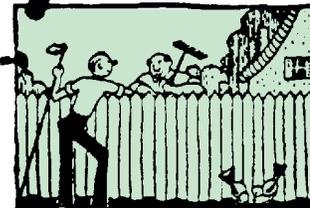




The Garden Spray



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April Dinner Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2002 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.

Reservations are necessary. Call Carole Ann Brekke (phone 952-435-6029) for your reservation if you are not on the permanent reservations list or you need to cancel your permanent reservation. For last minute cancellations on Monday or Tuesday call Dave Johnson (763-571-2713). If he can sell it, you won't be billed.



The Program

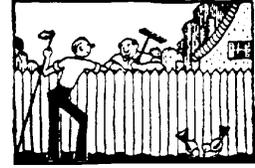
Veronica Malone on Herbs



Veronica is a native of New Orleans and a Minnesota transplant since 1969. She has been a Master Gardener for the past 11 years. Also, for the past 10 years has been a member of the Minnesota Herb Society and was its president for three years. Her garden has been featured on the Herb Garden Tour. She also has been the chair for the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's Herb Symposium. Her garden design uses terraced retaining walls and is on a rather high hill. It is filled with herbs, flowers and vegetables. She will provide information on: Growing & using herbs, Growing in the shade, Use of containers, Deer versus herbs plus other tidbits of information. She is an animated speaker who will get you interested in planting herbs, so come and join the group.

Future Club Events

May 7	Plant Sale & Auction	October 8	Dinner Meeting Program is Roberta Sladky Director of Como Conservatory
June 11	Dinner Meeting Dave Bedford on Apple Breeding	October 12	60th Anniversary Luncheon at the Arboretum
July 13 & 14	Biennial Tour-Open to the Public	November 12	Dinner meeting Susan Davis Price on Minnesota Gardening History
August 11	Members Garden Tour	November 29	Wreath & Holiday Decoration making at Klier's Garden Center
August 17-18	Food Flower & Foto Show (FFF)	December 3	Holiday Party
September 10	Dinner meeting Joan Bethiaume on Mr. Wirth and the Park System		



Editorial Enticements

This month I am giving the column to Andy Marlow for a explanation of the MGCM web site. Chuck

The MGCM Website

By Andy Marlow, MGCM Webmaster

Since late last year, the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis has had a website of its own. The website is located at <http://www.tc.umn.edu/~amarlow/mgcm/>. The website address is a little long and complicated because it is located on a University of Minnesota server in my personal web area. That was the lowest cost way to achieve the goal of putting a club website on-line.

Our site currently has links from the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America sites. In addition, I have registered it with as many of the internet portals and search sites as I could, so that people who search for Men's Garden Club, MGCM, Garden Club in Minneapolis, etc., will be able to find it.

The site has five basic sections: the front page, about us, events, information on joining the club, and contact information. The "**front**" page tells a bit about MGCM and provides links for the other major pages. There is a graphic navigation bar across the top and a text navigation bar along the bottom. These bars are repeated on each page, along with the club logo and a distinctive green type style. These common elements serve to give the site some sense of unity and cohesiveness.

The "**about us**" page is a combination of basic information about MGCM and a brief history of the organization. The text for this part of the site was written by Chuck Carlson, drawing on historical resources supplied by Historian Howard Berg.

The "**events**" page has a year long calendar of club events, sort of like the calen-

dar on the inside cover of the printed club directory but with a lot more detail. There's a list of months at the top of the page. A visitor can click on the name of the month and jump to the information for that month. There's also a link in each month that lets a user jump back to the top of the page. The text that names each month also is a link to that month's *Garden Spray*. Every issue of the *Spray* that has come out for this year is available on the site, plus there's an archive of last year's *Sprays*. As with the *Spray* that is delivered by e-mail, you will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat software in order to view the *Spray*.

The "**join**" section is meant to supply information to prospective members about how to join. It has a link to Membership Secretary Jackie Overom's e-mail and a replica of the printed MGCM membership application. An applicant can fill out the form on-line, but must print it out and mail it in along with their check for dues.

