



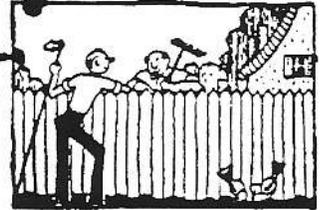
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Happy Holidays



MGCM Annual Holiday Party — December 7
Social Hour 6:00 PM — Dinner 6:30 PM

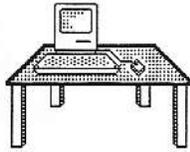
🍏 Entertainment 🍏 Sit down dinner 🍏 Awards 🍏

See November *Spray* for other details

You can sign up until December 2

Reservation form on page 11

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The Editor's Desk

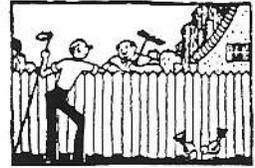
Chuck Carlson
Managing Editor

This is the end of my second year as editor of the *Spray* and I hope you all have been pleased with my efforts. My only regret is that not enough of you members have written articles. You have a wealth of gardening knowledge and "know how". It is a loss to all of us that you don't put it in print. Don't use the excuse that "I can't write". I will do my best to edit your efforts. I feel that if I can understand it, the rest of our members will also be able to. If you want to make it anonymous, I will keep your name from appearing on the byline. I would like to know who you are, but only so I can explain my edits and be assured that it reads to your intent.

Starting in January, Andy Marlow will no longer be part of this effort. Andy has been involved with the *Spray* since 1992 (8 years) and I thank him for the help and advice he has given me. Andy was the person who generated the layout of the *Spray* in its present form and since I, like Andy, am a Macintosh computer owner, I see no reason to change. We should all thank Andy for his service. Give him a pat on the back the next time you see him.

We have been looking for someone to take Andy's place but to date no one has come forward. So I told the board that if I can be assured that I will receive two articles a month and that the seven monthly dinner meeting programs will be written up, I will serve both as the Managing Editor and the Production Editor for the year 2000. To date the Lazy Gardener has come forward and her column will return in January. All that is needed is a few more people to come forward with

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Coming Attractions

Tuesday, December 7, 6:00 p.m.

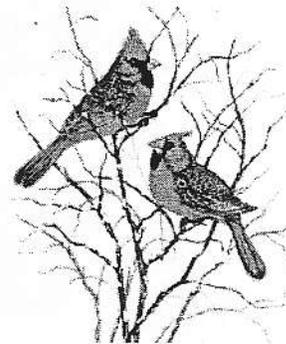
MGCM Holiday Party
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church
49th and Chowen Avenue South

Tuesday, January 4, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Directors meeting
Ritchie Miller's house

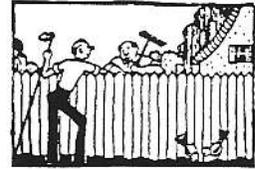
Tuesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.

MGCM Dinner Meeting
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church
49th and Chowen Avenue South



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Overall In The Garden

by Eldon Hugelen, President MGCM

Fred Glasoe hit a nerve as he and his fellow experts fielded our many garden problems at our November meeting. He said something like we should expect problems when we grow water plants next to dry prairie plants, or grow hardy plants with those 'difficult to resist' marginally hardy plants.

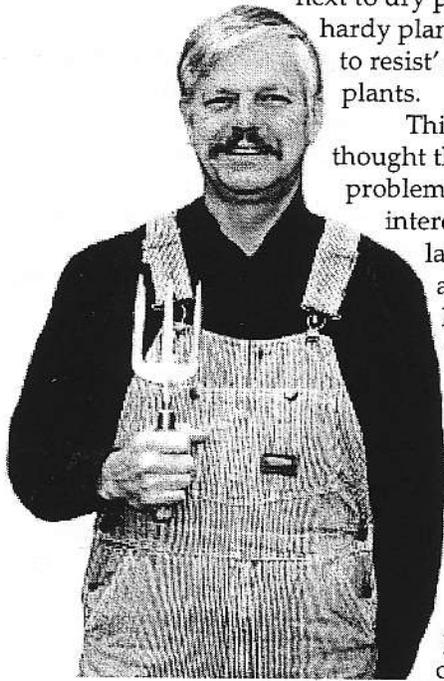


Photo by
Chuck Carlson

Thinking of my garden, I thought that maybe having no problems wouldn't be very interesting. The native landscapes of Minnesota are beautiful, but they have problems because people are living in them. It's breathtaking to see an unspoiled landscape. It's so impressive you want to share it; so you build a road to it, and problems start. Then they invented ships, planes and seed catalogs. Plant carrying immigrants, international appetites and glossy plant books from everywhere in the world make a garden club important; a place to discuss the problems we put on the land.

