

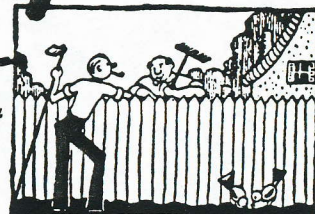


The Garden Spray

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**START THE
NEW YEAR
OFF RIGHT!**

ATTEND THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS JANUARY MEETING

5:45 P.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th

\$5.00

LAKE HARRIET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 49th St & Chowen Av S

AGENDA: (1) Reports from 1982 officers.
(2) Voting on budget proposed for 1983

PROGRAM: DR. FRANCIS de VOS, Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, who is one of our members will discuss
REASONS BEHIND THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AT THE ARBORETUM

Dr. de Vos, a former assistant director of the National Arboretum in Washington, D. C., became director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum following Dr. Leon Snyder's retirement. He has previously talked to us at MGCM meetings on "Arboretums of the World" and on "Plant Exploration in the Land of the Yetti".

GET YOUR RESERVATION CARD BACK TO BOB CHURILLA PROMPTLY

Did you read this unexpected bit of publicity?---

Flanagan

Looking ahead to next summer, consider what a bunch of true gentleman gardeners will be doing to keep parklands blooming for all of us.

The 50-year-old Minneapolis Men's Garden Club, the largest all-male garden club in the state, with more than 150 members from the Twin Cities area and from as far south as Faribault, Minn., will volunteer again to replant trees at Lake Harriet.

Last summer they replaced trees there that were uprooted in a tornado. Next summer they'll work on the crabapple tree "orchard."

Minneapolis Star and Tribune
Mon., Dec. 13, 1982

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Every summer for several years the men have tended the **Fragrance Garden** for the blind that they designed on a piece of leftover freeway land behind the **Minneapolis Society for the Blind** at Franklin and Lyndale Aves. They were also involved in the creation of the **Minnesota Arboretum**.

Incidentally, I'm proud that the club honored me last week with its award for "landscape achievement." Fred

Grasso, who presented the plaque along with a bouquet of pink carnations, explained that my nagging here has helped to keep the urban landscape in shape. I was not blamed for the pathetic petunias I tend every summer in my own backyard.

Over the years some of the club members have given me advice about what can and can't grow in the city. They have also given me their support from time to time. They favor live trees on Hennepin Ave. as I do. To date they haven't told me whether those downtown trees can be topiaries—that is, trained and trimmed into interesting shapes.

I know, I know, topiary trees need constant attention. Perhaps it would come from devoted volunteers of the Minneapolis Men's Garden Club.



LOWRIE RECEIVES WELL MERITED HONOR

G. Victor Lowrie became the ninth living honorary member of MGCM on December 7th with the hearty and unanimous support of all present. His name had been proposed earlier by the requisite number of signatories. The Board had determined that under the rules an opening existed; had voted him honorary membership; and, at the Christmas party recommended full membership approval of that action.

Vic became a member in mid-year 1946, having been sponsored by the late Harold Kaufmann. He immediately received attention. Within two months THE GARDEN SPRAY noted: "One of the best gardens we saw was that of

Victor Lowrie...his garden sets a fine example for the rest of us to follow ...nice blooms from spring to frost...striking color combinations...and the arrangement of his plants indicates he is good at it. We envied his tool shed with (tools) cleaned and polished." A few months later, same source: "See the Lowrie garden for rockery and roses". After about a year in the club he accepted a major job as Assistant Editor of THE GARDEN SPRAY and participated in the two shows held that year (1947). In the spring event he won nine ribbons and in the fall he was sixth of 32 entrants and on the Court of Honor with a "Perfect Peace Rose". He immediately became active.

Four years later, 1951, he became our vice president and was president in 1952, which is thirty years ago. He was editor of THE GARDEN SPRAY from 1949 through 1965 (sixteen years) and resigned that job to Bill Hull, whom he trained for the job. He was one of the first recipients of our Bronze Medal for service to the club, receiving it in 1954.