Finally, the "**contact**" page has the names of the club officers and directors, plus the newsletter editor and the webmaster. Some names have e-mail links to the individuals that website visitors are likely to want to contact. Those include the President, Membership Secretary, webmaster and newsletter editor.

A few tidbits for the technically minded: The website is hosted on a Sun SPARC station server at the University that runs the Unix operating system and Apache web server software. Web pages are composed on a WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) program called DreamWeaver from MacroMedia, Inc. DreamWeaver also lets me manage the site and transfers files from my computer to the web server. Other software I use includes Microsoft Word for word processing, Adobe PhotoShop for manipulating photos and other graphic elements, and MacroMedia Freehand for creating graphics. I do all the work on my Power Macintosh G4 tower with a 733mHz processor and 384 megabytes of RAM.

President's Column

MGCM President Warren Nordley

Again a number of our members have brought up disaffiliation with the national organization. The issue of membership in national organization is, indeed, an interesting one. In the past, support for remaining in National has come from some of our clubs most respected members - people who have made enormous contributions to our club. Because they've tended to be long-standing members, they recall the days when belonging to National provided value to the club and it did so in a number of ways. But many of those same members have become disillusioned with the performance of National. Times change and conditions change.

There will be a vote in June (see the summary of the Board's last meeting minutes in this newsletter). If the club votes to disaffiliate, I truly believe it will enhance our objective of improving membership. I also think that we will find opportunities for funding uses that will be far more rewarding to our club than we're currently realizing from our commitment to National.

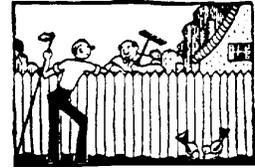
And whereas I feel badly for those members who harbor a deep passion for National, I'm comforted in knowing they can still retain membership on an individual basis. It seems to me like a very satisfactory compromise. Rest assured, your board will support whatever decision is made at the June voting. Thanks.

Health Update

By Chuck Carlson

The following is an update on some of our members who have been or are in health facilities. We first must mention Phil Peterson our "Sunshine" man. Phil did spend a few days in the hospital some months ago but he claims he is back in good health for a person in his 90's.

Phil talked to Jean Caple and she said that



Archie Caple is in the Bloomington Care Rehabilitation center on 92nd. Another report said all is well except he has not fully regained his speech. He is having therapy to learn to talk again. He looks good but can't swallow very well. No problem walking or thinking!

Dave Johnson is home working the tread mill and the doctors said he should be ready for the gardening season. Dave says he is now called the "Stint Man". He has 5 stints and the heart seems to be in good shape.

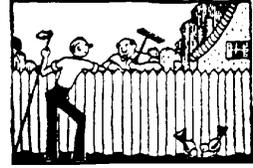
Jerry Shannon has been in the hospital two times one for surgery and one to treat an intestinal blockage and some infection. He is now back home resting and thinking about all those spring garden chores.

I talked to **Jack Kobe** on March 19th and he just got back from Rochester and now has all his tubes out. He had a few months of problems but says things now looking up. He said he had his first drive behind the wheel. That sounds like the talk of a teenager so he must be on the mend.

I tried to phone Lorraine and find out about **Bob Churilla**. She wasn't home but at the doctor for problems of her own. So I called a mutual friend. Bob was in the hospital for an infection caused by his feeding tube and is now back in a care facility. He lost his bed at Lake Ridge so is now is at the University Good Samaritan Center. His general status has not changed.

Lee Gilligan says his health is a day to day experience. He was just in the hospital for a couple days. His problems have been on going for a couple years, and is now changing/cleaning blood twice a week. He is now waiting for his health to get a bit better so he can get a new improved pace maker. But says he is looking forward to at least supervise the planting of the garden at the Shamrock Air Facility he once owned and managed.

