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## November Has Three Opportunities

#### **November 9th Dinner meeting**

• The dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 9th, will have a program entitled:

#### Questions and, Hopefully, Answers

You provide questions and a panel of our members will provide the answers. Write down questions and bring them to the meeting. If you don't bring any questions, it will be a short program. You can even ask questions anonymously this way. Remember there are no dumb questions, only dumb answers.

• The November meeting is also our annual meeting. Business to be transacted:

- By-law changes
- Election of Officers and Directors

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Place:	Lake Harriet United Methodist Church		
	49th and C	Chowen Avenue South	
Time:	Dinner:	6:30 PM	
	Business:	7:00 PM	
	Program:	7:30 PM	
Cost:	\$9.00 if reserved in advance		
	\$10.00 at the door if extra meals are available		



#### **November 20th Bachman Tour**

A tour of the Bachman greenhouses in Lakeville facilities on Saturday, November 20. You will see acres of poinsettias in bloom. This is a sight that you may not get another chance to see. We will be going by bus, thus we need your commitment by November 15th. The bus will leave at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Sign up at the November 9th dinner meeting or send your reservations to Kay Wolfe (see page 10 for reservation form and other details). Spouses welcome.

#### November 26th A Make a Wreath Party

Come and make a wreath at Klier's Garden Center on Friday, November 26. No reservations needed. Bring a friend. See page 10 for details.

### Permanent reservations are in effect for the November 9th Dinner Meeting

The permanent reservation list will remain in effect for this meeting. Check your mailing label. If it has a "p" or "pp" (one or two reservations) you are on the permanent list. If there is no "p" on your label, you are not on the permanent reservation list and must notify Mary Maynard by Friday, November 5, to be assured a place at dinner. If you are on the permanent list and will not attend, you must notify Mary by the same deadline or risk being responsible for the cost of your dinner. Mary can be reached at 612-926-7506. Leave a message on her voice mail if you can't reach her in person or send her an e-mail at mary.j.maynard@healthpartners.com. If you have reserved a dinner and on Monday or Tuesday you have an emergency where you find you can't attend, call Howard Berg. If the reservation can be sold to late-comers or drop-ins, you will not be billed.



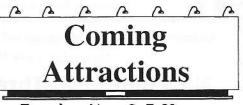
The Editor's Desk Chuck Carlson Managing Editor

I really want to thank Carleton Nelson and family who decorated our tables at the last meeting with those wonderful Dahlias. What a wonderful way to show our members what we grow in our gardens. They must have been a glorious display in your garden. Thanks, Carleton.

I was pleasantly surprised to receive a letter with an unsolicited article for the *Spray*. I was taken aback that it was an anonymous article, but I considered it well thought out and well written. If this was a critical type writing or one which espoused some unproven idea or was against something or someone, I wouldn't print it without a byline. But I am happy to print any articles written anonymously that are from your heart. *The Simple Life* can be found on page 9 and is signed *The Sentimental Gardener*. Since I can't thank you personally I am including the following open letter.

Dear Sentimental Gardener, Please send more. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Maybe others will respond, too. Thank You.

This also brings to mind another thought: *Be not afraid, just do it*. It may be agreeing to be an officer or a committee chair, writing an article, giving a program or having your garden on tour. I say *Be not afraid, just do it*. I had some trepidation agreeing to have my garden on tour, since we have such grand gardens in our club. But, we have to remember gardeners are nice people and appreciate any effort by our peers. I say again, *be not afraid, just do it*.



Tuesday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting Mary Maynard's house

**Tuesday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m.** MGCM Dinner Meeting -Annual Meeting Lake Harriet United Methodist Church 49th and Chowen Avenue South

Saturday, Nov. 20, 12:45 p.m. Bus Tour to Bachman's Greenhouse (See page 10)

Friday, November 26 Make a Wreath Party at Klier's (See page 10)

**Tuesday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.** Board of Directors meeting Ritchie Miller's house

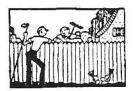
#### Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.

MGCM Holiday Party Lake Harriet United Methodist Church 49th and Chowen Avenue South

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## Overall In The Garden

by Eldon Hugelen, President MGCM

Loose, made of tough stuff, put both feet into it, extension over the chest and covers up something of more value—any one you know? No, these phrases describe an overall. Now if you think I'm going further in mixed company, I'm not.

But I will say I'm running into a lot of *garden enthusiasm* in this club. Maybe that's one of the privileges of being president.

