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## AUGUST GARDEN TOUR

## OFFICERS

Date: Tuesday, August 12, 1952

Vic Lowrie President

Time: 5:30 P.M. sharp

Bill Brooks  
Vice-President

Place: Robert S. Bryant,  
Highway 101, off Excelsior  
Blvd., Hopkins

Rene Dufourd Secretary

Chat Harkins Treasurer

Dinner: A full \$1.50's worth

Fred Paul Past-President

## DINNER RESERVATIONS PLEASE

Mail your Reservation Card immediately and if you have to check out later, be sure and telephone Rene Dufourd (Home phone, Lo 8219, Business, Ma4709.) Last month a number of you made reservations but didn't show up; it cost the club \$10.50. We have an unusually fine tour arranged and you'll be sorry if you miss it. Bring a guest if you wish; they are always welcome. SO MAIL THAT RESERVATION CARD RIGHT NOW! And get in on the fun starting promptly at 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 12th.

## REPORT ON 1952 M.G.C.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION - June 23-27, 1952

As your appointed delegate, I should like to give you a more detailed report on the Convention, but space will not permit. There were about 350 delegates registered from 35 states. Your delegate attended all of the Board of Directors' meetings, the general sessions of the convention, the social functions, and the sight-seeing tours. The convention really started a day early for me with two directors' meetings and a fine banquet as a guest of Breck's of Boston. All of you would have been highly gratified with the many kind and flattering expressions about the 1949 Minneapolis-St. Paul convention. A number of people inquired about many of you and wished to be remembered.

The Board of Directors transacted a lot of business and you will see much about that in the next issue of MEGA. The general business sessions were exceedingly interesting and the programs - well, it is just too bad that you could not all have been there! For pictures we had a new John Ott series; a series of flower pictures taken by the world's greatest flower photographer; Fleeta Brownell Woodruffe of Better Homes & Gardens had a fine slide program showing new trends

was very good with an especially fine paper on seeds and how they behave. Clarence Barbre of the Monsanto Chemical Co. gave a paper on Krillium. Prof. Pickett told about the size of the garden business; Dr. George Valley gave an interesting talk on the antibiotic project in which your national organization is working with Bristol Laboratories.

The New England Rose Society really put on a splendid rose show including the new Chrysler Imperial. The Hort (Mass.) Society, in their great hall, put on a show at the same time. Their single peonies were especially good. The arrangements classes were just about the finest I have ever seen!

For tours we were taken on Paul Revere's ride to Lexington and Concord on busses. To Cohasset for a fine lobster (big ones) luncheon at a place on the seashore. It was only 11:30 in the shade where we ate, but how we did eat! We went through some of the old residence gardens on famous Beacon Hill. Bay State Nurseries entertained with a baked bean luncheon featuring B & M products and Red Rich strawberries and old fashioned Indian pudding. We attended three special breakfast meetings - all of bacon and eggs at \$2 per plate - but the meetings were interesting.

The banquet was quite an affair with a queen and lots of prizes. The speaker was Erwin D. Canham, Editor of Christian Science Monitor. His subject was "Man and Nature - Their New Relationship." On tour we saw Waltham Field Station, Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Pond, Municipal Rose Garden. I did not go to the bee program. The Park Board had an immense MGCA seal in flowers in the small park near our hotel, of which they were very proud - and with good reason. Of special interest was the new soil testing scheme and set described by an expert from Montreal. Look for its description in MEGA. All in all it was a really good trip. Had our pictures taken many times, met a host of old friends and made many new ones. It certainly is worthwhile to go to the annual MGCA convention, and I hope that our club can raise a fund to send more and better delegates.

Mrs. Kahlert and I were gone nearly three weeks. A few days we spent on Cape Cod were wonderful. The gardens, principally of roses, were almost too much to imagine. The boat trip to Nantucket was marked by a visit to the artists' colony on the northernmost point where all the gray cottages were covered with climbing roses. You would hardly believe your eyes! We had the pleasure of visiting the Webster Gardens at Falmouth on Buzzard's Bay. Such roses are indescribable! The Blue Garden, about the size of a city lot, was intensely interesting. On the way home we stopped at Brownell's at Little Compton, R.I. and had quite a visit with the Brownells and saw their show gardens and their new varieties and new species which will be out soon. At Ithaca (Cornell) we saw their beautiful gardens and took down the names of some new things. From there we hurried 550 miles in one day to visit Rosalie and family at Toledo. It was all too much for such a short time and it was too hot (I never will like busses for tours!)