Harold Gulde is still at the Tiffany Heritage of Edina. Presently taking therapy for balance. His goal is to be home in April. He had the garden redesigned but will no longer grow dahlias. He would be glad for a call, Telephone is 952-915-5436



In Memoriam To Bill Hull

By Chuck Carlson & Howard Berg

Bill Hull died on March 2, 2002. He was preceded in death by his wife Carol. Survived by his daughters Judith Lindberg and Pauline Conn plus granddaughters.

Bill was a graduate of Southern Methodist University, an Eagle Scout, a author of two books "All Hell broke Loose" and "Nurses Hearts and Hands". He worked as a public relations manager and was listed in Who's Who in Commerce and Industry. He did much writing of articles and pamphlets, plus a major treatise, "Public Relations For The Pharmacist". He was member of Garden Writers of America, Royal Horticulture Society, a charter member of the Minnesota Press Club, and president of the Midwest Mail/Marketing Association. He received two national awards from the Direct Mail/ Marketing Association for outstanding direct mail campaigns and one regional award for major contributions to the industry. Bill was also a volunteer at Fairview Hospital, a Mason, a Shriner, and a Mensa member

If Bill had lived 114 days longer he would have been a member of The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis (MGCM) and The Mens Garden Club of America (MGCA/TGOA) for 50 years.

His life as a member of MGCM included many accomplishments. He was elected Treasurer in 1956, 1957 and 1958, vice president in 1959, and president in 1960. He was the associate editor of the Newsletter for 13 years, then became editor for five more years. He was a bronze medal recipient in 1965. Over the years he was an active working member on many committees and chairman of several and finished his activities as the clubs historian.

His activities with MGCA/TGOA were many. He was elected to the Board of Direc-

tors and appointed director of the publication "MEGA". as part of this duty he changed the name of the publication to The Gardener. Bill was elected a vice-president of the MGCA/TGOA in 1961 and president in 1964. After being the past president, he was a permanent member of the MGCA Executive Board. He was awarded the Silver medal, started the Big Pumpkin contest, and obtained IRS reclassification for MGCA/TGOA.

Bill we hope you are now a happy gardener; with a thumb that is green, a hoe in your hand, big pumpkins & sunflowers to view, books to write, and a garden newsletter to edit. Peace to you and yours.

Flower Show

Excerpts from members attending

Here are a few comments on the Marshall Fields Bachman's Flower show the club attended on March 19th.

"I loved the show. It's also fun to be with other gardeners who appreciate the finer things—like sunflowers." Jackie Overom

"The show was great! Dales talk enhanced the experience. I loved the entry-way and dinning room to get in the show. Peonies, forsythia, golden chain tree and big trees were all surprises from other years. The set designers out did themselves." Margaret Hibberd

"One of the best shows ever, because of the strong design strength of the house and gardens. Flower massing and fragrance was outstanding. The "orange" scents were a wonderful combination." Peter Olin

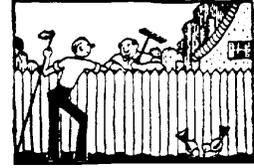
"I always remember the fragrance even out to the elevators. Loved sitting just to take in the atmosphere and the wine was good too. It must have been a drag for the horse after a day or two." Mary

"Impressive show! The best that Marshall Fields ever did. Trees and Shrubs especially interesting. Disappointed that the magnolias had finished blooming." Lloyd & Patti Weber

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Board Meeting Summary

Ellyn Hosch Secretary



Board Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: 5 March 2002

Board members present: Nancy Bjerke, Carole Ann Brekke, Lynda Carlson, Ellyn Hosch, Dave Johnson, Don Morgenweck, Warren Nordley and Jackie Overom. Dave McKeen was absent

President's Report

Warren gave a brief overview of a conversation he had with a leader from the Ramsey Garden Club. The Ramsey Garden Club is 90 years old this year, and is having a celebration in July. They have about 200 members and about 85% of the club members are women. They conduct garden tours each year of 20 gardens, which are selected in advance for the year. They conduct a Silent Auction at their annual Holiday Party.