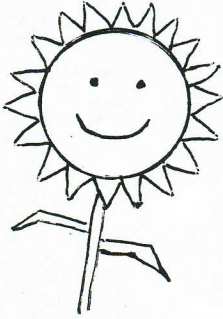
Vic has served in many other ways. He was active in the Special Interest groups with Harold Kaufmann; he chaired our Industrial Awards committee for many years; he was active in producing and exhibiting at our flower shows, being one of those fellows with a "drawerfull of ribbons"; he so strongly encouraged arrangements that numbers participated with him; just last Christmas he was seen doing menial work at the church preparing for our annual banquet - continuing his tradition of 35 years of service.

He has brought much honor and recognition to our club through his beautifully maintained homes - three - places of outstanding beauty with flowers and landscaping par excellence - and open at any time.

He has been extremely active in the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, bringing additional honor to us. He was one of the few people responsible for suggesting the Minnesota State Arboretum and was chairman of the original fund raising committee that brought it to existence. He served us in that Society by being chairman of the Budget and Policy committee, chairman of the Publications committee, and President of the Society. In these positions and others, like being President of the Council House for Senior Citizens, he has always been quick to praise the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, glorifying us.

WINTER & PRUNING - A GOOD COMBINATION

Winter months are the best opportunity to prune, repair and shape large and medium sized shade trees. Broken limbs and dead branches are easy to see, low branches can be taken off with less chance of damage. Plant Pathologists from the U of M advise pruning oaks, apples, crabapples, and mountain ash only during the cold weather season to lessen the chances of spreading oak-wilt infection or fire blight.



JUST AMONG US GARDENERS

One of the privileges of being President is the right to inflict my thoughts on our members for the next year. Nothing profound will come of it, I am sure, but perhaps I can add a few thoughts of some value each month. Also, I can try to keep in touch with the Men's Garden Clubs of America and pass along bits of information that can help or otherwise affect us.

This is the post-holiday season with our thoughts turning to the remaining winter, spring, the coming year and also to corporate budgets. Our Budget Committee's proposed MGCOM budget for 1983 appears elsewhere in this issue and merits your consideration before our January meeting. It will come up for discussion then and is subject to your approval. An attempt has been made to show the sources of net income, which may be of help. All committees turned in a good performance this past year but one noticeable slackening is in the area of plant donations at our monthly meetings. It has always been a source of fun and profit at our monthly auctions but the changes in our meeting locations seems to have had an effect. Please help us to restore this part of our monthly meetings to its former place on our programs.

I want to thank all of you for your cooperation in our calendar sales program again this year. 66 members ordered 5 or more, including 5 members who ordered ad calendars for business or personal use. With a total sale of 1500 calendars, including Sherm Pinkham's order for 600, our club will realize \$450.00 to add to our budget. About \$250.00 will be used to subsidize our annual dues and the remainder will be used for other club projects. The original intent of the MGCA calendar was to provide additional funds at both the club and national level in order to hold down and maybe even reduce annual dues. National calendar sales this year went from about 18,500 in 1981 to about 24,500 at last count in 1982. Our national calendar sales program will again run from April through June, with a special effort being made to secure the cooperation of all clubs by June 30th. A continuing problem has been those clubs that do not meet during the summer months. With better cooperation on their part, calendars could be produced in August.

Those of you attending our excellent Christmas Party have seen Sherm Pinkham's presentation of the slide and taped music show "We Find God in Our Gardens". I have also had the privilege of attending other showings with Sherm at churches and to retirement groups and have seen the reaction and response to his presentation. If any of you know of a group in need of a good program such as this, call Sherm and arrange for a showing. Sherm does not charge for the show but accepts donations from the organization which are forwarded to the MGCA Community Projects Committee. A portion of these funds are used to sponsor the Gardening From the Heart program working with disadvantaged youths.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve our Club this coming year and, with an excellent board to support me, we are looking forward to a good year for our club. I hope this year will be good to you in many ways.

