighted with over 40 different kinds of fruits and vegetables from around the world. Many of the gardening techniques were inspired by kitchen gardens of the Loire Valley in France to produce a lot of fruit in a compact space. Excess fruits and vegetables from the garden are donated to the nearby French bistro, Bellecour, where they may turn up on special menu items.

Barbara Burgum  
Wayzata

The Burgum garden was recently featured in the *Northern Gardener Magazine* and the *Star Tribune*. Her spectacular gardens accent her historic Craftsman style house on Lake Minnetonka. A 40-foot pergola frames a large cottage garden featuring vegetable beds, pollinator-friendly annuals and perennials, and supports flowering wisteria and clematis. The lakeside slope is a mix of native prairie plants and other drought-tolerant selections. This garden was recently added to the Smithsonian's Garden Clubs of America archives, a rare honor.

Steve Kelley and Arla Carmichiel  
Long Lake

Steve Kelley is the fourth generation to work in the Kelley and Kelley Nursery in Long Lake, directly across the street from the Kelley and Carmichiel 3-½ acre property. They are both gardeners by profession and share a love of perennials, woodies and container gardens. They have a special soft spot for ferns, epimediums, hellebores and anything not typically found at local nurseries. Their back terrace is awash with pots of fancy-leaved begonias, ferns, salvias and succulents.

Lynn Messman  
Minnetonka

This property has numerous front and back gardens consisting of both sun and shade perennials. The gently sloping backyard features a waterfall into a 2,600-gallon pond which holds koi, goldfish and various types of water plants. Whimsical and appealing garden art, bird houses and sculptures dot the landscape.

Marsha and Paul Theis  
Excelsior

This garden grabs your attention with vibrant color, lots of blooms, different textures and a large variety of plants, shrubs and trees. Garden sculptures, pieces of art and structures are incorporated into the gardens. The plantings and potted plants in the front yard are intended to enhance the house. In July, the gardens in the back feature multiple blooming annuals and perennials, hostas, vegetables, herbs and raspberries.

Marilyn Torkelson  
Eden Prairie

This yard is landscaped for water quality and wildlife with over 150 species of native trees, shrubs, flowers, sedges and grasses. There are three rain gardens, a shoreline restoration, sunny borders and small woodland plantings. These deep-rooted native plants filter storm water while providing food and shelter for birds and many pollinators.

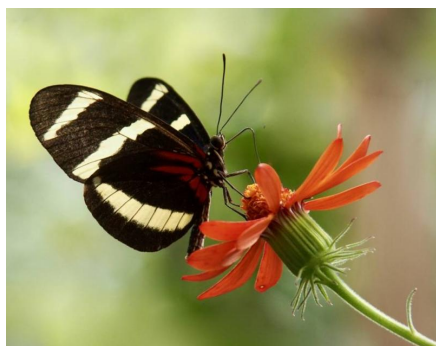
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## Flower, Food & Foto Show

Judy Berglund, Chair

**2019 FFF SHOW, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 & 11**  
**MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM**

### **TIME TO ORGANIZE YOUR PHOTOS AND ENTER THE SHOW**



*2018 Best in Show*  
*"Hungry" by Mary Barsness*

Wednesday, July 31, is the deadline but start now if you are planning to send some of your best photos for the club contests. If you are all about digital, there are 13 categories in which to send up to three (for a total of up to 20) jpegs of your garden, club events, your favorite public gardens and more. Open to all.

If you are of the print persuasion, members can send one, two or three prints with horticultural subjects, which will be posted at the Arboretum event and voted on by anyone attending. This is the aptly named "People's Choice" contest. We recommend 5" x 7" prints.

For ideas and examples, check previous years' photos which Andy Marlow has so consistently posted on the club website. You'll find links to ["Photo Show Winner"](#) and

["People's Choice Winners."](#) You may be stimulated or maybe intimidated, but we would really love to see your best efforts. You'll also find the complete [2019 Photo Contest Rules](#).

While in Links, check out the [Flower and Vegetable Show Schedule](#) and consider contributing to that as well. In that case, you will need to organize your photos now, and your plant materials, and your schedule in early August. If you haven't taken part in either of these activities, give them a try. You will not only learn something, but you could get to know more of your club members... and most of them don't bite.

*--The Photo Committee*

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## HOW ARE YOUR FLOWERS & VEGGIES COMING ALONG?



We hope that all club members will consider bringing a few of their favorite flowers and vegetables to the show this year. There were some great zinnias, our featured flower, at the May plant sale and I finally was able to get my beets, our featured vegetable, planted between the rain showers. How I wish we could get a couple of sunny days so I could get the rest of my garden planted! In a couple weeks I will probably be hoping for rain--life in Minnesota.

[The general rules for the show are all on the club website](#) along with all of the entry classes. There is also an example of how to fill out your entry tags. If websites are not your thing, please pick up one of the purple 2019 FFF Show booklets at our June club meeting.



Happy gardening and see you at the FFF Show!