Vice President's Report

Nancy Bjerke has confirmed all speakers for this year. Nancy received an inquiry from a Wisconsin company wanting to conduct a focus group during one of our monthly meetings.

Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports

Both reports were approved as submitted. Dave stated that the Memorial Fund, which has a current balance of \$157, does not have any specific guidelines for its use. A number of options were discussed regarding possible uses for the funds.

Membership Secretary's Report

As of 5 March 2002, we have 115 members. This compares to 129 members last year. Jackie Overom presented two applicants for membership upon which the Board voted: Tim Rosener and Michael Pies. Both applications were unanimously accepted.

Other Committee Reports

- Lynda Carlson gave the 60th Anniversary Committee report. A luncheon at the Arboretum is scheduled for October 12th. A flier will be going out with information on the clothing items that have been embroidered with the MGCM logo.

- We still do not have a chair for the Members, Garden Tour in August. It was suggested that a separate committee from the Biennial committee responsible for the public tour should handle the August member's tour.

- A special meeting of the Membership committee with Board participation generated a number of ideas for recruiting membership. These ideas included signage at all of the gardens on the public tour promoting MGCM, the printing of brochures for distribution at the tour, promotional items and some kinds of membership incentives.

- We are still in discussion with the church regarding the planting for this year.

No Old Business

New Business

- There was a lengthy discussion regarding our affiliation with the National club. The National club has experienced organizational changes and two (2) clubs have disaffiliated. There is increasing informal discussion among MGCM members concerning our continued affiliation in National. The Board believes that there is enough dissatisfaction to bring this issue to the general membership for a vote.

The MGCM bylaws, Article XI, Affiliations states: "The club may affiliate or disaffiliate with other clubs or organizations of similar aims. Proposals for affiliation or disaffiliation shall be presented in writing at a regular meeting and shall lie over for at least one month before action by the membership. It shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present to pass."

In keeping with the directions of the bylaws and in the interest of assuring an open

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Confessions of a Lazy Gardener

By Mary Maynard

Those of you who have seen my gardens on Dart Avenue may think that I am singularly ill-equipped to write about effective use of plant materials in garden design. But I have some definite ideas, despite my failure to execute them. They are not rocket science, but maybe you can avoid some of the mistakes I've made in my checkered gardening career.

1. Think about vantage points. Gardens viewed from a distance need to have larger plants — or large drifts of one plant — to have any visual impact. There's no point in having a collection of single specimens if they're going to be viewed from 50 feet away. They'll look like a jumble. Believe me — I know this one! The garden closest to my heart is the border that runs along the back of our lot. It's the first garden I started when I moved in, and it's the first thing I see when I step into the back yard. But it's about 60 feet away from the house, and needs some mass plantings or sizable shrubs to give it form and structure. A bunch of one-of-a-kind plants, no matter how special they are, will just fade into each other to form a cluttered, anonymous mass.

On the other hand, Chuck Carlson and Jerry and Lee Shannon have lovely rock gardens that display dainty specimens beautifully. The gardens are designed and placed so that we walk right up to them, and they're kind of elevated so that we can feel even closer to them. This is the perfect way to display unique treasures.

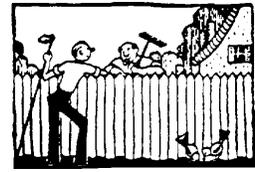
2. When gardening with perennials, think about plant form and foliage color first — then flower color. If we're lucky, some of our best perennials will be blooming for about

a month in the summer. That means that, the vast majority of the time, they won't be blooming. To maximize the visual effect in our gardens, we should think about what they look like without blooms, and try to build good combinations of foliage color and overall form. If we get something we like using just form and foliage color, the flowers are a bonus. I am particularly bad at taking plant form into consideration, and I end up with a large amorphous collection of green mound-shaped plants, without a lot of visual interest. More upright or fountain forms would make a lot of difference, as would more attention to foliage color and texture. And I am particularly dissatisfied with an area that is almost — but not quite — all daylilies. I love daylilies, but their bloom period isn't all that long, and all that strappy foliage starts looking kind of ratty and boring by midsummer.

