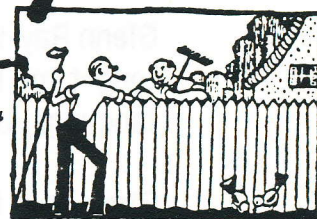




BULLETIN OF THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS, INC.

Member--Men's Garden Clubs of America • Minnesota State Horticultural Society

November 1986, Volume 44, Number 11



NEXT MGCM MEETING

TUESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 11th, 1986

LAKE HARRIET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHOWEN AVENUE SOUTH at 49th STREET

DINNER 6:00 P.M. PRICE \$6.00

GET YOUR RESERVATIONS TO DUANE REYNOLDS AT ONCE

PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1986

Peter Olin

- . Professor of Landscape Architecture
and Horticulture, University of Minnesota
- . Director, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

TOPIC: "The Arboretum in the 1980's"

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum was established and grew to its current size under the direction of Dr. Leon Snyder. It concentrated on the needs of the "small gardener" and became accessible even to the disabled and elderly under the leadership of Dr. Frances DeVos. Now in 1986 with the University's "Commitment to Excellence" the emphasis will shift again. Peter Olin, one of the premier landscape architects in the country, is focusing the direction of the arboretum towards research and teaching. He will preview the exciting new programs which are starting and give an update on the current status of the extensive research efforts already underway at the arboretum.

DUES FOR 1987

December 1st is time for collecting dues for 1987- so let's get them paid on time this year. We need to have all dues for 1987 paid before the end of the year so we can report our membership to Des Moines on December 31st and have the information to publish the club directory. Dues for

IMPORTANT: Be sure to fill in the form on the back page and turn it in with your dues. We don't have extra forms available.

Glenn Ray Shares Gardening Philosophy at October MGCM Meeting

reported by Andy Marlow

Glenn Ray is Executive Secretary of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and long-time member of MGCM. In the distant past, he was a teacher of the Russian language, but left education to pursue professionally his first love - gardening.

Glenn told his audience that he thinks there are but three kinds of people in the world:

1. most people, who never notice their surroundings
2. a smaller group, who do what is necessary to keep their yards in order
3. the very few devoted gardeners who put their souls into it.

He noted that these devoted few are ones who, if asked to name the 10 best days of their lives, would say 7 had been spent in the garden. Gardening touches all the senses. Gardeners hear the sounds of nature. They both smell and feel the soil. In fact, Glenn said, given the nature of modern farming, gardeners are about the only people left who actually work the soil.

According to Glenn Ray, there are many reasons given by people for gardening. Some say they grow vegetables to save money, but we all know how silly that is. Some want to improve the value of their property or upgrade the neighborhood. Some egotists say they want to grow the biggest tomatoe. Others say they garden to keep busy, but there are lots of other ways to stay busy. Glenn says the best explanation is a simple one -- "Because I like it."

Gardening is to Glenn the best escape from the tension and cares of the world. He noted that there is little alcoholism or drug addiction among gardeners. It's because gardening is their addiction. Statistically, gardeners live longer. They also live in one place longer than most people. And, they tend to have conservative habits -- conservative as in conservation, that is.

Glenn argues that a truly educated person is one who has learned to think, to read, to walk or run (to move properly), and to grow their own food and flower. He says gardening is one of our oldest art forms -- with the themes of garden and paradise woven through literature, painting, architecture, landscape, music and the like beginning with the "garden of Eden."

To illustrate his points, Glenn showed a series of slides which he has taken. Some of the pictures have appeared in the pages of the Minnesota Horticulturist.

They showed both the good and bad in our attitudes and actions in regard to the landscape, and amply demonstrated the difference between the three types of people Glenn had described at the beginning of his talk. I think those who attended this meeting left resolved to be the third type of gardener, which he described as a gardener with "soul."



BIG BOB'S CORNER

Mark the date November 29th and the time 6:30 P.M. on your calendar. This is the date that we will get together for a little fun and work. HOWARD KLIER and his crew at Klier's Nursery have generously offered to again play host to MGCM members and their guests who want to try their hand at making Holiday wreaths, centerpieces and other decorations. Please bring along pliers, wirecutters and lots of money to pay for the material. The Klier's will furnish the expertise, the snacks and beverages, and lots of good cheer. Go! Now! Mark the date and time. Don't wait until you finish reading the SPRAY. Klier's address is 5901 Nicollet Avenue. Remember this is the day after Thanksgiving--I will be looking forward to seeing you there.

During the past weeks we all have had a chance to try to sell our raffle tickets. Your enthusiastic participation in the selling of the raffle tickets is obviously going to be the key to the success of this fundraiser. This club has a lot of ability, talent and potential to make this raffle a tremendous success. As your President I am asking you to talk up and promote this raffle, your Club and to help sell the 1988 convention.

November is one of the months when the color of the leaves changes from green to orange, red, yellow, etc. But this year it looked like October did the color change and all that we have left are the bare trees. We may have most trees without leaves; but we can still enjoy what few colored leaves remain. I do recall back a few years ago when at this time of the year we took a drive south along the Mississippi River down thru Red Wing, Winona, etc. just to see the color. What a wonderful way to spend a day looking at Nature's way of landscaping the country.

On page 5 of this issue of the GARDEN SPRAY you will find information about the greatest event of the year for MGCM. This is the 1986 Christmas Party that will be held on December 9th, 1986 at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church (49th Street and Chowen Avenue South). Mark your calendar and send your reservations in early. There will be the annual turkey carvers' parade. All you turkey carvers sign up early. Bring along a gift to place under the MGCM Christmas tree. Make someone happy. It may be the only gift he will receive. The Christmas committee and I will be looking forward to talking to you at the party.

