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October

Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Oct. 8	LHC	Cactus & Succulents
Nov. 12	LHC	Fall & Winter Color
Dec. 10		Holiday Party

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

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

Reservations or cancellations are required by Friday, Oct. 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.

Dinner Menu for October 8

Pork roast with scalloped apples
Cheesy hash brown potatoes
Roasted carrots
Tossed Salad
Rolls
Apple Crisp

Succulents! Tuesday, October 8 -- Randi Larson



Craig Johnson will present our October program on succulents. We had thought the program would also include winter hardy cacti but Craig said 90% of his sales are succulents, not cacti. His business is Greenworld Greenhouses located in North Branch, MN. The company is in its 39th year. Craig encourages us to purchase our succulents from Otten Bros., Tonkadale, or Sunnyside Gardens because they sell his succulents and he guarantees them. His website is <http://www.greenworldgreenhouses.com>. See you all there!



Succulents must be all the rage, because even your editor has some this year! All succulent photos courtesy of Greenworld Greenhouses.

Schedule for Oct. 8

6:00 p.m. Social Time
6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Business meeting
7:30 Program

Notes from the Prez:

-- *Sandra Abraham*

Invitations, Reservations, Presentations and Nominations

This is the beginning of the end of the growing season and with that comes looking ahead at the next chapter in the maintenance of this club. As October draws near please remember it is time to renew your membership. The club directory serves as a valuable resource for all of our members throughout the year and it is important that we get all of the most current information to those who assemble it. The goal is to get all of the member's data, 2014 programs, meeting locations and times, committees and chairpersons updated in order to get the directory organized and printed so that we all get our new copies at the January meeting.

I've been asked to remind the membership to be mindful of the reservation deadlines for our monthly meetings and call in your reservations in a timely fashion.

In November we will be presenting and reviewing the club bylaws revisions. I invite you to read them ahead of time to facilitate the discussion of the proposed bylaws.

Finally, the club needs YOU to consider running for a board position or an officer. Enough said.

I accepted the invitation of the Lyndale Park Garden committee and wandered over there after work one day. I felt like a proud parent as I watched other people there snapping images on their cameras, phones and I-pads. One fellow was from the Metro Blooms committee and told me the color combinations he saw in the garden were the best ever. A father was there with his young daughter and he was teaching her what the names of the plants and flowers were. Another bicyclist was there taking a rest on the bench amidst the blooms seeming to enjoy the ambiance of the setting.

As we enter the most colorful part of our season please remember to take a stroll through beautiful Autumn garden paths, visit an apple orchard, take a hayride, build that scarecrow, carve a pumpkin or two, and as our dear friend and mentor, Jerry Olson, would always remind us ... "water, water, water".

From the Editor

-- *Mary Maynard*

Well, we passed the autumnal equinox. The sun is getting lower in the sky. If you're a photographer, you are probably looking forward to the lovely October light. October will be a wonderful time to visit our Lyndale Park garden if you didn't get a chance to visit in September. I missed the two official sessions, but have visited it on my own, and it is indeed spectacular. The Park Garden Committee has every reason to be very proud of the garden.

October is also the time to renew our club membership, and for young scholars to apply for our scholarships.

You might have noticed that I jumped the gun with our new logo. For now, I'm planning to keep the photo of our Lyndale Park garden on Page 1, but will use the new logo elsewhere throughout the *Spray*. I think this logo meets the goals that Andy and Bob described on Page 6.

Our October program should be very interesting. I finally got on the succulent bandwagon this year, with excellent results. And Sunnyside Gardens (near my house) carries succulents grown by our speaker. They are indeed remarkable.

Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 9-16-2013

Checking balance	\$17,408.90
Designated Funds	
Memorials/Park Garden	\$ 956.42
Scholarship	\$5,280.25
Working Balance	\$11,172.23
 CD	 \$5,210.22

Membership Corner

A warm, if belated, welcome to new member Marilyn Jo Kelley. We hope to see you at an event soon, Marilyn!

It's Renewal Time!

The Membership Committee will be handing out renewal forms and collecting dues at the October club meeting. We'd like to get all of our membership renewals taken care of by November so we can have the directory ready for the January meeting. If you'd like to renew before then you can use the form on the MWGCM website under 'join', and mail your check to Membership Secretary Jean Strande. Here's the link: <http://mwgcm.org/MGCM/Join.html>

Note: Please don't make us subdivide the apple crisp! If you're coming to dinner in October, call or email Carole Ann and make a reservation so we don't run out of food. See Page 1.



MGCM offers \$1000 Scholarship(s)

*Kent Petterson
Scholarship Committee Chair*

Application forms and guidelines have been sent out to schools and interested organizations and are available at the MWGCM website. The deadline for application is October 15th. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting after the deadline to consider the applications followed by November Board action and introduction of recipient(s) at the December Holiday Party.

If you have an acquaintance or family member that might be interested, please refer them to our website for forms and information, or call me at 651-222-5536.

Our scholarships are funded through club activities and by individuals through tax advantaged donations to our scholarship fund which we as a 501c3 manage. Please consider making a donation this year for students of horticulture in Minnesota. Eligibility is outlined in the Criteria for the application form.

Here's the link to our scholarship page:

<http://mwgcm.org/MGCM/Scholarship.html>

Have you been following **Bob's Blog** on our website? If not, you're missing some great commentary and entertaining insights into gardening life. Here's the link:
http://mwgcm.org/MGCM/Bobs_Blog/Bobs_Blog.html



AND THE WINNERS ARE... People's Choice Photo Awards

As you know, there are two parts to our annual Photo contest. The first part is a juried contest, where entries are evaluated and winners are selected by official judges. The second part is the People's Choice Award, where attendees at the FFF Show at the Arboretum get to vote for their favorite.