3. Vary heights of plants within the border. I often think of my borders as flat, two-dimensional space that should be filled up. But of course, we really have a three-dimensional space to think about, and we can gain more visual impact by varying the heights of plants in our beds. Some writers have suggested that we should plan heights in the garden to mimic the surrounding landscape — rolling hills, or mountains. So, perhaps that explains my flat, boring borders: I grew up on the prairie, after all, and the contours of my borders are about as interesting as South Dakota farmland.

4. When in doubt, think big! If you haven't ever been to Kay Wolfe's garden, call her up and make an appointment to see it. I love Kay's garden. It's a small space, and has a great feeling of intimacy to it. But, despite Kay's comparatively small lot, she makes wonderful use of large plants — plume poppies, hydrangeas, eupatorium, miscanthus and panicum grasses, etc. You can tell that Kay is an artist by her use of form and color in her gardens. And she is not afraid of using big plants.

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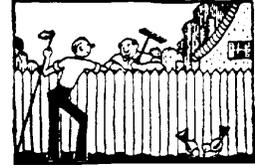
Phil Smith

As we get older, some of the chores of a traditional garden get harder on the back and knees, such as digging, cultivating, planting, weeding, etc. With this in mind, a nice and even large display of plants may be grown in containers of various types with not so much labor. However, unless one installs an automatic watering system, daily watering may be required which does restrict travel, fishing trips, etc. This brings to mind an old gardeners saying: "never have more garden than your spouse may take care of."

Suffice the philosophy, I am noting some ideas accumulated over more than 50 years of gardening. Virtually any container which will hold soil may be used to grow plants and when driving cross country one may see various vessels holding plants, such as 5 gallon plastic buckets, old wheel barrows, bath tubs, old boats, nursery pots, and whiskey barrels, for example. However, if one has a nice home with a porch, deck or patio to site planters, some nice decorative pots, or wood boxes may be preferred.

Garden centers carry nice large pots and planters made from clay, concrete and wood. Some very nice ones are glazed like pottery. The handy "do-it-yourself-er" may mold pots from concrete or tufa rock composition, or build nice planters from wood. The Northern Gardener had a nice article last fall on making tufa rock planters.

Long planter boxes made from wood are nice to edge a patio or deck. They should be a minimum of about 8" high and 8" wide in cross section and not over about 4-5 feet in length (any longer is heavy for one person to move even if empty). I like to use 2" lumber,

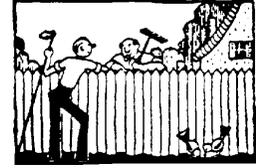


and a crosspiece should be placed about every 16" lengthwise for stability and strength. As to choices of wood, western red cedar has good rot resistance, but low strength and checks easily. Redwood is stronger than cedar, but one must be sure to get wood that is all heart wood (red) with no sap wood (white). The white wood has no rot resistance at all and even rots quicker than pine. I find that treated lumber works well and looks nice if stained. Some writers advise against it because the possible leaching of the chemicals into the soil may retard plant growth. I have not found this to be a problem, but I would not plant vegetables in planters made from treated lumber. In Montana I have quite a few Douglas fir trees which I cut and mill for a low-cost source of lumber when they are standing dead, and have made planter boxes from such lumber. Doug fir is moderately rot resistance, particularly if the trees have grown slow (growth rings close together), but not so resistant as cedar or redwood.

When filling the containers, I prefer to use about an inch of gravel or crushed rock in the bottom for good drainage, and then any good potting soil mixture to fill the planters. I normally mix my own in a cement mixer, using about half good garden soil, 1/4 sand or perlite, 1/4 peat moss or compost, and an amount of Osmocote fertilizer recommended for the volume. Some garden writers recommend removing and discarding the soil each year. However, I believe this is unnecessary work and have for many years never done so. I find that the soil actually gets better each year. This is because the roots from the plants grown the previous season add natural humus when decomposed over the winter. I just cut the plants off at the surface in the fall, and the next spring dig in and mix the roots with a trowel along with some added fertilizer, and some extra soil if needed. (Mary Maynard our professed lazy gardener may like this idea.)

