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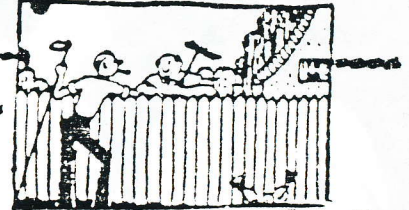
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TURKEY TIME

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

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TAKE TIME OUT NOVEMBER 8, YOU HAVE DUTIES TO PERFORM

It will be general election day. It will be garden club day. (Also garden club election day.) You can't afford to miss either. RUSH A RESERVATION TO RICK BONLENDER at 1816 W. Chestnut, Mpls. 55405. Bring a guest/potential member.

PROGRAM

CURRENT TRENDS, TOPICS, in LAWN CARE

SPEAKER: BOB MUGAS, Henn. Co. Ext. Service

Remember last summer's lawn problems? Now it's time to reflect on the drought and to think of our options for 1989. It's lawn seed catalog time for those green monocots. We could get into a discussion with Bob on seeding vs. sodding, on trends in fertilizer programs, or on other lawn care issues.

BONUS MINI-SESSION: RALPH GREILING on TREE PRUNING

Ralph is a private contractor with a degree in Forest Land Management. He trims the high stuff at the Arboretum. He will have tips for us about the do's and don'ts of tree trimming.

All this plus a good meal is yours for only \$6.00 at MGCM's third fall meeting which is to be held at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 49th St. & Chowen Ave. S., at 6 P.M. Tuesday November 8. So get that reservation in.

VOTE HORT SOCIETY BALLOT BEFORE NOV. 8

You are a member of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Vote the tear-out card ballot included in your October-November issue of the Minnesota Horticulturist. "We must have 600 ballots returned," says Fred Glasoe. Note that two MGCM members, Jerry Shannon and Bob Churilla are on the ballot.

Happy Thanksgiving

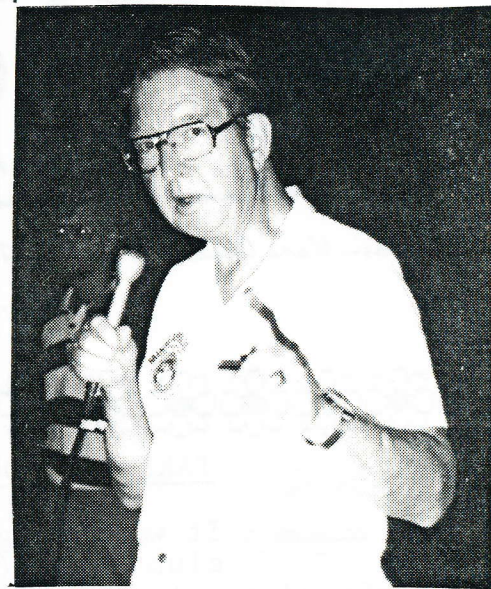




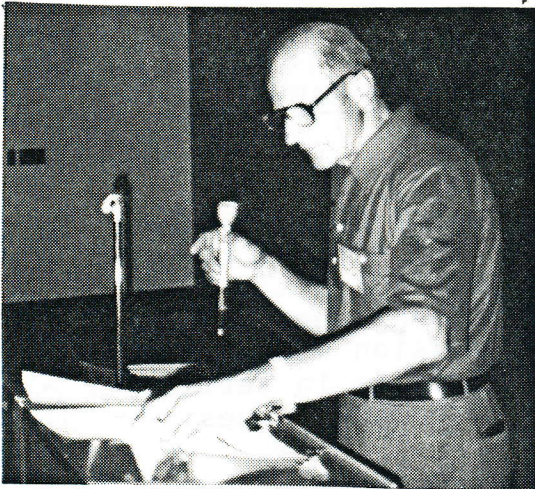
Dwight Stone inducts new member Reed Sonstegard



