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Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Nov. 8	LHC	Landscaping Wildlife
Dec. 6	LHC	Holiday Party

LHC = Lake Harriet Church

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church

MF = Marshall Field's Downtown

Arb. = U of M Landscape Arboretum

November Speaker: Marleane Callaghan Landscaping for Wildlife

In her own words:

"I have worked in the enviromental field for over 10 years specializing in using native plants to make our yards more sustainable and to increase habitat for certain species of wildlife. The past three years I have worked as a naturalist for the Wayzata school district. I am also a Carver/Scott Master Gardener and this past summer taught a Childrens Garden Club for the Orono School District. Gardening is a passion of mine and sharing it with people of all ages is especially rewarding. Our garden has been on tour for the past three years with both the Minnesota Water Garden Society and the Master Gardener tour. My husband and I have gardened together for 26 years at our home in Maple Plain. We have two grown sons, one is married with three daughters. The youngest is showing much interest in gardening already."



November Dinner Meeting November 8, 2005

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 November 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 Carole Anne Brekke (952-435-6029, numsix24@comcast.net) for your reservation or cancellation.

For last-minute cancellations, call LeRoy Cech (952 435-7621). If he can sell it, you won't be billed.



A Word from the Prez

Fall Greetings,

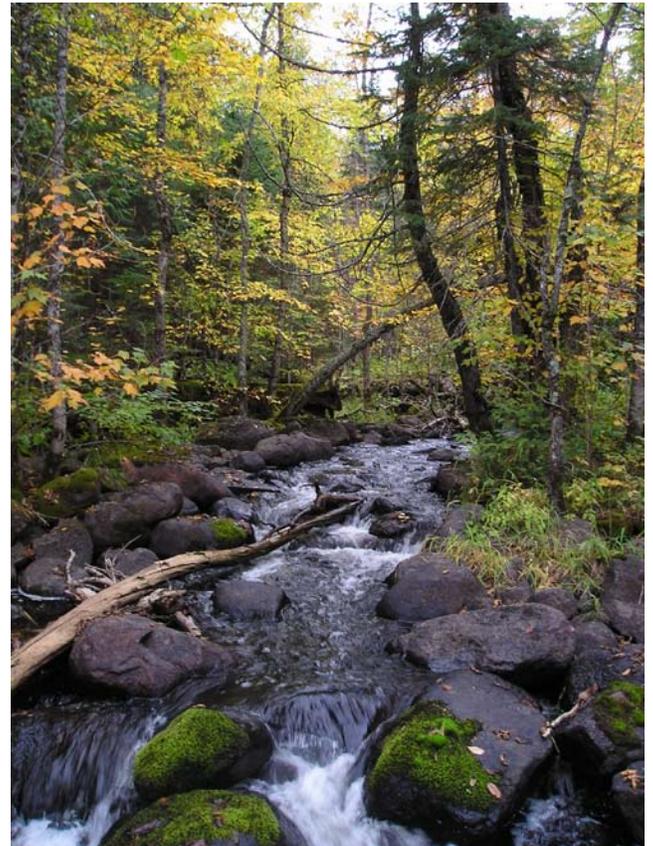
I hope everyone is finding time to enjoy the nice fall weather we have been given this year. My wife Kathryn and I were able to spend a few days up on the North Shore hiking, relaxing, and enjoying the fall colors as we celebrated our ten year wedding anniversary.

A few weeks ago our backyard was visited by that guy with the can of orange spray paint. You know the one, Doctor Dutch Elm. Our LARGE tree in the backyard will be coming down this winter. I started to see the signs of the disease last summer and this year it was very noticeable. Even though we will miss the nice canopy of shade, I won't miss cleaning out the gutters of the seeds and leaves. So now this winter we can sit back with a cup of hot cocoa and dream of what our yard will look like in full sun. I have always liked the look of a mature hackberry tree, so I see one of those along with many other sun loving plants. Oh, the possibilities.

I must be off to finish putting my roses to bed, now where did I set my leather gloves!!!

