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**2016 Club Tour Update**

Robert Kean, Chair

**MWGCM GARDEN TOUR BY MOTORCOACH**

Saturday, August 6, 9:00 a.m.

Meet at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Avenue South

Cost: \$25

*Almost full! Contact Denise Rust to see if seats are still available.\**

Our motorcoach tour will take you to five South Minneapolis gardens and conclude with a picnic lunch at the Lyndale Park Mixed Border Garden designed, planted, and maintained by volunteers from the MWGCM. You'll also have a chance to see the work being done by our members in the Native Garden and the Thomas Sadler Roberts Bird Sanctuary and sneak across Roseway Road for a peek at the Lake Harriet Rose Garden.

We'll board the bus at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Avenue South. (There's ample parking in the church's two lots.) The bus will leave promptly at 9:00 a.m., so please be on time.

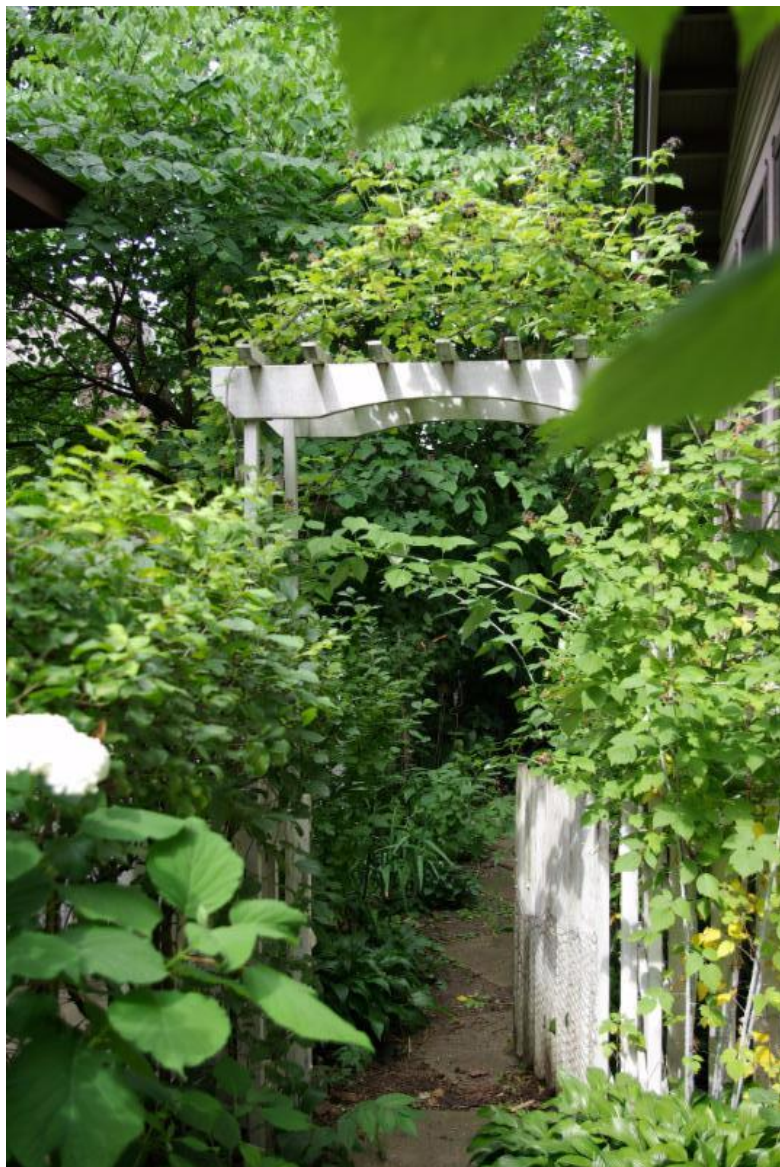
We will tour five gardens:

### **Denis Grande**

#### **4708 Washburn Avenue South**

Denis' Versailles-like garden is a showpiece of formal color and style. Designed by Roger Koopmans, it has transformed this tiny garden space into a gorgeous splash of color and excitement. Perfectly groomed and artistically displayed, zinnias intermingled with spectacular clematis and mandevilla cover the side of the house. The back is replete with stunning potted arrangements, and a pyramid of begonias and clematis is crowned by a color-laden planter.





