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From the President

Judy Brooke

My tenure as your president is almost over. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your leader. A special thank you to Tom McKusick for his many years of service, some of those years doing double duty as program chair, co-editor of the *Garden Spray*, vice president, president and past president. I also want to thank the board members for their faithful service and support. Thanks too, to Sandra Abraham who stepped up to the plate

when no one else would, and will do a second stint as club president in 2017, after first holding this office in 2013.

It's been a good year for the club. Membership has steadily increased, the programs have been top notch, the plant sale was a big success, garden tours and the Lyndale Park Gardens were beautiful, and the FFF show was excellent. My thanks to all the committee heads that made this possible. It's a lot of work, but appreciated by so many.

Also thanks to our webmaster Andy Marlow, FaceBook coordinator Anne Spenningsby, email coordinator Chuck Carlson, and *Garden Spray* co-editors Nancy Felice and Tom McKusick. They all help keep us in the know.

I hope to see you at the holiday party. The holiday party committee has put a lot of work into the planning and I know we'll enjoy it.

May all the happiness of the holiday season be yours.

2017 CLUB OFFICERS

The following slate of officers was elected at the November club meeting:

President	Sandra Abraham
Vice-president	Mary Barsness
Recording Secretary	Laurie Levin
Membership Secretary	Judy Brooke
Treasurer	Alan Gallaher
Past President	Judy Brooke
Directors	Judy Berglund
	Bonnie Haehn
	Steve Shubick
	Dave McKeen

From the Editors

Tom McKusick, Nancy Felice

The December board meeting of the MWGCM will be my last as a member of this group, and the end of my three-year tenure as an officer. Three years isn't a very long time, and when I think about everything we've accomplished as a board I have to wonder how we managed to fit it all in. This has been an exceptionally hard-working group-and I know it's a cliché-but it's been a complete pleasure and a privilege to serve with them. When people who are in other garden clubs hear how much the

MWGCM has been growing they always ask me, "what's your secret?" I tell them it starts with the board and committees being conscientious and paying attention to the details, never taking members for granted, and always keeping in mind that their role is to serve the greater good of the club and not their personal interests. Our club is fortunate to have so many dedicated people in these important roles. As for me, I look forward to getting back to enjoying our club's activities as a regular member!

My best holiday wishes to all,

Tom McKusick

AmazonSmile Reminder

HOLIDAY SHOPPING ONLINE? REMEMBER TO SMILE!

Eligible for  donation.

When you shop at AmazonSmile the MWGCM benefits.

If you still have holiday shopping to do, remember that MWGCM is a qualified charity in Amazon's Smile program.

To take part, instead of going to amazon.com, go to smile.amazon.com. AmazonSmile pays .5% of the purchase price to the charity you designate.

To select MWGCM as your designated charity, click on "Your Account." Next, under "Account Settings," select "Change your Charity." Type in "Men's and Women's Garden Club" in the search box and we'll be the first entry in the results list.

(So far, my purchases have generated a total of 35 cents for MWGCM. It's not a lot, but there's quite a bit of shopping left to do!)

-- *Mary Maynard*

HOLIDAY PARTY, TUESDAY DECEMBER 13 RESERVATIONS DUE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Tuesday, December 13
Banquet Hall
Embassy Suites, Bloomington (near Southtown)
2800 American Blvd. West

6:00 p.m. -- Social hour
6:00 p.m. -- 7:30 p.m. - Silent auction
7:00 p.m. -- Dinner



You still have a time to make your reservation for this year's holiday party. Use this link to get [a printable version of the Holiday Reservation Form](#) . Dinner reservation forms must be received by December 5. Please enclose a check for \$25 for each person attending.

Dinner Menu

The dinner will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner salad, dessert, and coffee. If you need a vegetarian meal or other meal considerations, please call Larry Larson at (952) 949-9668, **before Monday, December 5**, or indicate your request on the reservation form.

Silent Auction

Silent auction items can be brought to the home of any holiday committee member prior to the party. It is highly recommended you do this if possible to make it easier to have the bid sheet filled out. You can also bring them to the motel the evening of the party beginning at 5:30 p.m.

These holiday committee members will be happy to accept silent auction items:

Larry Larson, party chair	Jan Johnson
Sandra Mangel, party co-chair	Nona Johnson
Becky DeLaCruz, auction chair	Jane Sheedy
Randi Larson	Anne Spenningsby

Please bring things you would buy for yourself, no white elephant gifts please!

Note: If you plan to contact a garden center to donate items or gift card, please notify Becky DeLaCruz so we don't duplicate our efforts.

Questions about the party?

Email [Larry Larson](#) or call (952) 949-9668.

Questions about the Silent Auction?

Email [Becky DeLaCruz](#) at (727) 644-0176.

