



The Garden Spray

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August

Upcoming Events

| Date | Location | Event |
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| July 31 | | Photo Contest Entries Due |
| Aug. 15-16 | Arb | Flower, Foot & Foto Show |
| Sept. 8 | LWC | Laura Schwarz, Tangletown Gardens |
| Oct. 13 | LWC | David Zlesak, New Hardy Shrub Roses |
| Nov. 10 | LWC | Bob Olson, Hostas |
| Dec. 8 | TBD | Holiday Party |

Arb = U of M Landscape Arboretum

LWC= Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Ave. S,
Minneapolis

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Note: No meal reservations for August! Club dinners resume in September.

Looking Ahead: September 8 Meeting

Laura Schwarz: Tangletown Gardens and the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District.

Laura is a former MWGCM Scholarship winner and is employed by Tangletown Gardens. She also writes regularly for the *Northern Gardener*. More details in next month's Spray.

2015 Flower, Food and Foto Show Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16 At University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Judy Berglund, Show Chair

Saturday, August 15th

7:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Entries accepted
Judging
open to the public

Sunday, August 16th

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

open to the public

Calling all members and their friends to action, the time is coming soon to gather in all of those award-winning flowers and vegetables to exhibit at our Flower, Food and Foto (FFF) Show. We hope all club members will consider bringing a few of their favorite flowers, vegetables and floral designs to the show.



If you have not exhibited at the show before, never fear – experienced exhibitors will be on hand to help you!

More information on Page 4.

Photo by Lloyd Wittstock

Notes from the Prez

-- Tom McKusick

Some of you may have noticed that I didn't write a President's note for the last *Spray*, and I wasn't on either of the club tours. Last month my partner Jennifer, who is a horse trainer, had a bad riding accident and fractured her pelvis. Her recovery at this stage consists mainly of bed rest, and it will be six months before she'll be able to walk on her own. Needless to say this has changed our lives, and as her caregiver I've gained a new awareness of and appreciation for those who must deal with impaired mobility every day.

Sometimes life has a way of deciding our plans for us. Because of Jen's accident a few of the larger projects I had intended to take on in my garden will have to wait until next year, and the weeds will no doubt be able to declare victory this season. But the dahlias, lilies, and daylilies are blooming, and it looks to be an outstanding tomato crop. For now I'll be content with that.

I'm also looking forward to the program at our September meeting. Laura Schwarz, as many of you will recall, was the recipient of a MWGCM Scholarship Award a few years ago. She's currently employed by Tangletown Gardens, and she writes regularly for *Northern Gardener*.

Hope to see you there!

Formation of Deane Fund Committee

I'm pleased to report that a number of club members have stepped up to form the new Deane Fund Committee, which will explore ways to utilize the extraordinary estate gift from Betty Deane. The committee will be co-chaired by Len Brenny and Andy Marlow, and the other members are Kirky Otto, M. T. Pulley, Kay Wolfe, Bob Voigt, and whoever is the current club president. The committee plans to hold its first meeting in September.

On another committee note, the Programs Committee is engaged in developing programs for the 2016 meeting schedule, and we encourage you to pass along any topic ideas you may have.

Editor's Note

-- Mary Maynard

My favorite MWGCM event of the year is coming up! The Flower, Food and Foto Show at the Arboretum is always a good time, and our judges consistently rate our show as one of the best. Judy Berglund and her committee do a wonderful job running this show. I encourage you to give it a try! The "old hands" will be on hand to help you out, especially if you get there reasonably early. The *Lazy Gardener* had an article in the *Spray* about showing at FFF back in 2000. Much of that information still applies. Here's a [link](#) to the August, 2000 *Spray*. The article starts on Page 6.

I am getting a few photos ready for the Foto part of the show. Photos need to get to Lloyd Wittstock by this Friday!

My thanks to the Tour Committee and the gardeners who opened their gardens for tours this summer. I encourage everyone to consider having their garden on tour next year. MWGCM members are among the most appreciative garden visitors you could ever have!

Finally, you may notice that this issue is a little shorter than usual. That's mainly because we had so much material in the last issue and had little left over. But it's also because I am spending so much time battling rabbits (eating everything from Asters to Zinnias)! I have moved on from Rabbit Scram to Irish Spring soap. The gardens smell ... different this year!

Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 7/20/2015

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Checking balance | \$89,333 |
| Designated Funds | |
| Lyndale Park Garden | \$ 4,152 |
| Scholarship | <u>\$10,950</u> |
| Working Balance | \$ 74,231 |
| Petty Cash | \$ 100 |
| CD | \$ 5,260 |

Membership Corner

Every Member Bring a Member

Introducing New Members!

