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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM:

LILIES WITH FORREST PEIPER

Our guest speaker this month is Forrest Peiper, lily hybridizer, long-time member and past president of the North Star Lily Society and a former director of the North American Lily Society. He led the project to build the Minnesota Hybridizers' Garden in Edina, home to about 100 Minnesota hybridized lily varieties.

Tuesday, September 10

Note: this month's meeting is at the Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum.

Menu

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| • Permanent reservations are in effect. | 6:00 Social Time | Pasta with Sausage |
| • Dinner is \$13.00. | 6:15 Dinner | Garlic Bread |
| • Reservations or cancellations are required no later than Friday, September 6. | 7:00 Business Meeting | Antipasti Platter |
| • Email Sharla Aasang at resmwgcm@juno.com , or call (612) 623-9341 and leave a message. | 7:30 Program | Blondie Bars |
| • Note: for last-minute cancellations, contact Sharla. If she can sell it, you won't be billed. | | |

Flower, Food & Foto Show

Judy Berglund, Chair

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2019 FLOWER, FOOD & FOTO SHOW

AUGUST 10 & 11, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM



Award

Champion Vegetable
 Reserve Champion
 Vegetable
 Featured Vegetable
 (Beets)
 Vegetable Sweepstakes

Winner

Judy Berglund
 Mary Maynard
 Griffin Berglund
 Griffin Berglund

Winning Entry

Herb container
 Pepper 'Italico'

Champion Flower

Arnie Sachs

Dahlia 'Kenora
 Challenger'

Reserve Champion Flower

Gary Geister

Begonia 'Gryphon'

Featured Flower (Zinnia)

Becky DeLaCruz

Queen Red Lime

Flower Sweepstakes

Gary Geister

Best in Show
 (Flower & Vegetable)

Arnie Sachs

Dahlia 'Kenora
 Challenger'

Photo Sweepstakes

Mark Paulson

Best Photo in Show

Mary Barsness

Reserve Champion Photos Mark Paulson (2)

Best First-Time Exhibitor Sue Clark
(Flowe & Vegetable)



Photos: Lloyd Wittstock, Nancy Felice

Lyndale Park Gardens/Native & Shade Gardens

Carol Schreier, Judy Berglund, Co-chairs

On a lovely August evening, the native, shade, mixed border and winter interest gardens at Lyndale Park showed themselves to 60-plus club members, park board employees and friends. "An Evening in the Gardens" was a smashing success.



Committee members served as garden guides. Cupcakes and beverages were served. Encouraging gardeners to discuss gardening is easy, and the smiles and conversations buzzed everywhere. As darkness approached, there was a small group of men laughing and talking who lingered after we packed up. It was my pleasure to lead this event, and of course, it could not have happened without the work of all committee members.



These gardens are the largest community service of the club. They clearly demonstrate how much can be accomplished by a relatively small group of dedicated gardeners. In park board parlance these

are "legacy gardens"--gardens designed and maintained by a specific group over time. I like the idea of this legacy stretching from the past to the future. The club is rightfully proud of these beautiful gardens.



By the time you read this, new plantings will be in process in the rain garden which is extending the native garden and adding a valuable educational piece. JoEllen Haugo has done a wonderful job creating the design and leading the development of this space with the guidance of committee co-chair Judy Berglund.

The Southwest Journal has published an article on the vandalism in the park gardens. Thanks to Susan Tapp for setting this in motion and getting the reporter to the garden to see the damage firsthand. By the time you read this a group of committee members will have attended and presented to the park board at its September meeting. The ongoing vandalism and destruction to the white pine trees, crabapple trees and various part of the native, shade and border gardens have distressed and angered committee members. Recommendations to the board included clearer demarcation of approved hammocking sites and stronger enforcement by park board police. To be continued.

[Read the Southwest Journal Article here](#)

- Carol Schreier

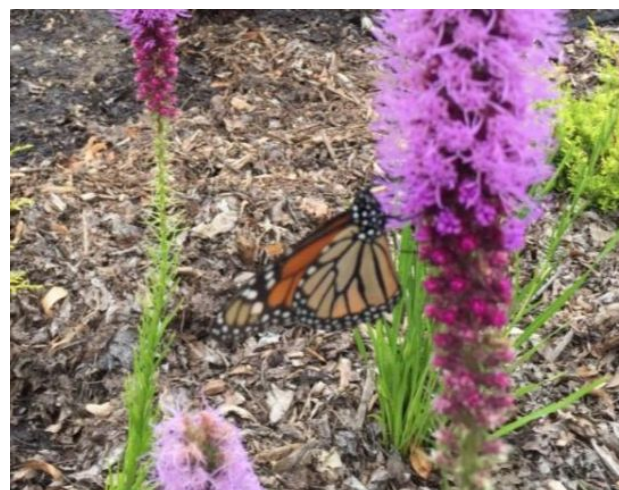
Photos: Nick Felice

Deane Fund Grants Update

APA'HALAKA GARDEN AT LAKE HARRIET

Nature is wonderful and beautiful as evidenced by this monarch obtaining energy in preparation for its upcoming southern migration.

