

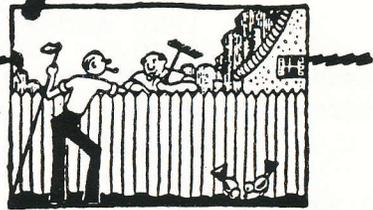


# The Garden Spray

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## OUR ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE & AUCTION

TUESDAY - MAY 10, 1983

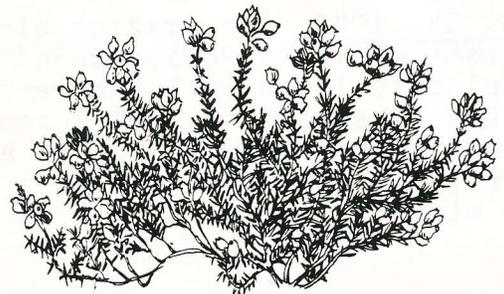
Linden Hills Park Recreation Building  
43<sup>rd</sup> and Xerxes Avenue South

5:30 P.M. Country Store Sale  
6:00 P.M. Dinner - Price: \$ 4.00  
6:30 P.M. The Auction

Members, Spouses, Guests Invited

MAIL RESERVATIONS AT ONCE

Please bring containers  
for your purchases



PLANTING DAY AT THE COMMUNITY (FRAGRANCE) GARDEN

NOTICE: To all members of the Community Garden committee: Hold Saturday May 21 open for preparing and planting the Community Garden at 19th and Aldrich Ave. South. Meet at the garden between 8:30 and 9:30 AM. Bring your favorite tool. (Rake, shovel, hoe, trowel, etc.)

There'll be work for all. To get the job all done all in one morning we'll need all committee members and all those tools. Even all MGCM members not on the committee who care to come will be welcome. You 'all come.

--Phil Peterson, chairman

P.S. Cliff Brisco's wife used to come, too. If yours does all, or almost all of your garden work bring her along.

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THE ARCHIVES TELL US that MGCM planted plants in the early years also. "June 14, 1958 On this Saturday afternoon Tony Koester and a number of the faithful workers in the Club met in the Garden Club area of Lyndale Gardens and planted a large number of foliage plants mainly coleus. Through Tony the Club received a very fine thank you note from the Park Board for the civic interest displayed by this act."

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MORE FROM THE ARCHIVES

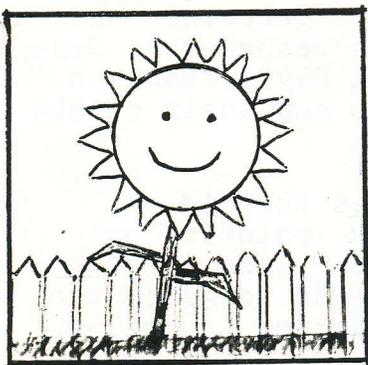
RE: AUCTIONS "April 9, 1957 Traditionally our April meeting has become dedicated to the Arboretum and the raising of funds for it's use. Following dinner (and program)....Dr. Snyder took over and described the 138 shrubs and the 19 varieties which he had secured for the sale. About \$250 was realized for the Arboretum Fund."

"May 12, 1953 The annual auction sale was held in the Park Board greenhouse with S. F. Pinkham and a committee of 35 putting on the sale.....Almost the entire membership was on hand...and when the selling and yelling and settling was over and the leavings cleared away Pink was able to turn over about \$450 to the club treasury."

RE: TOURS "July 10, 1951 The first tour of our summer season began with the ever popular catered picnic supper in Herb Kahlert's delightful yard. After spending some time in Herb's garden a new innovation was introduced in our tour when maps were handed each member showing the location of the gardens to be visited and then we were told to go as we pleased, stay as long as we wished in each place, and see as many or as few as time and daylight permitted."

"August 14, 1943 One amazing sidelight of this trip was the fact that the member selected as the Pilot Guide...succeeded in completely losing all the rest of the cavalcade shortly after the take off. Basket lunches taken by wives of the members were augmented with coffee and dessert furnished by Herb (Kahlert) and his committee at a net loss of 66¢ as recorded in the minutes."

## JUST AMONG US GARDENERS



This month is a busy one for all gardeners. It is the month we have been waiting for all of the past winter months. Whereas the past month or two have been planning and preparation months, now we can go to work in our yards and gardens.

Many of us have started seedlings under fluorescent lights or on a south window sill. They will soon be in the garden for the summer's growth. Although we had the hint of an early spring, Mother Nature saw to it that things returned to normal and we will probably plant and transplant at the usual time.

Our committees have been busy with plans for the year and I have joined in several of the meetings. As another result of our Arbor Day and Crabapple Tree Planting, we may submit that event in story and photo form to the National Arbor Day Committee for consideration for the National Arbor Day Award. After describing that project to MGCA, they recommend that we do so.

