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#### JULY GARDEN TOUR

Date: Tuesday, July 11, 1950

Time: 5:30 P.M. - Sharp!

Place: Residence and garden of A. R. Blackbourn, 5015 Wooddale

Lane, Edina

Dinner: Deluxe hot special

1/2 fried chicken; French fried potatoes; tossed salad; apple pie with cheese; coffee

Price: Cheap at \$1.50!

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Our July meeting - as has been our annual custom for a number of years - will be a tour of members' gardens.

We meet at the Blackbourn's where we have been invited to break bread and where members of the commissary committee are going to serve a hot fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings. No, they're not going to cook it! Just sling it. A well-known caterer is doing the fixings.

Another surprise: Herb Kahlert is donating no less than five bucks worth of prize iris as a dinner prize, to take home of course, if you're lucky enough to win one!

You had better come early - that is, be there by 5:30 if you like your chicken hot; otherwise take your time for we won't be caravanning to the next garden until 6:20 and you probably haven't room for more iris.

Those of you unfamiliar with Edina, its streets and palatial boulevards, its park and clear water creek when flowing, follow these directions: To 5015 Wooddale Lane from 50th Street, turn south on Wooddale Avenue, then turn left or east at the first corner, which is Wooddale Lane.

#### OUR SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Our Iris and Peony specialists had themselves a field day on the 17th. It was the first time in quite a number of spring seasons that our Show was early enough to hit these two glamorous flowers when at their best. Still these two classes combined represented less than a third of the 271 entries exhibited by 32 members.

In all, the entries covered 59 separate classes, although the number represented in some (particularly the roses, delphinium and tuberous begonias) was a little on the thin side. Exhibitors entered all the way from 1 to 30 individual lots with Cerney at the head of the list. The quality of the material exhibited was tops and the judges had no easy task selecting the winners. A total of 142 ribbons was awarded including 58 blue; 46 red; and 38 white.

An innovation in arrangements - one suggesting the exhibitor's hobby, business or profession - brought forward a number of interesting and unique originalities. We almost had to hire a separate hall to house Rene Dufourd's "Rock of Gibraltar," and for ingenuity, Cort Rice captured the Show with his "Reddy Kilowatt" arrangement of the forget-me-not candle.

The judges, Bob Bryant and Lou Fischer, who did a masterful job and to whom we extend our thanks and gratitude, advanced 12 entries to the Court of Honor, and from this group there emerged, following a painful examination and cross-examination, two real grand champions.

In the specimen group, Charlie Reif won out with his Pink Peony (variety unspecified) and Jim Cristman knocked his off

with a striking "office arrangement" of Shasta daisies. Congratulations, boys, move up to the head of the class but don't dig in for you won't be there long.

The Sweepstakes ribbon was won by one of the Club's best gardeners, most ardent flower enthusiast and consistently the largest contributor to our Shows - Glen Cerney. Good going, Glen; never did I see anyone work so hard, so patiently and so long at his toilette!

Most conspicuous by his absence as an exhibitor and most disappointed member was Harold Kaufmann whose garden, because of the lateness of the season, was completely devoid of bloom. This was the first Club show in which Harold failed to exhibit. Better luck next Fall, Harold!

We are deeply indebted to Bachman Associates, Brand Peony Farms and the Bob Bryants for their generous contributions of specimens and arrangements which added so much interest and color to the Show as a whole. An additional note of thanks goes to the Minneapolis Park Board for providing the facilities and helping to make the Show possible, and for the success of the Show in its entirety we congratulate each member of the Show committee and the generalship of its chairman, Bill Brooks.

# The Show at a Glance

Grand Champion Group "A" - Charles Reif Grand Champion Group "B" - Jim Cristman Court of Honor

Lot 17 Art Fackler - Yellow Iris

Lot 19 Cortis Rice - Bicolor Iris

Lot 28 Charles Reif - Pink Peony

Lot 29 Herb Kahlert - White Peony

Lot 30 Jack Cohen - Variegated

(tree) Peony

Lot 33 Vic Lowrie - Nocturne Rose

Lot 35 Art Blackbourn - Peace Rose

Lot 51 Herb Kahlert - Collection of Iris

Lot 58 Gordon Ballhorn - House Plant

Lot 60 Morris Lifson - Foliage arrange.

Lot 66 Russ Bechtel - Dining Table ar-

rangement

Lot 68 Jim Cristman - Office Arrangement

The Top Dozen Point Winners
Morris Lifson, 26

Vic Lowrie, 22

Ray Edlund, 18 Art Blackbourn, 15

Glen Cerney, 46 Gordon Ballhorn, 42 Cortis Rica, 39

## OUR CLUB'S FIRST ROSE SHOW

Under the auspices of the "Rose" interest group headed by Stan Lund, the Club sponsored its first public, amateur, noncompetitive rose exhibit on the main banking floor of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank on Monday, June 19th from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Over 300 specimen blooms and a dozen arrangements in vases were placed on exhibition including 85 named varieties. The specimens were exhibited on a tee-shaped counter made up of 3 eight-foot tables, especially designed by Cortis Rice and manufactured by Stan Lund. Each bloom was displayed in a small glass vial housed in these uniquely constructed showcases.

Art Nelson was the wheelhorse of the Show shouldering most of the responsibility for the collection of the blooms and remaining in attendance at the exhibit from six in the morning until late in the evening. Assisting him were Stan Lund, Herb Rahlert, Cortis Rice, Don Methven and Vic Lowrie.

The roses exhibited came from the gardens of Tom Foley, Art Nelson, Herb Kahlert, Stan Lund, Morris Lifson, Jack Cohen, Bill Holmberg, Art Blackbourn and Vic Lowrie. The Park Board provided the roses for the arrangements from the Rose Gardens.

The bank officials were exceedingly well pleased with the whole affair and invited us to return next year, expressing the wish that we would decide to make it an annual event.

We are most grateful to all who contributed to the success of this venture and to each and every one we extend the thanks of the entire Club membership. We would like to single out for special recognition Art Nelson for his untiring effort in waiting on the public all day and assisting those who were interested in the selection and culture of roses for their gardens; to Don Methven for providing labels of each named variety, and seeing to it that they were all properly identified (Don also donated to the Club an enlarged replica of the Club's insignia which was used for the first time at our June Flower Show); to Stan Lund for promoting the idea and seeing it through to a successful conclusion; to George Luxton for publicizing the Show in his Sunday Tribune column; to the Park Board for its generous donation of roses; and to our Board of Directors who voted the funds for financing the project.

## KAHLERT'S IRIS AND PEONY GARDEN

If you missed Herb's garden during the height of the iris and peony blooming period, you robbed yourself of a treat which you would have long remembered. The Kahlert's garden is always a showplace, but this last month it surpassed in beauty and color all previous seasons.

#### GREETINGS

We welcome and extend greetings to the following new commercial members: Lloyd and Lawrence Bachman of Minneapolis; E. D. Lehmann and Kim Andrews of Faribault. We are proud to have these men become associated with us and look forward to their participation in our activities.

# ROSE DAY

The Minnesota Rose Society held its annual meeting on June 24th, and completed a very successful program which included a tour of Twin City rose gardens. Among these were four of our own members' gardens: Messrs. Lund, Nelson, Foley and Lifson. Charlie Doell, superintendent of Minneapolis parks and a fellow Clubmember, was re-elected President of the Society for the coming year.

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We are saddened by the untimely death of our fellow Clubmember, Dr. D. C. Arnold, who collapsed on the campus of his alma mater while on a trip east to attend his daughter's graduation. To the Arnold family we extend deepest sympathy.