



The Garden Spray

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August Garden Tour

Another Drive Yourself Tour of Member's Gardens
Plus Dessert!

Tuesday Evening, August 9, 2005

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Join up with friends and tour the gardens of
Robert Kean, Maury Lindblom, and Don Stuewe at your leisure.

End at Howard & Ruth Berg's for dessert, beverages, and conversation.

2005 Flower, Food and Foto Show

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A Word from the Prez

Greetings,

HOT enough for ya? Yowsa its been a warm spell. I'm glad that the July tour has past so I didn't have to keep the grass green during this spell. I hope everyone enjoyed the July tour. My thanks to Bob Olson, his neighbor, Ellyn Hosch, and Liz Hamilton for opening their gardens for us. It was fun for Kathy and I to have everyone come to our home as well for desserts and wine. Several committee members provided the desserts, and Kay and Ellyn brought some nice wine, and Leroy even brought some of his own wine that he has made. I think the tour committee did another fine job, Thank you!

A new plant in my garden this year is the Angelonia "angel mist". I have it in large pots as one of the middle, taller plants. It is very floriferous, and maintenance free. I'm growing both white, and purple varieties. Give it a try next year.

Keep your schedule open for both the August garden tour the 9th, and the FFF show the 20 & 21.

Happy gardening, (in the shade)

David McKeen



Angelonia 'Angel Mist'

A Note from the Editor

by Jason Rathe

I recently read a quote by Ruskin at a local nursery, "There is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather." As gardeners we have endured many types of "good weather" this year. From severe storms to prolonged heat and drought.

I have had a couple personal run-ins with weather this summer. The week of my wedding the huge balsam poplar next door fell on my house. The weather on my outdoor wedding day in Bemidji threatened with clouds and mist all day. Not a drop had fallen as people were seated, but, just as Sarah started to walk down the aisle, the clouds broke.

Everyone tells us getting married in the rain is good luck and we always wanted a "memorable" wedding. So, maybe Ruskin was right. But, 75 and sunny does make it a lot harder to complain.

Getting To Know Our Board

Don Trocke

I'm having a hard time thinking of something exciting to tell about my little corner of the world, but here is something.

I was born in Monroe Minnesota and grew up in Arlington, Minnesota. I graduated from Arlington High School, Arlington, Minnesota. After graduation I worked one year in Construction before joining the U.S. Army. I spent one of my three years in Thule, Greenland.

I have been married to my wife Geri for forty-five years. We have three married daughters, three granddaughters and one grandson.

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Construction earned a good living during my working years.

I retired in 2001 and have been staying quite busy with grandchildren, gardening, deadheading, drought and a few blue ribbons at the FFF.

Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Aug 9		Garden Tours
Aug. 20-21	Arb.	FFF
Aug (TBD)		Club Tour
Sep.	LHC	Flower Arranging
Oct.	LHC	Wildflower Gardening
Nov.	LHC	Landscaping Wildlife

LHC = Lake Harriet Church
 WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church
 MF = Marshall Field's Downtown
 Arb. = U of M Landscape Arboretum

MGCM Financial Report

As of July 17, 2005

Income - \$9,922 (full year budget is \$20,350)
 Expenses - \$9122.98 (full year budget is \$26,060)

Club Net Worth

Cash on hand - \$100
 Checking account - \$7,608.95
 CD's - \$10,000
 Total - \$17,708.95

Total Membership is 111. 45 attended the January meeting , 51 attended the February meeting, 37 attended the March Meeting, 48 attended the April meeting , 53 attended in May. 44 attended in June and 31 attended the July tour.



No More Wreath-Making

Howard Klier has notified us that, with great regret, he will not be able to host the Wreath-making event in November. Howard has retired for health reasons. The Club is very grateful to Howard and Ardis for inviting us to Klier's for so many years. Those of us who attended this event regularly know what a wonderful event it has been, and we will miss it a great deal. We wish Howard and Ardis all the best.