HINTS OF THE MONTH:

1. With the winter months just ahead and the gas heat coming on and off what better way to detect the presence of unburned gas in the air in your home than a pot of Irish Moss, a carnation plant or a dwarf tomato plant. All are susceptible to gas. If you have a pot of Irish Moss and its tiny leaves blacken on healthy stems have your gas appliances checked. The tomato plant indication is discoloration and downward turning leaves. The carnation will tell of a leak in a room even as cut flowers. The petals will curl up as though the bloom had gone to sleep.
2. Keep on trying to sell those raffle tickets -- Tell yourself that you will be the top salesman of the Club.
3. HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

DRIFT FROM THE SPRAYER

November 11, 1918, Armistice Day, the day fighting ceased in the "War to end all wars" there was a big parade down Nicollet Avenue in Minneapolis. S.A.T.C. regiments quartered in the old Exposition Building on the river at Central Avenue S.E. and in the Maxwell Building at 26th and Delaware S.E. marched from their barracks to downtown, paraded, then marched back again amid waving flags and to the huzzahs of a crowd the likes of which most of us had never seen. Girls followed us to the doors of our barracks where we were dismissed to be embraced indiscriminately. Why not? We were all young college boys mostly from out of town who had had scant time since September to meet, let alone to develop liaisons with, any of the local femininity. That day in the distant past still lives in the memories of some of us.

Generally November 11th doesn't mean much any more. It's just a spot on the calendar to most folks. But this year to you an MGCM member it means garden club meeting day. It's the day we elect officers and directors for the upcoming calendar year in addition to the food, fellowship and a good talk. Andy Marlow's committee will propose a slate. You may nominate others.

Richard Poffenbaugh editor of the GREENHORN (Mansfield Ohio MGC) takes the words right out of my mouth when he says, "Be certain to attend this meeting. Even though our membership roster is at an all-time high it hasn't trickled down to attendance at our meetings. The Oct. meeting had only 50 faithful members present, a mere 21% of the membership of 233. Let's improve on that mark for the upcoming meeting!" We here in Minneapolis do better by drawing 60 of our 126 members but it is still only 48%. Let's have 75 out on November 11th.

Hal McIntyre was surprised (and delighted) to pick up Fred Glasoe on the radio one recent Saturday morning and suggests we alert other new members to the program. What better way than to quote Stan Crist who in announcing Glasoe as speaker for the Minnetonka MGC's October meeting wrote in GARDENING IN MINNETONKA:

"Fred is a gardener extraordinary. By profession, he is a teacher of horticulture in the St. Paul Public School system. He has been actively involved for many years with the Minnesota Horticultural Society, having recently served as its president. If you are receiving the Minn. Horticulturist, you will have read his excellent articles which have appeared regularly for a number of years. If you have attended the Home & Garden Show at the Mpls. Auditorium, you no doubt have heard Fred giving gardening lessons in the area around the Hort. Society booth. His lectures have been one of the most popular items at the show. He has also served in a similar capacity in the Horticultural Bldg. at the State Fair. You may also have heard Fred on KSTP Radio Saturday mornings."

We put new member SID NYSTROM in the wrong town in the October SPRAY. Sid lives in SHOREVIEW, not Shorewood. We apologize. Zip code and telephone numbers were OK.

Howard Klier started his day after Thanksgiving holiday decorations workshop when he was a member of the Richfield MGC. When that group disbanded and joined MGCM Howard continued the workshop for our group. This is the 14th year he has hosted us. Put on your agenda: 6:30 P.M.--FRI. Nov. 29--At Klier's Nursery, 5901 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.

The evening primrose stands for inconstancy.



MBCA CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Tuesday December 9, 1986
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church
4901 Chomen Avenue South**

Social hour 6:15 p.m.

Dinner 6:45 p.m.

**featuring
The Parade of Turkeys ,
Music by the Metro Male Chorus and
the 1988 MGA Convention Raffle Drawing**

Enjoy a mouth-watering feast, take home a poinsettia for each
lady and win one of many fun door prizes!!!!!!!!!!!!

Member name: _____

Address: _____

Names of Guests (please print): _____

Are you willing to be a carver? YES ☐ NO ☐

Send this form, with your check to **George McCollough,**
8812 Tretbaugh Dr., Bloomington, MN 55431 by December 6

MGCM ANNUAL DUES FOR 1987

Your 1987 club dues are due and payable by December 1st. 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.
.....

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

Last Name First Name Middle Initial Nickname Wife's Name

Address and Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____ Honorary Member: _____

MGCA Life Member: _____ MN.Hort.Soc. Dues paid, if elsewhere, to: _____

ALLOCATION: MGCM \$7.00; MN. Hort. Soc. \$8.00; MGCA \$10.00; Total \$25.00

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

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



Return to
THE GARDEN SPRAY of MGCM, INC.
Edwin C. Culbert, Editor
5315 Portland Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417



MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS, INC.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Robert G. Churilla
3725 Lincoln St. N.E., Columbia Hgts. 55421
Vice-President: Robert C. Olson
2840 Glenhurst Ave., St. Louis Park 55416
Secretary: Duane A. Reynolds
7116 - 39th Ave. N., New Hope 55427
Treasurer: George H. McCollough
8812 Tretbough Dr., Bloomington 55431
Past-President: Andrew Marlow
10700 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka 55343

DIRECTORS:

Howard H. Berg
10107 Lakeview Dr., Minnetonka 55343
David O. Moehnke
2400 E. 125 St., Burnsville 55337
Charles R. Proctor
5205 Grandview Lane, Edina 55436
Joseph L. Stenger
5421 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis 55419

FIRST CLASS

To