If you leave soil in the pots over winter, it is important that the soil be allowed to dry

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Board Meeting Summary Continued

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discussion and voting process, the Board agreed to the following actions: A letter will be sent from the Board to all members prior to the April meeting. With the letter will be a summary of points both for and against continued affiliation with the National club. These points have been gathered in discussions with various club members.

The proposal for a vote regarding continued affiliation with the National club will be officially presented at the April meeting. No discussion will be entertained at the April meeting. All discussion regarding the proposal will be conducted at the June meeting immediately prior to the membership vote.

The vote on the proposal will be conducted at the June meeting. To assure equal opportunity for all to express their opinion on the proposal, members will be allowed to sign-up for a period of time not to exceed two minutes. All members requesting time will be scheduled to speak on a first come, first served basis.

After much discussion and consideration, the Board voted to recommend disaffiliation from the National club to the membership. Ellyn Hosch will take members, requests for time and will be the official timekeeper during the June meeting discussion.

- A discussion of the advertising policy was held over for the next meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on April 2 at the home of Nancy Bjerke. Please note the time change to 7:00 PM from 7:30 PM. Anyone needing directions to Nancy's house should contact her at 952-476-8057.

New Members

Welcome to two new members, Michael Pies and Tim Rosner. Both were at the flower show outing. Make sure you greet them at the next meeting

Flower show Continued

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"The hardscape was spectacular and made this year's show different from all others." Chuck

"I wasn't excited about the theme since it was not the usual literary allegory and I thought it would be too commercial. But, what a pleasant surprise. The real architecture and gardens of Provence proved to be a delight." Kay Wolfe

"My first experience at the flower show. Even before entering you could smell it. After entering, my eyes were filled with a glow of color of many flowers and trees." Michael Pies

"It was as though a generous friend had left the door for us and provided a quiet time to enjoy his gardens before dinner. The early spring feast of color and design was very satisfying. Welcome, spring!" Anne Buchanan

Valley Fair

By Dave Moehnke

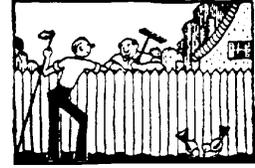
Spring is just around the corner, and as our thoughts turn to "playing in the dirt", what better way to do this (besides your own garden) than to be part of the Valley Fair Planting Gang.

Funding for volunteer groups has been extended for the year 2002. What this means to our club, is that we have the opportunity to put considerable dollars into the club treasury, with just the commitment of some of our elbow grease and time. The way it works, is we show up on a specific date, work approximately. 3 to 5 hours of grooming, followed by planting. The remuneration depends on the turnout as follows; 10 volunteers = \$500.00, 11-15 = \$750.00 16-20 = \$1000.00, 21-25 = \$1250.00.

We have been "penciled in" for two (2) secessions, one in late April / one in mid May. Actual dates yet to be finalized, so stay tuned for updates. In the past these outings have been held on a Saturday morning..

This committee is fun, easy and very rewarding for the club treasury.

Please e-mail / call me if we can count on you to be part of the Valley Fair Planting Gang. My email is [greenthumbs@msn.com]



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thoroughly in the autumn, and that the containers are covered with a water proof material. Otherwise the freezing in the winter will expand the soil and break or crack the containers. I use a heavy plastic tied around the container with good twine, or a sheet of scrap plywood with a rock on top. For expensive containers, I do not chance breakage over the winter and remove the soil for storage in garbage cans. Wood containers may be overturned and left in place, but clay or pottery ones are preferably moved to a secure storage area, out of range of snow blowers, a careless shovel, etc.