**Robert Kean**

**3136 James Avenue South**

Robert says he's a plant collector bordering on being a plant hoarder. He has a little bit of everything in his Minneapolis city lot. He's a scientist by profession and his garden is a constantly evolving experiment. If there is a dominant theme, it involves berries (and they are tasty!). He's had success in growing many things, but grass is not one of them. Especially note the climbing rose 'William Baffin' on the northwest corner of the house.



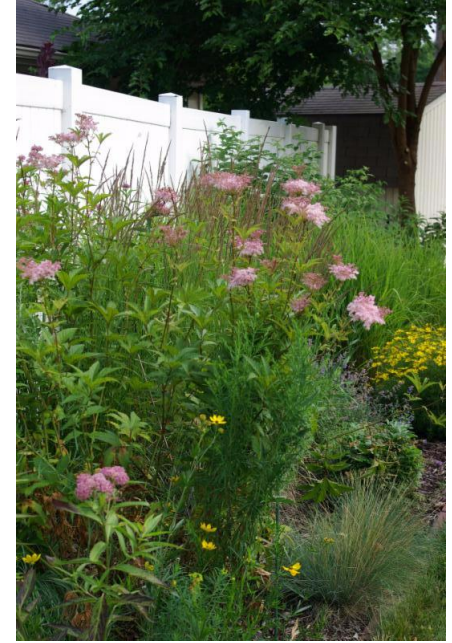
**Meleah Maynard**  
**4453 Washburn Avenue South**

Meleah, a freelance writer, uses her artistic and creative gifts to design and experiment in a "dynamic" garden. She re-purposes household items and adopts cast-off plants (and in the true spirit of gardening passes them on to others as they increase in size). Meleah's plant material is moved about like checkers on a board until pleasing patterns are found. Together with her non-gardening (but geometrically gifted) husband she's laid stones for their splendid patio and walkways, which tie the various garden "rooms" together.



**Kirky Otto,  
1404 West 61st Street**

Kirky describes her garden as "a three-year old garden with a 75-year old gardener: don't expect much!" She is being too modest. When she moved to her house adjacent to Grass Lake in 2012, there were six shrubs and some yellow daylilies. The transformation is well underway, with several new gardens including a colorful front bed that was planted just last fall. Be sure to ask her about the geraniums on her deck, which she has been wintering over for 25 years!



**Katherine Schafer**  
**3225 Aldrich Avenue South**  
Katherine, a new MWGCM member, has spent 35 years refining her ever-evolving Up-town garden. An inveterate traveler she incorporates treasures from exotic places into her eclectic garden art. Arbors, patios and trellises were

added to her hardscape and are surrounded by long-lived perennials and selected annuals, all blended seamlessly with vegetable patches. Katherine overwinters her calla lilies, jasmine and other tender perennials.



A picnic lunch will be served at the Lyndale Park Garden, with bad weather back up at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bus space is limited, so get your reservation in ASAP!

*Robert Kean*  
*Andy Marlow*

[\*Editor's note: As of 7/24, less than 10 seats remain available. Denise recommends you contact her to make sure there is still room before sending a reservation: (763) 221-1466 or [dkkrust@hotmail.com](mailto:dkkrust@hotmail.com).]

## 2016 Tours Reservation Form

### 2016 MWGCM Tour Reservation Form

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Tour, Saturday, August 6:

I will attend [  ]

Guest(s) names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Remittance:

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](mailto:dkkrust@hotmail.com)

**Reservations for the bus tour must be received no later than Monday, 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 & FOTO SHOW August 20 & 21 At the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum**

Saturday, August 20

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

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.      Judging

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.      Open to the public

Sunday, August 21

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.      Open to the public

## [2016 Flower and Vegetable Show Rules](#)

Calling all members and their friends to action: the time is coming to gather 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.)

Use the link above or go to MWGCM.org and click "Links" for the show schedule with rules, entry classes and an example of how to fill out an entry tag. If you have questions, please give Judy Berglund a call at (952) 975-1960.

Our featured flower is petunia, which may be exhibited as three uniform sprays. Petunias may also be exhibited as container grown plants. Tomatoes are this year's featured vegetable, which may be exhibited as three uniform fruits in size, color and quality or seven tiny tomatoes. Tomatoes may also be exhibited growing in a container.