MGCA now has 150 clubs and more are making applications. Next year's convention will be held in April at Memphis, just the right time for us here. The Cleveland Club took first prize for having the greatest number in attendance at Boston (30 in all). We should beat that at Memphis and win the cash. Not too early to start making plans.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

Dr. A. F. Yeager of the University of New Hampshire has produced a variety of squash called Buttercup, which can be grown in the small home garden. A bush version of Blue Hubbard is expected to be introduced in 1953. If any of you have grown Blue Hubbard, you know that the high vines take up almost acres. This bush type can be grown 4 feet apart and the fruit has been reduced in size to about 3 pounds - just about the right size for a family meal.

The Richfield Garden Club will hold their 1952 Flower Show at the Woodlark School, 66th & Dupont St. on Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17. The fifth annual Edina-Morningside Flower Show will take place at the Edina School, 50th & Wooddale, on the same dates.

Sow delphinium, columbine, hollyhock, foxgloves, pansies, violas, primulas and other biennial and perennial seeds this month for wintering over in the cold frame. Some members have inquired, "If lacking a cold frame, could such seedlings be wintered over in a cool basement with the temperature held below 60 and how much daylight or artificial light should they be given?"

This is also the time to make cuttings of coleus, geraniums, ever-blooming begonias and other plants from the garden that you would like to pot indoors for growing this winter.

We are happy to welcome as a new member Mr. William H. Hull, 4209 Vernon Ave., Phone WH 3451. Bill is an ardent gardener growing not only flowers but vegetables as well in his own garden, but he rents additional ground from which he harvests the family's vegetable needs for the winter - a freeze lad is he.

Now is the time to divide Oriental poppies, bleeding heart, and iris. Wouldn't hurt to thin out the

It finally leaked out that Bill Holmberg got himself down and into the hospital for surgery. Bill is home again now and recuperating rapidly. Good going, Bill, we hope the weeds didn't take over completely during your absence.

### GLENVIEW TERRACE GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW AUGUST 16, 1952

Our members are cordially invited to attend this flower show to be held at Glenwood Hills Hospital Auditorium, 3901 Golden Valley Road, on August 16, 1952 from 5 to 9 P.M. To add to the horticultural exhibits and artistic arrangements by club members, there will be a Class VII open to nonmembers only. We are invited to display anything raised by ourselves, entry to bear card with the name of exhibitor. Call JU 2921 for further details.

### OUR JULY GARDEN TOUR

"One of the most pleasant and instructive garden tours." That was the unanimous opinion of the 50-odd members and guests who participated. Hats off to Ed Culbert and his program committee for coming up with such an interesting tour and an unusually good dinner. To our hosts, Mr. & Mrs. "P. W." Young go our sincere thanks for providing such excellent accommodations and for the interesting problems presented in "P. W.'s" garden.

The idea of singling out the various gardening difficulties with which each owner is confronted, demonstrating right in the garden their manifestations and having those with experience identify the trouble and prescribe a cure, not only adds interest to the tour but contributes much to our fund of gardening knowledge.

You can now select the color of your blooms by the color of the seeds; furthermore, each seed is coated with a plant food, a fungicide, and an insecticide. One of these days they'll be growing their

THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE PLANT WORLD

A report by Mr. Lawrence Kiensle of the Men's Garden Club of Lancaster, Pa

After perusing Vaughan's 1952 catalog, the following list of garden cosmopolites - a veritable horticultural League of Nations - comes to light. If plants can rub shoulders on the pages of a seed catalog and get along with each other, there may still be hope for man! From this list an international vegetable is really possible. (Reprinted from THE CULTIVATOR)