> Talking with Rodger Sefelt under the pretense of Minnesota State Horticultural Society business (he is our board representative to the Society), I find he is growing some 25 varieties of Hydrangea. Blooming and winter protection are two major concerns for him now.

Dropping in on Kay Wolfe with *club papers*, I get a garden tour and see many changes, and actually

catch her at work.

Mel Anderson, after his caladiums won the Best of Show at the Flower, Food & Foto Show, offered to order some for next year's auction. With his expert potting techniques and the in-ground display shown to us by Kathy & Jack LoSapio on the August tour, these plants are worthy in the northern garden.

Checking with Walter Muehlegger on his house move, he tells me some lucky MGCM made homes for many of his peonies and other perennials.

I was delighted when Henry Halvorson called me last spring to see his azaleas in full bloom.

Asking Lloyd Mikkelson to set up tables and chairs for a dinner meeting at the church, he tells me his coreopsis didn't bloom this summer. In fact, mine didn't either. So maybe it wasn't me after all.

My point is this. Each member has his or her own garden goals, successes and experiences or some have had worthy garden experience in the past. This garden enthusiasm, when shared, makes a good garden club. It's even better if you're president.

Editors note: I like this sharing idea. Eldon was writing about one-on-one sharing, which I hope you do. But if you send your ideas to me, I can put them in the Spray to share with the whole club.

Have you sent in your membership renewal? If you haven't, just do it.

## Interesting Facts

20,000 plants are listed by the World Health Organization as being used for therapeutic purposes.

80,000 to 160,000 tons of olives are produced in California each year.

A single cymbidium orchid was sold in the USA in 1952 for \$4,500.

To make one pound of honey, bees collect nectar from two million flowers.



## October Program **Notes**

By Mary Maynard

Our speaker at the October dinner meeting was Dr. Harold Pellett, from the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the Landscape Plant Development Program. His talk was packed with information. I took notes like a wild woman, but there's nothing like being there to get the full effect. For just a hint of what Dr. Pellett's talk was about, here's what I can remember based on my notes:

Dr. Pellett is involved in both the University of Minnesota's (U of M) plant breeding programs as well as new programs initiated by the Landscape Plant Development Center, which is a separate organization located at the U of M Arboretum.

The U of M programs have produced a lot of new cultivars of trees and shrubs. Some of these are:

- 'Autumn Spire' maple, which has an upright form and great fall color.
- 'Northwood' red maple, which features and excellent branching habit.
- 'Autumn Splendor' buckeye, which has glossy green foliage throughout the summer and doesn't start looking shabby toward the end of the season.
- 'Cardinal' red osier dogwood. This was bred from native stock, all of which was collected within 20 miles of the Arboretum.
- 'Northern Sun' forsythia bud hardy to -30.
- 'Northern Pearls' pearlbush, which

blooms in mid-May.

- 'Stately Manor' Kentucky coffee tree — a male thus no seed pods.
- 'Honey Rose' honeysuckle-aphid resistant.
- 'His Majesty' cork tree—a male, with no messy black fruit.
- 'Princess Kay' plum
- 'Lights' azalea series, with bud hardiness of -30 to -45 degrees.
- 'Emerald Triumph' Viburnum—a little more compact.

Current breeding programs at the University include the following:

- Viburnums. Looking for smaller shrubs with glossy leaves and better fragrance. So far, the fragrance is eluding them. According to Dr. Pellett, all of the flowers stink so far. Good thing we grow them outside ...
- Deciduous azaleas. Work continues to complete the color range, especially true reds. Also, working on improving disease resistance. Some of the early introductions were quite susceptible to mildew.
- Shrub roses. Working to develop roses that are at least crown hardy, that bloom on new wood with continuous or repeat bloom, with excellent flower and plant quality.
- Red maples. Want good fall color, cold hardiness, good form. Have also done some hybridizing with silver maples. A cross between 'Autumn Spire' and a cut-leaved silver maple looks promising.
- Intergeneric hybridization of Pomoidae. I think this has to do mainly with Mountain Ash. Looking to develop small trees with resistance to fire blight and tolerance of heat and drought.

The Landscape Plant Development Center (LPDC) is a separate nonprofit

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Board Meeting Summarv

Margaeet5,11999rd, Secretary In attendance: Howard Berg, Chuck Carlson, Margaret Hibberd, Eldon Hugelen, Dave Johnson (Fridley), Mary Maynard, Tim McCauley, Ritchie Miller and Kay Wolfe **Reports** 

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The secretary's and treasurer's reports were presented and approved.

