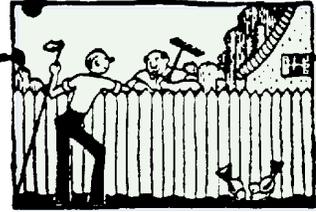




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This Month at MGCM



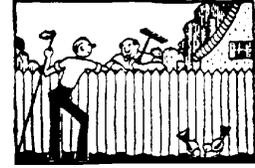
Tuesday, September 9

25 Year Plus Members

Honored & Share

“You’ve heard it often from many people: ‘The thing that makes our club special is the people.’ Join us in celebrating those special members who have been part of our club for 25 or more years. We’re asking them to share with us a fond memory or interesting story from their time in the club.”

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



From The President

A number of members have asked me where we are in the process of changing our "Club's" name and from what I know there is nothing happening. Jerry Shannon agreed to chair a committee that was to submit a new name for the members of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis to consider. Many of the members want a name that attracts men and women without having to go into an explanation of why it is still called by its original name. When I checked with Jerry a couple of months past he said that no member had called him to join the committee or suggested a new name for the club. The club name change can only happen if the members vote to change it, and they need to have one or more possibilities to consider before that can take place. My idea is Metro Garden Club of Minnesota (MGCM). Although I made this up as I was writing the column I am one member who is not upset with the current name. Whatever the majority of the members want to call the club will be fine with me.

Contact Jerry at **651-690 1214** with your ideas and/or interest in joining the committee. The gardening season is winding down and you now have an opportunity to turn your attention to club identity.

The other topic that either annoys or pleases members is the dues which are \$10.00 a year. I have been asked what it cost to provide minimum service to a club member. Following is my break down of the basic expenses for this year.

The Newsletter \$1,000.
Hall Rental \$385.
(7 meetings in 2003 at \$55.00 each)
Directory \$400.
Insurance \$500.
Honorary Memberships 90.
(9 at \$10.00 each)
Total \$2,375./122 members = \$19.47 a year

The rental for the church kitchen is \$35.00 each time and is covered in the cost of the meal. Other activities are self funded or covered by our money raising events.

The Handbook states that members be notified of a vote to increase dues one month in advance of the meeting. At the October meeting members will be asked to vote on a dues increase of \$10.00 or \$20.00 a year starting with 2004.

Nancy Bjerke



2nd Place Dessert

By Geri Trocke

Below is the recipe for the second place winner of the desert contest. It was brought in and made by Geri Trocke.

- Mix together 2 Cups of graham cracker crumbs and 1 stick of softened Margarine.
- Spread this mixture in a 9x13 pan and bake in a 375 degree oven for 8 minutes.
- Remove and cool

Next in a bowl combine

- 2 cups of powdered sugar
- 2 sticks of softened margarine
- 1 tsp. vanilla

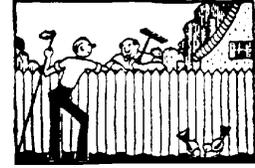
Beat until light and fluffy and then spread on the cooled crust.

- Arrange 4 sliced bananas on top.
- Add 2 cups of drained crushed pineapple.

This is then spread with

- 12 oz. (Large container) of cool whip.

Garnish with chopped nuts and maraschino cherries. Chill overnight and serve.



Flower & Food of the FFF

By Chuck Carlson

The flower show was again a success. The auditorium looked great and there was a steady flow of people that came to view the show. The only negative was the number of entrants. We didn't have three (Eldon, Bob & Dave) big suppliers of entries but Mary Maynard did try to make up the difference. I know there are others out there that have good plant material to show and I would suggest that they join in next year. We do have fun on Saturday morning filling those vases, chatting with one another, having lunch while waiting for the judges to finish, then seeing how many ribbons our entries were awarded and who received the big awards. It is a very non-threatening process and the other entrants help one another. Mary even helped me to select a few things to show even though she had entries in the same category. I also entered the design category for the first time. I used all my extras and others there gave me some of their discards to fill-in the container. I

even got a blue ribbon for the effort. This year we only had one new first time exhibitor, Elaine Spiegel. Next year I would like to see ten. It must be fun because year after year we see the same people coming back for another friendly competition fix.

Below is a summary the major awards.

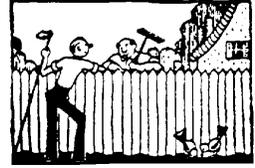
- Best Flower in Show and Best of Show: Jim Dzandzara, Blooming Myrtle Plant
- Reserve Champion Flower: Dave McKeen, Rose 'Gemni'
- Best Vegetable in Show: Mary Maynard, Eggplant 'Cloud Nine'
- Reserve Champion Vegetable: Jim Dzandzara, Pepper in container
- National Flower: Chuck Carlson, *Nicotiana paniculata*
- National Vegetable: Bob Livingston, Tomato 'Celebrity'

The Flower Sweepstakes Award for the most points (ribbons) in the flower category went to Mary Maynard. The Vegetable Sweepstakes for the most points in the vegetable category was won by Mel Anderson. Below is a recap of those entered and the point totals.