Enjoy the fall season,

David McKeen



North Shore splendor

"A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age."

Robert Frost

A Note from the Editor

by Mary Maynard



Editor's Note:

As I write this, the dahlias and impatiens are still blooming in the garden. By tomorrow, they should be wilted and black, and it will be time to dig up the tender bulbs and cut down the frozen annuals. This last month has been wonderful for the dahlias. They must like the cooler weather, because the show has been beautiful. I'll cut one last big bunch to take into the house, and then pull out the shovel to dig the tubers to save for next year. Even though I hate to see the dahlias go, part of me is ready for a rest. Summer is wonderful, but there's something nice, too, about not having any outside chores for a few months. Until it's time to do that dormant pruning.



September that we can tear ourselves away from home to see how the rest of the world gardens.

I am serving as an election judge on November 8, so I will miss the November meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone at the

Holiday Party. Thanks to Sharla Aaseng for stepping up to lead the planning for this event. See you there!

I was sorry to miss the club meeting in September, especially when I heard about Ardith Beveridge's great presentation. But Phil and I were in England for two weeks, and we got our gardening events in. Even though we didn't get to Sissinghurst or Wisley or Hidcote or Bressingham, we were surrounded by gardens and flowers everywhere we went. Here's a picture of a tiny front garden near our bed and breakfast in London.

And our B&B in Shropshire included a 2-acre garden on a 45-degree north facing slope, filled with structures and sculpture and unique features that made it like no other garden we saw. And the heather was blooming on the moors when we were in Yorkshire.

There's something to be said for cooler summers and milder winters and plentiful moisture. Flowers grow everywhere. In September, the hydrangeas, fuchsias and dahlias were the stars of the show.

One of our fellow guests at the B&B in Shropshire asked us, if we liked gardens so much, why on earth would we visit England in September? The answer, of course, is that we have our own gardens to tend and enjoy in the spring and summer. It isn't until



December Holiday Celebration

****WINTER MAGIC****

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th
At Lake Harriet Methodist Church

6pm: Social time, silent auction bidding, punch and hors d'oeuvres

6:30pm: Dinner, buffet style

Following dinner: Awards Ceremony

Entertainment: Unknown at this time

Reservation deadline: November 30th

Our annual holiday party will be held in our usual meeting place. We will again have our silent auction. We look forward to your help with your contributions of items for auction. See separate article in the Spray. Use the reservation form below. Reservations will also be taken at the November meeting.

****WINTER MAGIC** Holiday Party**

**Please reserve a place for my guests and me
for the Winter Magic Holiday Party at 6:00 p.m. on December 6th, 2005.**

Cost: \$19.00 per person

Location: Lake Harriet Methodist Church

Please reserve _____ place(s) for _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Reservation deadline: November 30th

Send reservation form and check made payable to MGCM to:

Jackie Overom

14024 Frontier Lane

Burnsville, MN 55337-4728

709 Rushmore Drive, Burnsville MN 55306-5161



2006 MGCM MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip+4

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Email _____ Occupation _____

Check here if you are a Master Gardner _____

Please list me in the directory as a mentor gardener. My specialties are _____

Please include me in the share and/or trade plants list. If interested,
please include categories of plants _____

Categories of plants
e.g., Don Stuewe - Hostas, shade plants.

I will serve on the following committees (minimum of two) as I am able. Please circle your choices.

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|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Arbor Day | 9. Membership | 17. Tours (Club) |
| 2. Auditing | 10. Perennial Garden | 18. Valleyfair |
| 3. Awards/Trophies | 11. Photography | 19. Youth Gardening |
| 4. Flower, Food, and Foto | 12. Plant Auction | |
| 5. Garden Spray | 13. Publicity | |
| 6. Historian | 14. Scholarship | |
| 7. Holiday Party | 15. Sunshine Committee | |
| 8. Hospitality | 16. Telephone/E-mail | |

I am willing to chair the _____ committee.

