



The Garden Spray

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THE AUGUST MEMBERS' TOUR: Hope to see you there!

As summer winds down we realize how special time enjoyed in the garden really is. We have seven gardens open to us on the afternoon of Saturday, August 26 and six of them have not been on tour before. Join us and enjoy!

Three ponds and four waterfalls are part of the landscape of Serenity-Garten-Platza (Serenity Garden Place) of **Don Untiedt and Jim McKee** at 12070 48th Ave. N. in Plymouth. The garden received the Planting Plymouth Proud 2005 mayoral award for an exceptional garden. A formal rose garden is visible in the front yard; less conspicuous is a koi pond with a sitting area. A shade garden with a rose-covered trellis on the left side will invite guests to walk the garden path through an English country garden into the new Japanese woodland garden on the shore of Schmidt Lake. Sixty tons of rock were used to create the terraced gardens planted with perennials. Here lies an 8,000 gallon self-contained pond surrounded by large boulders, a lantern and granite benches. Shade-loving trees and shrubs were planted here for both greenery and bloom as well as their appeal to wildlife. Three bridges enable a close appreciation of the aquatic plants. Visitors will be invited to wander to the beach to see the bog garden and three hidden waterfalls, and to follow the curved path through a garden dominated by more than 225 roses.

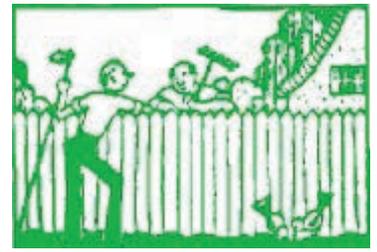
Nancy Devine lives at 11615 40th Ave. N. in Plymouth. When moving into her home in 1997 she noted that the landscape had good "bones"—trees, shrubs and a rock retaining wall, but with no flowers. Today mixed peren-

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Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Aug 19-20	Arb.	FFF Flower Show
Aug. 26th	Tour	Aug. Garden Tour
Sept.	LHC	Recycled Garden
Oct.	LHC	China Botanical Treasures
Nov.	LHC	Raingardens
Dec.	LHC	Holiday Party

LHC - Lake Harriet Church
Arb. - University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum



A Word from the President

by Kristine Deters

I would like to declare the July members tour a complete success. Three wonderful and unique gardens were on tour. Leroy Cech's front yard sun gardens and back yard shade gardens were a delight to visit. I was particularly enamored of his full sun "butterfly" garden of daylilies, lilies, Rudbeckia and other flowering perennials. When we left, the bus had to drive through the neighborhood to turn around. Soon I was glad I wasn't driving because I wasn't really sure where I was. Then, as we circled around and came up a slight rise, I saw this riot of color ahead. When we got closer, I realized it was Leroy's that we were headed towards again. It's amazing that a small garden bed could make such an impact from afar as well as up close.

From Leroy's, we traveled onto Mary Wahl's garden. Mary is my aunt so I'm pretty familiar with her garden. However, it had been a few seasons since I had gotten a chance to visit. We left the bus down the street and walked up to her house. The garden was looking delightful with its mix of colors and textures, heights short and tall. It was a nice break to sip lemonade and admire the plantings. Particularly fun was the various art objects scattered among the plants. More than couple people pointed out the tea party to me.

Rounding out the tour was a visit to the Koopman's. I have never been to a better garden party complete with Mai Tai's and guitar music. The daylily bed captured my attention for much of the night with it's backdrop of Hibiscus plants and hedge. I'm always on the lookout for purple and lavender daylilies to add to my bed. I found a few that I'm definitely going to look into. Also impressive was the stone wall and water features.

I want to congratulate and thank the tour committee for a wonderful day. I was lucky enough to be able to share

the experience with my mother, mother-in-law, good friend and aunt, as well as all the members of the club. It will be a day that I look back on when the weather turns cold and the ground is bare.

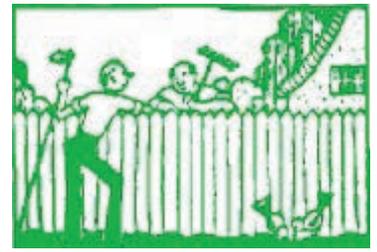
Note from the Editor

by Jason Rathe

I hope everyone had a great time at the July Club Tour. As so often happens in the summer, I was looking forward to going on the tour, but at the last minute, realized that other obligations would get in the way. Thanks to Chuck for taking pictures and recording the trip for those of us who couldn't make it.

