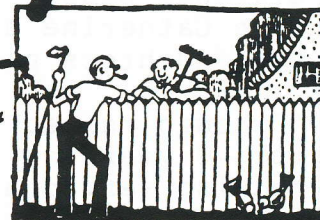




BULLETIN OF THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS, INC.

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We wish you a Healthy and Prosperous New Year



The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis presents

SEED CATALOG NIGHT

At the Lake Harriet United Methodist Church
49th Street at Chown Avenue South

Dinner: Same Time 6 P.M. Same Price \$6.00

GET YOUR RESERVATIONS TO GENE ACKLAND AT ONCE

NOTE: The permanent reservation list for 1988
is cancelled after this meeting. If you want to

be on the permanent reservation list for 1989 you will have to sign up at
the January meeting.

Do you have a favorite or unusual seed or plant company from which you order each winter? Do you spend hours browsing the catalog offerings of these companies? Join us at the January meeting. Kick off your 1989 garden browsing through catalogs from local companies as well as many from around the country.

Catalogs for the taking will be available from companies such as Nichols, Pinetree, Dooley, Shepherds, Wayside, Busse, Burpee, Harris, etc. Some companies have sent us 60 copies, others have sent 6 but we will have enough for everyone to have at least 2 or 3 catalogs.

Do you receive extra catalogs? Bring them for others to use. Do you wish to place a small order--too small to make the minimum for a particular company? Perhaps we can combine orders.

ALSO, In addition to sharing catalogs we hope to exchange seeds, bulbs, roots, etc. If you saved seed this year but have far too much for your own use perhaps someone else would like some. Extra tender bulbs, dahlia tubers, or whatever of that nature you have to share should be brought for sharing.

You don't have time for catalogs? Then there's a SPECIAL FEATURE: Dale Durst will offer TIPS ON STARTING PLANTS THIS WINTER and Dave Johnson will discuss his view of catalogs and ordering. See you at the meeting anyway.

--Kent Petterson

CLARENCE F. "KNOBBY" KNOBLAUCH

1904 - 1988

Clarence passed away on November 17. He was preceded in death by his wife Catherine and his son Francis. He was survived by two sons and two daughters plus numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Although raised in the Cannon Falls area he came to Minneapolis to work for 40 years as a pipe fitter for the Milwaukee Railroad. For many years he also served as Treasurer-Manager of the Milwaukee Road credit union.

He became a member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis in 1974. He was proud to be named a member of the group. With his lovely wife, Catherine, he hosted numerous tours of their beautiful, well manicured garden of over 250 rose plants. Both were very happy when in 1979 he won the Lehman Trophy for his efforts.

Clarence was an honorary member of the Minnesota Rose Society. His favorite roses were the same as those of his beloved Catherine. They raised the exquisite pink blend hybrid tea "Tiffany" and the beautiful pink miniature rose "Cupcake". At one time Clarence had the finest climbers in the area as well as some outstanding tree rose specimens. The American Rose Society named him an Honorary Life Consulting Rosarian.

Though gradually advanced age and numerous health problems slowed him up his interest in roses never flagged. Recently his son John discovered recorded in his father's meticulously kept diary this observation.

"Roses are like people--They respond to Love."

- Jerry Olson

M. Denesuk, 72; played in Minnesota Orchestra

Michael Denesuk, 72, a viola player with the Minnesota Orchestra from 1953 to 1982, died of a heart attack Nov. 10 in Osage, Iowa.

Denesuk, a native of Peabody, Mass., received a master's degree in music from Tufts University in Boston and played with the U.S. Navy band from 1940 to 1946.

He performed with the San Antonio (Texas) Symphony Orchestra from 1950 to 1952, and in 1953 was invited by conductor Antal Dorati to join the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

"At his own request he sat at the fifth chair because he had had a heart condition for years," said his wife, Patricia.

Denesuk toured the Middle East and Mexico with the orchestra before retiring in 1982. He also taught privately.

"He had made a hobby of his study of nutrition ... and had a huge library of books on nutrition," Patricia Denesuk said. Fellow members of the orchestra called him "Vitamin Mike," she said.

Denesuk and his wife moved from southeast Minneapolis to Mitchell, Iowa, in 1986, where he was a member of the Osage Rotary Club. Besides his wife, he is survived by two nieces.

