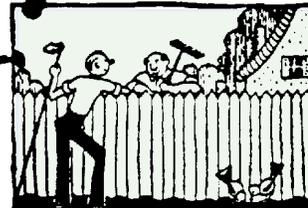




# The Garden Spray

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## This Month at MGCM

Come early and visit with your fellow gardeners

Dinner: 6:30 PM; Business: 7:00 PM; Program: 7:30 PM.

Location: Lake Harriet United Methodist; 49th and Chowen Avenue South

Cost: \$9.00 if reserved in advance, \$10.00 at the door if extra meals are available

## Tuesday, October 14

# Small Trees with Ornamental Fruit

## by Nancy Rose

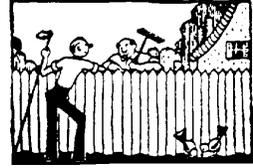
Our October speaker has extensive background in horticulture having worked at both the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the Morton Arboretum near Chicago and has degrees in horticulture from the University of Missouri and Ohio State University. Nancy Rose is also a writer of informative articles in newspapers and magazines including the Minneapolis Star-Tribune.



*Will it be crabapples, dogwoods or will it be some exotics? You will have to attend the October meeting to find out. I have been told there will be many suggestions and slides to augment the presentation.*



**See page 11 for Dinner Reservations Details**  
**Permanent reservations are in effect.**



# From The President

By Nancy Bjerke

## Money, too much or too little

Last month I said that the members will be asked to vote on a dues increase for 2004 at the October meeting. The Board has decided not to request an increase because the club has generated \$18,790.00 in income as of the end of August, expenses total \$14,399.00 leaving a positive net balance of \$4,391.00 and our assets total \$15,073.00. The dues for a 2004 individual membership will remain at \$10.00.

The Club has a memorial fund of \$332.00 and the Board is looking for a commemorative object to buy. A bench, sculpture or long living plant are ideas that come to mind; however, our fund is not rich enough to fund a bench or sculpture. A tree may be the way to go but where would we want it planted, so that members can see and enjoy it?

Do you have ideas on a way we could remember the former members who have passed on to their eternal weed free gardens? The fund may grow with future monetary memorial gifts and it would be nice if we had a plan for the donations. Send an E-Mail to me at [bjjerke@msn.com](mailto:bjjerke@msn.com), contact one of the board members or our editor Chuck Carlson with your ideas.

# The Ladies Were Painted

By Chuck Carlson

This last week I was amazed. One morning I came out for the paper and saw some butterflies flitting around the sun drenched zinnias. I said to myself this may be something for a photo opportunity. After breakfast and the paper had been read, I went and found my camera. Much to my surprise

when I went out to the zinnia bed the warm sun had increased the numbers of those Painted Ladies beyond expectation. They were on the rocks and the red brick walk just sitting there with their wings fully open just warming themselves so they could fly. This was only the start because over the next few days those hundreds of Painted Ladies filled the yard moving from zinnias, to sedums, to Marigolds, to every other flower and back again. Yes, there was many photos taken but it was just fun walking around and having them fly all around your head and finding a new place to land and eat. I heard from my son that they too had an abnormal amount in their yard. I hope you did also. I read this happens some years and other years the population decreases to normal proportions. See page 9 for a photo.

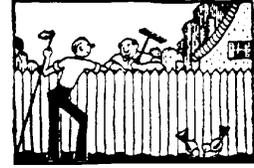
# The Holidays Are Coming

From Your Party Committee

The Annual Holiday Party is on Dec. 2 and this is the weekend after Thanksgiving. It is only a little more than 60 days away and each day it becomes closer. We encourage you to mark your calendars now and plan to attend. We will be enjoying some great musical entertainment and another silent auction.

The silent auction brought lots of excitement last year to the party. We don't want anyone to feel obligated to donate, and we thank so many who gave great items last year. But if you have access to businesses, services, tickets, or other nice holiday surprises, please consider helping us with donations for the auction. If you can help, Contact Warren Nordley at 952-432-0466 or email him at [bwnordley@attbi.com](mailto:bwnordley@attbi.com)





# The September Meeting

By Chuck Carlson

The September meeting was a joy to see some of the members who have been in the club for at least 25 years and their memories were great to hear. It is too bad that we didn't have a recorder to capture their stories, but the next day I received an email from Mary Maynard that captured the essence of the meeting. (See Mary's Comments on page 4)

Those that were invited to be honored guests were:

Year Joined	Name	Years in Club 2003
1950	*Bachman Lloyd A.	53
1957	Vixo Frank P	46
1957	*Olson A. J. (Jerry)	46
1958	Koopmans Roger F.	45
1961	Smith Phillip H.	42
1964	*Kolb John L. (Jack)	39
196	*D. W. (Dave) (GV)	39
1967	*Halvorson Henry	35
1971	*Livingston R. C. (Bob)	32
1972	*Groger Chet	31
1972	*Bachman Todd L.	31
1973	Glasoe Fred O.	30
1973	Klier H. Howard	30
1975	*Caple Archie	28
1976	Bartsch Glen	27
1977	*Shannon Jerald R.	26
1977	*Crist Stanley	26
1978	*Peterson Phil M.	25

Those with an \* were in attendance

Thanks for being members and we hope you continue to be part of us for years to come.



Dale & Lloyd Bachman



Bob Livingston, Lloyd Bachman, Jerry Olson, & Jerry Shannon



Henry Halvorson Nancy Bjerke & Ellyn Hosch



Jerry Olson & Phil Peterson



Archie Caple & Nancy Bjerke

Photos by Lloyd & Chuck

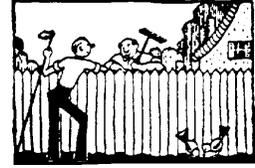
# A Pupil I Am

By Mary Maynard

At our September meeting, we heard from 12 of our senior members who have been in the club for more than 25 years. We heard wonderful stories about the club and some of the outstanding mentors that have belonged to the club. We heard names like Dr. Leon Snyder, Dick Lehmen, Otto Nelson, and many more. I wish I had known them. They sound like wonderful people.

After the meeting, I started thinking of all the things I've learned from club members over the years. We have our famous experts now, of course: Jerry Olson for roses, Jerry Shannon for breadth of knowledge on all types of plant materials, Dave and Delores Johnson for fabulous display and cultivation techniques, Bob Livingston for dwarf conifers, Bob Olson for hostas, Rodger Seefeldt for hydrangeas, Archie Caple for scientific gardening, and more. I have learned a lot from all of these people. But I have also learned a great deal from many other people in the club.

- I learned to pay attention to foliage color and plant form from Kay Wolfe.
- I learned how to take cuttings and keep them over the winter from Lee Gilligan's presentation to the club.
- I learned how to display flowers at the FFF from a presentation by Duane Reynolds, and how to get up the nerve to try it from Margaret Hibberd.
- I learned about coir, which makes container planting possible for me, from a presentation Bob Stepan made to the club.
- I learned that anything is possible if you have a big space from Bob Voigt.
- And I learned that a big space is not at all necessary from Ada Hegion, John Dahl, Kent Petterson, Kay Wolfe and Elizabeth Hamilton.
- I learned to show my personality in the garden from Bob Redmond.



- I learned to have fun in the garden from Gary Geister.
  - I learned how a wonderful natural setting can be enhanced from Warren Nordley.
  - I learned that there are always more new plants to try from Eldon Hugelen.
  - I learned how peaceful and soothing a garden can be from Len Brenny.
  - I learned about tree peonies and music from Henry Halvorson.
  - I learned what a rock garden should look like from Chuck Carlson and Lee Shannon.
  - I learned what a hedge should look like from Don Morgenweck.
  - I learned everything I know about tree care from Jackie Overom.
  - I learned from Stan Crist and Phil Peterson that even living in an apartment one can garden.
  - I learned that it's possible to garden with deer from Maury Lindblom and Nancy Bjerke and Henry Orfield and George McCollough.
  - I learned that it's possible to make a valuable contribution to the club from hundreds of miles away from Phil Smith.
  - I learned that orchids will grow outdoor in the summer from Russ Smith.
  - I learned how to fight off iris borers from Lloyd and Patti Weber.
  - I learned how striking bold architectural features can be in the garden from Rog Koopmans.
  - I learned about the challenges and rewards of gardening in public places from the Fragrance Garden and Perennial Trial Garden committees.
  - I learned to welcome newcomers to the club from Lloyd Bachman and Charlie Proctor, who were so gracious to me when I joined the club 14 years ago.
- These are just the things I remember off the top of my head. Every conversation at a club meeting, every tour, every new member offers another opportunity for us to learn more.

# Board Meeting Summary



Summarized from  
*Mary Oelke's Secretary's Report*

Tuesday, September 2, 2003

Board Members Present: Rudy Allebach, Nancy Bjerke, Dave Johnson, Dave McKeen, Warren Nordley, Mary Oelke, Jackie Overom  
Absent: Lynda Carlson, Ellyn Hosch

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with a small correction.