I have had the opportunity to visit a few members gardens, though, this summer. For a variety of reasons I visited the gardens of Bob Livingston, Sharla Aaseng and Margaret Hibberd. It is always interesting and educational to walk slowly through someone's garden and have a personal narration -- uncommon specimens, special transplants, unlikely survivors -- each garden has its own unique story.

I am going to try really hard to elbow out room in the busy summer for the August Tour... I am looking forward to it.



Getting to Know Our Board

Elaine Spiegel

Board Member At-Large

Elaine is a late bloomer when it comes to gardening. Her mother was ill for most of her childhood and both grandparents lived in apartments so never learned how to garden. Over the years she had her favorite purple and hot pink petunias, but it wasn't until the mid-1990's when she started to attend MGCM Public Garden Tours that she decided she must learn and understand what it takes to have a beautiful garden. She finally joined MGCM in 2002.

The members of MGCM are why she attends meetings regularly and she wants to give back to our group – that continues to teach her so much. Elaine loves the program, tours AND our interesting members who constantly share information.

Elaine started out in North Minneapolis. Her family moved to St. Louis Park in 1948. Elaine started in pre-med at the U of MN, but she changed to X-Ray Training when she met Les. Their 3 daughters Rachel, Tova and Sara grew up at their present home. She did part-time telemarketing and, also, volunteer fundraising for 8-10 organizations.

Tova died in July 2000, as passenger, in a car accident, one month after high school graduation. This changed Elaine from a high left brained person who only saw black & white – she learned about grays and variations of colors in life. She “finally” absorbed the concept of compassion.

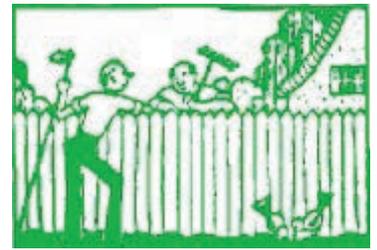
While still working at Graco, Inc. she went on her “spiritual journey”. Elaine had given a speech at age 11 about Life-Long-Learning; the journey was the next step! She took Master Level classes about the social and emotional wellness of gifted children at College of St. Thomas. She took courses at Psychosynthesis of MN (Psychology and

Spirituality) and at the same time she completed courses in INEH (International Network of Energy Healing). She's had a small practice in Energy Healing at her home for 15 years.

All of her life, Elaine has been a creative problem solver. She went to CPSI- Creative Problem Solving Institute in Buffalo, NY; it was been one of the high points of her life...to be constantly around like-minded people for one full week.

At about 13, Elaine started fund-raising for many organizations, which has never stopped. She volunteered time and skills to many organizations; at the same time she took many classes and seminars. In 1979, the yearning to finally get a university degree became powerful; Elaine enrolled at Metropolitan State University (received 69 CLEP Test Credits, as well as, 4 credits for Volunteer Organization Fundraising & Administration + Advertising in 2 areas of competency). In spite of Tova's death and working full-time, Elaine graduated in 2-1/2 years with a BA in Business: Marketing and HR with the equivalent of Magna Cum Laude. But, 1982 was the recession and no jobs were available. Elaine has always been excellent in telemarketing, sales and especially B2B (Business to Business Phone Sales), so she stayed in this arena in various jobs, until 2005 when her department at Marshall Field's downsized. She is deciding how to spend her time in the future.

Last year Les has taken an interest in helping her as their garden expands, since Elaine's back cannot do all the bending needed. They are just at step #2. She agrees with Dr. Bob Olson – it is okay to show the process and progress in your garden at any stage in its transition. So the MGCM August Tour will include their garden.