Paul Dixon, Third Vice President of MGCA from Belvidere, Illinois, is sponsoring an Interclub Bulletin which goes to each club monthly with messages from national committees and with information of club activities. The March Bulletin asked clubs to respond regarding joint projects with city governments. I sent two articles on our projects, one on our Fragrance or Community Garden and one on our Arbor Day tree planting and crabapple tree replanting. I also included an article on our Spring Dayton-Bachman Party. I enjoy learning of other club activities and that has been one of the rewards of working with the national calendar project. There are some clubs I have talked with that are more active than we are but there are many more that are less active than we are. We are fortunate in having the well established and active club that we have.

The Plant Auction Committee has been active in preparing for a big event again on May 10th. Special thanks again go to Larry Corbett and Charlie Proctor for their efforts in obtaining Northrup King trial seedlings, which they and other members transplanted and will have ready for the auction. Watch for them. We will have another big evening with our wives and guests but we should all stop to consider the amount of work that committee contributes to make it possible.

We may need to find a larger facility for our Plant Auction next year. Scheduling our auction around other activities in a Park Board facility always creates a problem in the afternoon and hinders the committee in preparing for the event. We are looking for suggestions for a larger place, such as a church gymnasium or other larger hall. We will be talking about plans for next year's auction at our November Annual Meeting and the availability of a larger place will have an impact on our plans.

Our Tour Committee has planned an innovation in the May 31st Spring Tour. We have talked about it for several years but, until now, haven't tried it. Spring tours have to be flexible and the committee can only make final plans in the last few days before the tour. We hope our club members will support this tour both as an educational tour and a social event. It could become a regular and extra event in our club year.

Spring is here, the garden is waiting. Let us all enjoy both.

Chet Groger

## A NEW TRADITION?

by Andy Marlow

It's hard to say when an experiment becomes a tradition. Certainly MGCM's March 24th meeting marked a milestone of some sort as we returned to Dayton's downtown store for dinner and a tour of the annual Dayton/Bachman Flower show for the third consecutive year. 157 members and their guests were present for the gala event.

Pauline Altermot, Dayton's manager of Special Events, was the dinner speaker. She gave an historical perspective on the show, pointing out that 1983 is the 20th anniversary of the event. This year also marks the first time an admission fee has been charged, with proceeds to go to the new demonstration gardens planned for the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The fee was waived for MGCM members and guests.

Altermot pointed out that themes for the show have varied greatly over the years, beginning with The History of Roses in conjunction with the National Rose Show in 1963. Other shows have featured Southern Gardens (1967), Old Fashioned Garden (1973), Oriental Cherry Garden (1974), Gardens of Picasso's France (1980) and Bourbon Street in Bloom (1982). Despite the varied themes some flowers are common to all the shows -- tulips and rhododendrons being two examples. Still, every attempt is made to be authentic. This year's theme was Greek Islands of the Aegean and a wild species of tulip was imported from Greece for the occasion. Larger plant material, such as olive trees, cedar and Grecian Bay trees, were also necessary to complete the setting.

As usual, the effect of walking into Dayton's eighth floor auditorium ablaze with 1700 tulips and many hundreds of other flowers was breathtaking. The fragrance of the freesias, which this writer first encountered on an all too brief trip to Greece, truly transported one to the Aegean. The white-washed walls, common to all Greek islands, completed the picture. No gardener could ask for a better springtime treat than to spend half an hour or more transported from the slush of the Twin Cities to the freshness and beauty of this show. Hats off to Dayton's and Bachman's! And here's to continuing our new found tradition next year.

### FROM THE ARCHIVES: OUR FIRST TREE PLANTINGS

"April 8, 1952.....The club met in the Bachman greenhouses for dinner.... A most important part of this meeting was the report of the Civic Interest Committee by Curtis Rice....Arrangements had been made by the Committee for the purchase wholesale of about 200 flowering crabapple trees of the five most desirable varieties and an agreement had been reached with the Park Board for a very desirable location near the Rose Gardens where the trees were to be planted by members of the club as a donation to the Park Board and to be known as a Men's Garden Club Memorial. Each member was asked to buy one or more of the trees and to donate and personally plant at least one in the area selected. As was to be expected, the sale was a huge success and enough trees were purchased at this meeting to make a fine showing when they reached flowering age."

"May 3, 1952 Although a very warm day a surprising number of the men turned out and as a result all trees which had arrived were in place by noon. We were greatly helped by the expert advice and actual labor of the Park Board members Doell, Lucking, Dhainen and Holtz. The location, pruning, and actual planting was done under their personal direction."