## President's Report

Dinner Meeting Agenda and Setup for September and October

Ellyn has received a 50% response from the invited guests to the September meeting. Dan Morgenweck is unable to do the room setup for the September and October meetings. Dave McKeen volunteered to do the September setup. Dave Johnson will do the October setup.

Minneapolis Park Legacy

Nancy distributed some information regarding membership in the Minneapolis Park Legacy.

## Vice President's Report

In the absence of Ellyn, Nancy reported that suggestions for a January speaker would be welcomed.

## Treasurer's Report

The scholarships approved at the last board meeting have now been paid out. In order to do that a \$4000 CD that matured in August was cashed and the money transferred to the Scholarship Fund. The \$609.32 interest on the CD went to the general fund as had been previously decided.

The treasurer's report was approved. Acting on the request of one of the board members, Dave Johnson passed out the

scholarship application and procedure.

## Membership Secretary's Report

New members will be inducted at the September meeting. Renewal letters for all members will be sent out in October.

## Old Business

Club Dues—After some discussion, it was decided not to address a dues raise again this year.

Beren's Cabin Dedication—Maria Klein, editor of *The Arboretum News* will coordinate with Chuck Carlson about publicity.

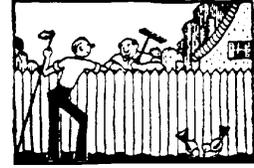
Public Garden Tour 2004—Items related to the public garden tour were discussed.

Name Change—The Name Change Committee, under the chairmanship of Jerry Shannon, will soon be meeting to come up with name change recommendations.

Memorial Fund—Nancy will check with Mary Maynard on the Memorial Fund.

## The Next Board Meeting

It will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at the home of Dave Johnson, in Fridley.



# Fun Facts

*From the paper "Tidbits"*

Charles Drawin once grew 537 plants from seven ounces of mud. He scraped the mud from the feet of a number of water birds. This was to prove how effective birds are at transferring seeds.

Did you know Germanic tribes brewed horseradish into an Ale.

The slowest growing tree known is a species Cycadaceae found in Mexico. The average growth is .03 inches per year. One specimen found that is 4 inches tall is estimated at 120 years old.

A German botanist exploring Mexico brought back a sackful of seed heads. They were examined and propagated by another botanist, named Dr. Johann Gottfried Zinn. Zinn named the flower after himself as the Zinnia.

# Confessions of a Lazy Gardener

By Mary Maynard

Over the years, my appreciation for late-blooming flowers has increased. This is partly because I enjoy showing flowers, and MGCM's FFF Show and the State Fair flower show are both in mid to late August. But also, it's good to have a few flowers blooming among the skeletons of the iris and peonies and daylilies to remind us that summer isn't quite over yet. Here are a few of my favorite late-blooming flowers:

## Heleniums

I only have one helenium, 'Sunsphere', but it's a very nice accent in the garden. Heleniums tend to be pretty tall, though there are shorter varieties in cultivation. My 'Sunsphere' starts blooming just in time to take the first blooms to the FFF show (August 16 this year). Heleniums should be grown in full sun with adequate moisture. They do not thrive in very dry conditions.

In a google search on heleniums, I found this very informative link with many, many pictures:

<http://www.helenium.net>

These people are fans!

## Veronica novaboracensis (Ironweed)

This is another tall perennial, growing to about 5' in my garden. It has clusters of purple flowers that open irregularly over the course of a couple of weeks. It will grow in sun or part shade, and is a nice addition to the back of the border.



*Goldenrod 'Fireworks'*

## Goldenrods.

Having grown up with goldenrod growing wild in the ditches and pastures, I never thought about adding them to my perennial borders, but of course they are wonderful additions to the fall garden. One comparatively new cultivar is 'Fireworks', which lives up to its name, with slender racemes covered with yellow flowers

But there are many more interesting cultivars that can make a splash in the fall garden. Mums being one of them.

## Chrysanthemum 'Clara Curtis'

This is one of the few truly hardy mums. It has single pink daisy-like flowers with yellow centers. And it increases quickly from year to year so there is always some to share with friends. For those of us who like a little change from the golds and oranges of the fall, 'Clara Curtis' fills the bill.