The Vice president reported that all programs through January 2000 are set

**Calendars:** Dave Johnson reported we have sold 303 out of the 501 we purchased.

Garden Spray: Chuck would be willing to be both the managing editor and the production editor if promised 2 articles per month.

Holiday Party: The committee is meeting October 20

**Perennial Garden:** Bob Redmond thinks things are being resolved. The Park Board will budget for watering and will apply a pre-emergent herbicide, Surflan, about May 1. Eldon mentioned that we do want to know if there is a real trial purpose to this garden. Margaret will talk to Neal Anderson at the University to determine the true status.

#### **Old Business**

• The Budget Committee, consisting of Eldon, Chuck, Ritchie, Carol Ann Brekke and Howard, will meet October 6.

- Kay and Chuck will work on committee descriptions.
- Mary reported they have a slate of officers to be voted upon at the annual meeting
- The board has approved changes in the By Laws and they will be presented for a vote at the annual meeting.
- Howard and Margaret attended and reported on the September 16 Arboretum meeting.
- The Board felt that the Northside Garden Club visit was positive and we would consider other requests.
- Clyde Thompson prepared an excellent Mid America Regional meeting which was attended by 42 individuals from Iowa and Minnesota.

#### **New Business**

- Howard Berg is chairing the fund raising for the Landscape Plant Development Center. To free up Howard's time for this, Dave Johnson (Fridley) has agreed to help with the Treasurer's work.
- The Giant Sunflower and Pumpkin contest will be at the October 12 dinner meeting.

#### Next Meeting

The November 2 Board meeting is at Mary Maynard's house (this is a change to what was published in the Directory)

> A gardener is someone who believes that what goes down must come up.

"What you see is what you get" Whoever made this quote has never ordered from a seed catalog.





Secretary Margaret Hibberd



## Annual Meeting

By The Board of Directors

The annual meeting will be held during the business meeting on November 9, 1999. The business at hand will be:

- Approval of By-law Changes.
- Election of Officers.
- Any other business arising from the members attending.

#### **By-Law Changes**

The By-Law changes were distributed at the October meeting and are available to any member on request. A summary of the changes to be presented are:

- An addition to the preamble delineating history of revisions
- Article I Section 1- Remove the membership committee from reviewing new applicants.
- Article IV Section 2 Change the title of Secretary to Recording Secretary, Add a Membership Secretary and reduce the number of Directors from four to three.
- Article V Section 1 Change Secretary to Recording Secretary and add a Membership Secretary.
- Section VI Section 1 Change the auditing committee to number two or more and remove the Membership committee. Also change appointed by the president to the president -elect.
- Section VI Section 2 Change it such that the auditing committee shall audit the books at the end of each year rather than at the completion of the treasures service.
- Section VI Section 4 Remove the entire section.

• Renumber Article VI Section 5 to be Section 4.

Note of explanation – Section VI changes having to do with the removal of the Membership Committee causes them to be removed from the By-laws and thus leaving it up to the board to create this committee, as it does with all others except the Auditing and Nominating Committees, which are specified in the By-laws.

#### **Election of Officers**

A slate of officers and directors has been selected by the Nominating Committee. The slate will be presented and voted upon during the November Annual Meeting as required by our By-laws. Please note that a new officer, Membership Secretary, is listed. This office is being created by a By-law change which will be voted on prior to the election. If for some reason this By-law change is rejected, the nominee will be elected as a director. The slate is as follows:

- President Ritchie Miller
- Vice President Carole Ann Brekke
- Recording Secretary Margaret
  Hibberd
- Treasurer Howard Berg
- Membership Secretary Jackie
  Overum
- Past President Eldon Hugelen
- Director Dave Johnson of Fridley (will also function as a backup treasurer)
- Director Tim McCauley
- Director Kay Wolfe

When your gardening is finished for the year, hose down your tools to eliminate dirt, sand away all rust, and rub all metal surfaces with oil. Wipe wood with linseed oil



### Calendars Still Available

If you haven't bought your 2000 calendars, just do it. A number are still available. They will be at the November Dinner Meeting for purchase. If you want to be sure you get some, call Dave Johnson (Fridley) Two of our members, Henry Orfield and Lloyd Wittstock, have photos in the calendar. But, you'll have to buy the calendar to their winning photos.

## Sunshine Report

#### By Phil Peterson

Wishing a speedy recovery to Grant "Bud" Christensen and Chuck Cutter, both of whom have been hospitalized at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital. Get well quick. We also wish Bill Hull the best in his new home at Walker Health Care Center.