Next year we want to see you enter your gems. See you there.

Flower & Vegetable Sweepstakes Points Recap

Entry #	Flower Total	Entrant	Veg Total
1	3	?	
2	48	Marilyn Brummer	2
3	159	Mary Maynard	16
4	29	Mel Anderson	20
5	60	Chuck Carlson	6
6	15	Nancy Bjerke	
7	1	Elaine Spiegel	
8	6	Lloyd Wittstock	
9	35	John Dahl	
10	1	Bob Livingston	3
11	18	Mury Lindblom	
12	51	Margaret Hibberd	
13	6	Jim Dzandzara	5
22	20	Dave McKeen	



*Top Left Nancy Bjerke getting an entry ready
Top right A potted plants display
Middle Left The show is ready for the judges
Middle right Maurice Lindblom setting an entry
Bottom The tabulators Margaret Hibberd & Mary Maynard*

Photos by Chuck Carlson & Lloyd Wittstock

Board Meeting Summary



Summarized from

Mary Oelke's Secretary's Report

Held on Tuesday, August 19, 2003

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

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Bjerke. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

President' Report

Theodore Wirth Planting Opportunity

The site of the proposed planting was toured by Warren and Nancy. It is a golf and skiing chalet, not a place frequented by gardeners. The Park Board has agreed to put up four statues of children in addition to two others. Donations for more statues are being sought. There are no available dollars for garden maintenance. A motion was made, seconded and approved that MGCM not contribute to the statue garden at this time, but MGCM should look into joining the Minneapolis Park Legacy Society. This proposal will be presented at the next membership meeting.

Vice President's Report

September Meeting

Ellyn reported that 18 individual invitations to the September meeting have been mailed to the 25 or more years honorees. The honoring of these members will be the September Meeting Program.

Upcoming Programs

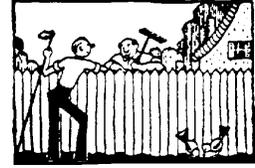
October-Nancy Rose

"Small Trees with Ornamental Fruit"

November-Marilyn Graber

"History of Botanical Schools"

Treasurer's Report



The summer garden tours have paid for themselves.

A donation was received from Mr. & Mrs. Tolzman, the new owner of Dave Johnson's home and garden for selling the roses.

The 2002 tax return was submitted a week early. An amended return for the year 2000 will be filed this fall.

The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Scholarship Committee Report

The Scholarship Committee has selected three recipients from the seven applications submitted. They are Melissa Melco, Terri Stark, and Joshua Grussendorf. A motion was passed that the board accept the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

Old Business

Nancy attended the Beren's Cabin Dedication. The cabin, which is open every day, contains historical information.

New Business

Dave McKeen reported that 14 people exhibited in the FFF. Milk jugs that have been in storage for some time are for sale.

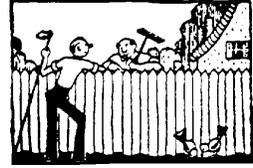
Warren presented a letter from the National Men's Garden Club asking that MGCM consider rejoining.

No one has shown interest in joining the committee. Members interested in a name change are encouraged to call Jerry Shannon.

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00 on Tuesday, September 2 at the home of Jackie Overom.

Clippings

We have had a number of our members getting press or awards. Warren Nordley's Garden was featured in a regional magazine. Jackie Overom made the Burnsville paper by winning first place in the cities garden contest. But the biggest spread was for Bernadett Lindholm where she was featured in the taste section of the Minneapolis Star Tribune.



Confessions of a Lazy Gardener

By Mary Maynard

I really like blue flowers — the clear, true, cornflower, delphinium blue that stands out from the crowd of near-blues and kind of purples. Three of my favorites are spring and early summer bloomers that bring that cool, clear blue to the garden.

Amsonia tabernaemontana

(Blue Star Amsonia)

This plant grows about 3 feet tall and forms a nice bush. In late May or early June it is covered with small starlike flowers, which don't last as long as I'd like them to. After the flowers are gone, the plant holds up well into the fall, when it turns a very nice yellow. I have this growing in our neighborhood park garden, where it always gets attention from park visitors but not much from gardeners. And despite a slight tendency to reseed, it's a pretty well-mannered plant that does well in full sun or part shade without a lot of attention.