Kent Petterson regularly promotes our Fragrance Garden



Bill Hull has talked convention for four years



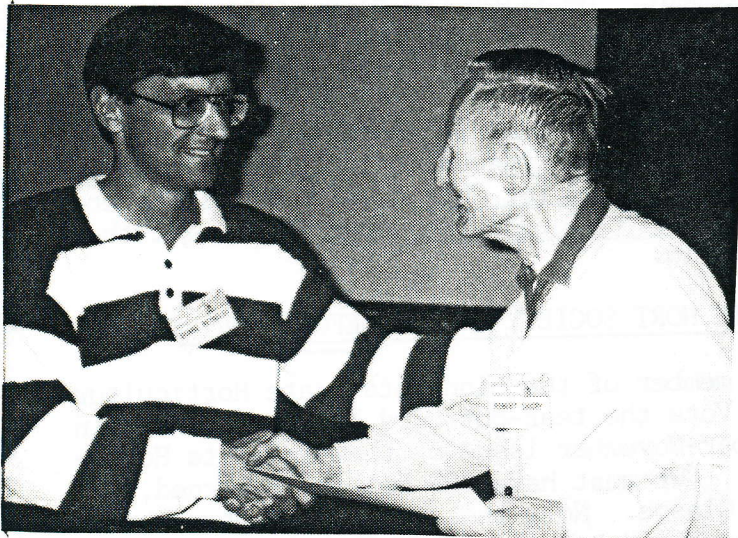
Bob Smith has years of garden records to talk about



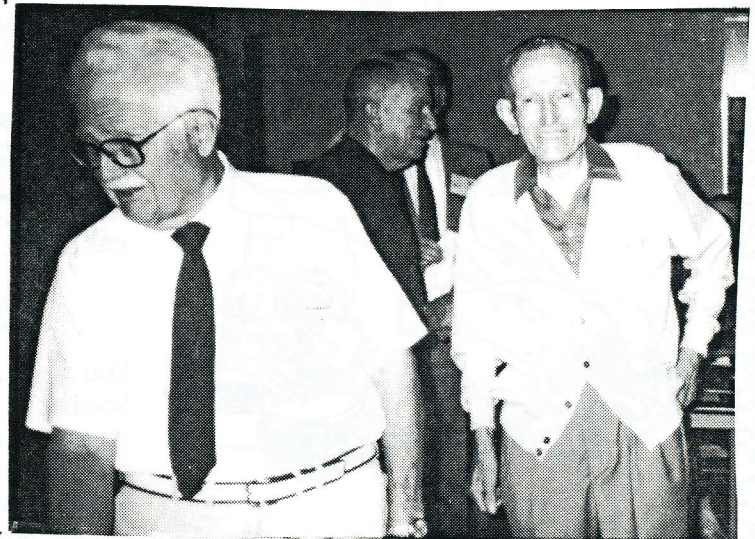
Dorothy Johnson, Executive Director State Hort Society



Ed Culbert always gives sample Sprays to visitors



Duane Reynolds presents honorary membership to Bob Savory



Ted Olson and Bob Savory at the October Men's Garden Club meeting

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

by Andy Marlow

The main speaker at the October meeting of MGCM was Bill Hull, General Chairman of the 1988 Men's Garden Clubs of America convention hosted by our Club last July. Bill delivered a final report on activities and presented certificates of appreciation to those men and their wives who made the convention such a tremendous success. Space doesn't allow me to include a complete list of those honored (nor could I write fast enough to get them all written down), but those of us who attended the convention know who they are and are extremely grateful for their contributions to this effort.

The evening's mini-session was presented by Dr. Robert C. Olson, who is an unabashed hosta fanatic. His fanaticism began with a visit to Bob Savory's greenhouse and a look at a specimen of the variegated Montana hosta. He bought a plant with but a single leaf, which is now some 46" in diameter.

Bob's collection has grown in number, as well as size, from that humble beginning. He says a common mistake with hostas, one he made at first, is to plant too many too close. They both look better and grow better spread out a bit. The setting they grow in is also important. Try setting them off with color from shade tolerant flowering plants such as impatiens, begonias, etc.

Hostas can be grown from quite small divisions (which is what you usually get when you buy them). Larger divisions (usually from friends and other collectors) tend to do better and get large faster. Divisions with at least three growing "fingerlets" are best. Bob says you can use a long-handled bulb planter to pluck out a good sized division. For larger divisions, use two spading forks to force the plant apart at the roots -- keep one part and the give the other away. The best time for dividing is early spring, when the shoots are first showing, but be careful, as stepping on an emerging shoot can doom the plant for the season.

Hostas are tough, hardy plants that can survive most garden conditions. They do like lots of organic material in the soil, and, when you consider they can stay in the same location for decades, be generous with peat moss, well composted leaves or well rotted manure. Bob recommends buying the latter in bags at the garden center. They also need adequate moisture. Their edges will turn brown from lack of water.

