



The Garden Spray

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HOLIDAY CARNIVAL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th
At Lake Harriet Methodist Church

Our annual Holiday Party tradition will take place at our regular meeting location, Lake Harriet United Methodist Church. We will be serving buffet style with a choice of two entrees. Assistance to your table will be available. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. with punch and hors d'oeuvres, social time and time for bidding on the silent auction items. Dinner will be served at approximately 6:40 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by **M.T. Pulley and His Rusty Debris**.



5:00pm: Social time, silent auction bidding, punch and hors d'oeuvres

6:30pm: Dinner, buffet style

Following dinner: Awards Ceremony

Entertainment: **M.T. Pulley and His Rusty Debris**

Reservation deadline: November 30th

So, get your reservations in soon. And we will see you there.

Party Reservation Form on page 9



A Word from the President

by *Kristine Deters*

December 2006

The month of December has always been my favorite time of the year. I was born in December and I grew up thinking of December as a month long birthday celebration – mine and Jesus'. The month of December is when we bring inside my favorite tree – a conifer. When I was young, my dad and I would go to the corner lot and pick out the perfect tree. My mom would clear the corner of our living room and we would decorate the tree with lights and ornaments and fake snow.

The year I was eight, my sister was born and at Christmas, rather than the perfect tree, we had to get a small tree that could sit on a table so the toddler wouldn't get into it. I have never let her forget it. Later years, our family would go and cut a tree. We would take the dogs, the sled and the saw in search of our tree among all the other trees in the "cut your own" lot. When my husband and I were dating, we bought a tree for five dollars and decorated it with Pepsi cans for me and Mountain Dew cans for him. We have continued my family's tradition and try to cut our own tree each year.

The smell of a freshly cut pine tree is the best smell in a season of good smells. Parties, birthday or holiday, this time of year are made festive with the pine boughs and poinsettias and mistletoe. Other times of year we decorate with flowers, but December is for

celebrating evergreens. MGCM's holiday party is no different. Each year, the committee does a wonderful job of decorating our tables and walls and stage. I'm sure this year is no different. I have enjoyed being president this year and I can think of no better way to close it out than to celebrate with evergreens. Thank you for a wonderful year.

Kris





A Note from the Editor

What a dry fall it's been - I heard somewhere that it was the second driest fall on record. While it has made for nice weather to clean the garden, put up holiday lights and other year-end tasks, I hope it doesn't bode ill for our perennials in the spring.

The end of the year brings new faces on our leadership board. A heart-felt thanks to Leroy Cech for his work as Club Treasurer. He will be succeeded by Dave McKeen, who is also finishing his stint as Past President. New comer, Larry Larson, will take over as Vice President while Margaret Landry steers the ship as President. Thanks to everyone who takes time to keep the Garden Club on the right path!

The Holiday Party is always a festive time - hope to see everyone there. If you have a second read the preview of the January speaker on pages 8-9. It promises to be an interesting talk.

Jason Rathe

Financial Snapshot

Financial Snapshot as of November 5, 2006

Checking account - \$4,379.82

CD's - \$5221.08

Cash - \$100

Total - \$9,700.9

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 - 29 members (26%) plus 19 guests

August Tour - 24 members (21%) plus 18 guests

September - 46 Members (40%) plus 5 guests

October - 52 Members (44%) plus 5 guests

Perfect attendance YTD include : Carole Ann Brekke, Bob Livingston and Denise Rust

Thank You! to
outgoing board member:
Leroy Cech, who has
served as Treasurer and
to new board member,
Larry Larson.



Membership Secretary Update!

from Sharla Aaseng

Thank you to all of you for being so prompt. I have 91 back so far but there are still a few of you who have not renewed. Everyone should have received a green renewal form either in person from me or in the mail. So, please return it soon. This is especially important if you want to renew your MSHS membership through the garden club. Their deadline was November 1st. See box to right for info on three new members.



Sharla Aaseng with new member

New Member Spotlight

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Welcome!



November Meeting

Carolyn Carr of Ecological Strategies presented a very interesting talk on rain gardens. Carolyn has been working with the Longfellow neighborhood in South Minneapolis to develop rain gardens. Here are a few notes about her presentation:

- * A rain garden can be defined as a shallow depression that is planted with plants that can tolerate standing water for 1 day, and is sited to catch runoff water.
- * In urban and suburban areas with a higher proportion of impervious surfaces (roofs, pavement, etc.) runoff can 3-5 times higher than in a natural ground cover area.
- * Most runoff water drains into our lakes and streams, sending water (hotter and faster than in natural areas), organic matter, sediment/salt/sand, fuels and oils, trash and pesticide and fertilizer residues.
- * Rain gardens should be located in a spot where you can dig a 4-8 inch depression in size and shape that fits in the landscape. Consider where the water will enter the garden and which direction it will drain when it overflows. Locate it 10 ft or more from a foundation if possible.
- * Most rain gardens are in sunny locations, but partial

shade can work as well.