July Club Tours



Dinner at the Koopman's

ON JULY 26TH, MEMBERS OF THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB BOARDED A BUS AND DESCENDED ON THE GARDENS OF LEROY CECH, MARY WAHL, AND ENDED WITH A VISIT AND DINNER AT ROGER KOOPMAN'S IN FARIBAULT. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

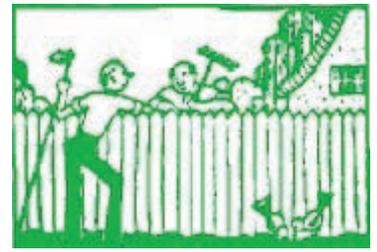


Mary Wahl

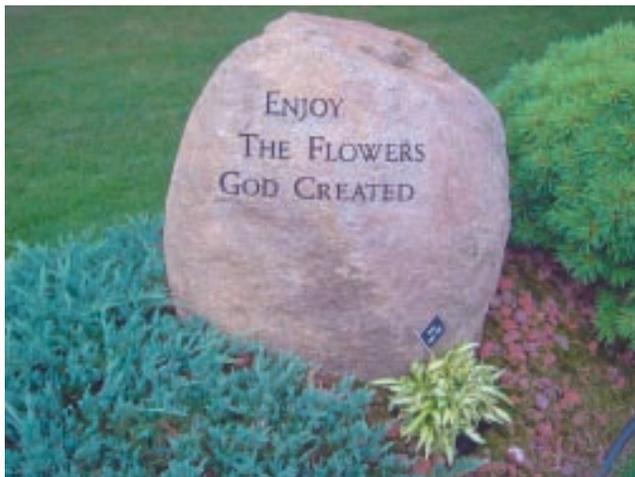


Leroy and Carol Cech

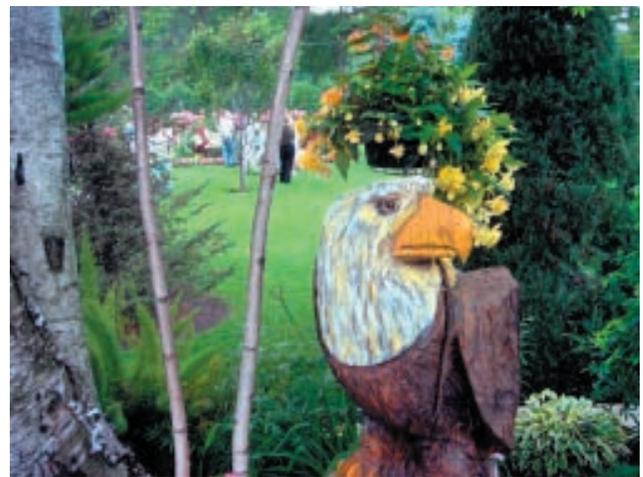
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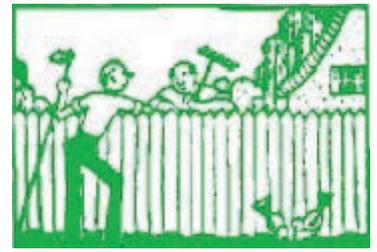
Paul Bunyan's weeding tool...



A garden welcome...



... a regal overlooker.



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nial gardens (mostly sun) border the backyard, which also contains a colorful coleus bed and a white garden. Hosta and other shade plants fill the north side where grass would not grow. The sunny south side is devoted to her husband's dahlias, AA and A size. Annuals, many in containers, have been added throughout for season-long color. Please enter this garden through the arbor off the city recreational trail.

Don Morgenweck and his wife Irene have lived at their St. Louis Park home at 4708 W. 41st St. for 41 years and have been developing the gardens continually. Spring begins with the bloom of several hundred tulips, followed the iris, peonies, and an increasing number of perennials. In July ligularia, filipendula, astilbe and echinacea are highlights. By the time of the tour, the asters and a few other late perennials will join the numerous annuals. Over 30 variety of hosta relax in the shade, and there is a raspberry patch and a small vegetable area. Tomatoes, tied to stakes, are nearly six feet high. Soaker hoses buried in the beds are a very big help this warm, dry summer.

Cari Tully, neighbor of Les and Elaine Spiegel, lives at 4810 W. 41st St. (just down the block from Morgenwecks'). Creativity and a sense of adventure are in all aspects of Cari's gardens. She combines many varieties and colors and plays with vertical effects. Her lawn and gardens are meticulous. Her front yard includes a Japanese lilac and a large maple, floral containers and many perennials in mid-pink and purple hues. The back gardens contain crabapple and maple trees, as well as many containers and art objects. A small back hill frames a perennial area containing both sun and shade plants. Hanging baskets can be found wherever they won't compete with her container plants.