This is my last *Overall in the Garden*. I want to thank a fine board of directors for keeping club business on course. Also, I want to thank the many individuals who have gone out of their way to make this year eventful and worthwhile. Being the president of MGCM is like being the overseer of a great diverse garden. Every

plant in that garden is important. Some get more attention than others, but it takes many to make the garden glow with magnificence.

One of the quiet members, Vinton Bouslough, just passed away. He and I often worked side by side in the Fragrance Garden. I remember weeding out grass along the fence line and planting alyssum together. The alyssum flourished that year and I remember thinking, that was a worthwhile effort.

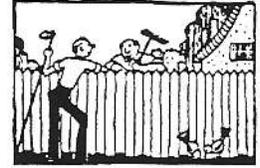
So thanks again for letting me be your president. I can now say, "I've been to the city and you'll find me in the garden next year".

Editors Note: I will bet he will be in the garden in his overalls.

Learning Opportunities at MSHS

A number of classes are available in January at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Call 651-643-3601 or check their web site at www.northerngardener.org or the *Minnesota Horticulturist* magazine for details.

- January 11 Wildflowers of Minnesota—Stan Tekiela
- January 13 Winter Pruning—Tom Congdon
- January 18 Cuttings for Woody Plants—Peter Ascher
- January 20 What's New in Gardening for 2000—Kurt Schrader
- January 27 Perennials, Annuals and Vegetables for the New Millennium—Duane Reynolds



Last Months Program

By Chuck Carlson

The November Dinner Program

November's program featured an illustrious group of individuals from MGCM answering all types of garden questions. On the panel were Bob Livingston, Fred Glasoe, Clyde Thompson, Jerry Olson and Duane Reynolds. The picture below shows this group in all their splendor. The questions were read and answered expertly and in an enjoyable fashion. We thank the group for participating in this club program. At the time of this publication a summary of questions and answers was not available.



The Bachman Tour

The tour to Bachman's Greenhouse complex was well received by the participants. The only bad part was the hour wait at 98th Street for a new bus after the first one broke down. I heard the accelerator cable broke. This is much better than a stuck accelerator, so I guess it could have been worse.

In any case, 40 or so people saw lots of poinsettias. Probably the most impressive was the large, expansive, two acre greenhouse full of growing and blooming poinsettias. I wasn't there but I heard it was a sight to behold. I hope you who took pictures will bring them to the January meeting for all to see. I will save a spot on our viewing boards.

Another impressive feature was the

number of trial varieties. There was a large area of varieties not yet seen by the general public. These are new poinsettias for the coming years. You will see some new ones on the market this year, but more are coming.

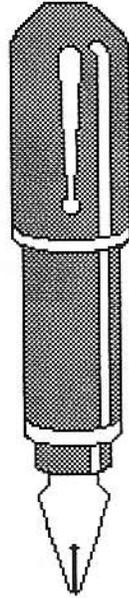
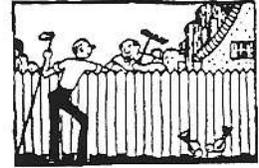
For some, other points of interest were the automation and cleanliness aspects. Each space, before it is used, is completely sterilized against insects and fungus. Some areas, particularly those for starting of new plants and those where losses become a disaster, have entry areas just like in a hospital. These entry areas are places where the people who enter the ultra clean houses don clean suits and walk through a foot bath of insecticidal water to make sure nothing is carried into the clean room. The automation was also impressive. Water, humidity, fertilizer, light requirements and temperature are all controlled. The track system for plant movement was also state of the art and added to the impressiveness of the operation.

From what I heard, it was a great tour and enjoyed by all (except for the wait for a new bus). But even that can be fun; think of all that good conversation you had.

Editor's Column

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their commitment to write some articles. As I said last month, *just do it*. I hope the board won't have to twist your arm to write a column or two—*just do it*. You will have fun doing it and, who knows, you might learn something. Remember, exercising the brain will keep you young and alert—*just do it*. You don't have to fir V. Downs' description of himself: "The older I get, the more I recall how little I know, when I knew it all." You know it now—*just do it*.