August Drive-Yourself Club Garden Tour

The Gardens:

1. Robert Kean, 3136 James Avenue South, Minneapolis, 55408.
2. Maury Lindblom, 5320 Malibu Drive, Edina, 55436.
3. Don Stuewe, 3624 Robinwood Terrace, Minnetonka, 55305.
4. Howard & Ruth Berg, 10107 Lakeview Drive, Minnetonka, 55305.

Time: Gardens #1 to #3 will be open starting at 6 PM and will close at 8 PM.

Please do not ask to tour the gardens after 8 PM.

Garden #4, Howard & Ruth Berg, where dessert will be served from 8 until 9:30 PM.

Bring: The Tour Map, which is on page 5, and bug spray.

Reservations: Permanent Reservation List is not in effect for this event.

Cost is \$5 per person for dessert and beverage.

Send reservation to Bob Redmond by Friday, August 5. See form on page 10.

Guests are welcome.

Join us for the last garden tour of the summer!

August Drive-Yourself Tour:

Gardens Open: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Dessert Served: 8:00 to 9:30 PM

Sunset: 8:29 PM

GARDEN DESCRIPTIONS

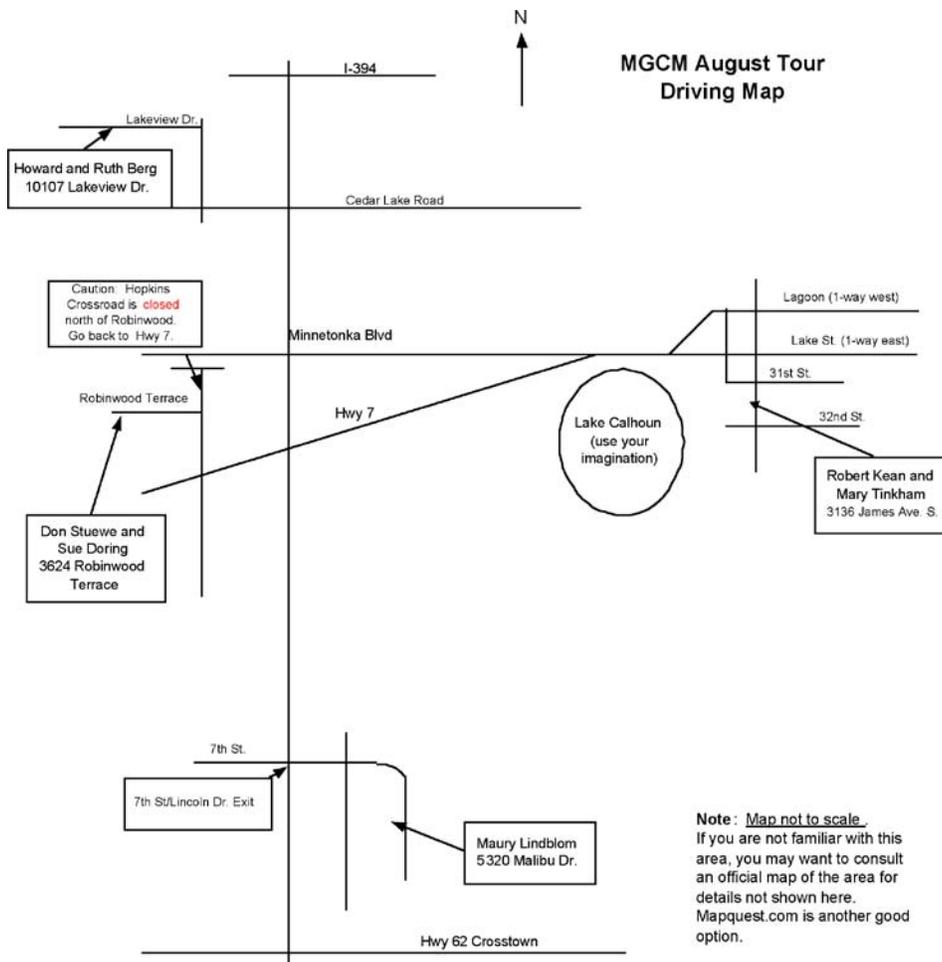
Garden of Robert Kean and his wife Mary Tinkham, 3136 James Ave. South, Minneapolis MN, 612-827-7216