Judy Brooke, VP & Membership Chair

Kathy Johannes was a first generation child of immigrant parents. She grew up in Spring Lake Park where her parents maintained a big fruit and vegetable garden which helped feed their large family. Kathy now lives in South Minneapolis and her favorite pastime is gardening. Fruits she grows include raspberries, currants and cherries. In her shady yard she has hostas, ferns, lamium, ginger and jack-in-the-pulpit. The only sunny area is in the alley so a few years ago, she started growing rose bushes and lilies there. Now her neighbors have joined in, growing flowers in the alley. Kathy's a member of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. After seeing our Plant Sale notice in the *Northern Gardener*, she came to the 2014 and 2015 sales. She joined the club in June after attending the program on Martagon lilies.

Barbara Sarapas. After a lifetime of professional and family demands, Barbara was finally able to turn her attention to flower gardening in 2014. She expanded her plantings this year. Day lilies, a couple mandevilla vines, 'Oso Easy' shrub roses and a fragrant abelia are some of her front yard plantings. Black cohosh, Jacob's ladder and dwarf sumac are a few examples of what's in the backyard. As a commercial designer, she likes to do the research, and then do selections based on criteria. She applies this method in her design work and also finds it useful in planning her garden. Barbara came to our May Plant Sale after finding the notice on Craigslist. She really enjoyed our group. Barbara lives in St Paul.

Don't Forget! **Photo contest** entries are due to Lloyd Wittstock by July 31! Here's the [link](#) to the contest rules on our website.

FFF Show *Continued from Page 1*

Go to our website (www.MWGCM.org) and click on "Links" where you will find the show schedule with rules, entry classes and an example of how to fill out an entry tag. (If you do not have access to the internet, give Judy Berglund a call at 952-975-1960 and she will send you a paper copy of the show schedule. (Here's the direct [link](#) to the schedule.)



Our featured flower is Marigolds, which may be exhibited as 3 uniform blooms of one variety for blooms over 3", 1 spray for blooms 2-3" and 1 spray for dwarf blooms under 2". Marigolds may also be exhibited as container grown plants.



Summer squash are this year's featured vegetable, which may be exhibited as 3 uniform fruits in size, color and quality. Leave about 1/2" of stem and wipe fruits clean. Specimens should be 6-8" long for Zucchini, Straightneck and Crookneck types. Round, scallop types should be 2-3" in diameter.

Please do not forget to bring your "THE GARDEN THEME" floral designs. We look forward to seeing you there!

Perennial table photo by Lloyd Wittstock. Marigold and squash photos courtesy of Park Seed.

Board Meeting Highlights

Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary

The main business addressed at the July 2015 Board meeting was reviewing the recently revised Member Handbook. A great deal of hard work has gone into this revision, and the Board thanks the members who put together clear descriptions and explanations of Board officer roles and committee responsibilities.

Routine business included the approval of minutes and the Treasurer's report, and confirming the location of the upcoming Club meetings.

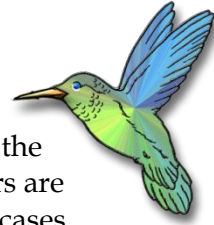
The full minutes are available to any member who'd like more information after the minutes have been approved by the Board. Please get in touch with Laurie for a copy.

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July in the Hummingbird Garden

-- Kirky Otto



If you have time to stop at the Hummingbird Garden, west of the white pines which are west of the Border Garden at Lyndale Park, you might be surprised at the improvements made since the mini-tour of those two areas in June. The gardeners are delighted -- the non-native plants have been moved out, and natives (or in some cases nativars) have been installed. Purple Prairie Clover, Pasque flowers, Jacob's Ladder, liatrus, and cardinal flower are now starting to look more intentional than pathetic. That first week after transplanting is tough on them, but now they look like they want to be there. Very tall things, such as red swamp milkweed and heliopsis have been moved back in the garden, and lower plants have been planted in the front, where they can be seen.

We're still planting and mulching, but in August we plan to mark the garden off in a grid, and re-survey and map it, so we have records of what really is there. Some of the native grasses did not do well over the winter, and next year, if they don't come back stronger, we'll ask the Park Board to supply other grasses to replace them. There were also some shortages from the native nursery the Park Board used, and we hope to see Prairie Smoke and a couple other plants that we couldn't get this year.

Our goal is to have the Hummingbird Garden whipped into shape in the next 3 years, and then will consider whether to simply maintain that into the future, or if we should agree to take on another section of the native beds. We work on Wednesday mornings, about 9:30 to 11:30, and you're welcome to visit, or to bring tools and work!

Photos from June 30 and July 18 Tours

Andy Marlow, Denise Rust



More Tour Photos
Andy Marlow, Mary Maynard, Denise Rust



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Improvement District
Lakewood Cemetery

October 13, 2015

Roses Return: New Hardy Shrub Roses for the
North
David Zlesak
Lakewood Cemetery

November 10, 2015

Hostas
Bob Olson
Lakewood Cemetery

December 8, 2015

Holiday Party

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