Chet Groger

PROPOSED MGCM BUDGET FOR 1983 (For consideration and approval at January meeting)

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1982 Budget</u>	<u>1982 Actual</u>	<u>1983 Budget</u>
Dues	2,875.00	2,788.00	2,950.00
Monthly Meetings	2,900.00	3,245.00	3,200.00
Monthly Auctions or Raffles	225.00	67.00	200.00
Spring Plant Auction	2,250.00	2,602.46	2,000.00
Tours	750.00	581.75	650.00
Christmas Party	1,800.00	1,737.00	1,800.00
MGCA Calendar Sales Receipts	3,250.00	2,962.90	3,000.00
Interest Income	600.00	470.98	600.00
Miscellaneous Income	50.00	85.75	50.00
	<u>14,700.00</u>	<u>14,540.84</u>	<u>14,450.00</u>

<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Dues to MGCA	1,100.00	1,080.00	1,100.00
Dues to Minn. Hort. Soc.	775.00	770.00	800.00
Garden Spray Expense	1,075.00	1,076.78	1,100.00
Monthly Meetings	2,850.00	2,951.36	3,000.00
Monthly Auctions or Raffles	50.00	-0-	50.00
Spring Plant Auction	900.00	1,843.32	1,200.00
Tour Expenses	650.00	460.80	500.00
Flower & Vegetable Show	400.00	444.99	400.00
Christmas Party	1,900.00	1,339.91	1,700.00
Directory Expense	175.00	140.18	200.00
Membership Brochure Expense	100.00	-0-	-0-
Memorials	200.00	-0-	50.00
Remembrances	100.00	46.08	50.00
Honorariums	75.00	53.50	50.00
Arbor Day (Lyndale Gardens)	250.00	137.33	200.00
(Plus 1982 donations to Gardens Fund of \$155.00 and \$500.00 from 1981 Surplus)			
Awards and Trophies	100.00	62.48	100.00
MGCA Life Membership	100.00	100.00	100.00
National Convention Delegates	500.00	499.50	500.00
Arboretum Project	350.00	350.00	350.00
MGCA Calendar Costs	2,750.00	2,550.00	2,800.00
Bank charges (partial offset of interest)			100.00
Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	149.09	100.00
	<u>14,700.00</u>	<u>14,055.32</u>	<u>14,450.00</u>

<u>NET INCOME BREAKDOWN</u>			
MGCM Dues only	1,000.00	938.00	950.00
Monthly Meetings	50.00	293.64	200.00
Monthly Auctions or Raffles	175.00	67.00	150.00
Spring Plant Auction	1,350.00	759.14	800.00
Tours	100.00	120.95	150.00
Christmas Party	(100.00)	397.09	100.00
MGCA Calendar Sales	500.00	412.90	200.00
Interest	600.00	470.98	500.00
Miscellaneous	(250.00)	(63.34)	(50.00)
	<u>3,425.00</u>	<u>3,396.36</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>

This is a conservative and "bare bones" budget with not much room for a surplus. It will take additional club effort and participation in some areas in order to maintain this budget and hopefully show a surplus at the end of the year.

MGCM Budget Committee



THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was stupendous. So said the 195 members and guests who attended the December 7 party. The committee had planned well to make it everything we could hope for--and more.

Santa stood at the door to greet and welcome us as we arrived to join the happy throng milling around the punch bowl of lime ice.

In the dining room a tree it's broad base concealed by the



presents which members had dropped off earlier stood--white flocked and resplendent with tiny red, white and green knit boots each containing a candy cane--welcoming us when we descended the stairs and seated ourselves at tables.

We had a short time to look about us and to speculate as to who knitted the boots, (Mrs. Vern Nygard, a former neighbor of Henry Halvorson); to examine the decorations on the east wall--little girl angels (At least they wore pink nighties) tooting their own horns, big left handed Santas (That's the hand they waved), ambidextrous snowmen waving both hands--; and to admire the gay tables before us with their cleverly decorated nut cups and beautiful little poinsettias.