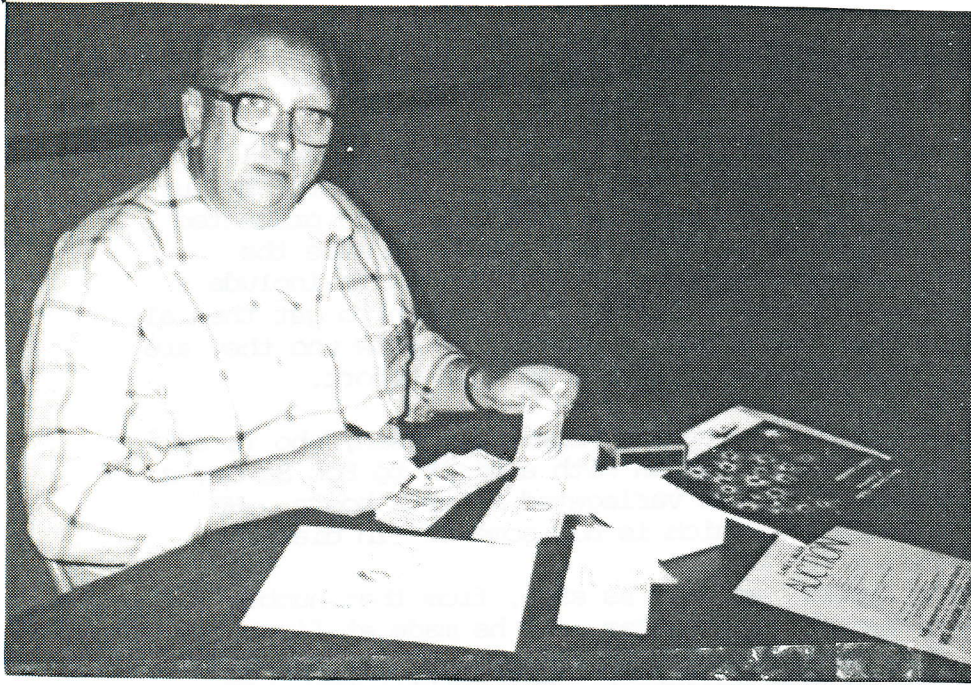
Olson fertilizes his plants in early spring, again, about the time the shoots first begin to show. He sprinkles 10-10-10 around the plant like salt and pepper on food. He says to be careful, though, not to get the fertilizer on the leaves. It can burn them. Bob says hostas may not really need fertilizer, but he feels better if he puts some down.

The only pest that bothers the hosta is the slug. In fact, Bob calls the slug a hostas "mortal enemy." He uses some slug killer he gets from his mother-in-law in San Francisco, either Corry's Slug and Snail Death or Deadline. Other preparations work, he says, but not nearly as well.

He concluded his presentation with slides of some typical and some outstanding varieties. Bob says trying to pick a favorite is like trying to pick a favorite child -- something he just doesn't want to do.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Douglas J. Madsen 822-0517
5424 Girard Ave. S., Mpls. 55419



MULCH:

A FUNNY WORD
THAT REAL
GARDENERS
TAKE SERIOUSLY

Howard Berg wants you to pick
up your MGCA calendars at the
November meeting without fail.

M G C M CHRISTMAS PARTY

AND

PARADE OF TURKEYS

WHEN: TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 1988

WHERE: LAKE HARRIET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Chowen Avenue South and 49th Street

RECEPTION 6:00 DINNER 6:30

PRICE \$12.00 PER PERSON

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS DECEMBER 9, 1988

Reservations should be sent by 12-9-88 to: Duane Reynolds
7116 39th Avenue No.
Make checks payable to MGCM. New Hope, Minn. 55427

I plan to attend. Reserve _____ place(s) for me at \$12.00 each.