## New plants for Y2K

#### By Chuck Carlson

The year 2000 (Y2K) All American Selections (AAS) have been announced. Maybe your planning for Y2K will take place in the next few months and you may want a list of new plants to use. So, here are the AAS winners and a few other new plants selected by the National Garden Bureau (NGB).

#### **AAS Winners**

 Cosmos 'Cosmic Orange' – It is only 12 inches high in full sun. It has bright orange two inch flowers that bloom all summer and into fall.

- Dianthus F1 'Melody Pink' It has Single pink blooms on long stems. Its mature height is about two feet and is heat and cold tolerant.
- Sunflower 'Soraya' The first Sunflower to receive the AAS award. It has four to six inch orange flowers with a brown center. Its height is five to six feet in full sun.
- Tithonia 'Fiesta Del Sol' This is a Tithonia of short stature, having a mature height of two to three feet. It blooms with two to three inch single orange flowers. Mary Maynard says it's a beauty.
- Vinca 'Stardust Orchid' This vinca has a orchid flower with a white center and a mature height of 15 inches. A must for the novice who wants a plant with a long flower show.
- Cabbage F1 'Savoy Express' An early Savoy (55 days) having a compact head of about 1 pound.
- Pea 'Mr Big' This is a superior garden pea with large pods and has a two to three foot indeterminate vines. It is also a high yield variety.
- Pepper F1 'Blushing Beauty' BB is a sweet pepper that blushes from ivory to pink to red. It grows to about 18 inches in height. A good pot plant and one you could put in your flower garden.
- Sweet Corn F1 'Indian Summer' This is a many colored supersweet corn that matures in 79 days. Hot and buttered, it would be a beauty on the table.

#### NGB New Varieties for 2000

• Calendula 'Fiesta Gitana Superior' – A double flower in shades of orange and yellow. It is compact, early flowering, and a true dwarf.

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### **October Program**

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corporation that is a cooperative effort with many groups around the world. The goal is to develop superior landscape plants tolerant of environmental stress. The man-modified environment is very stressful to trees. City trees, on the average, live for seven to fifteen years. There are very few organizations involved in breeding landscape plants. The LPDC makes selections under different climactic conditions. Then first generation (F1) hybrids are grown out at the LPDC research station (on 25 acres of land that was donated to the LPDC in Oregon). Advanced populations (F2, F3, etc.) will be planted out in various areas managed by the participating groups. Superior plants will be selected in the various regions and further evaluated.

The first breeding program that is underway is pears. Looking for a small ornamental tree that is cold hardy, has small insignificant fruit and tolerant of environmental stresses.

The second program is dealing with maples, specifically some of the Japanese maple types.

The third program, which is just starting, will be looking at developing bush forms of Clematis, with good freestanding form, good flower color and size.

Dr. Pellett pointed out that developing woody plants is a long-term effort that requires a lot of resources. A cooperative effort like the LPDC is the best use of scarce resources.

In closing he quoted Thomas Jefferson, who said, "The greatest service which can be rendered any country is to add another plant to its culture."

Whew! I made it to the end! It was a good, very informative presentation and we were happy to have Dr. Pellett visit us. We wish him well with the LPDC.

### New Plants for Y2K

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- Campanula longistylla 'Isabella'– This is a compact campanula 6 to 8 inches in height and blooms profusely with large bell shaped blue flower.
- Celosia 'Cramer's Amazon' A garden filler with a deep magenta flowers.
- Cleome serrulata 'Solo'– It blooms in 8 to 10 weeks with pink and white flowers.
- Gaillardia 'Painter's Palette' This bee attractor has big burgundy, yellow and bi-colors and blooms all summer on 30 inch stems. A Park exclusive.
- Impatiens 'Dazzler Rose Star' This Dazzler is a new color, light rose, with star markings. Flowers are one inch across.
- Impatiens 'Infinity Pink' This has two inch diameter flowers which are flat and round.
- Impatiens 'Impulse Pink Picotee' This Impatiens has shades of pink and rose with darker margins.
- Portulaca 'Margarita Mix' This Moss Rose has a mounding habit with large semi-double blooms.
- Viola F1 'Panola Panache' –It's a free flowering Panola, with early large flowers.
- Pepper 'Colossal' A large thick walled bell with green and red fruit.
- Snap Pea 'Sugar Sprint' This variety replaces 'Sugar Ann' & 'Sugar Bon' but stringless.
- Eggplant Hybrid 'Cloud Nine' This has a white bitter-free fruit that needs no soaking. An eggplant that matures in 75 days.
- Beet 'Bull's Blood' –The dark red to purple tops are perfect for a salad. The red roots mature in 55 days.