Board Meeting Summary

Margaret Hibberd, Secretary

November 2, 1999

Present: Howard Berg, Carole Ann Brekke, Chuck Carlson, Margaret Hibberd, Eldon Hugelen, Dave Johnson (Fridley), Mary Maynard, Tim McCauley, Ritchie Miller, Jackie Overom, Kay Wolfe.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports

Given and approved. One major item: Scholarship for Mary MacDonald was returned. She graduated early so the University returned the funds.

Vice President's Report

The January program is arranged and the remaining programs for the year 2000 will be scheduled by the new Vice President.

Committee Reports

- Calendars: About half of them are sold.
- Holiday Party: There was a meeting October 20 with the caterers who had ideas for keeping the food costs under control. Serving bowls at the church for good family style service are not available, thus a restaurant style sit down service will be used. Turkey costs will be reduced by the caterers cooking some combination

of a couple whole turkeys and cut up turkeys. This would keep the party as affordable as possible at \$19.

- Perennial Garden: Margaret contacted Neil Anderson at the University of Minnesota. He is still interested in using the Lake Harriet site as a trial garden. MGCM could also help with data collection using the data collection sheets at Lake Harriet that the U of M uses for its own trial gardens. Eventually he would like to publish trial results in a yearly bulletin to get the information out to the public. He is willing to meet with Mary Lerman and MGCM for discussion this winter.
- Garden Spray: There will be a return of "Lazy Gardener" articles but Chuck still needs more articles and program note takers.

Old Business

- Officers and Committee Descriptions: Kay and Chuck prepared descriptions for review. Officer Descriptions as presented were approved. We will work more on the Committee Descriptions. These were tabled to the next meeting. Board members will review before the meeting and come prepared with suggestions and corrections.
- Budget for 2000: Chuck, Howard, Ritchie, Carol Ann and Eldon met. We reviewed their budget suggestions and found them to be acceptable. The biggest question was the number of tours. More discussion will take place during the next meeting.
- Annual Meeting: Election of Officers and By-Laws changes will be voted on.
- Membership Renewal: Howard reported that, as of November 2, nine

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Secretary
Margaret
Hibberd



Remembering Grant "Bud" Christensen

1930 to 1999

by Chuck Carlson

Though many of us did not know Bud because his illness kept him at home in recent years, he still maintained his membership and contacts within the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis (MGCM). He provided MGCM with many years of service and friendship. Bud was on the board for a number of years and was president in 1968. In 1973, Bud was presented with the Bronze Medal for service to the club above and beyond the norm.

He was born in 1930 and grew up with his brother Bob and sisters Ginny and Judy on Minnehaha Creek Parkway. He attended Washburn High and the University of Minnesota, after which he served in the Marine Corp.

In 1954 he married Norma at Hennepin United Methodist Church and continued this marriage for 45 years. They became parents of three children; David, Linda and Patti.

Bud was a mortgage banker by vocation, but he loved his gardening. He was a member of MGCM since 1961 (that's 38 years) and his garden was on tour many times. We thank Grant "Bud" Christensen for being part of MGCM. We wish his family peace in his passing and joy in his memories.

God Speed to your new home Bud and Happy Gardening.

In Memory of Vinton R. Bouslough

June 20, 1910—November 10, 1999

By Chuck Carlson

Vinton Bouslough, longtime member of the MGCM, succumbed to congestive heart failure. In April he had a stroke and appeared to be recovering until this November.

Vinton was an MGCM member and a member of the Men's Garden Clubs of America since 1968. He was a quiet individual but one who spent many hours working in the Fragrance (Community) Garden and continued by helping on the perennial garden. He also faithfully attended dinner meetings and tours.

We send his wife Ellen our condolences and pray he is able to smell the roses with even more pleasure than he did when he was with us. God's Blessings and Happy Gardening, Vinton.