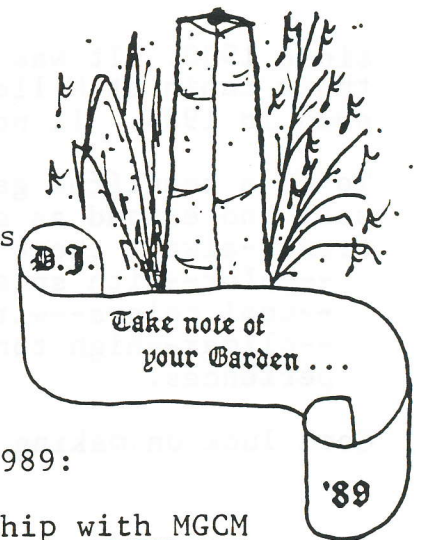
A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church, 500 8th Av. SE., Minneapolis. Memorials to the Minnesota Orchestra or the Denesuk Scholarship Fund at the Osage Rotary Club are suggested.

Star Tribune/Friday/December 2/1988

A string quartet of Minnesota Orchestra members and retirees played prelude and postlude numbers. Another quartet from the orchestra played during the service.

Notes from the President . . .

I consider it a privilege to be your President for 1989. Thank you for the encouragement. Working hard at promoting good horticulture will be one of my goals --having fun with members, sharing our successes and disappointments is another. Share with me your concerns. I'll make a few mistakes but with our mutual concern and friendship for each other, I know we'll have a great year.



I'd like to suggest the following goals for MGCM in 1989:

1. Bring the Center for the Blind into full partnership with MGCM in the Fragrance Garden Project. In the past few years few people at the Center have known that the Garden is for their use. Some did not know that it existed. Kent Petterson and others have met with people at the Center to express our concerns. He and his committee are exploring new ways to make the garden experience more meaningful for the partially sighted or the blind.

The Center for the Blind has a special radio station for their listening. Our own Kent Petterson was interviewed on tape for their station. He expressed concern about the need for more blind people to use the garden. This will be aired in January. We are hopeful this may help in promoting use of the 19th and Aldrich site for limited vision and blind people.
2. Revive the Mentor Gardener Program. Some members have called other members about a question related to their gardening. Some may have felt reluctant to make a call. Now you may choose, or be assigned, a garden advocate that will help you in your gardening experience. This open approach should provide greater ease in contacting a certain person to help with your garden. Let each of us open our knowledge and experience to this project.
3. Expand friendships in our club. All of us enjoy seeing people we know at our meetings--I would encourage each of us to invite an unknown person to sit with us at our monthly dinners. Extend and expand your friendships so all feel welcome.
4. Allow most of meeting time for top flight programs. Through the suggestion of Herb Neby, we started the mini-sessions. For the most part they have been well received. They will be continued this year. A certain amount of business is necessary in any club. I will try to keep the meetings moving at a good pace and make them as short as possible without cutting off necessary discussion.
5. Actively recruit new members. We should take in 10-15 new members each year if we are to keep our membership at the current level. Duane Reynolds has developed a brochure advertising our club. These brochures will be placed at Garden Centers next year. This approach helps but does not replace the better method of personal contact. I would encourage each of us to invite his gardening friends to join this great club we have.

Have you wondered about the rock in the logo? Each of us has a bit of history with us. The old hitching post has been at our family homestead

since 1900. It was in St. Cloud until 1920, then my parents moved it to their cabin at Mille Lacs Lake. I brought it to my home when the cabin was sold in 1984. It now stands proudly in my front yard.

To me a beautiful garden is like a great symphony. Seeds are planted in soil and expand as does a great musical work or art. Anticipation is up front--always there for endless possibilities--

--color--with splashes of bright tones.

--cool colors--with suggestion of ethereal moods--leading to

--climax--high tones with a complement of full garden exhilarating experiences.

Good luck on making your garden a great symphony.

--Duane

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS 1989 -- BUDGET

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Dues	\$ 3900.00	Dues--MGCA	\$ 2000.00
Monthly Meetings	4600.00	Dues--Horts	1000.00
Plant Auction	3700.00	Spray Expense	1200.00
Tours	500.00	Monthly Meetings	4100.00
Christmas Party	2100.00	Plant Auction	2300.00
Calendar Receipts	1900.00	Tours	375.00
Interest Income	700.00	Flower Show	350.00
Slide Income	600.00	Christmas Party	2300.00
Total	<u>\$ 18000.00</u>	Directory Expense	150.00
		Memorials	100.00
		Honorariums	25.00
		Arbor Day	250.00
		Awards	100.00
		National Convention	
		Delegates--Expense	600.00
		Arboretum Project	350.00
		Minn. Horts "	150.00
		MGCA ----- "	100.00
		Calendar costs	1500.00
		Bank Charges	100.00
		Miscellaneous Expenses	120.00
		Fragrance Garden Expense	830.00
		Total	<u>\$ 18000.00</u>