As to grouping of pots, I like to place a large clay pot on top of an inverted one of same size and then space about three pots of same size around the taller one, if placed against a wall or railing. If the grouping is in the open, you can space about 6 pots around the taller one for a circular arrangement.

Hanging pots or planters can be very attractive when planted with trailing type plants. I like to use three plants per pot for most kinds of plants, but one of the new Wave petunias will do nicely alone. Numerous kinds of wall mounted metal hangers are available. However, I have often used closet rod brackets which are stronger and cheaper (often about a dollar) than those sold in garden centers.

Some gardeners plant containers with vegetables, which often do quite well if the right varieties are used. I have never done much with vegetables in containers, preferring to have the color of flowers and buy the vegetables at a farmer's market.

One planting which looks nice is a grouping of large pots near a home entrance, such as adjacent the front door. I like one

large pot elevated on another inverted pot or a couple of concrete blocks, with two or three somewhat smaller pots placed around the higher pot.

If you have some deck or patio space, why not try some planters. Planting and care of plants in containers is easier on the back, in my experience, and they can add considerable interest to an outdoor seating area.



CONFESSIONS CONTINUED

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5. Don't forget shrubs. I read somewhere that here in the U.S. we can't emulate the British herbaceous borders without mixing in a few shrubs. I don't know if that's really true, and the writer didn't elaborate. But I do know that shrubs can "anchor" a border with some weight and volume. Shrubs can provide excellent winter interest, too, especially evergreens and deciduous shrubs with interesting bark. So, if you're trying to think big and can't come up with herbaceous plants that can provide that mass and anchor, don't forget shrubs. As a bonus, of course, many of them also flower.

Well, if I'm going to practice what I preach, I have a lot of work to do!

*Do you believe this is a lazy gardener talking?
Your editor.*

Anniversary Musings

Compiled By Howard Berg-Historian.
Theses are clips from past newsletters.

60 YEARS AGO — APRIL 1942

There was no newsletter or history from April 1942

50 YEARS AGO — APRIL 1952

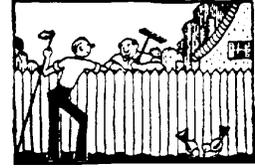
The April 8, 1952 meeting was held at Bachman Greenhouse for dinner and a program of sightseeing and demonstrations personally conducted by Henry and Lloyd Bachman plus others. Lloyd spoke on "New Developments in the Floral Industry" and Henry on the proper way to handle seedlings in transplanting. The most important part of this meeting was a report of the Civic Interest Committee. The committee has ordered 200 flowering crabapple trees. These were donated and were planted near the Rose Garden as a memorial to the Men's Garden Club.

25 YEARS AGO — APRIL 1977

The April 12, 1977, meeting at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 6 P.M., cost \$3.00. A program was presented on outdoor gardening. Howard Klier also spoke and presented a movie on sphagnum moss. Our horticulture committee also addressed the gathering. Henry Bachman celebrated his 85th birthday.

15 YEARS AGO — APRIL 1987

The April 14, 1987, meeting was held at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, at 6 P.M., cost \$6.00. The program was "A Journey Through Alaska" by Shirley Mah Kooyman. An article in the 1987 newsletter summarized MGCM's Arbor Day tradition as follows; In 1952, two hundred flowering Crab apple trees were planted at the Minneapolis rose gardens. In 1981, a specimen pin oak was planted at Fort Snelling National Cemetery which was dedicated to veterans of Vietnam. In June of



1981 a devastating tornado destroyed the rose garden's arboretum including the MGCM's crab apples which have been a car stopper for 30 years. Since 1982, MGCM planted \$1800.00 worth of trees including 27 Crab apples of 7 different varieties. In recognition of these Arbor Day activities, the National Arbor Day Foundation presented an award to MGCM. This was received by Jerry Shannon in Nebraska on April 1984. In May 1987, MGCM again planted a number of trees at the Lake Harriet rose garden site. Another article in the April 1987 newsletter by member Rick Bonlender touted the master gardener program. It also mentioned that Archie Caple was a charter member and that Russ Smith joined the ranks in 1986.