We thought Chuck Carlson was being a little mysterious about the People's Choice winners, but at the September meeting, we found out that he was just being modest. Here are the winners:



First Place, with 63 votes: Wasp/Bee on Allium (Chuck Carlson)

Second Place, with 55 votes: Coleus (Chuck Carlson)

Third Place, with 27 votes: Lily (Andy Marlow)



Introducing MWGCM's New Logo

Andy Marlow and Bob Olson

You may have noticed that the old MGCM logo has not been seen in a while. That's because of the change in our name and because the Marketing and Publicity (M & P) Committee has been working on a new one, which was approved by the MWGCM Board of Directors at their September meeting. The new logo is part of a larger project to spiff up the Club's image, bring our printed and electronic publications into the 21st Century, and, hopefully, help attract new, younger members.



The process took more than a year and involved suggestions from many in the Club. Many variations on the old logo were tried and rejected. Lots of new concepts were likewise auditioned. Our goal was to have a logo that:

- Is fresh, modern, clean and simple
- Incorporates our name emphasizing the words *Garden Club*
- Is scalable (can be used in different sizes and still be recognizable)
- Can be used in color, grayscale and black and white versions
- Uses colors and symbols that reflect our purposes

We eventually chose a form suggested by Kay Wolfe, worked through some modifications on our own, and enlisted professional graphic artist Lori Jo McKusick to create the final product.



The M & P Committee recognizes that not everyone will agree with our choices. We all have different tastes. That's why Kemp's makes chocolate, vanilla, strawberry and a ton of other flavors. But we could only make one flavor and hope you like it.

Gardens Wanted for 2014 Public Tour!

The Tour Committee is always looking for good gardens to share, and ask your help in choosing some gardens for a public tour next July. If you have suggestions of member gardens for such a tour, please contact either Sandra Abraham (651 452-0858 or sandabra@hotmail.com) or Denise Rust (763 560-7747 or dkkrust@hotmail.com) ASAP. A good public tour takes lots of planning and a great deal of time to put together. Thanks!

-- Denise Rust

MWGCM to Vote on By Laws Amendments at November Annual Meeting

By Andy Marlow

This is your official notice that MWGCM members will vote on amending the Club's By Laws at our annual meeting on November 12, 2013, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 4901 Chowen Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A copy of the suggested amendments, as recommended by the Board of Directors at their meeting on September 3, 2013, is attached to the email which brought you this copy of *The Garden Spray* or is attached to the *Spray* if you get it by US Mail. Portions to be deleted are ~~struck through~~ and portions to be added are in ***bold/italic type***. Please read this document over carefully. Members will have a chance to ask questions and make comments about the amendments at October's regular meeting and before the vote at the November annual meeting.

The changes were made necessary by the vote at last year's annual meeting to change the Club name. The process of doing that raised questions about parts of the By Laws related to voting. At its January 2013 meeting, the MWGCM Board of Directors appointed an ad hoc committee to recommend changes to the By Laws and report back at the September Board meeting. The committee was composed of Jean Strande, Laurie Levin and chair Andy Marlow. At their September meeting, the Board considered the committee report, suggested some changes and recommended that the membership adopt the changes.

The major changes include:

- Inserting "and Women's" after "Men's" in each instance of the club name
- Cleaning up the history section and eliminating unnecessary language
- Clarifying the process of becoming a member and the responsibilities of membership to conform with current practices
- Amending Article II, Section 6 so that a regular vote of the membership requires only a simple majority provided a quorum is present
- Allowing the club to have regular meetings outside the county of Hennepin
- Clarifying the committee structure, who creates them and who appoints members and chairs/co-chairs
- Simplifying the process of making exceptions to the budget
- Creating a process for amending the Articles of Incorporation and requiring a two-thirds majority to do so
- Changing the parliamentary reference to Robert's Rules of Order *Newly Revised*.

Tomato and Pepper Fest

Photos by Chuck Carlson and Andy Marlow

September's meeting featured tomatoes and peppers grown by our members and tested by the club's attendees. The competition was fierce, but in the end Robert Kean's 'Sungold' cherry tomato and Judy Berglund's 'Sweetie' red (not hot) pepper (pictured below) were declared the winners. Rusty Debris and Friends (also known as MWGCM member M.T. Pulley, John Wallace and Mark Briere) set the mood during tasting and performed for us after dinner.

Maybe next time we should add a salsa contest!



More photos on next page

More Photos from Tomato and Pepper Fest



September Board Meeting Highlights

Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary

In addition to the routine business conducted at the meeting, two important motions were moved, discussed and approved:

*The Marketing and Publicity Committee shared images of the new Club logo, chosen by a committee of 7 members, in color and black/white versions. The new logo includes a flower image, chosen because it's a recognizable spring flower, isn't a tree (suggesting a forestry group), or a rose (difficult to reproduce accurately).

Also, the new design emphasizes gardening while de-emphasizing Minneapolis, and is a new look that reflects our new name.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the new logo designed for the Club. (6 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention.)

The By-Laws subcommittee presented suggestions for changes in the by-laws. The proposed new bylaws will be sent to members before the November meeting via The Spray. Changes will be presented at the November meeting, followed by a vote by the general membership on the changes.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend to the General Membership that the revised By Laws be approved.



Calendar of Events for Rest of 2013

October 8

"Winter Hardy Cactus & Succulents"
Craig Johnson
Dinner 6:15, Speaker 7:30
Lake Harriet Methodist Church, Mpls.

November 12

"Planting for Fall and Winter Color in Your Garden"
Terry Yockey
Dinner 6:15, Speaker 7:30
Lake Harriet Methodist Church, Mpls.

December 10

Holiday Party
Embassy Suites, Bloomington



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