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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PROFILES



Back: G. Smith, Johnson, Petterson
Front: Stenger, Olson, Pulley, Reynolds, Berg
Insert: B. Smith Ackland

DUANE JOHNSON, PRESIDENT: Duane is an "all out" club member with a record of helping the club in many areas. He has served on committees including Arbor Day, Community Garden, Christmas Party, Flower and Vegetable Show and the Plant Auction. A member for 7 years, Duane lives in south Minneapolis, where he grows many annuals and perennials. He now hopes to be accepted in the next class of Master Gardeners. Beginning as

an Elementary School teacher, Duane has headed the Special Education Department at Field Elementary School in south Minneapolis for 20 years. We look forward to his leadership this year.

KENT PETTERSON, VICE PRESIDENT: Kent is our member who joined in 1986 and won the National Award for his carrots that first year at the Flower and Vegetable Show. He shows vegetables regularly and has served on the Show committee and chaired the Community Garden Committee last year. Kent has a special interest in herbs and has a dryer for preparation of herbs for home use. He also dries plants for arrangements, either by hanging up to dry or with silica sand. Last year, he received the Minneapolis Blooming Boulevard Award for Front Yards. Kent is an Estimator for Laughlin Electric Company.

GENE ACKLAND, SECRETARY: Gene will be long remembered for his contribution to the MGCA Convention last year by handling all registrations on his computer. He was able to produce any type of list or information upon request. Gene is Senior Technical Specialist for Dayton-Hudson in the Electronic Data Processing Department. He is also well known in our Club for his large landscaped gardens often on tour. He does his own landscape design and has gardens filled with perennials, dahlias, roses, lilies, day lilies and iris. He is a member of the Dahlia Society. Gene has served on the tour committee and has been a member since 1986.

JOE STENGER, TREASURER: Joe has been a member since 1981 and joined the Club through the recommendation of Otto Nelson, his neighbor. Joe also gardens on a hillside and grows many annuals. He retired in 1983 as Officer in Charge of the Minneapolis Office of the U. S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission. He has previously held positions in other U. S. Government agencies. Joe is also a short wave radio operator with equipment in his home. He has served on the Raffle and Photography Committees and as Chairman of the Community Garden Committee.

DUANE REYNOLDS, PAST PRESIDENT: Duane was President of our Club during the year of our MGCA Convention in Minneapolis. He served us well before and during the convention and made us proud with his closing speech at the Convention banquet. A member for 6 years and Club Secretary for 2 years, he has served on many committees including Tours, Flower and Vegetable Show, Community Garden, Raffle and vice-chairman of the Plant Auction.

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Duane is Director of Out-Patient Programs, including Mental Health and Chemical Dependency, at Mercy Medical Center. He is a member of the North Star Lily Society, the Minnesota Gladiolus Society and is President of the Minnesota Dahlia Society this year. He is also a Master Gardener and a certified judge of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Duane specializes in fruits, including apples, cherries, plums, grapes and blueberries at his home in New Hope.

HOWARD BERG, DIRECTOR: Howard has been a member since 1980 and continues as Director this year. He has served on the Calendar Committee and as Chairman of the Christmas Party Committee. He is a self-employed contractor doing remodeling and additions to homes. His large yard in Minnetonka includes many annuals, day lilies, roses and vegetables.

MERLE PULLEY, DIRECTOR: A member since 1986, Merle has served on the Christmas Party, Community Garden and Flower and Vegetable Show Committees. His garden at his home in south Minneapolis is largely vegetables but he is also a fruit gardener and an indoor gardener. Duane is an Instructor for Control Data Corporation in Marketing and Technical Writing and also works in the placement of graduates. He has another hobby of restoring old cars and has a 1939 Ford and a 1951 Mercury Monterey.

GREG SMITH, DIRECTOR: Greg first joined our Club in 1985 and has served on the Tour, Arbor Day and Community Garden Committees. He is a Real Estate Appraiser with Russell Smith and Associates. His garden at his home in Plymouth includes vegetables, annuals and roses.