The gardens of **Elaine and Les Spiegel** are next door at 4814 W. 41st St., where they have lived for 40 years. Elaine considers this a Stage 2 garden, having taken copious notes and using ideas from MGCM garden tours. She began by digging up ancient low evergreens next to the house, turning one into a bonsai effect. The front has plum cistena purple bushes and several low succulents, climbing purple clematis and petunias in hot pink and purple with a backdrop of Stella d'oro daylilies. The red Texas hummingbird

annual will be around the corner. NOTE: PLEASE ENTER THE BACK ON THE SIDE NEXT TO TULLYS'. The back gets both full and part sun. The mainstays of this area are a Leonard Messel magnolia, an arbor of purple clematis and a pussywillow, recently joined by purple and pink Endless Summer hydrangeas. The shade garden to the northwest contains the usual hosta and coleus. Shade is provided by a plum tree, lilac bushes, and blackberry and currant bushes.

Kathe Drake, at 4703 Golf Terrace in Edina, considers herself a fairly new gardener. With the loss of several fir trees six years ago she was faced with the challenge of part sun/shade with varying amounts of sun. She filled an area alongside the driveway with numerous perennials and a few annuals. Three years ago she began ripping out ferns in the back that had begun to tower over her; this area now contains Shasta daisies, iris, allium, phlox, coreopsis, delphiniums, rudbekia and other perennials along with numerous annuals. A path winds through this area. To the left of this garden is a red, white and blue garden with daylilies, aegeratum, nicotiana, snapdragons and astilbe. There is also a small area behind the house with veronica, artemesia and annuals. Hosta reside on the sides of the house. Look for a birdbath and statuary as you look around. Newer areas in the front have full sun and contain Endless Summer hydrangea, daylilies, roses, Russian sage, a lilac "tree" and annuals. Kathe is an artist and some of her floral paintings will be on display on the deck.

Larry and Randi Larson reside at 15225 Wild Wings in Minnetonka. When they moved into their home there was much work to be done, as there were no trees or flowers and little landscaping. Now the yard is crammed with annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, and dahlias, Larry's favorite flower. The small, narrow front yard has many containers filled with colorful annuals but the space is dominated by a six-foot high rock wall with ten junipers falling gracefully over it, almost touching the annual and perennial area below. Nearer the woods on the south side, ten dahlias are nestled in against the wall and a wildflower garden grows on the slope. The shady south side is landscaped with various shrubs, container plantings, arborvitae, rudbekia and

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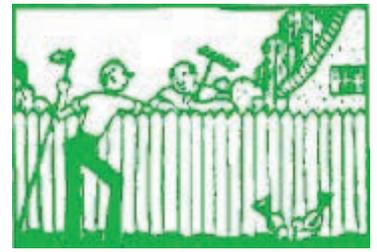
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a Japanese maple. A hosta garden grows near the woods. The backyard has long rows of annuals and perennials on two levels, with grass in between; the grassy area becomes smaller every year. There are multiple containers of colorful flowers. Outside the fence sits the dahlia garden, 30+ with whimsical names like Magic Moment, Caribbean Fantasy and Taratahi Ruby. Finally, there is one more small garden at the back of the lot containing pampas grass, a couple more dahlias and taller perennials. The house will also be open to see collections of movie memorabilia, records, autographs and sport memorabilia. Dinner, which will be prepared by the Larsons, will be served at their home.

AUGUST'S CLUB TOUR

Schedule and Registration Information

The August 26 tour will be a drive-yourself excursion focusing on gardens in the west metro area. The first six gardens described will be open from 1:00-4:00 PM, and you can go to them in any order that is convenient for you. It should not be difficult to visit all six gardens in the allotted time as three of them are on one block in St.



Louis Park. Note that the map provided is not to scale and if you are wanting more area detail, you will want to consult your own resources.

As a courtesy to our garden hosts, please use public restroom facilities along the way.

