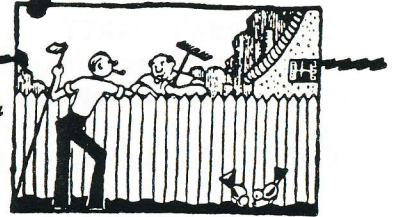




BULLETIN OF THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS, INC.

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Our Next Meeting Will Be REALLY DIFFERENT.

- The date will be different. It will be Thursday, March 19th.
- The place will be different. It will be Dayton's Sky Room.
(In the downtown store at Nicollet and Eighth)
- The price will be different--\$6.00; but you can bring your wife. (\$6.00 more, of course.)

Our Speaker will be DALE BACHMAN, head of the nursery section of Bachman's, Inc., and organizer of this year's Dayton-Bachman Flower Show which we will visit after his presentation.

His Topic, naturally, "Behind the Scenes. How The Show Is Put Together".

The Time? Oh, that's the same as usual, 6 P.M.

RESERVATIONS PROMPTLY PLEASE! USE THE ATTACHED CARD.

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MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINING MONTHS OF 1981

April 14 (Tues.)	"Rose Culture" - speaker, club member Ted LeBoutillier; slides of members' gardens by Bob Churilla.
May 12 (Tues.)	Plant auction at Linden Hills Park.
June 16 (Tues.)	"Landscaping the Home", speaker, club member Glen Ray.
July 12 (Sunday)	Garden tour--area suggested: Minnetonka, Hopkins, Plymouth, Golden Valley, North Minneapolis, St. Louis Park.
August 9 (Sunday)	Garden tour--area suggested: South Minneapolis, Edina, Richfield, Bloomington, and Eden Prairie.
August Weekend	Flour and Vegetable Show at the Arboretum
September 15 (Tues.)	"Bulb Planting" - speaker, club member Dick Lehman.
October 13 (Tues.)	"Bottle Terrariums" - speaker, Mervin Eisel.
November 10 (Tues.)	"The Photography of Plants" - speaker, Jim Levin.
December 15 (Tues.)	Christmas Party and Slides of members' gardens.

BRING A VISITOR. GET A NEW MEMBER.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS
1981 COMMITTEES

AUDITING Frank Vixo, chmn.; Charles Proctor, Warren Bergstrom, Carl Johnson.

CHRISTMAS PARTY Stan Crist, Dave Johnson, co-chmn.; Russ Smith, Bill Hull, Chet Groger, Bob Gage, Lloyd Bachman, Russ Backes, Glenn Bartsch, Jim Dock, Paul Lindstedt, Bill McGregor, Dick Stehley.

COMMUNITY GARDEN Nate Siegel, chmn.; Glen Ray, Kent Canine, Roger Anderson, Phil Peterson, Bud Christenson, Bill Hull, V. Bouslough, Charlie Proctor, Bob Churilla, Michael Denesuk, Bob Savory.

FLOWER SHOW Charles Proctor, chmn.; Phil Peterson, Robert E. Smith, Bud Christenson, Phil Smith, Dale Durst, George W. Smith, Paul Denn, Andy Marlow, Jim Mielke, Henry Halvorson, Floyd Ashley, Francis DeVos, Marlin Rosin, Walt Schmidt, Orrin Turnquist.

GARDEN SPRAY Ed Culbert, editor; Andy Marlow.

HISTORIAN Bill Hull; Robert L. Smith.

HOSPITALITY Don Hardesty, chmn.; Stan Van Vorst, Carl Johnson, Evald Johnson, Chet Groger, Dick Lehman, Si Rutherford.

AWARDS Ev. Haedecke, Bud Christenson, Jerry Shannon, Fred Glasoe.

PLANT AUCTION Bob Livingston, chmn.; Robert E. Smith, Jim Mayerle, Frank Vixo, Bob Savory, V. Bouslough, J. Shefland, J. Mielke, Charles Proctor, Roger Bergstrand, Todd Bachman, Milt Thomas, Tom Warth, Bob Welshans.

MEMBERSHIP Sherm Pinkham, chmn.; Stan Van Vorst, Andy Marlow, Juel Shefland, Otto Nelson, Les Johnson, Gary Magrum, Walter Quist, Don Wilson.

NOMINATING Archie Caple, Bob Gage, Bob Livingston, Fred Glasoe, Leon Synder.

PHOTOGRAPHY Larry Catttron, chmn.; Cameron Smith, Stan Van Vorst, Jim Mielke, G. Smith.

PUBLICITY Dean Schneider, chmn.; Kent Canine

TELEPHONE Phil Peterson, chmn.; Richard Lange, Jim Fishbaugher, Art Johnson, Fred Lang, Howard Berg, Walt Flumerfelt, Len Nelson, Gordon Newton, Bert Zats.

