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From the Editors

Tom McKusick, Nancy Felice

It seems June has come and gone and as usual I still have quite a few plants to get in the

ground. Every year I set June 1 as my deadline to get everything planted, but between building and planting my two community garden vegetable plots, and dealing with what is the busiest time of the year at my job, I never make that goal. Then there are the sales at the garden centers this time of year that offer deals too good to pass up. So my collection of pots to plant gets smaller, and then it gets bigger. I'm hoping to be completely finished by the end of the July 4th weekend-we'll see.

This year my planting has taken longer than normal because I'm digging out and replanting a couple of large perennial beds. In the course of doing that I frequently uncover bits of plastic tags that once marked the location of long-gone plants--almost like an archeological dig--and they trigger memories of the time I've spent in my garden over the years. They also remind me of the mistakes I made, especially early on when I thought hybrid tea roses would thrive under my canopy of giant oak trees. Yet even my plant mistakes remind me of happy times. I can still recall standing in front of a display of delphiniums at Bachman's on a beautiful Saturday afternoon more than twenty years ago, trying to decide which variety to take home with me. As it turned out, I never could successfully grow delphiniums, but the memory of them lives on.

Sometimes the tags I find are from stores that also are no more, like Frank's, Lyndale Garden Center, and of course, Linder's. They provide a useful service too, reminding me that nothing is forever, and that I should savor every minute I spend in my garden, and the memories I'm growing there.

Here's to enjoying our gardens this summer--and NOT with trowel in hand!

Tom McKusick





Happy 4th of July!

Nancy Felice

2016 Club Tours Update

Robert Kean, Chair

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING IN THE GARDEN(S), TUESDAY, JULY 12

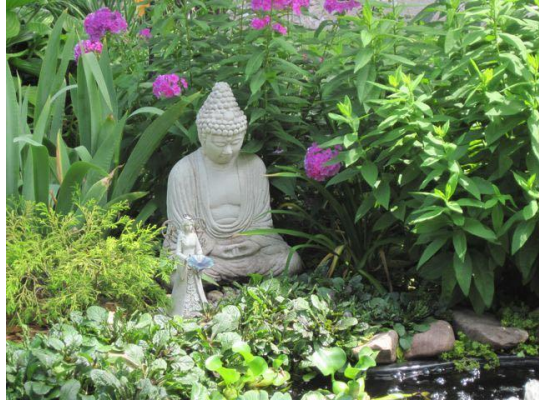
Join your MWGCM friends for appetizers and dessert in two delightful gardens just off 50th Street in south Minneapolis. The first garden is near the Longfellow House public garden at 4800 South Minnehaha Parkway, which would make an interesting "warm-up" garden for your evening of touring and noshing.

The tour committee will supply treats at the gardens, but would like a few additional contributions. If you can help, check the appropriate box(es) on the reservation form

This is a drive-yourself tour. The cost is \$5. Please fill out and return the reservation form below or [download the printable form](#) on our website. Reservations must be received no later than Friday, July 8.

Garden #1 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.
4927 39th Avenue South, Minneapolis

Start out with garden viewing and appetizers at Ann Holleschau's, a relatively new member's garden. Enjoy her tranquil garden space surrounded by mature trees.



Garden #2 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.
4949 Thomas Avenue South
Carol Schreier has been an MWGCM member since 2004. We'll have dessert in her calming back garden with water feature and marvel at her steeply sloped front yard garden.

BUS TOUR, SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

On the same form, you can also sign up for our fabulous bus tour and picnic lunch on August 6. The cost of that tour is \$25, which includes air-conditioned motorcoach transportation and a picnic lunch at the Lyndale Park Gardens planted and maintained by MWGCM. We'll see five private gardens in south Minneapolis. Details and photos will appear in the *August Garden Spray*.

Bus space is limited, so sign up soon! Reservations for the bus tour will not be accepted after Monday, August 1.