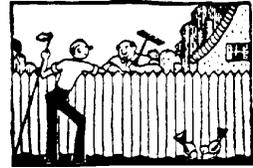


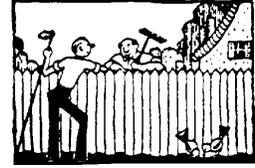
*Chrysanthemum  
Clara Curtis'*



*Veronica novaba  
racemosa*

It's disgusting to think about, but that first frost is just around the corner. Let's enjoy our late bloomers while we can!





# 1st Place Dessert

Below is the recipe for the first place winner of the desert contest. It was made by Carole Ann Brekke.

## Cheesecake Supreme

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs 5 eggs  
1/2 cup white sugar 2 egg yolks  
1/4 cup butter, melted 1 3/4 cups white sugar  
5 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese, softened 1/8 cup all purpose flour  
1/4 cup heavy whipping cream

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Mix the graham cracker crumbs, 1/2 cup sugar, and melted butter together. Press mixture into the bottom, and up the sides a bit, of a 9 or 10 inch springform pan. In a large bowl, combine the cream cheese, eggs, and egg yolks; mix until smooth. Add 1 3/4 cups white sugar, flour and heavy cream. Blend until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes, then turn oven temperature down to 200 degrees and continue baking until filling is set. This could be 1 hour, 1 1/2 hours or more.

Remove and let the cheesecake cool in the springform pan, then refrigerate. You will know if your preparation and baking time is perfect if the top of the cheesecake has no crack. Do not open the springform pan until serving.

## Supreme Strawberry Topping

1 pint strawberries, cleaned and stemmed  
1/3 cup white sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cut about 1/3 of the strawberries in half. In a saucepan, over medium high heat, add in the sugar and vanilla. Cook, stirring occasionally, until sauce thickens, about 5 minutes.

Remove from heat.

In a blender (I used a hand masher) puree about 1/3 of the hot sauce, then mix all of strawberries together and store in the refrigerator.

Serve a small piece of the cheesecake topped with the cooled strawberry topping..

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## Johnson's Gave Up?

If you thought when Dave & Delores sold their abode and garden, that they would quit gardening you were wrong. See the photo below. Plus, this is only part of the garden. This proves gardeners never quit, they just keep growing.



*Photo taken by Lynnette Uzzell*

# Getting To Know Our Past Presidents

Data collected by our Historian  
Howard Berg edited by Chuck Carlson

*Editors note: This is a series of past presidents in the club who are still members. Get your bio sketches to Howard so yours can be included. This is an attempt to make the club a bit more personable by getting to know our members better.*

## Clyde Thompson

Clyde was born in Minneapolis, on December 6, 1923. His early education was in District 13 Kanabec County and High School at Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis. He then attended the University of Minnesota. After all this education he worked in corporate Insurance with Multifoods and as Employment Benefit Manager with 3M.

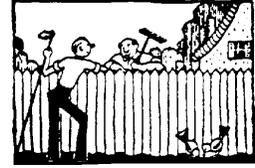
Clyde is also a joiner being a member of garden related organizations: The Lily Society, The Rose Society, and The Royal Delphinium Society and military groups such as; The VFW, The American Legion and the 8th AAF Historical Society.

He served on our club's board as Vice-president, President and Director plus working on many committees and being on many tours. His primary interest in gardening is in Perennials, Shrub Roses, Lilacs and English Delphiniums.

As many of us have, he joined to learn more about gardening and was sponsored by

Charlie Proctor. He enjoyed preparing for plant sales and garden tours.

Clyde has also been written up in a number of magazines and papers for his enthusiasm at bringing others into gardening. To do this he helped his neighbors to a point



that all the joining properties appear to be one big garden. Not only that he even convinced his wife, Virginia, to garden with him. She is a believer in English type gardens of the pink and white persuasion. They make a great gardening team in Edina.

Clyde says, "It's a great life when you can keep growing flowers and friends are forth coming.."



## Scholarships

The money has been sent. Again three scholarships were approved and given. For those of you who don't know, these scholarships are funded by the garden tours held every two years.

This year's recipients are:

- Melissa Melco, a graduate student in Landscape Design at the University of Minnesota.
- Terri Stark, a Freshman at Dakota Technical College.
- Joshua Grussendorf, a first year student in Landscape Design at Hennepin Technical College.



# Getting To Know You

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## Kay Wolfe

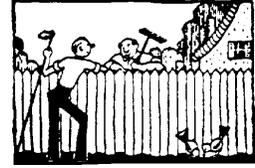
Kay was born in Long Prairie, Minnesota. She attended the University of Minnesota and received a B.S. degree in Medical Technology which she used when she became a Medical technician, Research Scientist, Technical marketing & product development in the commercial biotech industry. Kay is presently working as a decorative painter and artist. She creates scenes in peoples homes. I saw the one she created in Patti & Lloyd Weber's bathroom. The painting made a great bathroom! She uses her knowledge of flowers & landscapes to create these faux delights.