Robert has been an active participant in the Perennial Trial Gardens at Lake Harriet from the time MGCM started working on them and conveniently they are close to his house. If you remember the plants on trial, you will see that several have been incorporated into the gardens that surround their home and fill this Minneapolis city lot. And hardscape has not been ignored as you will see when you enter the yard up the stairs at the center of the new stone retaining wall. In August the newer gardens behind the wall should have a good show of the favorite annuals he starts from seed. This is a year of changes in the front gardens as a diseased boulevard elm was removed this spring. Several years ago as a first time FFF entrant in a July show, Robert won the champion fruit/vegetable award with his black raspberries and these are only one of several small fruits and vegetables for which he has created special growing areas.

Garden of Maury Lindblom, 5320 Malibu Drive, Edina MN, 952-935-6913

We think Maury Lindblom must really like living and gardening on Malibu Drive because this is his second home and garden there. He moved many of his plants 5 years ago and they are incorporated in mature and full perennial gardens for sun and shade with most of the plants labeled. For the sun gardens he has pruned his "William Baffin" climbing roses to tall shrubs and surrounded them with other annuals and perennials. As these sun beds go down the hill, they also provide

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the water course for the neighborhood rain runoff, so he has put in the strips of plastic edging material across the beds to catch water for the plants. In the deep shade gardens behind the house, the first year he created terraces in the poorly maintained slope and this is now a successful shade garden. Maury is contributing to urban ecology by removing buckthorn and garlic mustard at the edge of the woods behind him and has started plantings to brighten this area that can also be seen from the house. There should be turtlehead in bloom there in August for Maury to show at FFF and the State Fair. We can see that he has also

enjoyed selecting the interesting, newer annual plants to include in his pot and mailbox plantings.

**Garden of Don Stuewe and his wife Sue Doring,
3624 Robinwood Terrace, Minnetonka MN, 952-
933-2250**

Don Stuewe considers himself a beginning gardener in a beginner garden, but when you see the hard work he has done on his back yard, you will be able to remember his roots of growing up on a Carver County dairy farm. The hostas he inherited from the previous owner have been increased and divided and new

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This year's Flower, Vegetable and Photography show will be held in the Snyder Building Auditorium at the Arboretum. We encourage everyone to participate. Our judges always say that this is one of the best shows they see each year, and the best way to keep the quality of the show high is to have as many exhibitors as possible. Admission to the Arboretum will be free for exhibitors.

If you have never exhibited before, please think about it for this year. It is a lot of fun.

Experienced exhibitors will be on hand and

all are more than happy to help new exhibitors get started. And, of course, we do have a special trophy for the best first-time exhibitor. (Anne Buchanen promised to bring it back!)

If you're not a morning person and showing up anywhere before 10:30 on a Saturday morning doesn't

appeal to you, why not plan to come out and see the show? If you haven't already seen the

fabulous new spaces at the Arboretum, this would be a good time to take that in as well.

One of the enduring mysteries is the Entry Tag. Here is a guide for filling out the entry tag.

To save time the morning of the show, entry tags can be completed ahead of time.

If you need tags, please let Mary Maynard know (phone 952-926-7506, e-mail maynard4375@yahoo.com), and she'll get some to you. Mary will also have blank tags at the August tour.

This year's FFF Design theme is "Minnesota Festivals". One class of entries is "SpamFest", where design entries cannot be taller or wider than a standard Spam can (4" wide and 3 1/4" high). Here are a couple of designs that would meet these challenging restrictions.





The FFF Show Entry Tag Explained

Use a ball-point pen, lead pencil or waterproof marker to fill out tag. Tags often get wet, and other markers may run or fade.

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ENTRY TAG

No.....13.....

DivisionHort.....

ClassA-17.....

EntryMarigold.....
.....Tiger Eyes.....

NameMary Maynard...

AddressSt. Louis Park ...

Your entry number. You get your number the day of the show.