Andy Marlow

2016 Tours Reservation Form

2016 MWGCM Tour Reservation Form

Member Name: _____

Evening Tour, Tuesday, July 12:

I will attend I am willing to bring appetizer dessert

Guest(s) names: _____

Bus Tour, Saturday, August 6:

I will attend

Guest(s) names: _____

Remittance:

Evening Tour: Number of people _____ X \$5.00 = _____

Bus Tour: Number of people _____ X \$25.00 = _____

TOTAL: _____

Please send this form along with your check for the amount calculated above to:

Denise Rust
7933 Girard Court North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444
(763) 221-1466
dkkrust@hotmail.com

**Reservations for the evening tour must be received no later than July 8.
Reservations for the bus tour must be received no later than August 1 (a
limited number of seats is available, so first come, first served).**

[For a printable version of this form, click here.](#)

2016 FFF Show

Judy Berglund, Chair

2016 FLOWER, FOOD AND FOTO SHOW

Saturday & Sunday, August 20 & 21 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum



[2016 Flower and Vegetable Show Rules](#)

We hope our June program inspired and encouraged all club members to consider bringing a few of their favorite flowers and vegetables to the show this year. The general rules are on the club website (see link above) along with all of the entry classes. There is even an example of how to fill out your entry tags. If websites are not your thing, please pick up one of the orange FFF Show booklets at our club garden tour.

Our featured flower is the petunia, which may be exhibited as three uniform sprays or in planters. Tomatoes are this year's featured food, which may be exhibited as three specimens of larger fruit or seven specimens of tiny fruit all

uniform in size, shape, and color.

And remember this year's creative floral design division.

We encourage you to get on the bandwagon and enjoy the fun and camaraderie of showing off the best of the best of what we all enjoy the most: gardening.

So come one, come all and bring your best flowers, food, and fotos to the best show in town. See you there.

Judy Berglund



Last Call for Photo Contest! Entries Due by Sunday, July 31.

[2016 Photo Show Rules](#)

What a beautiful time of the year for photography. Summer is here, and subject matter surrounds us. Plus, if you go on the July 12 tour, which is in the evening (the best time to take photos), you can get some great shots for Class 8 (Men's & Women's Garden Club of

Minneapolis Activities) or Class 9 (Scenes of MWGCM Gardens).

Remember, this is a two-part contest: the People's Choice Contest, and the Juried Contest.

For the **People's Choice Contest**, you can enter up to two prints (no larger than 5 x 7") that will be displayed at the Flower, Food and Foto Show, where show attendees will vote for their favorites. **You must be an MWGCM member to enter the People's Choice contest.**

For the **Juried Contest**, you can enter up to 20 photos in digital (.jpg) form. There are 12 different classes in this contest, and you may enter up to three photos in any one class. **The Juried Contest is open to everyone.**

Check out the details at the link above.

Have fun with your camera!

Mary Maynard

Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden

Kay Wolfe, Chair



We hope you attend the MWGCM Garden Tour on Saturday, August 6. The tour will end with lunch at the Lyndale Park Gardens and members of the committees will be on hand to answer questions. Join us!

Editor's note: Here's a preview of the Mixed Border Garden. Thanks to Kay Wolfe for the

photos.



Lyndale Park/Native Garden

Kirky Otto, Carol Schreier, Co-chairs

"BEE BUNDLES" IN THE NATIVE GARDEN



Bundlers Dan Conley, Jo Batty-George, and Kathy Lenarz

One of the goals of our Lyndale Park Native Garden is to support pollinators. This is also a special concern for the Park Board this year, and has been a frequent topic in the public discourse recently. We have probably all heard of colony collapse disorder, and threats to our bees and other pollinators because of our modern environment. In addition to choosing plants that provide good nutrition, and reducing use of pesticides, gardeners can help support our native bees by providing good nesting habitat.

There are about 4,000 species of native bees in North America, according to the Xerces Society, and around 30% of them are solitary nesters using hollow stems or holes in dead trees for laying their eggs.

In the Native Garden, one of the ways we have tried to help our pollinator friends is by leaving the native perennial stems standing last fall. Then, when cleaning the beds this spring, we cut the stems into lengths, tied them together in bundles, and placed them in out-of-the-way places in the garden. Native bees of many tunnel-nesting species will lay eggs in hollow stems like these.

The female bee will lay an egg, placing it together with collected pollen for the larva to feed on when it hatches. Then, before laying the next egg, she partitions the hollow stem with mud, leaf pieces, plant fiber, or other material (depending on

the bee species), so that a series of individual cells lines the hollow stem, and each egg has its own "nursery."

We may never know if the local bees have found our "bee bundles," but we hope we've made a difference for them!