## **A Simple Life**

By The Sentimental Gardener

I live in a busy world. I sometimes long for the slower, sun-filled days that I shared with my Grandmother in her garden. The time would be in the 50s, just a half century ago! My Grandmother lived on a small farm in Wisconsin. Many would say that her home was stark, plain and drafty. I found it to be a place I was always welcome.

It was heated with wood and the plumbing consisted of a pump on the counter, adjacent to the sink. The wood stove heated water and transformed simple ingredients into wonderful meals. How I loved her homemade bread and tart crabapple jelly. Her choice of clothing was a pair of bib overalls and a mans tshirt. City folk just wouldn't understand the comfort in her fashion statement.

She had two passions in her life; one was music and the other gardening. Both were self taught and she shared both with many people.

Her gardens were filled with lovely flowers of all kinds, many common perennials and a few annuals just for fun. I especially remember her foxglove. How they stood so tall to me as a young child. She planted one three-quarter acre field of lovely cutting flowers to be visible from the road that passed in front of her property. People would stop their cars and purchase bouquets from her.

She would walk with me on foot worn paths through this garden and point out each new bloom. I think of all the wisdom she shared. I hope I remember it all. She was the one who planted the magic seed of gardening in my soul. Her summer days were filled with simple chores; planting, weeding, cutting and sharing her beloved flowers. Her life was filled with contentment. As I work in my garden I think of her often and know that she is smiling at my successes and helping me learn from my mistakes. I know one thing for sure, I will always have a foxglove somewhere in my garden and remember when I see that beautiful flower spire, a simple life.

### Thanks

From The Board of Directors

Thanks to Clyde Thompson and his crew for arranging and holding the

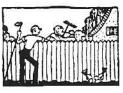
Mid America Region fall conference. It appeared to be appreciated by all who attended. The speakers were great, interesting and informative plus the lunch satisfied everyone's



appetite. Where else can you get four different talks, lunch and prizes for \$10. Our information indicated that the conferences in year 2000 will be at Fort Dodge and Des Moines.

If you can't explain service, quality or value to someone, try this. If you want nice, fresh, clean oats you have to expect to pay a fair price for them. If you can be satisfied with oats that have all ready been through the horse they come a lot cheaper.

from a Sawhorse ad



### **Christmas Decorations**

#### A Make a Wreath Party At Klier's Garden Center

Come on Friday, November 26 and join in the fun and make a wreath, a swag, a centerpiece or what ever your holiday decorations need. Bring a wire cutter and pruners. Everything else, including wire frames, various greenery, ribbons, and other accessories, is available from Klier's Garden Center at a nominal price. If you have never made a wreath come and learn how. There are a lot of people to give you advice and many good examples. Crimping machines are available or you can hand wire the boughs to a frame. It is a party with treats supplied by Klier's. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend. No reservations needed. A fun time is had by all.



Kliers's Garden Center 5901 Nicollet Avenue South Friday, November 26 Beginning at 5:30 p.m. until closing





### **Bachman Greenhouse Tour**

Reservation for a Tour of Bachman's Lakeville Greenhouses. See thousands of Poinsettias under glass. The bus Leaves at 12:45 PM on November 20th from Lake Harriet United Methodist Church parking lot at 49th and Chowen Avenue South. Bring your camera for a wonderful Photo opportunity. We will be back between three and four PM. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Sign up at the November 9th Dinner meeting or send your reservation to Kay Wolfe. Monday, November 15th is the last day for reservations.

### **Bachman Greenhouse Tour**

on November 20th

Name

Spouse\_

#### Reservations must be received by November 15th

Send \$5.00 per person and reservation to

Kay Wolfe, 2740 Florida Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55426-3330



### Annual MGCM Holiday Party Tuesday December 7, 1999

Place: Lake Harriet United Methodist Church Chowen Avenue at 49th Street Minneapolis Social Hour and Punch: 6:00 PM Dinner, Program and Awards starting at 6:30 PM

The entertainment for the evening will be The Accents A musical group accompanied by Beth Glasoe

We will end the evening with the usual giving of the greens

Cost: \$19.00 Reservations will close December 2

Bring nonperishable food items for the Food Shelf or a contribution for Toys for Tots

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