10 YEARS AGO — APRIL 1992

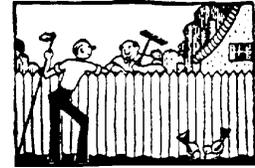
The dinner meeting included a demonstration and hands-on workshop by MGCM member Larry Bagge on April 14, 1992. The meeting was at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church. Terry Robertson's interview with Harold Gulde on dahlias became an article in the newsletter.

5 YEARS AGO — APRIL 1997

The April dinner meeting, Tuesday the 8th, 1997, at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 6.30 P.M., cost \$7.00. The program was on "Garden and Landscape Design" by Andrea Fiterman. The Arbor Day planting was scheduled for Saturday May 10, 1997, at 9 A.M. at Lyndale Park.



Plant Sale Pre-order Form



Genera	Variety and/or Color	Quantity of Half Flats	Quantity of Full Flats
Ageratum	Blue Leilani		
Ageratum	Hawaii Blue		
Ageratum	Hawaii White		
Alyssum	Snow Crystals White		
Begonia, fib	Super Olympia Mix		
Begonia, fib	Super Olympia Pink		
Begonia, fib	Super Olympia Red		
Begonia, fib	Super Olympia Rose		
Begonia, fib	Super Olympia White		
Brachycome	Brachy Blue		
Browallia	Bells Blue		
Calendula	Bon Bon Yellow		
Cleome	Rose		
Celosia	Red		
Celosia	Pink		
Dianthus	Super Parfait Raspberry		
Daisy	Dahlborg Yellow		
Dusty Miller	Silverdust		
Flowering Kale	Emperor mix		
Impatiens	Blitz 2000 Pink		
Impatiens	Blitz 2000 Salmon		
Impatiens	Blitz 2000 Rose		
Impatiens	Show Stopper Bright Red		
Impatiens	Super Elfin Blue Pearl		
Impatiens	Super Elfin Bright Orange		
Impatiens	Super Elfin Ruby (new)		
Impatiens	Super Elfin Lipstick		
Impatiens	Super Elfin Mix		
Impatiens	Super Elfin White		
Lisianthus	Heidi Blue Rim		
Lisianthus	Heidi Deep Blue		
Lisianthus	Heidi Rose Pink		
Lobelia	Blue Horizon		
Lobelia	Blue Trailing		
Lobelia	Rose Trailing		
Lobelia	Palace Blue		
Marigold	Antique Yellow		
Marigold	Lemondrop		
Marigold	Orange		
Neurenbergia	Mont Blanc White		
Nicotiana	Avalon Bright Pink		
Nicotiana	Antique Peach		
Nicotiana	Antique Red		
Pansy	Blue		
Pansy	Mix		
Pansy	Yellow		
Pansy	Majestic Giant		
Petunia	Fantasy Pink Morn		
Petunia	Super Cascade Pink		
Petunia	Super Cascade Rose		
Petunia	Super Cascade White		
Petunia	Super Cascade Red		
Salvia	Sizzler Red		
Salvia	Victoria Blue		
Verbena	Red		
Verbena	Imagination		
Vinca	Peach		
Vinca	Punch		
Zinnia	Dreamland mix		

The price this year is being held at last year's level. Our price for pre-ordered materials is \$11 per half flat, \$20.00 per flat. Please submit your order at the April 9 dinner meeting. Include at least 50% of the total purchase price with your order. The balance of your payment will be collected when you pick up your order at the May 8 plant sale.

If you cannot attend the April 9 meeting to submit your order, mail it with your check by April 15 to Doug Whitney, 4820 Dowling Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406. If you want to order plant materials but cannot attend the May 8 plant sale, call Doug Whitney at (612) 724-8171. He will arrange to keep your materials healthy at a gardener's home where you can pick them up later that week.

Your Name

Phone Number

Total \$ _____

Check amount enclosed

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