Baptisia australis

Other names are blue false indigo, blue wild indigo. This is a lot more common in gardens (and garden stores) than amsonia,

perhaps for a reason. But it's a much bigger plant, and may not fit into every landscape. It's a little slow to get established, but once it is, it will be reliable for many years. The gray-green foliage stays nice well beyond the bloom period, and interested black seed pods may form. Purists may point out that the flowers aren't as "true blue" as some others, but the flowers are still pretty good.

Baptisia doesn't like to be transplanted, so it's best to take time to find the ideal

location for it. And if you do need to transplant, do so with care in the spring, and coddle it for a while afterward while it regains its equilibrium.

Centaurea montana

(mountain bluet, perennial bachelor button).

I love this little plant. And I hate it. I love it because it has ethereal clear blue flowers and interesting gray-green leaves. And it's one of the earliest perennials to bloom in the spring. And it will rebloom throughout the summer if it's deadheaded or sheared. And I hate it because it seeds itself enthusiastically, and it doesn't pull out as easily as I'd like. But despite its drawbacks, I wouldn't be without it. It's quite short-lived for a perennial, so I enjoy it as long as it lasts in one spot. And I decide on a case-by-case basis whether the seedlings live or die. *Centaurea montana* can be subject to a little mildew. If the mildew shows up, I generally shear the plant close to the ground and let new foliage grow up. This generally results in a better-looking plant anyway. Overall, I wouldn't like to do without it.



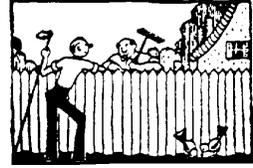
Amsonia



Baptisia



Centaurea



All America Selections Winners

By Chuck Carlson

The All America Selections (AAS) winners for 2004 have been announced. They include a melon called Amy, a watermelon called Sweet Beauty, a winter squash called Sunshine plus five flowers.

The flowers are;

Gypsophila 'Gypsy Deep Rose'

This is a mounded plant 8 to 10 inches high and has double /semi double deep rose blooms. It has lots of blooms over a long season.

Hollyhock Queeny Purple'

This is the short Alcea rosea (20 to 30 Inches) and has a powder puff purple flower with a cushion center.

Petunia 'Limbo Violet'

This is a tidy plant with a 12 inch spread but has large 3 inch flowers that need no pinching

Celosia plumosa 'Fresh Look Red'

Celosia plumosa 'Fresh Look Yellow'

These two celosias need minimum maintenance since it covers spent plums by producing new foliage. They are 12 to 18 inches with a central 10 inch plume. The red variety was also the recipient of the AAS Gold Medal.

These will be available next season both by seed and plants. Try some out, they usually are a good addition to the garden.



The Pictures on the right are from AAS. From top to bottom are in the order as discussed above in the article

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.

Lee Gilligan born in Minneapolis on May 1, 1933. After High School he attended University of Minnesota. He went through Master Gardener Training and Flight School training. This all led to his work as operator and owner of Shamrock Aviation a fixed base at Crystal Airport. He was also a member of the Lyons Club and enjoyed being part of a square dance club.

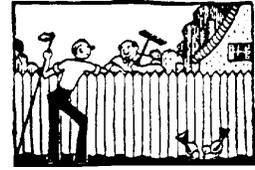
His gardening interests were widespread. Before he cut back on his gardening efforts it all took place in an acreage in Crystal, Minnesota where he and his wife, Rose lived. Here he had a small orchard that had berries, vegetables and apples. He had the best patch of blue berries that I have seen in a Minnesota garden. There was also water features, paths and various beds of flowers. He was also a big grower of coleus most of which he started in his basement. In 1996 his garden won the Lehman trophy as the best garden on tour.



Lee Gilligan
Photo by Chuck Carlson



Kent Petterson
Photo By Chuck Carlson



He joined our garden club in 1989 and was president in 1993. Lee was on the board for many years as Director, Vice-president, President, Past President. He joined the club to associate with gardeners and learn from and with them. He said his most gratifying experience in the club was "serving the club." He also said "when it comes to people to associate with where could you find better."

He now lives with his wife Rose in Brooklyn Park. It must be near a golf course since that is another of his passions.

Kent Petterson born on September 20, 1947 just west of Minneapolis in the town of Wilmar. He attended Bird Island High School and after graduation he attended the university of Minnesota and in 1972 earned a BA in Economics.

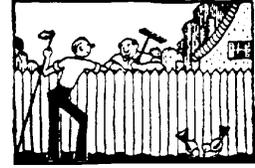
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Organizations Kent belongs to include the Sons of Norway but as you might guess many others all deal with gardening. These include the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, The Lily Society, The Garden Conservancy, The Prospect Park Garden Club, and The Minnesota Ornamental Grass Society.