Either "Design" or "Horticulture" often shortened to "Hort"

The Section Letter and Class Number from the Show Schedule.

The variety name of your entry, as best you know it.

Pre-printed labels work very well for this. Saves time!

Fold line: End of tag is folded up over name so judges don't see it.



Pictures from the July MGCM Garden Tours



David McKeen relaxes



Patti Looking at Hostas



Liz's Waterfall



... more July Garden Tour pics.



A Toast To MGCM



Visitors admire more than just plants in Liz's gardens



Dr. Bob



Mmmm... dessert!



AUGUST TOUR REGISTRATION

Please send in your \$5 per person registration for the Club Garden Tour and dessert at Howard and Ruth Berg's on Tuesday Evening, August 9, 2005, from 6 pm to 9:30 pm.

As usual guests are welcome.

Member name _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

___ @ \$5 = _____

Please make your check payable to MGCM and send it by Thursday August 4 to:
Bob Redmond
1016 E. Minnehaha Pkwy
Minneapolis Minnesota 55417
(612-822-4109)

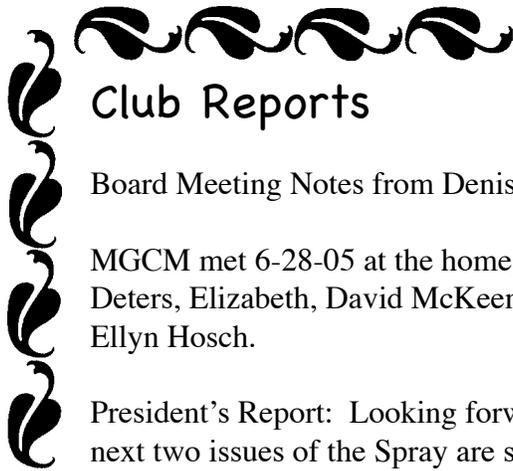
If your garden is on this tour (Robert, Maury, Don, Ruth and Howard), please be our guests and you and your guests do not need to pay. However, please contact Bob Redmond to tell him who might be attending, so we have enough desserts for you!

Questions? Call Margaret Hibberd at 651-644-8149.

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additions added to fill the shady north facing space in dramatic groupings. If there are mosquitoes, the screened porch will provide a viewing area. Front flower beds, pots of plants and the water feature he maintains on the back hillside complete the picture that this beginner is well on his way to becoming a great gardener.

MCGM members Ruth and Howard have been generous to offer their home for our dessert gathering. They are not preparing to be "on tour", but we think there will be plants and hardscape to see as we notice them buying plants each year at our plant auction and Howard was famous for his construction business.



Club Reports

Board Meeting Notes from Denise Rust:

MGCM met 6-28-05 at the home of Elizabeth Hamilton. Present: Rudy Allebach, Kristine Deters, Elizabeth, David McKeen, Denise Rust, Don Stuewe, Don Trocke. Absent: Leroy Cech, Ellyn Hosch.

President's Report: Looking forward to club tours in July and August. Board biographies for next two issues of the Spray are set--Don Trocke, August; Elizabeth Hamilton--September.

Vice President's Report: We will honor some 25-year members this fall. Programs are set through November; September offering is Ardith Beveridge, floral designer for Kohler & Dramm.

Secretary's Report: Approved as reported in July Spray. Also noted seeing Nancy Bjerke honored as a 2005 Volunteer of the Year at the Arboretum, according to the last Arboretum newsletter. Encouraged MGCM/MSHS members to attend Garden Club Appreciation Day at Como Park on Sunday, September 25. Those attending will be treated to lunch, a program, and an insider tour of the new buildings. Information on how to RSVP to this event is on pg. 8 of the July/August issue of Northern Gardener magazine.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing special to report.

Membership Secretary's Report: Sonya Leither applied for membership and was approved by the Board. Question raised as to why the on-line application for membership is different from the paper one. Also, is there need for a sponsor line on the paper application?

Next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM Tuesday, July 19 at the home of Denise Rust (note earlier meeting date)



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