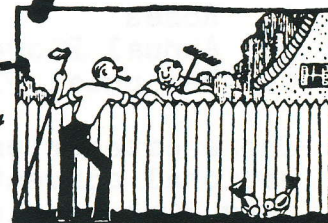




# The Garden Spray

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## MEN'S GARDEN CLUB of MINNEAPOLIS DINNER MEETING

6 P.M., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 1983 -- \$5.00 and, as usual, at

LAKE HARRIET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 49th ST. at CHOWEN AVENUE SOUTH  
(Nominating committee will present MGCM officers for 1984)

PROGRAM -- DR. ORRIN TURNQUIST has chosen for his TOPIC,

"IS IT A FRUIT OR A VEGETABLE? --

A DISCUSSION OF DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES."

You can't afford to miss this talk. "Clint" really "knows his onions" so there can't be an argument but you may ask how come?

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## WE ARE INVITED TO KLIER'S NOVEMBER 25

MGCM member Howard Klier extends his annual invitation to all MGCM members to gather for an informal evening at his place of business, Klier's Nursery, 5901 Nicollet Avenue, on Friday November 25th (The day after Thanksgiving). Come any time after 6 P.M. Wives and friends are included in the invitation.

We will spend the evening making Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, etc. for our own use. Help will be available for neophytes so inexperience need not keep you away. Bring your own materials or purchase there as needed.

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THE CHRISTMAS PARTY is set for Tuesday, December 6th. Mark your calendar. See colored sheet inside for details.

VOTE FOR FRED. Tuesday, November 8 is the deadline for the receipt of ballots for president and vice-presidents of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. MGCM member Fred Glasoe is running for president of the society. Just because there is no listed opposition doesn't mean your ballot isn't needed. If few people vote a write-in candidate could win. SO, Get out your Horticulturist for October/November 1983; cut out the ballot on page 251; and, mail it in before November 7. VOTE FOR FRED!



## MGCM SLIDE COMPETITION

As announced at the September and October meetings, bring to the November meeting your 2x2 color slides taken in the last 5 years of flowers, vegetables and gardens. Our MGCM Photography Committee will appoint a judging committee to review the slides submitted for possible awards in the following categories:

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|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| A. Roses             | D. Bulbous Rooted Flowers | G. Vegetables    |
| B. Annual Flowers    | E. Miscellaneous Flowers  | H. Potted Plants |
| C. Perennial Flowers | F. Fruits                 | I. Miscellaneous |

These categories are patterned after the MGCA Slide Competition at the national convention each year. Winning slides will be shown at our January 1984 meeting and awards will be presented. Those slides will then be forwarded to MGCA for inclusion in the 1984 Slide Competition. Bring your entries to the November meeting and give them to Larry Catron. They must be original slides with the date showing and identified with the owner's name.

The MGCM Photography Committee will properly mark all winning slides for entry in the MGCA Competition and enter them by the February 1st deadline. Slides will be returned soon after the MGCA Convention, after duplicates have been made of the winning slides at the convention. Winning slides at the MGCA Convention are awarded trophies and ribbons and are shown at the convention. Wouldn't it be rewarding to have some MGCM slides shown at the convention and some awards come to some of our members? Please enter our club competition as the first step in getting an annual slide competition started and with hopes for national awards.

--MGCM Photography Committee  
Larry Catron, Co-Chairman

## INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

A meeting of the Indoor Light Gardening Special Interest Group will be held at Chet Groger's home, 6836 Creston Road, Edina, on Saturday, November 12, at 9:30 A.M. (Take Hwy. 100 or France Ave. So. to 70th St. So. and turn east from Hwy. 100 or west from France Ave. to Creston Road. Turn north 1 block.)

Discussion will include light equipment, propagation, indoor culture and special requirements. Members of this group now include Kent Canine, Archie Caple, Dale Durst, Carl Holst, Dan Jach, Ted Johnson, Darwin Price, Charlie Proctor, Al Rahlenbeck, Carmine Sacco and Doug Smith. If more members are interested in this Special Interest Group, please contact Chet Groger and join the group.