Our final garden stop will be at the home of Larry and Randi Larson of Minnetonka. As parking space is limited they would recommend both carpooling and parking in the driveway as space permits. Plan to arrive at the Larsons between 4:00-4:30. If you have a lawn chair to use, please bring it along. Larry and Randi will be doing the cooking and a fine feast is promised.

Cost of the tour is \$12.00 per person. Please send your reservation and payment to Bob Redmond, 1016 E. Minnehaha Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55417-1142 so that it reaches him no later than Wednesday, August 23.

Club Tour Reservation

August 26, 2006

Cost: \$12.00 per person, check payable to MGCM

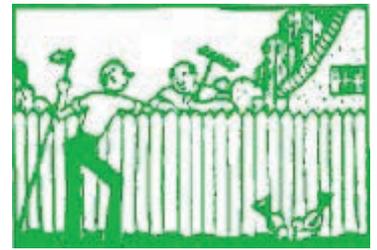
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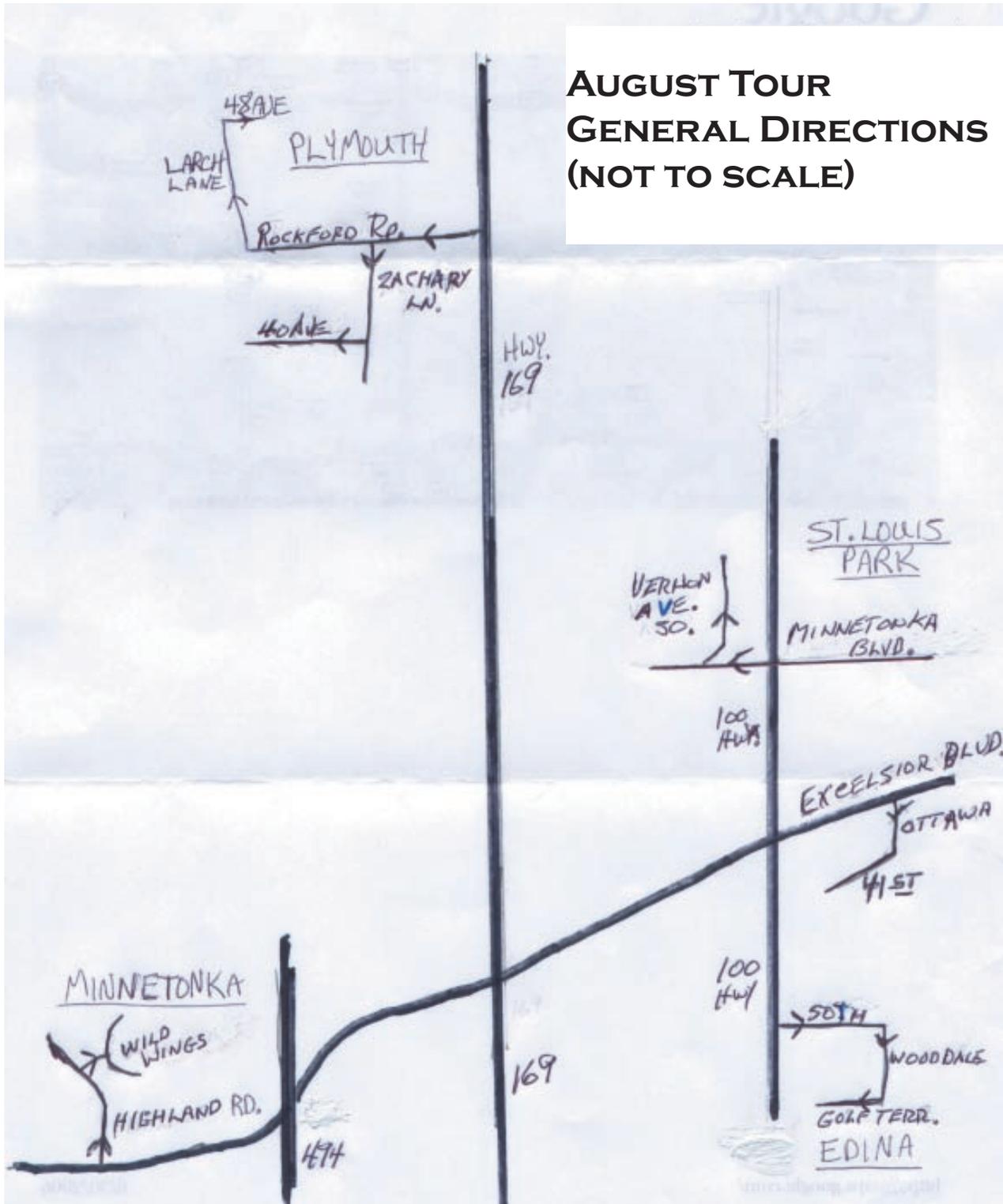
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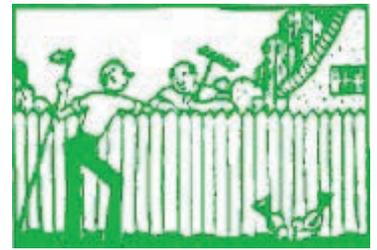
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AUGUST TOUR GENERAL DIRECTIONS (NOT TO SCALE)