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Signature _____ My guest(s) will be _____

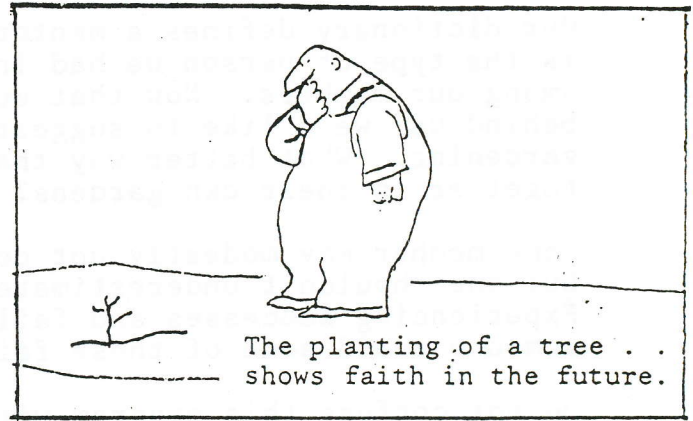
I will carve turkey. YES _____ NO _____

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our November meeting we will have sign up sheets for next years committees. See the Spray for committee descriptions.

I'm also asking members to pay their dues now, so our directory can be printed and ready for the January meeting.

The committee sign-up sheets can be sent to me with the Christmas registration, dropped off at the November meeting or at the Christmas party. Plenty of opportunity. The rest is up to you.



Don't forget to sign up for the Parade of Turkeys. Henry Halvorson will play the Grand March on the piano. We will need about eighteen carvers to carve the turkeys. If you are a new member, all you need to do is volunteer to carve. The rest is easy.

An event that I highly recommend is the wreath making party at Howard Klier's Nursery, the day after Thanksgiving. Bring gloves, wire cutters and pruners - wives, friends and neighbors are all invited. It's a great opportunity to meet and joke around with club members. See you there.

HAPPY GARDENING

ATTENTION: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING PARTY AT HOWARD KLIER'S

When: Friday November 25, 1988

Where: Klier's Nursery
5901 Nicollet Avenue South
Minneapolis

Time: 6:30

All the materials to make wreaths, centerpieces or other festive decorations will be available. Bring wire cutters, hand clippers or other tools to cut pine boughs and the wire used to secure the boughs.

MENTOR GARDENERS

Our dictionary defines a mentor as a "wise and faithful counselor". This is the type of person we had in mind in proposing a mentor gardening program among our members. Now that our truly successful 1988 MGCA Convention is behind us, we'd like to suggest that the club get back to the basics of gardening. What better way than through a program that can get our members together in their own gardens?

Some member may modestly not consider himself "a wise and faithful counselor" but one shouldn't underestimate what he may have to offer other members. Experiencing successes and failures is a great teacher. Maybe you can help someone avoid some of those failures.

Do not confuse this program with the Master Gardener Program, for which training is required to participate. No outside training will be offered or required and no minimum hours of service are necessary. What will be needed is an interest in sharing, a willingness to help other members to improve their gardening.

Here's how we envision this program implementation and operation:

- 1 - When you renew your membership for 1989, take a moment to indicate if you are interested in being listed as a mentor. Along with this, indicate the areas in which you have experience.
- 2 - These areas of interest will be listed in the roster for 1989 beside your name.
- 3 - Your listing is not an open invitation for someone to show up at your home, but rather an indication that you are available through mutual agreement or invitation. Common courtesy is in order here.
- 4 - Those of you who will be working with a mentor have a chance to enrich your gardening. This program is for you. Mentors cannot mentor without someone seeking their help.

If you have any ideas to add or questions, please let us know.

-- Kent Petterson, A Gardener

FRAGRANCE GARDEN

Saturday, October 8th, the following members gathered for our fall cleanup. Phil Peterson, Ger Rothen, John Mondati, Dale Durst, Duane Johnson, Joe Stenger, Walt Gustafson, Jack Kolb, John Moon, Merle Pulley, Lloyd Nerburn, Glen Bartsch, Larry Cattron and Kent Petterson spread compost provided by the city after a general cleanup. Lilies donated by Bachmans through Fred Glasoe were planted. Many thanks for all your help this year.

--Kent Petterson, for the Figs

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- The average U.S. annual potato crop is enough to cover a 4-lane super highway circling the world 6 times.
 - The two major reasons for loss of perennials are rot from excess water in the planting site and alternate freezing/thawing during winter/spring thaws.

COMMITTEES

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

Arbor Day Committee:

To select and arrange the planting of a tree on Arbor Day in the metropolitan area.

Auditing Committee:

To annually audit all records of the club - guide record keeping procedure to Treasurer - give annual club audit.

Awards/Trophies Committee:

To monitor and account for all awards/trophies issued by the club - to establish criteria for awards/trophies - all engraving and to make presentations at the appropriate event and/or at designated award/trophy meetings.