TOURS Fred Glasoe, chmn.; Glen Ray, Dean Schneider, Donal O'Donnell, Struan Complin, Larry Corbett, Jim Perrin, Jerry Shannon.

ARBOR DAY Ev. Haedecke, chmn.; Lawrence Bachman, Nick Haddad, Howard Klier, Roger Koopmans.

SUNSHINE Vern Carlson, chmn.; James Bezat, Bill Cowcill, Clarence Knoblach, Kent Canine, Evald Johnson.

NEW MEMBER

Joseph L. Stenger 822-5305
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RAY'S NATURE

Welcome, new members, to one of the greatest horticultural clubs anywhere. At meetings where you were a guest, I'm sure that you met many of our fine gardening members and enjoyed finding out that there are other people who enjoy gardening as much as you do. I would like to talk a little bit about what you can expect in the coming months.

Our March meeting will be at the Dayton-Bachman Spring flower show. This is a first time event for the club but promises to be an excellent meeting. The shows are always spectacular and are guaranteed to whet your gardening appetite for spring.

Our May meeting is a plant auction. Garden centers, nurseries and members provide plant materials to help us raise money to run our club. The bidding is always intense. My best bargain was a hosta I bought for far under market prices, and my worst purchase was a pig in the poke plastic urn which went for \$1.50. Oh well, I helped the club. Bob Livingston will be the chairman of the auction this year and will be calling on members to solicit their help.

Another event we have in May is the planting of the Community Garden. Last year's planting gave me an excellent opportunity to meet and work with several of the club's members. We all worked hard and accomplished much on the two Saturdays we worked. Although we accomplished much, there are a lot of gaps in the perennial beds. Nate Siegel will be calling on members to volunteer time and materials for that purpose. The Community Garden is located near the Minneapolis Society for the Blind. The garden features fragrant plants so that sightless people may enjoy the garden.

In the summer months we have two tours of both member's and non-member's gardens. These are always spectacular. If you have a garden that you feel might be ready for the tour call Fred Glasoe and the tour committee so they can look your garden over for possible inclusion. Let the committee decide, not you. A gardener always feels his garden is not as good as it will be next year.

The flower show in August is an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge about how you are doing in comparison with other gardeners and how to do things better. When I worked with that committee, Dale Durst, Henry Halvorson, Bob Smith and others gave me numerous tips on how to grow and show flowers and vegetables. When you don't enter your materials in the show, you never quite know what ribbons you could have had. Charlie Proctor will be committee chairman this year and will need your help to set up the show and to be a host to greet visitors.

Our Christmas party is a spectacular event each year. Our tables are beautifully decorated with poinsettias and the whole room is aglow with pagantry. When it is time to eat, the carver for each table brings the turkey to the table in a parade of turkeys. (That refers to the birds and not the carvers.) The entertainment of the evening might make the Ted Mack Original Amateur Hour or the Gong Show if not the old Ed Sullivan show. Stan Crist and Dave Johnson have agreed to Co-Chair that committee this year.

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The key to being a successful member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis is to be active in the club. Attend the meetings; serve actively on the committees; work at the community garden; enter the flower show. These activities allow you to meet the great group of men who make up the club and also give you an opportunity to draw from a great pool of horticultural knowledge. Our membership includes some of the most knowledgeable and experienced gardeners you will find anywhere. And, I've never met one yet who hasn't been just as helpful as he was experienced and knowledgeable.

--Ray Marshall

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS
Budget for 1981 (Adopted 2/10/81)

INCOME

DUES	\$ 2,750.00
SPRING PLANT AUCTION	1,400.00
MEALS AT MONTHLY MEETINGS.	2,750.00
TOURS	1,000.00
CHRISTMAS PARTY	1,800.00
INTEREST ON SAVINGS	600.00
MONTHLY AUCTIONS	150.00
MISCELLANEOUS	50.00
TOTAL INCOME BUDGETED	\$10,500.00

EXPENSES

	(\$ 1,100.00 (MGCA)
	(660.00 (Mn. Hort. Soc.)
	600.00
	2,500.00
	800.00
	1,800.00
	50.00
	250.00
GARDEN SPRAY	1,050.00
FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW	200.00
ARBORETUM PROJECT	350.00
REMEMBRANCES	150.00
AWARDS AND TROPHIES	100.00
NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES	200.00
HONORARIUMS	100.00
MGCA LIFE MEMBERSHIP (OUT GOING PRESIDENT)	100.00
DIRECTORY	100.00
BROCHURES	100.00
MEMORIALS	290.00
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGETED	\$10,500.00

Note: \$180.00 of the \$184.12 income from the budgeted activity of 1980 is proposed to be designated for an Arbor Day planting project.