MGCM annual dues are \$10.00. If you would like to join the Minnesota State Horticultural Society through us, the dues are \$45.00 (\$10+35) for a single membership or \$48.00 (\$10+38) for a dual membership. Please make your checks payable to MGCM.

TOTAL RENEWAL DUES ENCLOSED _____

Please mail this form and your check by OCTOBER 30TH to:

Don Stuewe
3624 Robinwood Terrace
Minnetonka MN 55305-4330
952 933.2250

PLEASE PAY BY CHECK!!!

WELCOME BACK !!!



Gardener's Web Links

The recent issue of Northern Gardener listed a website dedicated to gardening in places with real winters. The site is www.northscaping.com and focuses its content on gardening in Zones 1-5. I had never heard of it, but gave it a quick perusal and saved it for later in my bookmarks.

Here are some other sites I use on a fairly routine basis. These are not intended to be comprehensive or in any order of importance:

Plant Search Databases

* SULIS Plant Selection Program -

<http://www.sustland.umn.edu/plant/index.html>

This site was compiled by the University of Minnesota Extension and the Landscape Design Program. Enter criteria for woody and herbaceous landscape plants and see details of plants that meet the criteria.

* Missouri Botanical Garden Kemper Center for Home Gardening - Plant Finder

<http://www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder>

The plants covered are slightly out of our region but still there is a lot of great information and pictures on this site. Take a tour through the Botanical Gardens at the same time.

Local Nurseries

* Busse Gardens

<http://www.bussegardens.com>

Good plant information and many pictures. This is a good source for basic queries on cultivated plants most likely to be sold at your local nursery .

New Member Spotlight

New member: Holly Gustafson

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H 612.823.8112, W 763.550.3463

Gustafsonh@yahoo.com

Occupation Domestic/International Sales Asst.

Committees checked:



Holiday Party



Plant Auction.

* Rice Creek Gardens

<http://www.ricecreekgardens.com>

I like this site because they offer a wide spectrum of hard to find plants, including a huge selection of peonies, primroses, rhododendrons (and azaleas) and shade plants. Visit them the old fashion way in Blaine.

Native Plants

* Prairie Moon Nursery

<http://www.prairiemoon.com>

One of the big suppliers of native plants seed for the entire region. A lot of experience with native plant restoration.

Miscellaneous

* Terra Nova Nurseries, Inc.

<http://www.terravanurseries.com>

There is a bunch of interesting information on this site, written in an energetic way. Terra Nova focuses on shade plants and has cut its teeth with a lot of work focusing on the genera "Heuchera" and "Heucherella". Recent topics on the site include information on new Podophyllum and Tricyrtis introductions as well as a slide show of the process of tissue culture.



Club Reports

Minutes of the Board meeting held 9-27-05 at Leroy Cech's. Present were Leroy, Kristine Deters, Ellyn Hosch, Denise Rust, Don Steuwe, and Don Trocke. Absent were Rudy Allebach, Elizabeth Hamilton and David McKeen.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Programs are set through December.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is over \$10000 in CDs and \$6000 in savings. Currently the checking account is set up for Treasurer and President to sign checks. Instead of having backup signer change annually with the change in President, David will continue as backup signer through his term as Past President, and then the Vice President elected in 2006 will be backup signer through three years in office (VP, President and then Past President). Annual income was down this year, with smaller plant auction and no participation at Valleyfair. Collection of meal payments at meetings is up and attendance is steady.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mollie Dean and Brenda Becker are new members. bringing the total to 115.

It is membership renewal time and this can be done at the November meeting or by mail. Several have already renewed membership.

Letterhead stationery was distributed to any who might want to contact businesses about donating items to the Christmas Party auction.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brenda Reeves was recognized by the City of Brooklyn Park for exemplary service as a volunteer to the city.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There will not be a path installed by the Lake Harriet Perennial Trial Garden. The committee is talking with Mary Lehrmann of the Parks Dept. about possibly installing a stone with a plaque recognizing past MGCM members. They will also look into acquiring more plant material for the garden.

