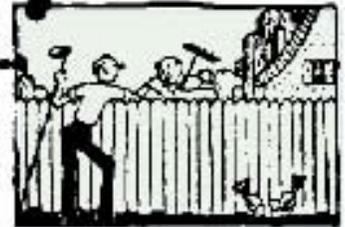




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Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Sept. 11th	LHC	Mike Heger
October	LHC	Steven Risen

LHC = Lake Harriet Church (4901 Chowen Ave. S., Minneapolis)

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church

Minneapolis Men's Garden Club September Speaker: Mike Heger - Ambergate Gardens

The speaker at the September dinner meeting will be Mike Heger, owner of Ambergate Gardens in Victoria, Mn., a popular destination for many years for gardeners looking for that very special perennial. Mr. Heger will speak on the topic, "Fact or Fiction - Comments on some recently introduced perennial flowers."

"Each new gardening season brings a plethora of new perennial introductions," Heger said.

"It is somewhat of a daunting task to sort through all these new plants and decipher which are appropriate for our region. My presentation will touch on a handful of recent perennial introductions and offer comments on their performance in our area."

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April Dinner Meeting: September 11, 2007

Gathering and Conversation	6:00 pm
Dinner	6:30 pm
Business Meeting	Approx. 7:00 pm
Program	Approx. 7:30 pm

Dinner Reservations

Permanent reservations for the Sept. dinner meeting are in effect. Permanent reservations are shown by the "p" on the mailing label or by the email message for those receiving the newsletter by email.

Reservations or cancellations are required by the Friday before the meeting. Call or e-mail Dave McKeen (952-915-1764, daviddutchboy31@aol.com) for your reservation or cancellation.



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Michael L. Heger, along with his wife Jean, have owned Ambergate Gardens since 1985. Though a foreign language major in college, his love of the outdoors brought him to work at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in 1972. From 1985 through 1988, Mike worked part time for Ambergate while he also worked at the Arboretum. In 1988, Mike decided to leave the Arboretum and, along with his wife Jean, make Ambergate Gardens their full time occupation.

Ambergate Gardens is a retail mail order/walk-in business devoted entirely to herbaceous perennial flowers. It also offers a line of wholesale containerized perennials to local designers and landscapers.

Mike is active in numerous plant societies and trade organizations related to perennial flowers. He has lectured on a wide variety of gardening topics throughout the northern tier of states. Mike is also the author of Perennials A to Z, a series of articles that were originally published in Minnesota Horticulturist and coauthor of Growing Perennials in Cold Climates, a recently released hard cover book written specifically for the colder regions of this country. Most recently, he has served as a consultant for the Midwestern Garden Book to be published by Sunset Publishing Corp. in the near future.



FFF Show Entrants



A Note from the Editor

(Prodigal) Editor's Note:

What a tale of two summer's this season has been. We've gone from extreme lawn burn-out drought to rather plentiful rain in a couple of weeks. I hope everyone (and their gardens) can outlast these extremes and enjoy a moderate autumn.

Summer Club events have included forays to member's gardens and the FFF Show at the Arboretum, but in September and October the Men's Garden Club returns to the friendly confines of Lake Harriet Church. We can expect highly informed talks by two local luminaries - Mike Heger of Ambergate Gardens in September and Steven Risen of Tonkadale Nursery in October. Bring your tough questions to ask these two experienced plants-people.

Jason Rathe

CLUB FINANCIALS

As of 8-20-2007

Checking	\$6,903.32
Cash	\$100.00
CD	\$5,343.52



A Soggy Flower Food and Foto Show

Well, we finally got that long, soaking rain that we really could have used in June or July. Despite the tough growing conditions this summer and the soggy weather over the weekend, we had another successful Flower, Food and Foto Show at the Arboretum.

Thanks to everyone who worked on the show and/or exhibited their work. The quality was excellent once again.

This year, the Arboretum had an event-filled weekend, with two shows and representation from the Herb Society, Iris Society, Daffodil Society, Tree Care Advisors, Bonsai experts, the Orchid Society, Master Gardeners, and more. It was a lot of fun to have so many gardeners all in one place at one time. It's too bad that the weather undoubtedly kept a lot of people

from enjoying the day.

Our club is full of winners. Here are the award winners from this year's FFF Show:



Jerald Shannon's *Gentiana andrewsii* 'Alba'



Champion Flower and Best of Show: Jerald Shannon, Gentiana andrewsi 'alba'
Reserve Champion Flower: Jim Dzandzara, Ornamental pepper 'Black Pearl'
Featured Flower: Margaret Hibberd, Salvia 'Whopper Lighthouse'
Champion Vegetable: Judy Berglund, Pumpkin 'Jack-O-Lantern'
Reserve Champion Vegetable: Kent Petterson, Kale 'Dwarf Blue'
Featured Vegetable: Judy Berglund, Yellow onions
Vegetable Sweepstakes: Judy Berglund
Flower Sweepstakes: Mary Maynard
Best First-Time Exhibitor: Matt Marohn

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's show. We were all winners!

--- Mary Maynard



Road Construction - Judy Berglund's winning floral design



Brugmansia

MGCM CLUB TOUR GARDENS

MGCM August 2007 Club Tour Recap



On August 12, the weather cooperated with a beautiful, somewhat cooler day with no rain and plenty of sunshine. That was the day our members enjoyed browsing the gardens of four of our members in addition to the Redeemer Lutheran Church gardens in Fridley. After a most pleasant afternoon (based on comments by those that attended) lunch was served at the Anoka County Riverfront Park right on the Mississippi River. Thanks to Gary Geister for recommending the caterers. The meal was wonderful, especially my favorite, the carrot cake!

A special thank you goes to the garden owners who took the time to prepare their gardens for our enjoyment. They are Chuck and Marion Carlson, Dave and Gerry Johnson, Jonathan Uecker and Denise and Larry Rust. Also, thanks to Chuck Carlson for recommending the Redeemer Lutheran Church gardens. Your gardens are wonderful!

Of course, events such as this don't happen without the hours of commitment by those on the Tour Committee: Margaret Hibberd (who co-chaired the event with me), Gary Geister, Dave and Delores Johnson, Denise Rust, Doug Whitney, and Dave Johnson (Fridley). My thanks and appreciation for your help.



Dave and Delores Johnson (Golden Valley)
with Chuck Carlson at Chuck's garden



Jonathan and Mollie Dean.



Part of Denise Rust's hosta collection.



Just a tiny section of Jonathan's impressive collection of trees and shrubs.



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No committees yet

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT OF THE JULY PUBLIC TOUR

Income	Ticket sales	\$3010.00
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Expenses	Bus with tip	\$507.00
	Advertising	\$158.00
	Printing	\$123.39
	Water for bus	\$ 13.50

Profit **\$2208.11**

\$2,208.11 is the total to be given in horticulture scholarships!



Painted birdhouses at Chuck's garden.



Dave Johnson (Fridley)'s train garden



More entrants for the FFF Show!



Chuck Photographer



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