

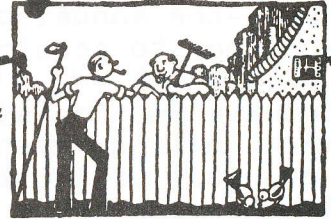


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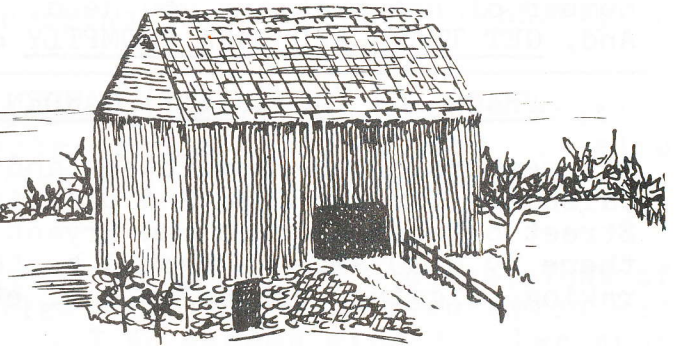
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AUCTION

PLAN TO COME!



POTTED & GROWING ROSE BUSHES

• CLIMBERS • HYBRID TEAS • FLORABUNDAS

POTTED & GROWING
TREE ROSES

COMPARE
AT \$21.95

MANY COLORS POTTED
HARDY RUGOSA ROSES

COMPARE AT \$6.75

LEMATIS VINES

POTTED PEONIES

MANY
COLORS

BLEEDING HEARTS

AZALEA, NORTHERN LIGHTS

AZALEA, MOLLIS

2 GAL
POT

VEGETABLE PLANT SALE!

- TOMATOES
- CUCUMBERS
- PEPPERS
- BROCCOLI
- CAULFLOWER
- HOT PEPPER
- CABBAGE
- ACORN SQUASH
- BUTTERNUT SQUASH
- MUSKMELON
- WATERMELON
- PICKLING CUKES
- CHERRY TOMATOES
- BURPLESS CUCUMBER
- ZUCCINI SQUASH

YOUR CHOICE OF COLORS
GERANIUMS

JIFFY
7
POT

Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis

Annual Plant Sale and Auction

Tuesday, May 15, 1984

Linden Hills Park Recreation Building
43rd & Xerxes Avenue South

POTTED & GROWING PERENNIALS

COMPARE AT \$1.29 OR MORE

CHOOSE FROM MONEY
PLANTS, SCABIOSA, BABY'S
BREATH, ASTERS, MUMS,
SWEET WILLIAM, SHASTA
DAISYS, VERONICA, ICE-
LAND POPPY, ORIENTAL POP-
PY, LUPINE, CARNATIONS,
PRIMROSE, ALLYSSUM, SE-
DUM, FORGET-ME-NOT, GA-
LARDIA AND OTHERS.

WHILE THEY
LAST!

Of Course, We May Not Have All The Advertised Items.

MAY 15, 1984*****PLANT AUCTION*****LINDEN HILLS PARK BOARD FIELDHOUSE
43rd Street at Xerxes Avenue South

Right now we are getting into gear for a busy gardening season. We are also getting set for one of the biggest events of the Men's Garden Club year--the annual plant auction. This is not only a fun event, but also a chance to acquire loads of material for your garden.

But the auction serves another very important purpose. It is our one big money raising event. Last year it enabled us to contribute \$350 to the arboretum, \$.150 to the Minnesota Horticultural Society building project, \$25 towards Arbor Day plantings, etc. In addition many of our regular events, such as the Dayton-Bachman Show dinner, the Christmas party, the MGCA convention delegates, received partial subsidy. This came to about \$950. Our net gain of over \$2400 from last year's sale enabled us to handle these without the necessity of raising dues.

The program will be the same as last year. FARMER'S MARKET for fixed price purchases from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. No earlier! DINNER at 6:00 PM. (The price remains the same as last year, \$4.00.) Then the auction.

So! Let's make this a real party. Bring in contributions for the FARMER'S MARKET--excess seedlings, perennial plants and cuttings, surplus tools and supplies, anything listed on the front page and more. Come ready to enter in and help us get rid of the stock of materials. Bring your wives and well heeled friends.