FIRST GARDEN TOUR THIS YEAR

Wives, Sweethearts & Other Guests Invited

PROGRAM

Bus Tour of Bachman - Turnquist  
and Other Gardens  
(Azalias and Spring Flowers)

Dinner at Mount Olivet Retreat

SPECIFICS

DATE: Tuesday May 31, 1983

LOCATION: Lake Harriet United Methodist  
Church parking lot

TIME: Tour starts 5:30 p.m. - return to church  
parking lot 9:00 - 9:30 p.m.

PRICE: \$8.50 per person

-BY RESERVATION ONLY-

Reservations Must be Received by May 25, 1983!

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Reservation(s) for MGCM meeting Tuesday evening May 31, 1983 return this form to  
Gregory P. Smith - 4941 56th Place No. - Crystal, Minnesota 55429.

I plan to attend. Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for me and my guests (\$8.50 each  
including bus and dinner)

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

My Guest(s) will be \_\_\_\_\_

# JOHN K. STRICKLAND PROVIDES WEIGHTS AND MEASURES CHART --

## HANDY WEIGHTS AND MEASURES CHART

(Or all the measuring information you have always wanted, but were afraid to ask for lest you get a chart like this one.)

### American Fluid Measure

80 drops = 1 teaspoonful (tsp)  
 3 tsp = 1 tablespoonful (tbs)  
 2 tbs = 1 fluid ounce (fl. oz.)  
 8 fl.oz. = 1 cup  
 2 cups = 1 pint (pt.)  
 2 pts. = 1 quart (qt.)  
 4 qts. = 1 gallon (gal.)

### American Dry Measure

3 tsp. = 1 tbs.  
 16 tbs. = 1 cup  
 2 cups = 1 pint  
 2 pts. = 1 qt.

### Dilution of Liquid Pesticides at Various Concentrations

Dilution	1 Gallon	3 Gallons	5 Gallons	15 Gallons
1 Part in 100	2 tbs.+ 2 tsp.	½ cup	¾ cup + 5 tsp.	1 cup + 3 tbs.
1 Part in 200	4 tsp.	¼ cup	6½ tbs.	½ cup + 2 tbs.
1 Part in 400	2 tsp.	2 tbs.	3 tbs.	4 tbs. + 2½ tsp.
1 Part in 800	1 tsp.	1 tbs.	1 tbs. + 2 tsp.	3 tbs. + 2½ tsp.
1 Part in 1000	¾ tsp.	2¼ tsp.	1 tbs. + 1 tsp.	4 tbs.

Equivalent quantities of dry materials (wettable powders = wp) for various quantities of water, based on manufacturer's recommended pounds to 100 gallons.

Water	Quantity of Material					
100 gals.	1 lb.	2 lbs.	3 lbs.	4 lbs.	5 lbs.	6 lbs.
25 gals.	4 oz.	8 oz.	12 oz.	1 lb.	1 ¼ lbs.	1 ½ lbs.
5 gals.	3 tbs.	1½ oz.	2½ oz.	3¼ oz.	4 oz.	5 oz.
1 gal.	1 tsp.	2 tsp.	1 tbs.	4 tsp.	5 tsp.	2 tbs.

Equivalent Quantities (emulsion concentrates) For Various Quantities of water based on Pints per 100 gals.

Water	Quantity of Material					
100 gals.	½ pt.	1 pt.	2 pts.	3 pts.	4 pts.	5 pts.
25 gals.	2 fl. oz.	4 fl. oz.	8 fl. oz.	12 fl. oz.	1 pt.	1¼ pts.
5 gals.	1 tbs.	1 fl. oz.	2 fl. oz.	2½ fl. oz.	3 fl. oz.	3 fl. oz.
1 gal.	½ tsp.	1 tsp.	2 tsp.	3 tsp.	4 tsp.	5 tsp.

-- Austin Gardener

YOU CAN'T BEAT PETUNIAS

No other plant has the wide range of color, few have the variety of flower sizes, none shows off more dramatically. The hybrid petunia has moved from a small-flowered, fussy annual, to an extravagant bloomer equally at home in mass plantings, snuggled around green shrubs, cascading from hanging baskets and decorating window boxes.

Selective breeding to develop F<sub>1</sub> varieties has resulted in the expansive blooms characteristic of the single grandifloras, the carnation-like fullness of the double grandifloras, and the prolific blooming qualities of the hybrid multifloras. To fill a hanging basket, select a 'Cascade' variety. Remember 'Bouquet' if doubles are desired. Bicolors provide double interest. F<sub>1</sub> hybrids are available in color combinations from ruffle color accents to stripes.

Whether you buy petunias from the garden center or start your own, pinch out the first flower bud. This allows the side shoots to develop, forming a denser, more floriferous plant. Although this will delay first flowering by 7 to 10 days, the results all summer will be more than worth it.

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Weather means more when you have a garden. There's nothing like listening to a shower and thinking how it is soaking in and around your lettuce and green beans.

When you have done your best for a flower, and it fails, you have some reason to be aggrieved. -- Frank Swinnerton

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