--Chet Groger, Group Chairman

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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5605 Grant Lorenz Rd.  
Excelsior, MN. 55331

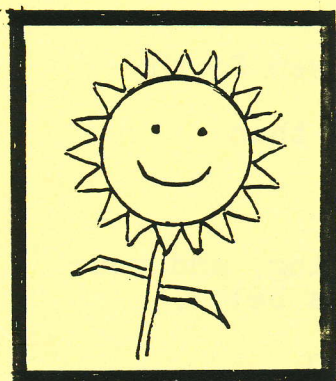
Gary Harwell  
1631 Adams St. N. E.  
Mpls., MN. 55413

Watering your african violets by using a meat baster will help you keep the water away from the leaves.

Spider mites can cause trouble on most any plant. Kelthane is a good control once populations build up to the point the plant is endangered.



## JUST AMONG US GARDENERS



November is, by tradition, the month of our club annual meeting and the conclusion of our business year. Most committee work is done and most projects are finished. Our one remaining function, the Annual Christmas Party, is the climax of our club year.

Our November meeting, besides having a good program, will include the election of 1984 officers, year-end announcements and a wrap-up of committee activity. As at any annual meeting, members are free to voice their opinion or suggestions for the betterment of the club. The new 1984 officers will gradually assume the club responsibilities during the transition period leading up to the January installation meeting and the start of a new club year.

As voted by the members at the September meeting and with the concurrence of the Men's Garden Club of Minnetonka, Sherm Pinkham was reelected as MGCA Director for the North Star Region. We all know how we value Sherm's service to MGCA, the Region and our Club, and the Minnetonka Club voted to ask Sherm to continue his good work. Sherm has made a good recovery from his recent surgery and is "up and at 'em" again.

Our Christmas Party is in good hands, those of Russ Backes and Bill Hull, and it is announced elsewhere in this bulletin. Every club member should, at some time, serve on this committee in order to appreciate the work which goes into the party. It is a fun project and the chance to work with other members in creating a gala event.

The MGCM Slide Competition is also announced elsewhere in this bulletin. It is the forerunner to the MGCA Slide Competition at the annual convention and many clubs have their own competition to select entries in the national competition. If you have original dated slides taken in the last five years of your garden, flowers, vegetables, fruits or potted plants, bring them to the November meeting or give them to Larry Cattron soon after. His Photography Committee will appoint judges to review the slides and make appropriate awards. The committee will handle the entry of winning slides in the MGCA Slide Competition. With the number of good photographers in our club, it is time that we join other good photographers from other clubs in the national competition.

Calendar sales this year stand at 1070, with the help of Sherm Pinkham's good order. A few extras may be available at the November meeting in case you need more. This project again brought about \$500.00 into the club treasury and allows us to continue our reduction of dues from a previous \$9.00 to the present \$7.00. Nationally, it has the effect of helping hold dues to the current level, even with the ever increasing cost of operation. Our club led in sales this year with Austin, Texas, right behind with 1000. Orders for 500 went to Raleigh, North Carolina, San Antonio, Texas, Akron, Stow and Van Wert, Ohio, and Rockford, Illinois. Most clubs ordered from 100 to 300 calendars. It is rewarding to have our club stand out in a national project such as this.

We will again be the guests of Howard and Ardis Klier on the Friday evening following Thanksgiving Day. Details are in this bulletin. We owe the Kliers an expression of gratitude for all of the parties they have given for our benefit over the many years.

As the Pilgrims did at the first Thanksgiving, we should all give thanks for the past gardening season and look forward to another good gardening season next year.

— Chet Groger

**Every Member Sponsors A New Member  
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CHRISTMAS PARTY - for Members and Guests

Tuesday Evening, December 6, 1983  
(The first Tuesday in December)

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 49th and Chowen South

Social Hour - 5:45 P.M.                      30 minutes earlier than  
Dinner                      - 6:15 P.M.                      last year

By reservation only - \$9.00 per person  
Your reservation, along with the names of people attending, and your check for \$9 each should go to Vic Lowrie at the address below.

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, November 30.

So act now.

There will be a number of door prizes awarded and, of course, each lady will receive a poinsettia to take home. What's more? A fine surprise entertainment living up to our usual quality. There is even a possibility of a super deluxe door prize which hasn't yet been confirmed but has the committee excited. Not the Super Bowl but you're warm.

We need to hear from everyone - whether or not you're coming.