DICK LEHMAN SHARES HIS LETTER FROM BILL COWCILL

"...It is 52 years since I had a Christmas over here....I spent the last 2...alone...I don't have any (relatives) in U.S.A. (so) I made up my mind to come home. (Now) here I am amongst all my relatives....

"English Plum Pudding...is a boiled fruit cake...They wash silver coins and add to the mixture....Petrol is \$2.50 a gallon, cigarettes \$2.00 for 20, \$18 for a qt. of Brandy, they charged me \$66.00 for a 28 mile taxi ride from Air Port to Rail station so they are worse off in Britain than USA....

I can't walk yet but I keep trying....
Lang may yer Lum Reek. Forever Yours"

Bill Cowcill, 31 Willow Crescent, Normanton, West Yorkshire, England WF6 1DB

PLANT PROPAGATION FROM CUTTINGS, Installment 2

D. Cameron Smith, Minneapolis MGC

Selection of Plant Material for Stem Cuttings

Assuming that a plant can be reproduced from cuttings, the condition and stage of development of that plant will affect its cuttings' propensity to root. Cuttings should be taken from pest free juvenile growth. Juvenility can loosely be defined as the period between plants germination to seedling until flowering. Typically, the cuttings should be mature but not excessively hardened. High levels of stored food seem to favor rooting. When taken, all cuttings should be turgid (not wilted). Selection of side or top growth is important for some upright growers like Japanese yew, and Norfolk island pine. Side cuttings of these will tend to produce plants which may grow for years as low spreaders before "remembering" to become upright. Early propagators often favored taking small sections of older wood at the base of difficult to root cuttings. These were known by the shapes of the objects which they resembled e.g. heel, mallet, etc.

To meet the conditions for good cuttings assuring that stock plants have been grown with adequate but not excessive amounts of water, plant food and light is important. Ideally, softwood cuttings should be taken in the late afternoon of a sunny but humid day from very well watered plants while their spring flush of growth is maturing. Daytime temperatures in the high 70s and evening lows about 60°F favor the accumulation of sugars (food).

The best hardwood cuttings from deciduous plants, e.g. honeysuckle or grapes, come from the current year's wood soon after it has become dormant but before freezing. If these cuttings are going to be rooted outside over winter they should be long enough to prevent spring frost heaving. Evergreen semi-dormant cuttings are best taken after they have experienced some cold, even freezing, weather. This assures that they are nearly dormant. If at all possible they should be collected when they are not frozen to minimize damage during handling. Selection of material which has not been exposed to drying winter winds or the winter sun helps avoid winter burn. Winter burn is a combination of desiccation (water loss) and mechanical damage to plant cells caused by repeated freezing and thawing.

There is no theoretical limit on the size of a cutting which can be rooted; experience has shown that cuttings less than 1/2 inch in diameter do root more easily than large ones. Later we will see that best length is more a question of a parent plant's growth characteristics than measured length.

Did you enjoy an article in the SPRAY? Tell the author.

What better time to bring a prospective member than to this meeting?

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE STARTING EARLY

As I sit writing this on February 11 (temperature minus 20) the temperature is not conducive to thoughts of gardening. We, however, are starting to think and plan. Specifically, for the annual Flower and Vegetable show. More later.

--Charles Proctor

LETTER FROM ARCHIE CAPLE

"At the January meeting, I submitted my letter of resignation from Club membership, believing it was in the best interests of the Club. Please understand my reason for withdrawal was a sincere desire on my part for Club harmony.

Since that time, I have had personal and written contact with several Club members sharing concern and support. As a result, I have given this action careful deliberation and thoughtful soul-searching, and realize my deep-rooted love of gardening and its promulgation is uppermost. I hereby withdraw my resignation. To say the least, your unexpected response has made me feel most humble.

I feel privileged to again be an active member, ready and willing to do anything required of me necessary to further our organization."

--Archie Caple

"The wastes that besmirch our land are produced in the course of fulfilling widespread human wants that are in the main reasonable and defensible."

--Max Ways in FORTUNE, Feb. 1970

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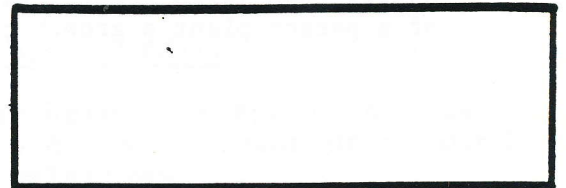
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Pictures are worth a thousand words, someone said, but being there has no equal! Austin, Texas has much to offer the Conventioneer in 1981 and in mid-June, it will be a sight to behold!