Russ Backes, co-chairman of the Christmas Party committee welcomed us then, sensing our impatience to start eating, quickly summoned the carvers to the front to receive instructions. Surprisingly, all did as instructed--Henry Halvorson played; they marched--and we had one of the best parades of turkeys ever. Then after a short invocation by the Reverend Kenneth Beck of our host church the carvers set to work with gusto.

Before the dishes were all cleared away Fred Glasoe arose to introduce Barbara Flanagan, Star-Tribune newspaper columnist, as winner of an MGCM award "not for Industrial Beautification" but for the success of her assiduous promotion of civic beautification which has had telling effect on Minneapolis. Ms. Flanagan, who had to hurry away to a speaking engagement, responded saying she did have a small backyard garden which she cherished and that she intended to redouble her efforts to make Minneapolis a city of living color.

Following Ms. Flanagan's departure Sherman Pinkham showed "We Find God In Our Garden" MGCA's colored slide presentation with its cassette taped hymn accompaniment. The slides were gorgeous and were well received.

The Robbinsdale Cooper Madrigal Singers, twenty four young people directed by Richard Kloos, came next. The girls wore floor length red gowns; the boys dark suits, white wing collared shirts and black bow ties. They delighted us with old familiar Christmas melodies sung a cappella. We agreed with director Kloos who called them "the crème de la crème".



PICTURES

1. Ev. Haedecke presents Bronze Medal for outstanding service to the club to Fred Glasoe.
2. Newly elected Honorary Member Vic Lowrie listens as President Jerry Shannon reads the accompanying citation to members and guests at the party.
3. Barbara Flanagan receives a bouquet of flowers and a mounted plaque for her news columns promoting civic beautification. Fred Glasoe recites her accomplishments.
4. Dr. Orrin Turnquist accepts President's Cup conferred by President Shannon.
5. Stanley Van Vorst and the Lehman Trophy.

PARTY continued

After a short pause to give away some of the many door prizes Fred Glasoe rose to award the Lehman Trophy for best garden seen on Summer Tours to Stan Van Vorst. The presentation picture was a failure but since the trophy circulates from year to year we can still print a picture of Stan and of the trophy by digging into the SPRAY files.

Jerry Shannon then took over and called Orrin, "Clint", Turnquist forward to personally present him with the President's Cup for his helpfulness to the president in 1982. Orrin, always self deprecating, doubted that he earned it but Jerry knew better.

Fred Glasoe bobbed up again long enough to call on Ev. Haedecke, chairman of the Bronze Medal committee, to announce the Bronze Medal winner. Fred never got back to his seat for to his amazement he himself was named winner.

The remaining door prizes were drawn. Then each person took a decoration from the tree; the ladies gathered their individual poinsettias from the tables encased them in the plastic being given out by Todd and Lloyd Bachman, the growers; and everyone left the meeting place to the clean-up crew.

"Ed;

Can you work in a plug for each regular meeting about members bringing plants or gardening items for the monthly auctions. When we left Mt. Olivet, the idea sort of got lost. We may return to the raffle system with 3 chances for \$1.00 or auction them. We can use the extra income and would like to revive the idea. We may need to mention it each month for awhile. -chet-



1983 OFFICER AND DIRECTOR PROFILES by Andy Marlow

CHET GROGER, PRESIDENT: Chet is beginning his 11th year in MGCM by serving as its President. He was Vice-President and program chairman for 1982 and previously served as a director. Chet is retired from the construction equipment business, but still keeps busy doing some consulting and, of course, gardening. He and his wife enjoy indoor gardening and are members of the Indoor Light Gardening Society. Outdoors he grows lilies, iris, delphinium and other perennials, as well as plenty of annuals for summer long color.