*-- Judy Berglund*

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**Arbor Day Committee**  
Robert Kean, Chair

**CRABAPPLE TREES PLANTED AT LYNDALE PARK**



As a result of a number of favorable circumstances, the Arbor Day Committee completed this year's project on a date close to the actual Arbor Day.

On Saturday May 4, our crew worked with the Minneapolis Park Board to plant six crabapple trees at Lyndale Park. There is already a grove of crabapple trees in the park south and east of the Rose Garden, but Andrew Gawboy (park employee and club

member) saw a need to expand the collection with some modern varieties as well as replace some of the trees that have died out.

The varieties planted are:

Prairie Fire

Purple Prince

Royal Raindrops

Prairie Rose

Red Jewel

These are considered superior varieties, most with excellent disease resistance. We'll keep an eye on them to see how they perform.



## Lyndale Park Gardens/Mixed Border Garden

Kay Wolfe, Chair

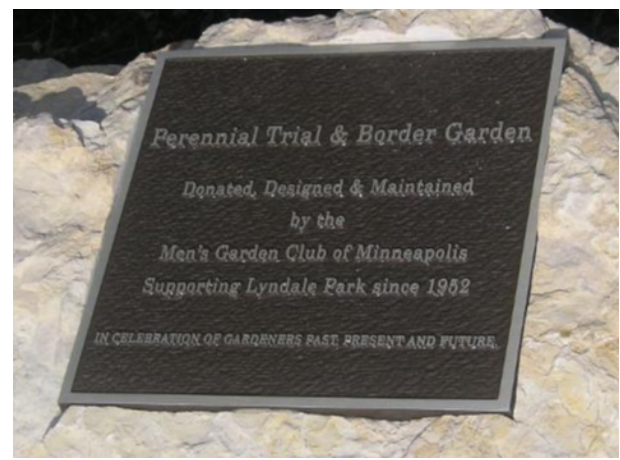
### REMEMBERING ELLYN HOSCH

We lost Ellyn Hosch, former MGCM member, who "transitioned to her next adventure" on May 3, 2019.

Ellyn joined MGCM in 2000. Her leadership skills and avid interest in gardening quickly led her to a position on the MGCM Board. In 2002, she served as recording secretary, vice-president in 2003, president in 2004, and past-president in 2005. Ellyn was also a member of the Perennial Garden Committee which at that time included the Perennial Trial Garden and Mixed Border in Lyndale Park.

Under Ellyn's leadership the MGCM Board decided to dedicate the club's Memorial Fund monies to the Lyndale Park Garden project. Previously the fund was supported by memorial donations and used to buy bricks or other suitable memorials when members passed. The board also voted to add an additional \$2,000 to the fund.

An ad hoc Memorial Committee was created to determine how the memorial funds should be spent. Committee members were Ellyn, Ada Hegion, Mary Maynard and me. We asked Mary Lerman, Horticultural Director of the Minneapolis Park Board, what kinds of memorials were needed in the park. Much time was spent considering a brick path that would run along the garden border. Bricks would be sold and engraved with names similar to the project at the Lake Harriet bandshell. Upon meeting with a neighborhood leader of the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association we were asked "What does your group do best? Do you really want to sell bricks?" The obvious answer is--of course--we are gardeners! The committee decided to propose to the MGCM Board that the funds be spent on permanent plantings, a shrub border at the back of the garden. Included in the proposal was a request to have the MPRB engrave a plaque on a stone and place it in the garden. The plaque celebrates all MGCM gardeners, present, past and future.



As Ellyn advanced in her career, she no longer had time for garden clubs and was not a club member after 2008. We are thankful for her leadership and her role in dedicating the Memorial Fund, now the Lyndale Park Garden Fund, to the support of the MWGCM public gardens in Lyndale Park.

## Deane Fund Grants Update

### Paul Waytz



In spite of the recent weather, May 4 and May 10 were glorious days for planting shrubs and perennials at the Lake Harriet site just south of the dining area. Twelve hard-laboring souls worked on the first day and eight on the second installing several different kinds of plantings. The task was made unexpectedly difficult because of the stones and rocks encountered with each shovelful, but the group pressed on.

After planting, several smaller open areas remained which will soon be filled by a few more dogwood (Neon Burst) as well as more echinacea, monarda, and sporobolus. A gently wending path through the area will eventually be filled in with woodchips. Previously dubbed "the humps," several of us have embraced the name



"apa`halaka," Lakota for "small hill." Whatever you'd like to call the area, please come and see what we have truly enjoyed doing. And a huge thanks to Becca, Andrew, and Jacob of the MPRB for their assistance and support.



## Marketing & Publicity Committee

Becky DeLaCruz, Chair

### **COMPREHENSIVE 2019 MWGCM MEMBERSHIP SURVEY COMING IN JUNE**

For several months we have been developing a comprehensive survey of our MWGCM membership. We will be rolling out the survey during June and ask members to complete it by mid-July.