At The Arboretum

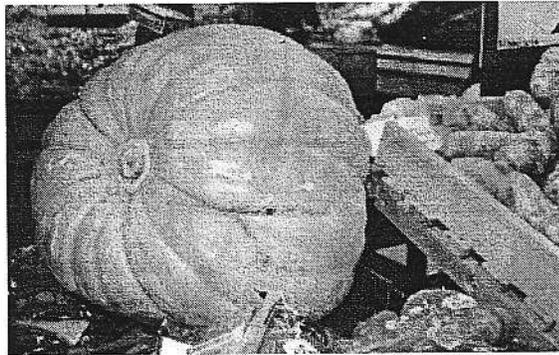
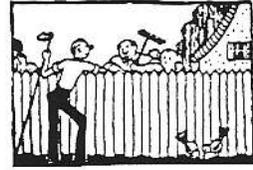
Travelogues

- January 16 Gardens of Virginia
- February 27 England
- March 12 South Africa

Classes

- January 22 & 23 Painting Landscapes in Watercolors
- January 29 Creating Topiaries with Herbs
- February 5 Landscape for Wildlife

For more information, please call 612-443-2460, ext. 180.



Carlton Nelson's 200 pound pumpkin on display at Cub Food

For those of you who enjoy math problems you might want to consider this. What do you get when you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter? Of course, it's pumpkin pi.

1999 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the MGCM was held on November 9, 1999 with President Eldon Hugelen presiding.

By-Law Changes

On a motion by Bob Olson and a second by Fred Glasoe the membership voted in favor of all the changes.

Election of Board Members

Mary Maynard, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates for 2000. Past President Eldon Hugelen, President Ritchie Miller, Vice President Carole Ann Brekke, Recording Secretary Margaret Hibberd, Membership Secretary Jackie Overom, Treasurer Howard Berg, Directors: Dave Johnson (Fridley), Tim McCauley, Kay Wolfe. Andy Marlow moved and Duane Johnson seconded that nominations be closed and the membership unanimously accepted the slate of officers. The motion passed.

A motion to close the Annual Meeting was made and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret L. Hibberd,
Recording Secretary



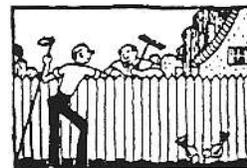
The two Bobs, Bob Voigt and Bob Stepan winners of the Big Pumpkin and Big Sunflower Contests

New Member

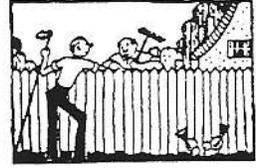
John S. Webb
3253 Holmes Ave. S. #1
Minneapolis MN 55408

You might run into John at the Minnesota Horticultural Society, where he is Volunteer Services Manager and is responsible for classes, among other things. Welcome, John.

MGCM Budget for 2000



	Income	Expenses
I. Scholarship Fund		
a. 2000 Biennial Tour	\$10,000	\$4,000
b. 2000 Scholarships Awards	-----	4,000
c. CD on hand	<u>6,196</u>	-----
Total	\$16,196	\$8,000
2. Break Even Items		
a. MSHS Dues	\$2,600	\$2,600
b. Holiday Party	2,610	2,610
c. Club Tour (August Tour)	750	750
d. TGOA/MGCA Dues	1,875	1,875
e. Mid-America Dues	280	280
f. Monthly Meetings (meals & church rent)	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$13,115	\$13,115
3. Other Items		
a. Arbor Day	-----	\$250
b. Arboretum membership & Donation	-----	660
c. Awards and Trophies	-----	200
d. Bank Interest & Service Charges	\$350	100
e. Calendars	1,800	875
f. Club Dues	1,300	-----
g. Directory	-----	200
h. Flower, Food & Foto Show	-----	800
i. Honorary Members	-----	400
j. Hospitality	-----	50
k. Insurance	-----	300
l. Membership/Publicity	-----	500
m. Misc. & Contingency	-----	500
n. MSHS Donation	-----	300
o. National Director Stipend	-----	400
p. Office Supplies and stamps	-----	400
q. Perennial Garden	-----	125
r. Photography	-----	130
s. Plant Sale & Auction	8,000	4,500
t. Programs/Honorarium	-----	310
u. Raffles	100	-----
v. Slide Shows	100	50
w. <i>Garden Spray</i> (generation, printing & mailing)	-----	1,800
x. Sunshine (cards & Flowers)	-----	300
y. Cash & Checkbook Carryover	<u>1,500</u>	-----
Total	\$13,150	\$13,150
4. 2001 Convention		
a. Convention checkbook balance	\$1,581	-----
b. Start up expense	-----	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$1,581	\$500



Bits and Pieces

By Chuck Carlson

Here are a few items I found of interest while reading and visiting gardens.