Bronze Medal Committee:

Composed of the current recipient as chairman and the last previous four recipients. To award the Bronze Medal at the Christmas party to a member in recognition of outstanding service during the year.

Calendar Committee:

To work with membership in the sales of MGCA calendars and their distribution.

Christmas Party Committee:

To plan and make all arrangements for the club's annual gala event - the grand finale of the year - the Christmas Party.

Community (Fragrance) Garden Committee:

To plan and organize planting, rework (as authorized) projects and maintenance of the garden area and to supervise actual work of planting and maintenance - to maintain photographic exhibits of committee activities.

Flower/Vegetable Show Committee:

To plan, promote, supervise and make all necessary arrangements for the club's annual flower/vegetable show.

Garden Spray Committee:

To accumulate reports, news of club members, garden articles, etc., and to assist the Editor in the publishing and distribution of the monthly bulletin of the club.

Historian:

To write, maintain records of all events, activities, functions of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, to include community activities, functions and events worthy of recording.

Hospitality Committee:

To greet new and old members at each club meeting - making everyone welcome - to issue and collect name tags - special handling of guests - assist treasurer in collection and tallies of dinner and other monies - issuance of meal tickets, maintain reservations/attendance roster - to offer/arrange assistance in the form of transportation of members with those problems - coordinate functions with the Membership Committee - maintain a telephone committee to inform members of meetings and special events.

Membership Committee:

To assist new members in attendance at the meetings, introduction, hosting. To assist club board to gain and maintain membership - promote the club and all its activities. .

Nominating Committee:

Composed of the present club President and the past five club Presidents who will solicit and select from within the club membership individuals to fill the offices of President, Vice President (program chairman), Secretary, Treasurer and four Directors. Every attempt will be made to upgrade the current membership of the Board and replace two directors each year.

Photography Committee:

To plan, promote and solicit progressional photos of member's flower and vegetable gardess, landscape projects, decks and patios and other gardening interests - to include club projects and special tours as to have available for presentation to club membership in the course of monthly scheduled meetings.

Raffle Committee:

Conduct raffles at monthly meeting - awarding garden oriented prizes.

Spring Plant Auction Committee:

To plan, solicit and obtain plants and materials; select the site and stage the production of the annual spring plant sale and auction as a fund raising activity for club projects and obligations.

Sunshine Committee:

To keep in touch with members who are hospitalized or ill - send appropriate get well cards signed by members - sending of plants/flowers as directed - to use hospitality calling committee for emergency notifications.

Tour Committee:

To select gardens for summer tours; visit ahead of time the gardens to be toured; to make arrangements for transportation and all special requirements for the tour.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

Committee Preference

To All Members:

The vitality of MGCM is directly proportional to how actively you participate on the club committees. All members are urged to serve on at least one committee and to volunteer to chair a committee of special interest to them.

To get involved is to get to know your fellow club members. And getting to know your fellow club members is an important part of feeling a part of the club. Please check the committees on which you would be willing to serve and indicate any committee you would be willing to chair.

	<u>Would Chair</u>	<u>Would Co-chair</u>
___ Arbor Day Committee	___	___
___ Auditing Committee	___	___
___ Awards/Trophies Committee	___	___
___ Calendar Committee	___	___
___ Christmas Party Committee	___	___
___ Community Garden Committee	___	___
___ Flower & Vegetable Show	___	___
___ Garden Spray Publication	___	___
___ Hospitality Committee	___	___
___ Membership Committee	___	___
___ Photography Committee	___	___
___ Plant Auction/Sale Committee	___	___
___ Raffle	___	___
___ Sunshine Committee	___	___
___ Tour Committee	___	___
___ Telephone	___	___

Member's Name _____

NAME _____

MGCM DUES 7.00

ADDRESS _____

Minn. Hort
Society dues 10.00

MGCA dues 15.00

Home Phone _____

32.00

Business Phone _____

Wife's Name _____

Send form with payment to:

Joe Stenger
5421 Girard Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minn 55419☐ Hort. Society Life Member☐ MGCA LIFE Member
(Do not pay these if a life member)Are you interested in being a mentor gardener? ☐ yes ☐ noGARDENING INTEREST: Roses, Dahlias, Hosta, Gladiolus, Irises, Vegetables,
Perennial flowers, Annual flowers, Marigolds, Organic gardening, Lawns,
Composting, Shrubs, Fruits, Landscaping, Herbs, _____ Other.Return to
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