Please remember to bring your "Traveling the World" floral designs, too.

We hope to see you there!

*Judy Berglund*

## **2016 PHOTO CONTEST UPDATE**

### [2016 Photo Contest Rules](#)

Photo contest entries are due by Sunday, July 31. (Use the link above or visit MWGCM.org and click on "Links.")

You can send digital photos via email to [Lloyd Wittstock](mailto:Lloyd.Wittstock@centurylink.net)  
(Please note: Lloyd's email address has changed since the 2016 Club Directory was published. It's now [lwmpis@centurylink.net](mailto:lwmpis@centurylink.net).)

Prints and disks can also be mailed to:

Lloyd Wittstock  
913 19th Avenue S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55414-2505

If you have questions, or if you don't receive an email from Lloyd confirming receipt of



your photos, you can contact him at (612) 296-8148.

*LLoyd Wittstock*

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## From the President

Judy Brooke

Thanks to Ann Holleschau and Nancy Bjerke for inviting us to enjoy their beautiful gardens. And what a lovely July evening it was!

For this President's column, I decided to interview a long-time club member, much like I do a new member for the Membership column. The member I'm shining a spotlight on is a man who has contributed his time and talents to our club for over 25 years: Chuck Carlson of Fridley.

Chuck attended nearly all our programs and events until his wife Marion's health began to fail and he became her full-time caregiver. He continues to serve the club as Email Coordinator. Also, if you go on the club's website and click on links, you will see "Chuck's Blog" which contains all sorts of wonderful references and photos.

Chuck grew up in Lake City, Minn. where his first memories of gardening were helping his mother in her large vegetable garden. He wasn't too keen on the garden as it took him away from his playtime. His sister recalled one day his mom wanted him to weed the asparagus patch and he remarked, "Why do I have to do that, I don't even like asparagus!" (He likes it now).

Chuck earned a BS degree in chemistry at Gustavus Adolphus College as well as a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota. In between his college years he served three years in the U.S. Army, stationed mainly in Germany. Chuck spent his professional career as an electronic engineer for Honeywell.

He and Marion married in 1959. They raised two sons and have six grandchildren. After living in an apartment for the first year of their marriage, they bought a home in Fridley. That's when Chuck started gardening.

Chuck joined our club in 1989, after he saw a tour advertised and asked if he could attend. The rest is history. He helped on many committees, was newsletter editor as well as serving on the Board of Directors. He's been a member of both the national and the Minnesota chapters of the North American Rock Garden Society, the North American Lilly Society and the Hennepin County Horticulture Society. Chuck's also been part of a volunteer group that plants and maintains seven gardens around the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fridley.

Golf was another major interest but he's also dabbled in many types of collecting as well as photography. He took many photos in Europe but gradually his focus became photos of flowers and gardens. He's had his own website, [Chuck's Minnesota World of Flowers, Gardens and Photography](#) since 2007.

Chuck likes to try anything and commented, "Maybe that's why I'm a jack of all trades but master of none." At 87 he still gardens but finds it harder to keep up with the weeds and those flowers and plants that want to take over. His advice for living a long life: keep physically active and exercise your mind.

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## From the Editors

Tom McKusick, Nancy Felice

### 150TH ANNIVERSARY SPONSORSHIP OF THE MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURE SOCIETY

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) and the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis (MGCM-now MWGCM) have had a special relationship since the early days of the club. This relationship is best exemplified by their partnership in working to create the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

In 1954, the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis turned to MSHS and requested that the Society appoint a committee to explore the possibility of acquiring land for the purpose of developing a statewide Arboretum. An ad hoc committee of Society members including Leon Snyder, Archie Flack, and others met on January 28, 1955, to discuss the request. The group agreed to form an Arboretum committee within the Men's Garden Club with Archie Flack as chairman. On March 3, 1955, Flack reported on the work of his special interest group within the MGCM to the Executive Committee of MSHS, and requested that MSHS appoint an official Landscape Arboretum Committee, charged with promoting the project, including the solicitation of funds.