Will need to line up new Vice President, Membership Secretary and at least one member at large for the Board before the November election.

OLD BUSINESS

The plan is to revise the next budget to tie future Valleyfair income into a fundraiser for something for something specific, such as the Scholarship Fund, to hopefully encourage more members to participate. We want to look to the membership for ideas on how to spend some of our surplus funds, keeping in mind that the money should be spent in keeping with the organization's goals. As proposed ideas need to be discussed by the Board and then voted upon by the membership, any ideas should be brought to a Board member as they arise.

NEW BUSINESS

A proposal was made that the Board meet less often, perhaps quarterly (Jan.-Apr.- Sept.-Nov.?) or bi-monthly. The club handbook requires that the Board meet "regularly." A decision will be made about this at the next Board meeting.

Some thought will also be given to adjusting the size of the Board, with any proposed change requiring a change in the Bylaws.

NEXT MEETING will be held Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at 7:00 PM at David McKeen's.



October Club Meeting

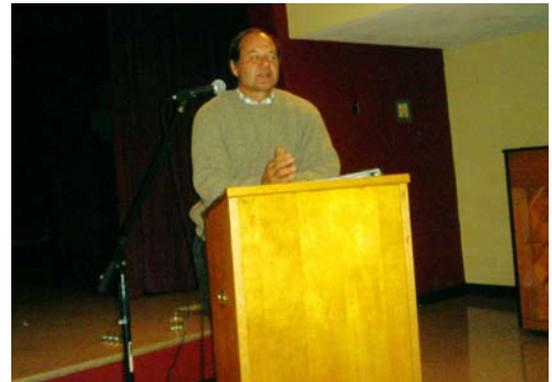


The cake

At the October meeting the Club celebrated the **25 year membership of two members: Andy Marlow and Howard Berg.** Cake helped make the occasion particularly festive.



Howard Berg was present to accept his 25 Years Award



Rob Bowen from Prairie Restorations, Inc.

If you couldn't make the October meeting you missed an interesting talk. **Rob Bowen from Prairie Restorations, Inc.**, was the distinguished speaker. He spoke about his life work: creating and restoring native plant communities in Minnesota. After talking about his introduction to creating native prairie and woodland gardens working as a gardener for Bruce Dayton, he defined what a native plant is and why they should be cultivated and used in our gardens.



Crowd-cam



Holiday Party Preparations: Silent Auction

The Holiday Party Committee is now in action. Our theme this year is “Winter Magic” and we all look forward to sharing a “magical evening” with all of you. There will be good food, good conversation, entertainment (although at this time we do not know who that will be), the awards ceremony and of course, the silent auction. So, please start thinking of items you might have or could get for auction. When you have something, please send the information by mail, call or email to:

Sharla Aaseng
1025 20th Ave. SE
Mpls, MN 55414-2511
612-623-9341
aasen005@tc.umn.edu

Please give me a brief description of the item, your name and the best way to reach you if I have questions and a minimum bid if pertinent.

How is Tissue Culture Like a Hollywood Movie?

by Jason Rathe

I was recently reading a book on fern gardening and the author noted that he would rate several species as candidates for “tissue culture.” On a guided tour of the specialty nursery, Funkie Gardens in Prescott, the manager noted that they were going to produce a particularly pleasing plant from “tissue culture.” One doesn’t have to attend too many lectures by plant breeders or nursery professionals before these two words are thrown into the conversation.

Silent Auction Specifics

The Silent Auction takes place during the Holiday Party. It is a way for the club to raise money. Please take some time to come up with businesses you have a relationship with that might be willing to donate to the auction. The MGCM has letterhead letters with a request for the donations in the body of the letter (it also states that the MGCM is a 501-3c non-profit). This letter will be used as the invoice for the company’s or individual’s donation (that way the donor can put a dollar value on the donation for their tax returns). I have the letterhead available and can be a contact person (phone # 952 933.2250 and dstuewe@mn.rr.com).