Financial Snapshot

Financial Snapshot as of July 21, 2006

Checking account - \$5677.41

CD_s - \$10,345.42

Cash - \$100

Total - \$16,122.83

Meeting attendance (113 Members)

January - 48 members (43%) plus 3 guests

February - 35 members (32%) plus 7 guests

March - 31 members (28%) plus 18 guests

April - 42 members (38%) plus 6 guests

May - 38 members (34%) plus 12 guests

June - 42 members (37%) plus 1 guest

July Tour - TBD

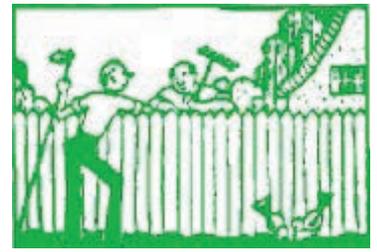
SEPTEMBER MEETING TOPIC:

THE RECYCLED GARDEN

This program will show you how to create a fantastic garden using free or almost free materials to add soil, sculpture, color and interest to your garden. Wood chips, stump grindings, stumps, rock, glass and many other items are used creatively to make your garden an affordable, Eco-friendly place.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY : **CHUCK LEVINE**

Chuck is an award winning professional horticulturist as well as teacher of horticulture and botany for Intermediate School District #287 and Hennepin Technical College. He served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committees of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. He has appeared on radio and television, published numerous articles in magazines and journals. He recently edited the Minnesota Gardener's Guide and Month-By-Month Gardening in Minnesota. He has worked as a horticulture specialist for the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Minnesota Extension Service. Chuck holds a B.S. and an M.Ed. in Horticulture Education from the University of Minnesota.



2005 FLOWER, FOOD AND FOTO SHOW.

AUGUST 19 AND 20
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM

SATURDAY, 7:00 A.M. DOORS OPEN FOR EXHIBITORS
SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M. JUDGING BEGINS
SATURDAY, 12:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC
SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC

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. 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? And take a look around to see how the Arboretum has managed this dry, hot summer.

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

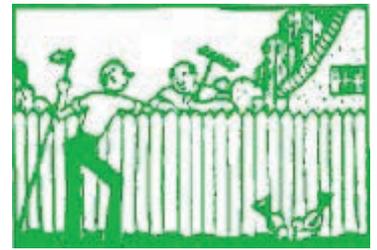
To save time the morning of the show, entry tags can be completed ahead of time. If you need tags, please let Mary Maynard know (phone 952-926-7506, e-mail maynard4375@yahoo.com), and she'll get some to you.

Also, for the first time, our show rules are posted on our website www.minneapolismensgardenclub.org. It's designed to be printed out and made into a booklet, so the pages seem out of order, but it's all there! If you can't find your show schedule, it's online!

Tea @ Terrace Horticultural Books

Thought you might enjoy seeing what tea (for two in this case) in the garden is like at Terrace Horticultural Books. Bookstore owner, and MGCM member, Kent Peterson, have started accepting reservations for up to 4 people per sitting. Reservations must be made a day ahead of time to order from the bakery. Hot or cold tea and lemonade, pastries plus Kent as your server.





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 ...

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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.



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