So we need your action as follows:

- 1) To Vic Lowrie, your check and the names of all people attending--  
before the November 30 deadline.
- 2) To Vic Lowrie a note if you can't make it.
- 3) Turkey carvers check the appropriate place on the coupon.

Do it now.

Door prizes? Yes, if you bring them. Please do so and have them appropriately wrapped to be placed under the tree. How nice it would be if each of us bought a nice exchange gift for the tree.  
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Fill in the form below, detach and mail with your check to G. Victor Lowrie, 5025 Ridge Road, Edina, MN. 55436.

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for me for the MGCM Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 6th. My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_, payable to the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis is enclosed.

I am willing to carve a turkey. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Sorry \_\_\_\_\_ I won't be able to attend the Christmas party.

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of My Guests (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

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## OTHER CLUBS

EDUCATIONAL FUND: The Executive Committee of the Watchung Hills, New Jersey Club has approved the establishment of a separate bank account to be identified as the "Educational Fund". Starting with a \$500 allocation from the club treasury, needy causes are to be investigated, and it is expected that some will be awarded modest grants. At present the Executive Committee is looking into the possible need for horticultural books in local libraries with a view toward the Men's Garden Club of Watchung Hills possibly making such donations.

The Watchung Hills club also opened it's fall season with, "A cold-cut buffet supper at 6:30 P.M. sharp at \$3.50 per member. Each prospective member that you bring will be fed for \$1 per person in order to encourage participation in this get-acquainted meeting."

The Cortland New York MGC encourages members to bring plants for exhibit and judging at monthly meetings--"The October meeting will be the last opportunity to exhibit plants for judging. The member who earns the most points for the year will be awarded the Jebbett Trophy to keep for one year."  
--Cort-Land Sod Busters, October 1983

Here is a problem MGCM hasn't had to face as yet but we have experts like the Spokane MGC's Howard Hay. "Bud Allen's program failed to show but Howard Hay filled in by displaying some of his glads and gave us some advice from his long years of experience growing and hybridizing glads. He says plant bulbs 6" deep and hill them up at least 2" or 3" to help support them.  
--THE NITE-CRAWLER

### MGCM ANNUAL DUES FOR 1984

Your 1984 club dues are due and payable by December 1st and are considered delinquent if not paid by January 1st. The Garden Spray will be discontinued for delinquent members, as will the Horticulturist and the Gardener magazines. If you have any special circumstances concerning renewing your membership, please call the club president. We want you to renew your membership and be included in the Club Directory published February 1st.

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(Please return this portion. The information is needed for the Directory.)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Nickname	Wife's Name
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Address and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary Member: \_\_\_\_\_

MGCA Life Member: \_\_\_\_\_ MN. Hort. Soc. Dues paid to: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLOCATION: MGCM \$7.00; MN. Hort. Soc. \$7.00; MGCA \$10.00; Total \$24.00

Make checks payable to MGCM. Total Dues Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: George McCollough, Treas. Dues Already Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
8812 Tretbaugh Drive  
Bloomington, MN. 55431



## THE HYBRID GERANIUM

Prior to the introduction of the Carefree geranium in 1968, there was only one seed-grown geranium that produced a crop that was dependably true to color--'Nittany Lion', developed by Penn State University, a bright red introduced in 1965.

Then came the hybrid Carefrees from Pan-American Seed Company, followed by other varieties from several different geranium breeders. Now there are over 30 varieties in colors ranging from red and scarlet through coral and salmon, rose, pink, bicolours and white.

Hybrid geraniums have become an important commercial crop, and the issue of hybrid versus cutting geraniums is argued at every gathering of bedding-plant growers. Each type has its advocates, its advantages and its disadvantages for the commercial grower. For the average home gardener, however, experience seems to favor the hybrid (seed-grown) varieties for their vigorous summer-long performance.

The hybrid geranium has changed geraniums from essentially an early spring pot plant to a true bedding plant. Available as small plants hybrid geraniums can be planted like petunias in mass plantings for exciting color that lasts and even improves with the passing season. Unlike many cutting varieties, the hybrids thrive in summer heat, continuing to bloom through summer until hard frost hits them in the fall.

Whether you buy your geraniums as small plants in packs for mass planting, or as potted plants for tubs for accent planting, hybrid geraniums will give you brilliant color, good flower form and excellent performance all season long.

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