Note to Committee Members: The Holiday Party Committee will meet after the November Meeting.

But what is “tissue culture” and why does it seem to be the next big thing in plant breeding?

The important thing to understand is that there are several ways of reproducing plants and the nursery trade utilizes the appropriate method based on the market for the plant, the reproductive characteristics and the cost of the propagation technique.

Seed is usually the most economic way of reproducing a plant, but the interesting leaf, flower and shape characteristics of our favorite plants are generally (*tissue culture cont. on pg 10*)



Members in the News

Kay Wolfe won a St. Louis Park Evergreen Award for 2005. Each year, the City solicits nominations to recognize outstanding landscaping that can be enjoyed by passers by. This year, Kay was one of three Evergreen Award winners in St. Louis Park. See a picture of Kay's streetside landscaping at: <http://www.stlouispark.org/Photos&Maps/EvergreenAwards.html>.

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2006 Board Member Nominations

Following is a list of board member candidates for consideration at the November club meeting, which is our Annual Meeting. Here are the candidates. Keep in mind that additional nominations can be made from the floor during the meeting. Voting for new officers takes place at the November meeting.

President: Kristine Deters

Vice President: Margaret Landry

Treasurer: Leroy Cech

Membership Secretary: Sharla Aaseng

Recording Secretary: Denise Rust

Directors: Elizabeth Hamilton, Don Trocke, Elaine Spiegel

Past President: Dave McKeen

(tissue culture cont. from pg 9)

some type of spontaneous mutation that doesn't carry over to the next generation reproduced by seed.



Plants in tissue culture

In these cases the plant (or part of a plant) is reproduced vegetatively. This includes familiar gardening techniques such as division and rooting cuttings of the plant.

But some plants don't respond to this type of reproduction either. And they don't grow fast enough to make division feasible.

It is these plants that lend themselves to tissue culture. In tissue culture a small number of cells of the plant are reproduced in a lab. A square inch of plant tissue can produce literally thousands of plants genetically identical to the original plant.

The cost of this procedure, which can only be undertaken in a sophisticated lab, is prohibitive. But, like a Hollywood movie, high costs of production can be recovered if the market is big enough. An example would be the "Endless Summer" hydrangea. It is easy to imagine that the massive appeal of the plant would make something like tissue culture quite feasible.

Expect quite a few dramatically new and different "tissue-culture" produced plants to be introduced in the coming years. And don't be surprised if they have Hollywood-like hype and hoopla.



PLANT SHARE/TRADE LIST

Followig is a list of members who have plants to share or those who are looking for something new. If you are interested in any of the plants listed or have extra of a plant someone is looking for contact the member direct (refer to the Member Directory) or contact Don Stuewe (phone # 952 933.2250 and dstuewe@mn.rr.com). This is a good way to add something new to the gardena nd maybe meet someone new in the process.

MEMBER NAME	PLANTS TO SHARE	PLANTS WANTED
Bjerke, Nancy		Plants deer avoid
Brekke, Carol Ann	Daylilies	
Brummer, Marilyn	Perennials, sun plants	
Buchanon, Anne	Hostas, perennials	
Carlson, Chuck	Ornamental grasses, shade plants hostas	
Cech, Leroy	Iris, hosta	
Devine, Nancy	Hostas, sun plants	
Geister, Gary	Blackberry lily, annual vines, clematis, Lady's mantle	
Johnson, Dave	Shade plants	
Kean, Robert	Yellow and black raspberries	
Koopmons, Roger	Hostas perennials	
Marlow, Andy	Hostas	
Maynard, Mary	Daylilies, hostas, perennials	
McCauley, Tim	Peonies, daylilies	
Nordley, Warren	Perennials	
Overom, Jackie	Perennials	
Reynolds, Patti and Duane	Hosta	
Sefelt, Roger	Shade perennials, sedums	
Stuewe, Don	Hosta, shade plants	
Wolfe, Kay	Ornamental grasses	



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