Back: Durst, Churilla, Van Vorst
Front: Shannon, Canine, Groger, Marlow
Not Present: McCollough, R. L. Smith

KENT CANINE, VICE-PRESIDENT: Last year's MGCM Secretary, Kent will serve this year as Vice-President and program chairman. Kent joined the club in 1977 and has served as a director previous to being elected Secretary. He brings his interest in out-reach, part of his job as Director of Research and Education for Abbott-Northwestern Hospital and the Sister Kenny Institute, to the club. He set into motion plans for the club brochure last year that has been distributed to those who want to know more about our organization. In the garden, his special interests are herbs, spring bulbs and annuals.

ANDY MARLOW, SECRETARY: Andy joined MGCM in 1980. He became interested in the club after conversations with Phil Smith and visiting the 1979 Flower and Vegetable Show at the Arboretum. He's been writing articles for THE GARDEN SPRAY for the last two years and has served on the Flower and Vegetable Show committee for two years as well. Perennials, particularly peonies, daylilies, and delphinium, appear in his garden. With his wife he also tends a small plot of native wildflowers in a wooded section of his yard. He would like to see the club continue to grow with the addition of more younger gardeners who could benefit from the experience of the "old hands". Andy is News and Public Affairs Coordinator for the University of Minnesota Radio Station KUOM, 770 A.M.

GEORGE MCCOLLOUGH, TREASURER: George is beginning another term as Treasurer. He piled up years of experience handling money and bookkeeping as the Internal Auditor for North Central Bible College in Minneapolis. He retired two years ago. He's an all purpose gardener, growing both flowers and vegetables. His home in Bloomington features collections of roses, lilies and peonies.

BOB CHURILLA, DIRECTOR: Bob is serving the second year of his term as director. He is one of several outstanding rose growers in the club, having about 250 plants. He is, of course, a member of the Minnesota Rose Society and the American Rose Society. When he isn't spraying or cultivating or pruning, Bob can be found at Aquacontrol Corporation in St. Paul where he is a production engineer. He's been in MGCM since 1977.

DALE DURST, DIRECTOR: Also in his second year as a member of the MGCM Board, Dale has been a member of the organization since 1961, the longest of any present Board member. In 1980 Dale was awarded the club's Bronze medal for his overall contribution to the group. Dale's special garden interest, indoor gardening, is particularly suited to this time of year. While the rest of us are planning for spring, Dale is busy doing that and tending the minia-

ture roses that he grows so well. Dale works for Handschy Industries, a manufacturer of printer's ink, as a chemist.

ROBERT L. SMITH, DIRECTOR: Robert is one of MGCM's Smith brothers. He was introduced to the club by his brother Russ. He's also one of two Robert Smiths, creating no little confusion at times--hence the use of his full name. Robert is a field superintendent for a commercial/industrial builder. Some of that carries over into his gardening, as he says he's a "garden builder more than anything". In those gardens he grows primarily flowers, with roses and dahlias being most prominent. He was co-chairman of the garden tour committee last year with brother Russ. He says this year he'd like to be more personally involved and hopes others feel the same way. He's been a member since 1981.

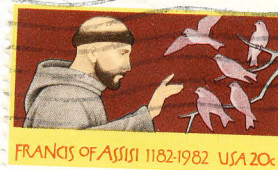
STAN VAN VORST, DIRECTOR: Stan also became an MGCM member in 1981, although he's been gardening for many years. He says he enjoys everything about gardening, even the weeding. Over the years he's grown a few carrots, but otherwise has stayed with flowers. He became interested in the club when Jerry Shannon, an old gardening buddy, persuaded him to include his yard in the 1981 garden tour. From there it was just a short step to becoming a member. Stan says the club has a nicely balanced program of individual and civic gardening, and he'd like to see that continue in 1983.

Have you done or tried something that might interest other MGCA members. Send, or hand, your contributions to the editor.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID FOR 1983? THIS IS THE LAST COPY COVERED BY 1982 DUES.

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