Club members will take the survey online at the Survey Monkey website. Becky DeLaCruz will provide training at the June meeting on how to take the online survey. For those who do not have internet access, please call Becky DeLaCruz at (727) 644-0176, so she can provide a hard copy of the survey as well as a postage-paid return envelope.

We encourage all members to take the survey and be open with your answers. It should take you approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your answers will be anonymous.

Survey info will provide the MWGCM Board and committee chairs with feedback pertaining to all club activities and events, and to provide:

1. A better understanding of our members' expectations of the club and to work towards meeting their needs and the needs of our Twin Cities community.
2. Potential new initiatives the club could engage in to strengthen member participation.
3. Information to refine the club's overall strategy.

## Membership Corner

Kathy Lenarz, Chair

Five members joined MWGCM in May: Lisa Ellison, Laurie Frevert, Susan Hopp, Betsy Lemal, and Mary Ellen Wright. Full introductions will be made in the future.

## **WELCOME LOUISE GERBER**

Louise joined after the March meeting where she was the guest of Jo Batty-George. Louise most recently gardened for 17 years in California, where she had a desert garden, and also grew roses. Before that, she had a small vegetable garden and roses in Richfield.

She and her husband moved back to Minnesota last year. Although they are now living in an apartment, they are helping their daughter with lawn and garden care. The yard includes some hosta and ferns but is basically a blank slate, so Louise is looking for ideas to beautify it.

Louise is a former school teacher, originally from Evanston, Illinois. Her husband is from Worthington, Minnesota, and the two met while teaching for the military in Augsburg, Germany. After teaching in Germany and Spain, they moved to Richfield with their daughter and son. In fact, we discovered while talking, we were practically neighbors for many years in Richfield. I remember enjoying her rose garden when I walked our dog in the evenings by her house. It is a small world. Louise knew Jo Batty-George from playing tennis when she lived in Minnesota previously, and also played tennis with Mary Barsness.

Louise has already joined the Lyndale Park Native /Shade Garden Committee.

## **WELCOME SUSAN KENNEDY**

Susan Kennedy joined MWGCM after attending the April meeting as the guest of Sandra Mangle. Susan has known about the club, but she has a commitment on most Tuesday evenings, so hasn't joined previously. She would like to get involved with our activities, although she may not make it to many meetings.

Her other horticultural affiliations include the Minnesota Cactus and Succulent Society and the Minnesota Water Garden Society.

Susan has been gardening at her South Minneapolis home for over forty years. Her backyard is a shade garden and includes a water feature with three goldfish. They started small, but now spend their winters in an indoor 75-gallon fish tank.

Since she is on a corner, she has two boulevard gardens. One is mixed, with mostly natives. The other is her cactus and succulent garden, where she not only grows hardy varieties, but includes some of the over 400 plants that she winters indoors in two sunrooms. She also grows orchids and has several cockatiels. With plants, fish

and birds, it sounds like quite a tropical paradise for Minnesota.

Susan is not sure how she became interested in plants, but her father grew roses, and her mother African violets.

After retiring 11 years ago from a career as a software engineer, she has kept busy with not only her plants, but also volunteer tutoring for adults seeking their GED, biking, snowshoeing, and socializing with friends.

Welcome to all our new members and happy gardening to all.

*Every member bring a member.*

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## Board Meeting Highlights

Sue Clark, Recording Secretary

Highlights from the May 9, 2019 Board meeting:

The board approved the Website Committee's proposal and recommendation for a re-design of the website to be completed by Sam Brickwedde. The timeline for completion is expected to be early August.

The board approved the purchase of a table at the Arboretum's Summer Solstice Gala. The club will be honored at the fund-raising gala, and at our request received reduced-price tickets. Our longest-serving members will be invited to represent the club at the gala.

The Membership Survey was discussed and will be distributed to members in the near future, primarily utilizing Survey Monkey.

The Marketing and Publicity Committee Chair provided an analysis of the printing costs the club is incurring and will submit a proposal for purchase of a printer in order to reduce costs.

The board discussed ways of getting information to members regarding opportunities and increasing involvement on the many committees that keep the club functioning and carrying out our mission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Clark, Recording Secretary

# Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Bill Clark, Co-treasurers

The Treasurer's Snapshot is not available this month.

## 2019 Meeting & Event Calendar

### **June 11**

Lilacs in Minnesota  
Peter Moe  
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

### **June 25**

Club Progressive Tour

### **July 20**

Public Tour of 7 Gardens

### **August 10 & 11**

Flower, Food & Foto Show  
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

### **August 21**

An Evening in the Garden  
Lyndale Park Gardens  
(Lake Harriet)

### **September 10**

Lillies  
Forrest Peiper  
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

### **October 8**

Program TBA  
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

### **November 12**

The Most Toxic Plants & Fungi of  
Minnesota  
Laurie Willhite  
Lake Harriet Methodist Church

### **December 10**

Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction

## 2019 Officers & Directors

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