Egyptian onions	English broad beans
Broad Scotch and London Flag leeks	Egyptian red beets
Hamburg rooted parsley	Italian green broccoli
All-American parsnips	Brussels sprouts
Alaska peas	Copenhagen early cabbage
Early purple Vienna kohlrabi	Chinese celery cabbage
Sandwich Island oyster plant	Prague large rooted celeriac
Hungarian sweet peppers	Japanese hybrid popcorn
Kentucky field pumpkins	French endive
White Strasbourg radishes	Bavarian endive
Chinese & black Spanish radishes	Bavarian garlic
King of Denmark spinach	White Portugal onions
New Zealand spinach	Klondike seedless watermelon
Italian vegetable marrow	Paris white romaine lettuce
Laurentian rutabagas	Japanese hybrid eggplant
Italian canner tomatoes	Japanese climbing cucumber
Wisconsin 55 tomatoes	Southern cross sweet corn
Chipman's Canada red rhubarb	Florence fennel
Irish cobblers	Connecticut field pumpkins
Japanese Bansai soybeans	Katahdin potatoes
Bermuda onions	Puerto Rico yams
Spanish onions	Polish mustard
Cherokee wax beans	Irish kale

TOP RATED ROSES BY COLOR

From "1952 Guide for Buying Roses" of American Rose Society

<b>HYBRID TEAS</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Red Pinocchio 8.4</b>	<b>CLIMBERS</b>
<u>Reds</u>	<u>Eclipse 8.5</u>	<u>Frensham 8.3</u>	<u>Red</u>
<u>Crims. Glory 9.5</u>	<u>Golden Dawn 8.1</u>	<u>Alain 8.2</u>	<u>Paul's Scar-</u>
<u>Char. Armstrong 9.0</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Floradora 8.2</u>	<u>let 9.2</u>
<u>Et. de Hollande 8.9</u>	<u>Pedrales 8.0</u>	<u>Worlds Fair 8.2</u>	<u>Cl. Christophe</u>
<u>Chris. Stone 8.8</u>	<u>McGredy Ivory 7.8</u>	<u>Perm. Wave 8.1</u>	<u>Stone 8.5</u>
<u>Poinsettia 8.4</u>	<u>Blends</u>	<u>Pink</u>	<u>Cl. Crimson</u>
<u>Gr. Duch. Charl. 8.3</u>	<u>Peace 8.4</u>	<u>The Fairy 8.3</u>	<u>Glory 8.2</u>
<u>Nocturne 8.0</u>	<u>Mme. Guilot 8.9</u>	<u>Rosenelfe 8.9</u>	<u>Chevy Chase 8.</u>
<u>Tallyho 8.3</u>	<u>Good News 8.4</u>	<u>Betty Prior 8.8</u>	<u>Pink</u>
<u>New Yorker 8.2</u>	<u>Mrs. McGredy 8.3</u>	<u>Else Roulson 8.7</u>	<u>New Dans 8.8</u>
<u>Red Radiance 8.0</u>	<u>Fres. Hoover 8.2</u>	<u>Fashion 8.6</u>	<u>Cl. Picture 8.</u>
<u>Pink</u>	<u>San Gabriel 8.1</u>	<u>Nearly Wild 8.2</u>	<u>Yellow</u>
<u>Dainty Bess 7.8</u>	<u>Saturnia 8.1</u>	<u>Yellow</u>	<u>Mrs. Whit Cros</u>
<u>Picture 8.4</u>	<u>Sutters Gold 8.1</u>	<u>Goldilocks 7.9</u>	<u>8.0</u>
<u>Curly Pink 8.3</u>	<u>Comte de Vandal 8</u>	<u>King Boreas 7.4</u>	<u>High Noon 7.6</u>
<u>Lulu 8.2</u>	<u>Mme. Cochet 8.0</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>White</u>
<u>Radiance 8.2</u>	<u>FLORIBUNDAS</u>	<u>Summer Snow 8.4</u>	<u>City of York 8</u>
<u>Show Girl 8.2</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>Dagmar Spaeth 8.2</u>	<u>Silver Moon 7.</u>
<u>Pink Princess 8.1</u>	<u>Donald Prior 8.6</u>	<u>Irene of Den. 8.0</u>	<u>Blends</u>
<u>Mrs. Chas. Bell 8</u>			<u>Cl. Mme. Henri</u>