Lyndale Park Gardens/Native & Shade Gardens

Kirky Otto & Carol Schreier, Co-chairs

NATIVE AND SHADE GARDEN PLANS

It was a long, lovely autumn, but now even the late-blooming bottle gentian and the iris, which started to bloom again in November, are done for this year. The gardeners from the MWGCM who work in the native and shade gardens at Lyndale Park have settled into their regular monthly coffee meetings to plan for the next season and enjoy each other's company during the cold months. The November meeting at The Sparrow was so well attended that we may have to find a slightly roomier spot to meet -- how wonderful!



Photo of Bottle Gentian by Kathy Lenarz

Plans for next spring and summer include adding shade-loving native plants to a newly cleared area of the garden along the path through the woods, building some natural-looking structures to support tall plants, perhaps expanding the native garden with a display of ornamental grasses, and working up a couple of hands-on classes for beginning gardeners using the native garden as a workstation. Carol Schreier has plans for further development in the shade garden, and Kathy Lenarz and Mary Helebrant have agreed to head up a re-design of the native garden.

If you think this sounds like an interesting group, please consider whether working with us on Wednesdays next spring, summer, and fall would be a possibility for you. If you'd like to be on the reminder list for our monthly Thursday coffee meetings, just email [Kirky Otto](#). The next one is December 15, when we'll finalize our list of plants that the Park Board will buy for those garden areas. It would be great to see you there.

-- Kirky Otto

Plant Sale

Gary Geister, Chair

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 9

Here's some good news to help you make it through the winter months ahead. The club plant sale and auction is set for May 9, once again at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Avenue Minneapolis.

Membership Corner

Judy Brooke, Chair

WELCOME LYNN MESSMAN

Lynn lives in Minnetonka. For 20 years she worked for the hotel division of the Carlson Companies. After a layoff in her division last year, she found herself beginning a job hunt. After looking at jobs that didn't really excite her, she realized what she did love was gardening. For years friends had enlisted her gardening help and ideas. So last April, she decided to go for it and launched her own business, Gardens by Lynn. Her specialties are perennial design and choosing the right plants to add interest to the garden. She's been accepted into the 2017 Master Gardener program. Lynn grew up near Lake Harriet and the Lyndale Park Gardens, and is very familiar with our club's work there. In addition to learning from others who share her interests, she also likes the volunteer aspect of our club.

In addition to Lynn, we also welcome newest members Cece Keefe and Donna Ronning. More about Cece and Donna in the next *Garden Spray*.

2016 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our membership has continued to grow in 2016. Eighteen new members have joined through November of this year, bringing our total membership to 116. The membership committee has been busy with recruitment and retention of members throughout the year, and I thank them for all their help.

With Mollie Dean's good coordination, the membership renewal drive is moving along well. The deadline for renewals is fast approaching. Some who haven't renewed will be receiving renewal forms in the mail. Others will be receiving a phone call from a board member to help us finish up the drive for 2017. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, you can

also [download and mail a renewal form](#).

Every member bring a member.

Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Treasurer

AS OF NOVEMBER 23, 2016

Checking Balance	\$22,532*
Designated Funds	
Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden	\$ 3,301
Scholarship	\$ 4,916
Deane Fund at RCU [see below]	
Working Balance	\$14,315
Petty Cash	\$ 100*
MWGCM 19-month CD at US Bank	\$ 5,282*
Deane Fund at Royal Credit Union	\$64,846*
General savings \$ 5	
Money market \$19,557	
18 month CD \$20,097	
30 month CD \$25,187	
Total Club Assets [sum of * amounts]	\$92,760

Meeting & Event Calendar

2016

December 13

Holiday Party
Embassy Suites

June 13

Pollinator Friendly Gardening
Rhonda Fleming

Bloomington

Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

2017

July & August

Garden Tours

Dates and time TBA

January 10

Growing Fruits and Vegetables in Pots

Mark Armstead

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

August

Flower, Food and Foto Show U of M

Landscape Arboretum

February 14

Pruning Essentials for Landscape Shrubs

Kathy Zuzek

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

September 12

Ask the Experts: Answers to All Your

Gardening Questions

Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

March 14

Best Practices for Garden Pest

Management

Dean Herzfeld

Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

October 10

Using Dwarf and Miniature Conifers in the

Garden

Jeremy Moore

Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

May 9

Plant Sale and Auction

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Minneapolis

November 14

Behind the Scenes at the Friends School

Plant Sale

Henry Fieldseth

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

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Club Officers

President

Judy Brooke

St. Louis Park

Vice President

Board shares responsibilities

Membership Secretary

Judy Brooke

Recording Secretary

Laurie Levin

Golden Valley

Treasurer

Alan Gallaher

Directors

Judy Berglund

Minnetonka

Bonnie Haehn

Minneapolis

Dave McKeen

St. Louis Park

Steve Shubick

St. Paul

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Past President

Tom McKusick

Minneapolis

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