If you are interested in learning more about bees and native pollinators, these are great resources:

Pollinators of Native Plants, by Heather Holm, 2014, Pollination Press LLC

The Xerces Society Guide: Attracting Native Pollinators, Mader, Shepherd, Vaughan, Black, and LeBuhn; 2011, Storey Press

Website for the [Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation](http://www.xerces.org/)

Kathy Lenarz



Arbor Day Committee

Robert Kean, Chair

NEW PLANTINGS AT LAKE NOKOMIS NATURESCAPE

Typically the MWGCM Arbor Day committee does one project each year focused on planting trees and/or shrubs. The plant material is selected in conjunction with any project partners. The club purchases and donates the plant materials up to the limit of our budget, and the committee plants them. Some years we also plant additional materials donated by our partners.



M.T. Pulley and Don Doeksen by a newly planted downy serviceberry

The project is usually done in the spring or early summer, but not on the actual designated Arbor Day, which is the last Friday in April. In recent years, the projects have all been in park areas near Lake Harriet. For the last four years, we have done plantings in and adjacent to the Roberts Bird Sanctuary. These were done in conjunction with the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and the recently formed Friends of Roberts Bird Sanctuary. Before that, we did tree and shrub plantings in the Perennial

Trial and Border Garden in conjunction with the park board.

For 2016, the Arbor Day committee ventured further south. Our project was planned and conducted in collaboration with the Wild Ones Twin Cities Chapter with approval from the park board. The Wild Ones have been developing and maintaining a four-acre native plant area called the Naturescape on the east side of Lake Nokomis (the address is 5001 East Nokomis Parkway, Minneapolis 55417 if you want to Google Map it). They were looking to enhance their planting--primarily grasses and wildflowers--with native trees and shrubs, and got connected with our committee through a mutual acquaintance.

On May 21, our committee planted seven trees and shrubs, with help from a few Wild Ones volunteers. Given the high rabbit population in the area, we installed protective fencing around each plant. We encourage club members to take a look at the Naturescape. Look on the hillside (between Woodlawn and the parkway) for the new additions.

The plant materials were obtained from Out Back Nursery in Hasting. In an unexpected act of support and generosity, Out Back owner Tom Tennant gave us the plants at no charge (wholesale value of ~\$150), so we want to recognize Tom and Out Back for this donation to our club's efforts and the Naturescape. Many of you know that Bob and Mavis Voigt have a second home next door to Out Back, which has helped foster a long-term relationship between MWGCM and Out Back.

Lazy Gardener Returns!

THE LAZY GARDENER IS BACK!

Have you been a member of MWGCM for more than 17 years? If so, you were a member when the first "Confessions of a Lazy Gardener" appeared in the Spray in January, 1999. Since Mary Maynard continues to be a Lazy Gardener and much of her "wisdom" is still relevant, [many of her articles are going to be updated and posted on our website](#). Since Mary is lazy in many ways, not just gardening, it's not yet clear how often she will be posting updates. Maybe once or twice a month, unless there are more interesting things going on. Keep an eye on our website to see that which is old becoming new again!



Membership Corner

Judy Brooke, Chair

Welcome new member Susan Tapp. More about Susan in the August Garden Spray.

Our current membership total is a healthy 108!

Thank you Katherine Schafer for bringing two guests to our June meeting. We hope they'll join us again at a future program or event.



*Judy Brooke introduced new member
Kay Harris at the June meeting.*

EVERY MEMBER BRING A MEMBER

Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Treasurer

As of June 20, 2016

Checking Balance	\$28,316
Designated Funds	
Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden	\$ 2,983
Scholarship	\$ 3,796

Deane Fund transferred to RCU*

Working Balance	\$21,537
Petty Cash	\$ 100
MWGCM 19 month CD at US Bank	\$ 5,282
*Deane Fund at Royal Credit Union	
General savings	\$ 5
Money market	\$20,009
18 month CD	\$20,000
30 month CD	<u>\$25,028</u>
	\$65,032

Meeting & Event Calendar

July 12

Evening Tour
South Minneapolis
Begins at 6:00 p.m.

August 6

Bus Tour
South Minneapolis
Begins at 9:00 a.m.

August 20 & 21

Flower, Food and Foto Show
U of M Landscape Arboretum

September 13

Grow Native: Bringing Natural Beauty
to Your Garden
Lakewood Cemetery

October 11

Hydroponic Gardening
Larry Cipolla
Lakewood Cemetery

November 8

Low Maintenance Lawn Care
Sam Bauer
Lake Harriet Methodist Church

December 13

Holiday Party
Location TBD

2016 Officers & Directors

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Judy Brooke
Minnetonka

Vice President

Board shares responsibilities

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Judy Brooke

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Golden Valley

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