Everyone gets a reservation card this time. Be sure to indicate the number of reservations you need. We don't want anyone to go hungry. And, GET THAT CARD BACK PROMPTLY or you could go hungry.

FRAGRANCE (COMMUNITY) GARDEN PLANTING SET FOR SATURDAY JUNE 2

All members of the committee (and hoped for volunteers) please mark your calendars for the June 2nd planting day at our Fragrance garden on 19th Street between Aldrich and Bryant Avenues South. Do your best to be there by 9:00 AM. We should be through by noon. Bring garden tools for raking, digging, transplanting, etc.

TO ALL MGCM MEMBERS We need more help to properly maintain the garden during the summer growing season. If you are able and have time see us Saturday June 2nd or let us know of your interest. Likewise, WE NEED two treated timbers 6' long by 6" x 5". If you know of any available notify me. --Phil Peterson, Co-chairman

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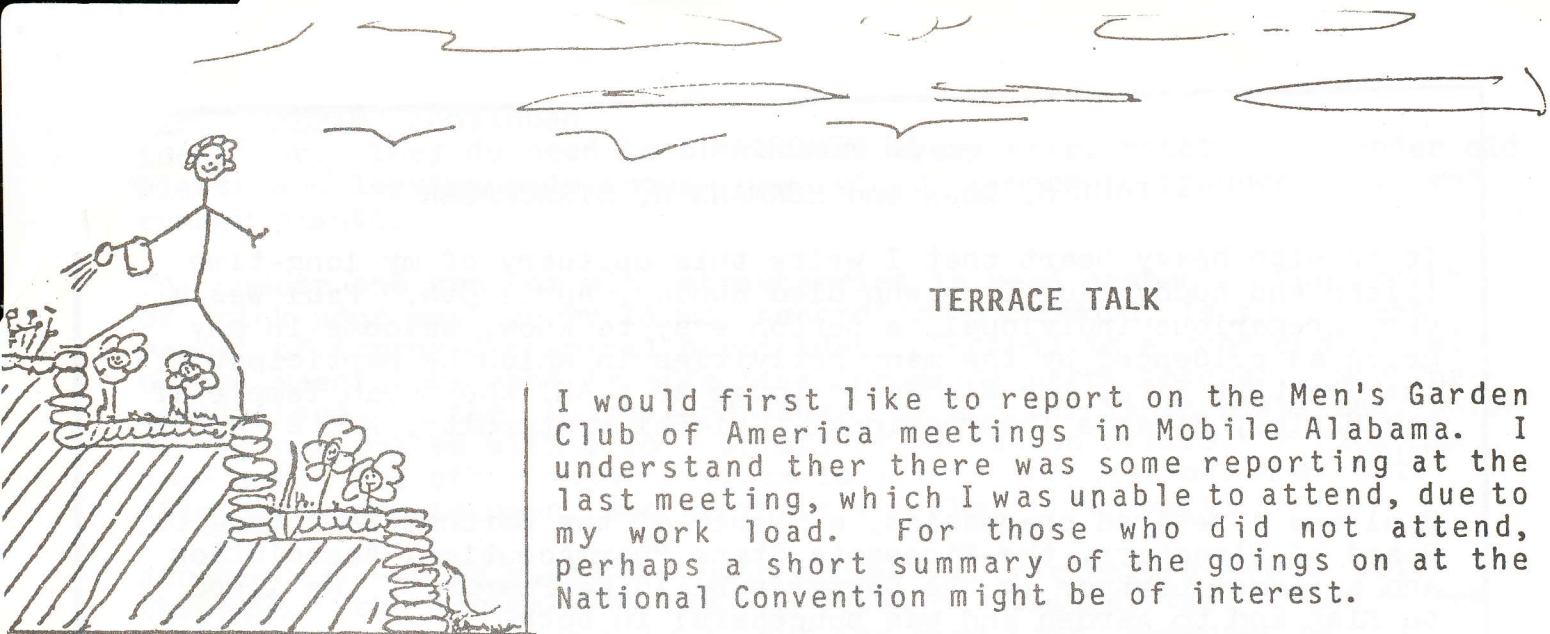
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ADDENDA The Watchung Hills, N.J. MGC is starting a monthly plant exchange between members. Members give lists of their wanted or available plants to their president and he acts as the go-between.