BOB SMITH, DIRECTOR: Bob has been a member since 1959 and has been Club Treasurer, Vice President and then President in 1966. He brings a wealth of Club experience to our Board in 1989. He has served on many committee over the years and his participation in Flower and Vegetable Shows is legendary. His very special vegetable garden is enclosed by a chain link fence mounted on a concrete pad and is secured by cedar boards at the base and by an electric fence. Bob is an organic vegetable gardener and tests many new varieties. He has supervised a vegetable testing program for MGCA. He also has many fruit trees and is a member of the Dwarf Fruit Tree Growers Association. Bob retired in 1984 from the General Office of Northern States Power Company as Administrator of Office Services in the Sub-Station Engineering Department.

(Research on Profiles done by Chet Groger)

GERANIUM TREE:

Want to grow a geranium tree? It's easy!! Start with a rooted cutting from March to May. Pot eventually into a 6-inch pot. Do not pinch main shoot. Instead, keep the single unpinched stem tied to a stake inserted in the pot. Remove all side shoots and buds as they appear. Do not remove leaves. When the central stem has reached 2½ to 3½ feet, pinch tip and allow 3 to 5 side branches to grow from the upper end. When each side branch is 4 to 6 inches in length, pinch and repeat with subsequent branches until a good head is formed.

--Tim Smith, Master Gardener
Men's Garden Club of Kent, Ohio

SEEN AT THE PARTY



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THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Some day there will be a banquet where the banqueters don't get their salads consumed before the invocation. This wasn't it. But as an innovation we had three welcomings. MC Dave Moehnke led off with a booming welcome in his best Santa Claus voice, Duane Reynolds followed with a proper presidential welcome. Then pastor Melvin Budke prefaced his invocation with a welcome to Lake Harriet church. Even the Christmas tree on the stage said WELCOME over and over as we later discovered. (The hanging decorations each made of seven red beads, a capital letter on each, spelled out the word.)

Then the Parade of Turkeys led by Jerry Shannon. Former elementary principal Shannon had his carvers well trained not to break ranks as he led them around the room to titillate our appetites with the sight and smell of their turkeys. The turkeys were golden brown, done to perfection. We were seated twelve to a turkey (table). Joe Stenger paid for 165. The vacant seats were the extra 5 set up "just in case".

Drawing for gifts from under the tree started almost before everyone was down from the punch bowl and socializing upstairs and continued throughout the evening. We were instructed to take an ornament from the tree when we chose our present. Some forgot and had to go back. As one might expect the tree was nearly denuded before the program's end.

Entertainment was furnished by "The Four Notes" three vocalists and a pianist. There were solos, duets and trios. Beautiful harmony and all music of Christmas!

The Industrial Award for 1988 went to another garden club THE VILLAGE GARDENERS a coed group from St. Anthony village. This club planted a large plot at the junction of Highway 88 and St. Anthony Boulevard with flowers, shrubs and trees. Carol Koppes spoke enthusiastically about the group after accepting the award for the club. A large display board had pictures of the club projects for all to see. Bob Churilla who hails from St. Anthony village had the honor of making the presentation.

To start the serious part of the program HOWARD KLIER was called forth to receive a long overdue Certificate of Award for his many years of hosting an after-Thanksgiving wreath making workshop. It was first held for the

Richfield MGC. Following the Richfield club's demise and absorption into MGCM Howard continued his workshop as an MGCM activity.

The Lehman Trophy recipient for this year was chosen by vote of the person attending 1988 summer tours. It went to CARLETON NELSON. Carleton has marvelous vegetables, hanging baskets, and annual flowers but it is his thousands of marigolds which draw photographers from far and near.

DUANE REYNOLDS presented "The President's Cup" to DUANE JOHNSON for his many and enthusiastic services to the club and it's president during 1988.

JERRY SHANNON was a double winner. He received The Bronze Medal for his many contributions in various ways over the years to the Men's Garden Club. One example is keeping the Arbor Day planting tradition alive. Jerry also received the Blackbourne Trophy for sweepstakes in flowers at our August show.

BOB SMITH was last but he is never last when it comes to vegetables for sweepstakes in which at the MGCM August show he received the Foley Trophy. Bob has won this award so often that he has become THE man to beat. Few succeed. Horticultural experimenter, record keeper, organic gardener, etc. etc. That's Bob.

This is your last SPRAY if your 1989 dues are not paid before the February issue is printed.

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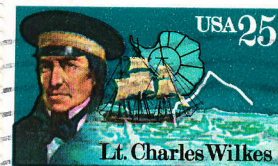
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