The Perennial Plant Association

The Association has chosen its 2000 Perennial Plant of the Year. It is the *Scabiosa columbaria* 'Butterfly Blue'. This plant is disease and insect resistant, attracts butterflies, can be mass planted or used in the front of the border. An easy plant to grow and hardy to zone 3. Not only that, it is long blooming and will repeat its lavender blue flowers with deadheading. Sometimes called the pincushion flower.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden News

Researchers have found that seedlings do better (faster growth and reduced disease) in a growing mixture of 30% peat moss, 40% vermiculite and 30% composted cattle manure.

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When you fertilize plants started indoors, you can expect enhanced flowering if you use a fertilizer that has three times the phosphorus as it has nitrogen.

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Slugs were found to be less damaging if overhead watering was done two hours after sunrise rather than in the evening.

The Avant Gardener

A four year study by the Chicago Botanic Garden tested 22 varieties of Phlox to assess their mildew resistance. The best plants in the test are:

- *P. carolina* 'Reine du Jour'
- *P.* 'Challakoochie'
- *P. paniculata* 'Katherine'
- *P. pulehra* 'Morris Berd'

Some varieties almost as good are:

- *P. paniculata* 'Bright Eyes'
- *P. paniculata* 'David'
- *P. paniculata* 'Franz Schubert'

The worst ones:

- *P. maculata* 'Alpha'
- *P. maculata* 'Omega'
- *P. maculata* 'Rosalinde'

Editors note: If you purchase any of these, make sure you check their hardiness. The article did not mention any zone requirements. More information on the study can be found in the November/December issue of The Gardener.

From A Garden Tour

While I toured a garden at the TGOA/MGCA convention, I saw something striking that shade gardens could use. It is *Polemonium caeruleum* 'Brise d'Anjou'. For those who aren't familiar with the scientific name, this is a variegated Jacob's ladder. It is hardy to zone 2, likes moisture retentive soil and dappled shade. It is a good companion to dark green Hostas. If you find it for sale, let me know.

Board Meeting Minutes

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have said they are not renewing and 12 are still in question.

New Business

- Dinner Meeting Set Up: This is a problem for November as no one signed up. Several Board members volunteered for November and after that the Hospitality Committee will be responsible.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

The November 30 Board meeting is at Ritchie Miller's house.

MGCA History

by Chuck Carlson

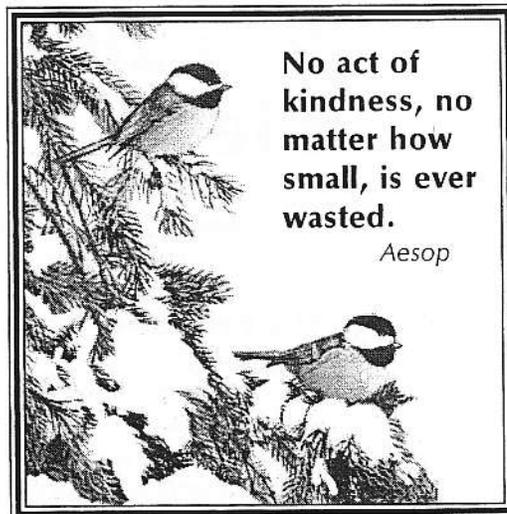
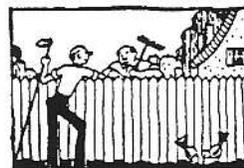
Many new members have joined the ranks of MGCM in the last few years. These members, and possibly some others, have never heard the history of the Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America. I found this in *The Granville Gardener*:

"Back in 1927, Leo Nack won a top prize of \$1,000 given by a leading newspaper for the best garden in Chicago. He discovered that a number of other men were also interested in gardening. On

February 28, 1927, sixteen other amateur gardeners met in Chicago to discuss some sort of organization wherein they could meet and talk over their mutual interest, "Gardening". On March 15, 1928, the first men's garden club was established.

Ding Darling, the famous cartoonist, next organized a club in Des Moines, Iowa. Ft. Wayne, Indiana, was the third organization followed by Aurora, Illinois. W. B. (Wild Bill) Lathrop was the father of the Aurora Club. Bill immediately hit upon the idea of bringing the four clubs into an affiliated organization, so on September 26, 1932, there was a meeting of the representatives of these four clubs which resulted in the organization of the Men's Garden Clubs of America. The first National Convention was held in Chicago during the Century of Progress, July 29, 1933."

If you wondered when the Minneapolis club was established, it was October 1, 1942. It's now been 57 years that MGCM has been a garden club affiliated with the TGOA/MGCA.