TERRACE TALK

I would first like to report on the Men's Garden Club of America meetings in Mobile Alabama. I understand there was some reporting at the last meeting, which I was unable to attend, due to my work load. For those who did not attend, perhaps a short summary of the goings on at the National Convention might be of interest.

Monday the first work day for the delegates (Minneapolis has four of us) was to take care of some routine business plus the nomination of officers. The "hot" item was the discussion of a standing rule which would allow the Clubs to decide who could be members. There were a few southern clubs in retirement communities which "strongly" encourage allowing women to join, and this subject was hotly discussed for ten minutes on each side.

The major item of accomplishment for our club at this meeting, was (as the club members instructed) a request by myself and Bill Hull to the National Convention Committee to hold the Convention in Minneapolis in 1988 or 1989. This was not acted upon at the convention but from the tone of the discussion, it appears we have no problem in either of those years, so we anticipate the Convention being in Minneapolis probably in 1988. BE PREPARED TO WORK!!

The second delegates meeting on Wednesday finished off the routine business. The new officers were elected and a written vote was also taken relative to the proposed standing rule. The standing rule was soundly defeated.

The morning of the second day was devoted to education - discussions of roses and other gardening. An excellent impromptu presentation was given by Albert Wilson - club member - T.V. garden expert. Two noon luncheon meetings were held and entertainment consisted of a discussion on gardening plus a dance act.

The "play" part of the Convention consisted of a tour of the Azalea trail, a four hour tour by bus with the viewing of a private yard area and a couple of public antebellum homes and yards. The flowers were blooming profusely and the timing of the Convention was as close to perfect as could be for the Azalea. The second "play" time was an evening seafood jamboree at Fort Conde. The food was delicious, except that it is difficult to eat in a courtyard in a torrential downpour. The rain "ruined" the party.

Another "play" time was a box lunch and tour of Bellingrath gardens. Janet and I were unable to attend due to our early flight home, but reports are that the box lunch and tour were beautiful.

See you at the auction. Bring money!!!

-Russ Smith

IN MEMORIAM

- PAUL S. DENN and HERMANN H. STRACHAUER -

It is with heavy heart that I write this obituary of my long-time friend and buddy, Paul Denn, who died Sunday, April 8th. Paul was a very gregarious individual, a person easy to know, welcome in any group as evidenced by the many activities in which he participated: the Scottish Rite, the Richfield Lodge AF & AM, the Zurah Temple of the Shrine, Kiwanis International, Chi-Phi Fraternity, Men's Garden Club.

Paul was a retired pharmacist, a member of the Northwestern Drug Co. Board of Directors, the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association and a former partner in the Doctor's Building Pharmacy. He liked to fish and to garden and was successful in both.

Paul will be missed by many people and especially the writer. As we grow older and the Grim Reaper cuts down our friends there is solace in the words of the unknown author, "For if tomorrow shall not come; Or never be at all; I've had at least today."

--George W. Smith

When calling his list of members to tell of Paul Denn's death Robert L. Smith learned that Hermann H. Strachauer had died in February. Mr. Strachauer joined MGCM late in 1983 so was listed as a 1984 inductee. Only a scattering of members had an opportunity to become acquainted with him during that time so we were unaware of his illness or death.

We have since been told he was an accomplished musician who played in the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra; that he had once headed the Edina park system and that a park there was to be named for him. Upon retirement he moved to Florida. With his wife, last summer he came back to visit. Mrs. Strachauer died while here so Hermann decided to remain to be near his three daughters.

SMALL FRUITS THE TOPIC AT MARCH MGCM MEETING

Reported by Andy Marlow

David Bedford, Research Scientist at the University of Minnesota's Horticultural Research Center in Excelsior, brought both slides and some very up-to-date information on growing strawberries and other small fruits to our March meeting. He began by pointing out the painfully obvious fact that hardiness is crucial to growing small fruits in our part of the country. Hence, he recommends buying Minnesota grown plants whenever possible. The Research Center and other parts of the University's Agricultural Extension service continually try all varieties of small fruits and share their results in Ag Extension Bulletins, available from your county Extension Agent.