In June of 1956, an option to buy the first 160 acres of land for \$40,000 was granted. Fund raising commenced and in 1958 the deed to the property was turned over to the University of Minnesota by G. Victor Lowrie, president of MSHS and a MGCM member. The Society agreed to continue its efforts to solicit financial aid to help support the developing Arboretum. Leon Snyder was named the first director of the Arboretum, and in addition to being an MSHS member he also belonged to the Men's Garden Club, as did most of the others who were instrumental in the Arboretum effort.

The long and close relationship the MWGCM has had with the Horticultural Society is

also illustrated by the following Men's Garden Club members were also president of MSHS:

Cortis Rice  
Victor Lowrie  
Carl J. Holst  
Phil Smith  
Nate Siegel

Fred Glasoe  
Charles King  
Jerald Shannon  
Duane Reynolds

In the not too distant past, all members of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis were required to belong to MSHS. Due to this long time relationship and the many important contributions MSHS has made over a century and a half, the Hort Society deserves our sponsorship support on its 150th Anniversary.

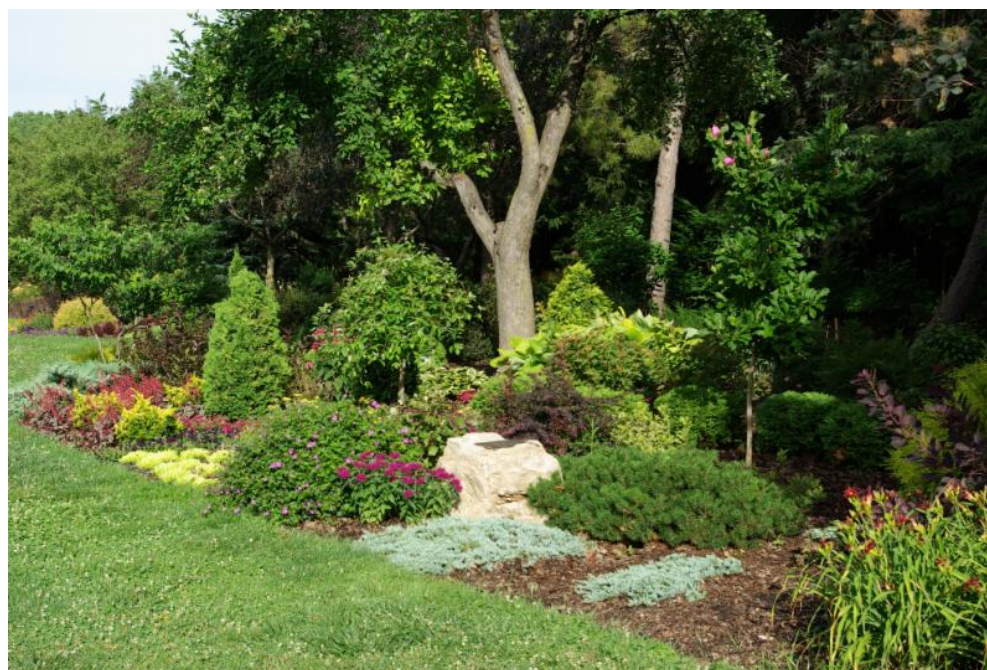
*Jerry Shannon*

(Editor's Note: Sponsors will be recognized in the Sep/Oct issue of *Northern Gardener* and at an event in September held to celebrate the anniversary.)

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## Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden

Kay Wolfe, Chair



We look forward to seeing everyone at the Mixed Border Garden on the August 6 tour. Here's just a sample of what you'll see. (Thanks to Andy Marlow for photos.)



## Lyndale Park/Native Garden

Kirky Otto, Carol Schreier, Co-chairs

One Wednesday in July, the Native Garden crew took a day off from working at Lyndale Park and were treated to a trip through the pollinator gardens, the Peace Garden, and the annual and perennial gardens overseen by Park Board employee and native garden guru Andrew Gawboy. We got to know Andrew when he was assigned as liaison between the Park Board staff and those of us who volunteer in the Native Garden. Since then he's joined the MWGCM and wears two hats when he works with us on Wednesdays.