She joined the club in 1993 and has been on a number of committees. Kay also has been the chair of numerous tour committees and a number of times chair or cochair of the perennial garden committee. She was also on the board as a Director for 6 years.

Her primary garden interest is to create beautiful places for people to be in. Mixed borders of perennials, shrubs & grasses are the backbone of her efforts with garden texture being a big part of the design.

She was introduced to the club when she took a shrub/tree class taught by Lee Gilligan and of course Lee, like a good member, told her about the club. Kay joined this club 10 years ago and has never belonged to an organization or even had a job for that long! She said "I just love the people, their attitudes about life, the work we do together to promote gardening. Being part of this group is comforting, refreshing, energizing, rewarding, & very fun."

She said her most gratifying part of in the club was that I love the people and their



passion for what they love, be it gardening or life.

She lives in St. Louis Park with her husband. They just finished a remodel of their home which caused a redo of the garden landscaping. I haven't seen it since the renovation but I am sure it is, as before a peaceful and tranquil garden area.



*A Painted Lady butterfly on a Whirligig Zinnia*

*See story on page 2*

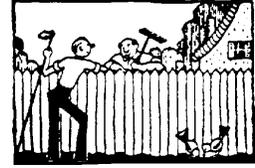
*Photo by Chuck Carlson*

## Fall Gala

*By Kay Wolfe*

### Perennial Garden Fall 'Gala

The Perennial Garden Committee invites all club members to join them at the Lyndale Park Garden for a fall clean-up and celebration! The final fall work day will be Saturday, October 25, starting at 9 AM. If you are not an early riser, we will be there until about 11:30, so drop by. Look for future e-mails to determine what tools to bring—there may be wood chips to spread. The treats will be great—there is a continuing contest for the favorite flavored donut-hole. Thanks to hard work by the committee, the garden has looked its best ever this year, so join us and celebrate! Here's hoping for a sunny day!



# The Berens Cabin

By Chuck Carlson

Remember last year when we planted the grounds of the cabin and dedicated the planting? Well last month another dedication for the cabin took place. The cabin received its contents and is now a full fledged museum and open for all to peruse the history of the arboretum. Maybe you want to investigate it and see if the Men's Garden Club has a place in the arboretum history. There is a small parking lot right next to the cabin so it is a convenient stop when you take the three mile drive through the grounds.



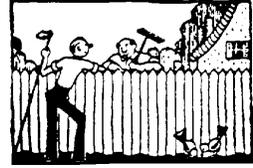
*Remember This? Go see it now and the garden that grew up*



*The Bernes Cabin  
Photo compliments of the Arboretum*

*The garden after one year  
Photo By Chuck Carlson*





## The Remaining 2003 Schedule of Events

October 14, Dinner Meeting-The Program  
"Small Trees with Ornamental Fruit" by Nancy Rose  
November 11, Dinner Meeting-The program  
"Botanical Art: A Continuing Tradition" by Marilyn Garber,  
November 28, Wreath Making at Kliers Garden Center  
December 2, Holiday Party

Remember bring in those large pumpkins and sunflower seed heads to the October Meeting. You might get the trophy

Two members, at a recent garden meeting, were talking about their prowess in the garden. The first one named Bob said that he cut off a sunflower seed head the other day and it was three feet in diameter. The other gardener, also named Bob immediately responded that the other day he picked a 50 pound pumpkin that because of the extremely hot weather was fully cooked. "Why don't you tell a story that is halfway believable?" asked the first Bob. Okay says the second Bob, "You knock off 2 feet from the sunflower and I will un-cook the pumpkin."

### Reservations for October 14, 2003 Dinner Meeting



### Permanent reservations are in effect.

Permanent reservations are shown by the "p" on the mailing label or the email message for those receiving the newsletter by email. Reservations or cancellations are necessary by Friday, October 10. Call or email Carole Ann Brekke for your reservation or cancellations.

You are responsible for the cost if not cancelled.

Contact Carole Ann at phone 952-435-6029) or  
Email [numsix24@attbi.com](mailto:numsix24@attbi.com).

For last minute cancellations call Dave Johnson Phone 763-571-2713  
If he can sell it, you won't be billed.



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