Strawberries are the most widely grown small fruit in the state. They are relatively easy to care for and produce good yields. A winter cover of mulch will protect the plants, but a good snow cover is the best

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ARCH MEETING continued

insulator. They do need to be renewed every year, rototilling under old plants and leaving only enough new, vigorous ones to produce fruit and runner plants.

The number one problem with strawberries is weed control. The growth of "pick your own" berry farms, according to Bedford, is the direct result of improved chemical herbicides. Dacthal is a good choice, although weeding by hand is effective for small berry patches. Nubbins--small, hard, bitter fruits--are caused by the tarnished plant bug, which can be controlled with 2 to 3 sprays of malathion before the blossoms come out. The other major problem is a late spring frost that will allow blossoms to open, but prevents any fruit from setting.

Junebearers--which yield one main crop--and everbearers--with fruit throughout the season--are the two types of strawberries. Junebearers out-produce everbearers 2 to 1, but for many home gardeners having berries throughout the summer is more attractive than a larger crop. Bedford recommended the following varieties for the home garden:

TRUMPETER - developed by the U of M...one of the hardiest and best all around berries...a real "work horse".

SPARKLE - quality and flavor unsurpassed, especially for freezing...not real big.

RED COAT - very hardy...good yield...tarter than Trumpeter.

The everbearers, OGALLALA and FORT LARAMIE are good, also.

Raspberries are the second most popular berry crop in the state. They can be grown in hedgerows, on trellis or in hills. Weeds can be controlled by pulling and hoeing, using 4-6" of mulch, or with dacthal or princep. Like strawberries, thinning is necessary. After fruit is produced on the two year old canes, the spent canes must be pruned out and the one-year-olds thinned for a better crop. A major enemy of raspberries is a virus infection, spread by sucking insects. Curly, crinkly leaves and crumbly fruit are the symptoms. The only solution is to get rid of the plants.

Some recommended varieties are:

LATHAM - developed at U of M...high quality and good yield...prone to viruses...buy only certified "virus free" plants.

BOYNE - the #1 variety...very hardy even when free standing.

FALL GOLD - amber gold color...great tasting...not a big yielder...fruits on new canes in the fall and again the following summer.

HERITAGE - newer variety...also a fallbearer...available in most catalogs.

BRANDYWINE - a purple variety...a cross between red raspberries and non-hardy black raspberries...fruit the size of a quarter...plants grow 7-8' tall...two weeks later than the reds...number one yielder at Research Center.

Finally, Bedford talked about the two new blueberry varieties available in limited quantities this year: NORTHSKY - about 18"...for more northern areas of the state; and, NORTHBLUE - larger fruit...bigger yield...about 24"....a good landscape plant, too. Minnesota's climate is hard on blueberries and even the tough native plants must have snow cover to survive. University scientists domesticated some of the wild plants, crossed them with commercial high-bush varieties and got half-high plants short enough to be covered with snow most winters, yet requiring less stooping to pick.

OTHER CLUBS

THE SAN ANTONIO MGC has started a Children's Garden at the San Antonio Botanical Center. We quote from their bulletin received some months ago. "We have decided that we will have eighty youth gardeners, ages eight to twelve. We will need one adult supervisor per six children...The children will be divided into groups, AM and PM, with each group working more or less two hours. That means that the adult supervisors will donate about three hours per week on Saturday,...

"We intend to charge the parents of the child ten dollars to enroll in the program. This will be non-refundable and any child that drops out will be replaced by a child from an alternate list at no expense to that child.... Where a child wishes to enroll and there is a financial hardship, exceptions will be made after evaluation. Enrollment money will be monitored in a separate fund by our Men's Garden Club treasurer. From this fund expenses will be met. Any monies remaining will be expended in a rewards program, like a Youth Vegetable Show.

"The Children's Garden will provide all material to include tools, compost, seeds, etc. Only issued seeds will be planted. Participants will keep a diary of events notebook and will record produce weight. Organic methods will be employed. A roster of substitute supervisors will be maintained....

"There will be a spring and fall session with a prolonged summer hiatus,... The garden will be plowed by the Botanical Center and the pathways between the three feet wide beds and the ditches will be filled with compostable material."

Now is the time to be alert for men who ought to be members. You know a friendly invitation brings results. Watch for men out in the mud planting peas (or uncovering roses).

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