He started the tour walking us from the native garden along the "Pollinator Garden" that links the Peace Garden and the formal border long managed by the MWGCM. At the bend where the two arms of the pollinator garden meet he introduced us to a huge, old tulip tree that thrives well outside its normal Zone 5+ range. Andrew's theory is that it's at the right elevation, and in a slightly protected area. It has survived tornadoes and winters for decades, and is handsome when it blooms in the spring. Incidentally, the featured tree in the Native Garden is a redbud, another surprise in our Zone 4 area. The parent to our redbud was planted by MWGCM members farther back in the woods many years ago. There are two twig

structures Andrew created from birch branches in the pollinator gardens.

Continuing through the Peace Garden, Andrew pointed out the limestone rock that was brought into the area and is ideal for the oriental-style garden, and the hardscaping features such as the bridge and the crane circle.

Across Roselawn Road we were introduced to the formal and informal beds, the care of which Andrew inherited in some cases and is developing in other cases. He added perennials to soften the edges of the peony beds at the entry to that part of the Lyndale Park gardens; they are insignificant when the peonies are in bloom, but are now showing off their own blossoms, as the peonies offer an herbaceous background.



*Twig structure in the center of colorful flower beds.*



The individual beds at that end of the Rose Garden-in the area of the fountains-are each a different color: purple, lavender, and pink beds on one side, yellow, orange, and other colors on the other sides. The centerpiece is a temporary twig structure designed so that viewers young and old can stroll through it. It is on a low platform, and can be moved to other places when the season is over in Lyndale Park. The east end of that area features sturdy Knockout roses, which have withstood many winters with little pampering. Andrew has interspersed these handsome shrub roses with a mid-height ageratum; he has added the favorite ageratum variety developed by one of our speakers, David Zlesak, among hydrangeas in another area.

You're welcome to tour the Lyndale Park gardens anytime during daylight hours; bring a camera!

*Kirky Otto*

# Membership Corner

Judy Brooke, Chair

## WELCOME SUSAN TAPP

Susan Tapp, originally from Minnesota, returned to settle here after spending 10 years on the east coast. Her home is in the Linden Hills neighborhood of Minneapolis, where she resides with two cats as roommates.

In her front yard there's a bank that goes down to the boulevard. Tired of mowing the bank, she took out the grass and planted a perennial garden mainly with native plants. Now after a couple years, she's encouraged by how it's starting to take hold. She's thinking of possibly adding a rain garden next year. She's also intrigued with the idea of trying a straw bale garden in an area of her lot where the soil is poor.

Professionally, Susan is a contract technical writer, but easing into retirement. She learned about our club through *Spray* editor Nancy Felice. She met Nancy in the Linden Hills History Study group as well as MWGCM member Jo Batty-George. Susan has volunteered to help in the Native Garden at the Lyndale Park Gardens.

*EVERY MEMBER BRING A MEMBER*

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## Board Highlights

Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary

### JULY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

In addition to the completion of routine business, including an update of our excellent financial status and a review of committee activities, the board passed two motions at its July meeting:

A donation of \$500 was made to the Minnesota Horticultural Society in honor of its 150th anniversary. The Deane Fund was used to make this donation which is in addition to the \$500 annual donation to MSHS that was already budgeted for this year.

A formal decision was made to continue our professional relationship with our current caterer.

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# Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Treasurer

**As of July 20, 2016**

<b>Checking Balance</b>	\$26,613
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden	\$ 3,083
Scholarship	\$ 3,796
Deane Fund transferred to RCU*	
<b>Working Balance</b>	\$19,734
<b>Petty Cash</b>	\$ 100
<b>MWGCM 19 month CD at US Bank</b>	\$ 5,282
<b>*Deane Fund at Royal Credit Union</b>	
General savings	\$ 5
Money market	\$19,518
18 month CD	\$20,020
30 month CD	<u>\$25,061</u>
	\$64,604

## Meeting & Event Calendar

### **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

### **October 11**

Hydroponic Gardening  
Larry Cipolla  
Lakewood Cemetery

### **November 8**

Low Maintenance Lawn Care  
Sam Bauer  
Lake Harriet Methodist Church

### **December 13**

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## 2016 Officers & Directors

### Club Officers

#### President

Judy Brooke  
Minnetonka

#### Vice President

Board shares responsibilities

#### Membership Secretary

Judy Brooke

#### Recording Secretary

Laurie Levin  
Golden Valley

#### Treasurer

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