No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Aesop

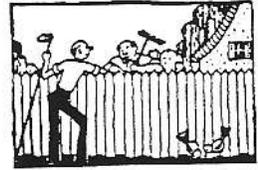
Y to K Calendars

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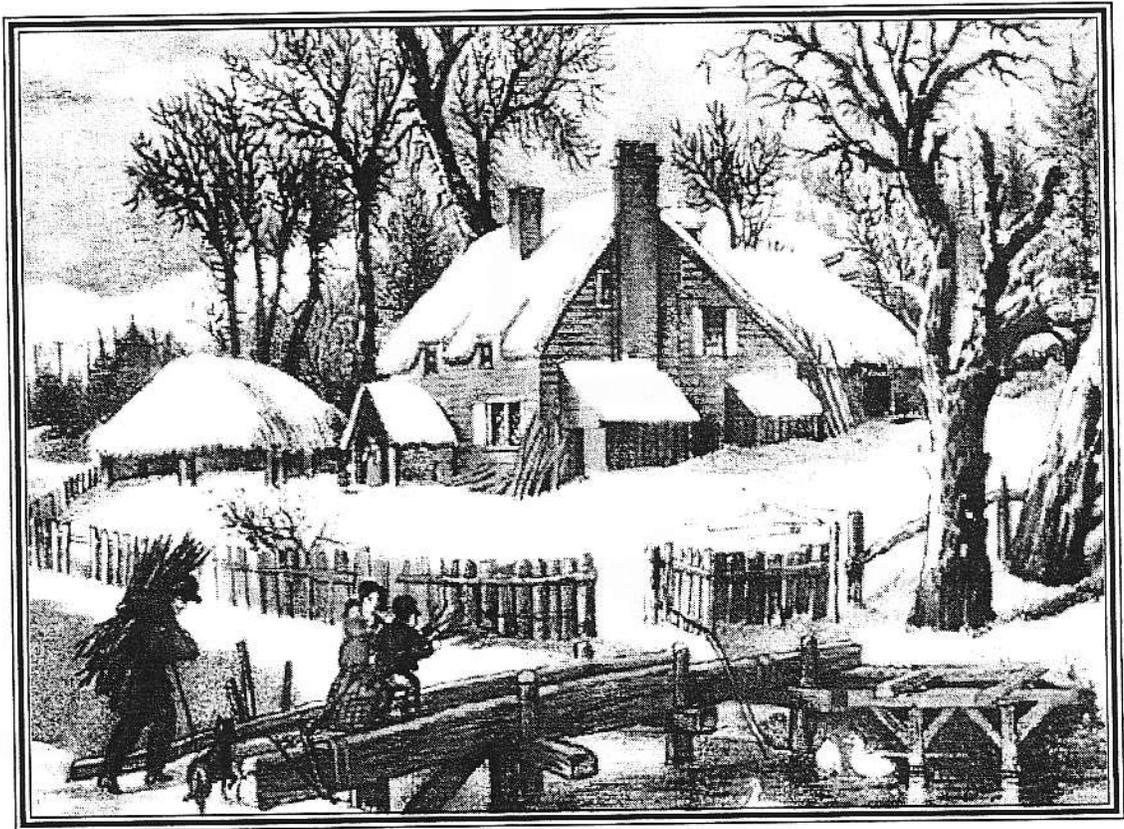
To: Corporate Administration

I hope I haven't misunderstood your verbal instructions, because this Y to K problem makes no sense to me. Be that as it may, I have completed the conversion of the corporate calendar for the year 2000, per my understanding of the instructions. The months now read as follows: Januark, Februark, March, April, Mak, June, Julk, etc. Please let me know if anything else is needed. From:.....

Well, you won't find these months in the calendars MGCM is selling but they are calendars for the year 2000 (Y2K). The calendar has some nice pictures, two of which were taken by our members. Calendars will be for sale at the next club meeting or you can call anyone on the calendar committee. They make a nice Christmas gift or greeting card.



**May your holidays be as
happy and peaceful as this
scene:**



**MGCM Holiday Dinner Reservation
For Tuesday December 7**

Names: _____

Members and Guests Cost \$19 per person

**We would like to sit with _____
(tables will seat eight)**

**Send reservations and remuneration to
Walt and Melba Gustafson, 3812 W. 57th St., Edina, MN 55410-2333
Must be received by December 2, 1999**

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