He joined our club in 1986 sponsored by Duane Reynolds & Dave Moehnke and became a stalwart in the club. In his first year he entered the flower and vegetable show and became the best first time exhibitor. He continued by winning the vegetable competition five times. As secretary he became a board member and in 1990 served as president. Kent also served on many committees.

His main interest in gardening is vegetables, everlastings and composting. As most of us he joined the club to meet with and get to know other gardeners. His most gratifying experience in the club is his involvement in the MGCM Scholarship Committee, and development of the program, and support shown by the Club. He also said that the club has the finest group of men & women I have every worked with. Kent and Abby live in Minneapolis and as those of you who were on the June tour know he has one of the neatest gardens around.

Getting To Know You

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Carlson*

John Sims was born in Birmingham, Alabama on May 2, 1926. He received a BA from West Virginia State College, May, 1947 and earned a Masters degree in Social Work at State University of New York, in May, 1953. This all resulted in his vocation as a social worker. His work resume is; Adoption Social Worker, Children's Home Society 1952-1954,

Getting to know You - John Sims Continued

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Child Protection Worker and Supervisor, Hennepin County, 1954-1966, Office of Economic Assistance, 1966-1967, Hennepin County Administrator, 1967-1986, Director of Hennepin County Department of Economic Assistance 1986-1991

He was a member of the Omega Psi Phi and, Sigma Phi Psi Fraternities. John also was/is a member St. Thomas Episcopal Church, National Association of Social Workers and the Minnesota Social Service Association.

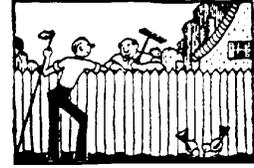
He joined our club in 2002 so is a relatively new member. This year John is a member of Awards and Trophies, Scholarship and Youth Gardening Committees.

His interest in gardening covers a wide range, vegetables, perennials and annuals but has a special interest in dahlias. Ada Hegion sponsored me and I joined to learn more about gardening and share in gardening experiences.

He likes the friendliness, knowledgeable, helpfulness and genuineness of club members. He hopes to be with us for some time and plans to contribute to the club in some meaningful way and help both him and the club to grow.



*John Sims
Photo By Chuck Carlson*



The Foto Contest

The foto part of the FFF Show was a good addition to the show. Many enjoyed the pictures in the auditorium. The number of entries was down and in fact there were hardly any slides entered. The committee is thinking of replacing the slide part of the contest with digital photos which might be entered in



Andy & Bob Judging Photos

digital format.

Even though the number of entries were down, there was still some excellent photos. These will be available for all to see at the September dinner meeting.

There were many ribbons given for those great photos (see below). The following were the major winners.

Sweepstakes winner

Chuck Carlson

Best of Show

Photo By Ann Margaret Phillippi
Echinacea & Butterfly

Reserve Champion, a tie

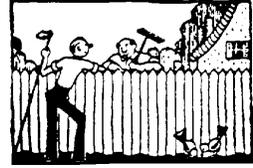
Photo, Pink & Cream Rose
By Ann Margaret Phillippi
Photo, Black-eyed Susan
By Ann Margaret Phillippi

Best Photo by First Time Exhibitor

Photo, Jack Pine Bark By Leroy Cech

Name	<-----Prints ----->			<----- Slides ----->			Points	Bonus Points	Total points
	Firsts	Seconds	Thirds	Firsts	Seconds	Thirds			
Mel Anderson						3	3		3
Charles Benson	1	1					3		3
Ruth Berg	1	1	1				7		7
Vivian Big Eagle	1						4		4
Chuck Carlson (5)	2	5	2				20		20
Craig Carlson	1						4		4
Leroy Cech (4)	1	2	1				9		9
Larry Larson	1	2	2				10		10
Maury Lindblom	1		1				5		5
Ann Margaret Phillippi(1,2,3)	6	2	6				34	10	44
Elaine Spegel			1				1		1
Joe Stenger									
Lloyd Wittstock		2	3				7		7

- (1) Non-member not eligible for traveling trophy
- (2) Best of Show and Best Print
- (3) 2 Prints recieved Reserve Champion award
- (4) Pest photo for a first time exhibitor
- (5) Winner of traveling trophy



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

**We cannot change the direction of the wind but we can adjust our sails.
Ever wonder what the speed of lighting would be if it didn't Zig-Zag.**

Famous Last Words

"Nice Doggie."

"What does this button do?"

"Does this taste right."

Remember --One year's seeding makes seven years weeding.

Reservations for September 9, 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, September 5. 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.

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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