Unfortunately, nature may also demonstrate independence and disregard for human endeavors. Heavy rains combined with the runoff of water and sand down 42nd Street have



rearranged some plants and mulch big time at the apa'halaka garden at Lake Harriet. Overall, survival has been excellent, but future revisions that may include a rain

garden area, some boulders and additional plantings.

- *Paul Waytz*

Photo: Paul Waytz

Membership Corner

Kathy Lenarz, Chair

INVITE A FRIEND

Now that we're resuming our regular dinner meetings, remember you can invite a friend who might be interested in joining the MWGCM, and the Membership Committee budget will cover their dinner cost. Be sure to RSVP for them and mention that they are coming as a potential new member.

SHARE A RIDE

Also, if you are in need of a ride to the meeting, or willing to provide a ride, you can [email](#) or call me at (612) 269-8471, and we will try to match you up.

Here are some of our newest members:

WELCOME LAURIE FREVERT

Laurie has spent most of her life in Minneapolis, except for 9 or 10 years in St. Paul. That's where she and her husband began growing vegetables, such as green beans, in her sunny apartment windows.

Laurie grew up surrounded by gardeners including her great-grandmother, her grandfather--who favored roses--and her father. Since her father's death last spring, Laurie has been maintaining the gardens at his home as well as her own. She found a pumpkin vine growing amid his hostas and hopes to keep the pumpkin she found on that vine until Halloween as a special memento from her father.

In addition, for the past 25 years she has worked with her family maintaining Arbor Garden, a community garden on Minnehaha Parkway. She also enjoys helping friends and neighbors garden. She has volunteered at the Friends' Plant Sale and at the State Fair Horticultural Building.

Her own garden is pollinator friendly. She has even replaced the ivy and ferns that once grew in her alley with a "pollinator patch." She doesn't grow vegetables at home however, since she lives close to Minnehaha Creek and the "critters" are too plentiful. She does grow dill, as she likes the look of it in bouquets, and almost always has

some on her patio table.

WELCOME MARY NOLTE

Mary grew up in the small Minnesota town of Tremont where she was 35 in her graduating class. Her father ran the town hardware store, and her mother was a dedicated gardener and president of the local garden club. One of Mary's early gardening memories is planting potatoes with her father and being amazed that a whole plant full of potatoes could grow from just a small piece.

In her current home in Minneapolis, Mary heard about grants available for homeowners starting rain gardens. She applied and received a grant, learning a great deal in the process. Her garden was on tour for three years as a demonstration rain garden. That led her to volunteer and take classes at the Arboretum. She also became a Certified Citizen Pruner, volunteering with pruning events led by Minneapolis Forestry.

Mary is a member of the Minnesota Herb Society, helps at the Arboretum herb garden and whips up herbal products like facial masks and foot scrubs. She is also a member of the Twin Cities Wild Ones and her entire front yard is native plants with a few legacy plants on the boulevard. This summer she has been thrilled to see a dozen or more monarch butterflies at a time enjoying her plants.

WELCOME SUSAN HOPP

Susan is originally from St. Anthony Park. After college she moved to Munich, Germany to study art and work in graphic design. After years in Germany, she felt the tug back to Minnesota. In 1990, she met her husband--also a graphic designer--in their graphic design association. He is the one who originally started filling in their yard with hostas and native plants when their large elm trees were lost. He slowly started eliminating the lawn area and encouraged Susan's gardening by building raised beds for her.

Susan is a cutting garden enthusiast and believes in bringing the garden inside. Her garden area is about one quarter native, and the rest is divided between annuals and perennials. She confessed she is not above pilfering a flower or two from her husband's area to fill out a bouquet.

Their garden was on the Tangletown Garden Tour this year. Susan said she was honored to be asked, but really had no idea what she was getting into. She needed to develop a new perspective toward her garden, striving for beauty with plants and blooms in their original places rather indoor arrangements. But even after a successful tour, she still favors the cutting garden.

Every member bring a member.

Board Meeting Highlights

Sue Clark, Recording Secretary

Editor's note: A section of the July report was inadvertently omitted in the last Garden Spray. Here are Sue's notes as originally submitted.

Highlights from the Board meeting held on July 2, 2019:

The Board previewed the new website, which is in progress. The new site has many familiar elements which will make the transition for members easier. Webmasters, potentially from each Committee, are needed to keep the site up to date.

The Membership Survey results should be available by the first week of August. A meeting will be scheduled to review results with the Board and Committee chairs.

The Deanne Fund grant application process was discussed. The Committee to review grant applications and approve grants consists of the Directors of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clark, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Bill Clark, Co-treasurers

Bank statement information:

Beginning balance on June 3, 2019	\$ 63,179.24
Card withdrawal	\$ 37.00
Checks paid	\$ 3,127.99
Ending balance July 31, 2019	\$ 60,014.24

Respectfully submitted by Bill Clark

2019 Meeting & Event Calendar

September 10

Lillies
Forrest Peiper
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

October 8

Program TBA
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

November 12

The Most Toxic Plants & Fungi of
Minnesota
Laurie Willhite
Lake Harriet Methodist Church

December 10

Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction

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