* Useful websites:

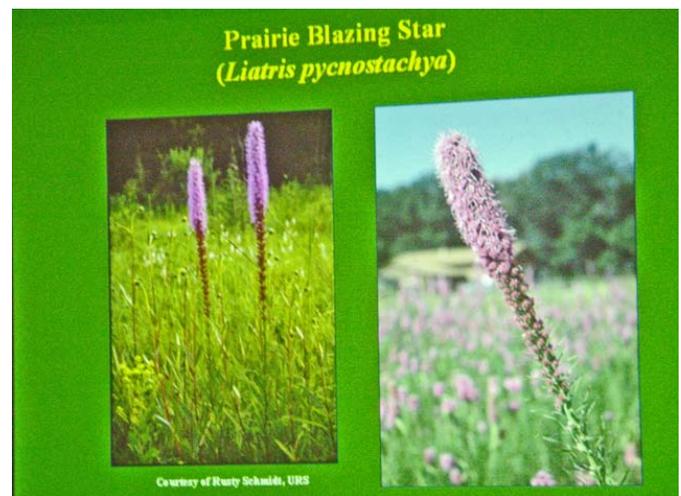
- o Rice Creek Watershed District: www.ricecreek.org
- o Minnesota Pollution Control Agency: www.pca.state.mn.us
- o Hennepin County interactive property map (aerial photos): www.co.hennepin.mn.us
- o Prairie Moon Nursery: www.prairiemoon.com



Picture of a rain garden



Carolyn Carr of Ecological Strategies



One of many great rain garden plants



2007 Club Officers

Dave McKeen presented the following slate of candidates, and the slate was elected unanimously by club members:

President: Margaret Landry
Vice President: Larry Larson
Past President: Kristine Deters
Treasurer: David McKeen
Recording Secretary: Denise Rust
Membership Secretary: Sharla Aaseng
Director: Elizabeth Hamilton
Director: Elaine Spiegel
Director: Don Trocke



Board Members



November 4 was the last maintenance day of the season at the Lyndale Perennial Border and Trial Gardens.

Back row: Tina Scott, Tim Rosener, M.T. Pulley, Robert Kean, Ada Hegion, Dave Johnson of Fridley
Front row: Nancy Bjerke, Kay Wolfe, Mary Maynard, Bob Redmond, Mollie Dean.



An Ode to Spring

by Chuck Carlson

Spring is that time that ground and sun with all their
deeds,

Starts the rejuvenation of corms and seeds and bulbs
and weeds.

They will be nice to see and smell,
If rain and warmth does come and dwell.

Some burst forth in early spring,
But others just sit and do their thing.
It is surprising how different they are,
But that's the gardeners joy by far.

Spring also that time the gardeners must-
Work to get out those kinks and rust.
Rust on your tools and kinks in the body.
Some of the things, spring does embody

Spring also the time to plant some seeds,
The catalog a place to find our needs.
We plant and water and hope-- they germinate,
And pray they never ever will stagnate.

With a green thumb the seeds will sprout.
And grow till you can prick them out.
And plant them in those pots with soil,
And wait for them to really uncoil.

You yearn for the time to plant them out,
In garden beds, or out and about.
But remember, this is when the sun does boil.
A time for gardeners, to work-- and toil.



“Precious Promises” Daylily
from Springwood Gardens



JANUARY SPEAKER ❁ KAROL EMMERICH ❁

The speaker for the January Garden Club meeting will be Karol Emmerich. Her talk is called, "Following a Dream" and is a biography of her life looked at through a gardening lens. It features the development of a city garden in Edina, a job change from Corporate executive to daylily breeder, and the development of a new garden and test site just south of Jordan. Look at their website for more information: www.springwood-gardens.com.



Springwood Gardens house

Her story of leaving the corporate world to follow her dream seems to have captured the imagination of the media: she was featured this year in June 2006 Better Homes and Gardens, the St Paul Pioneer Press and Channel 5 TV.

Karol Emmerich is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Stanford Business School, and until 1993 ran the financial operations of the Dayton Hudson Corporation (now Target). She has been actively involved in numerous non-profit organizations and has served on several corporate boards. She is passionate about growing flowers, growing people, and creating new varieties of cutting edge, northern hardy daylilies.

Karol and Dick Emmerich's City Garden—Edina MN

The Emmerichs' three-acre hilltop garden features a display of approximately 1,000 daylily cultivars. In addition, 350 varieties of mature hosta plantings show off their contrasting foliage, while over 600 other companion perennials add to the myriad of color.

Boulder walls dramatically set off the tiered plantings, while hand-cut granite bricks make up the unique

patterned sidewalk that invites visitors on a serpentine walk through the gardens. A double pool with two waterfalls brings the pleasing sound of water to the upper area north of the main house. A hilltop patio offers a panorama of the expansive garden. Here the visitor may rest a moment, enjoying a gentle breeze beneath the shade of the many mature oak trees.

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Daylily 'Magnify the Lord'



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This is a garden of peace and serenity like one would find at a retreat. You are sure to delight in its beauty during your visit.

Karol and Dick Emmerich's Springwood Gardens—Jordan MN

(see springwoodgardens.com for a sneak preview)

Springwood Gardens, the Emmerichs' most recent gardening project, is located about 30 minutes from their city garden. Springwood includes Karol's daylily operation, a one-room schoolhouse, and a wonderful old house built in 1862 by early Minnesota settlers. The property also features 145 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and an abandoned gravel pit.

The gardens and daylily operation sit high on a hill overlooking the Minnesota River Valley. The hardscape is a marvel, from the stone entryway to the sidewalks and curbs, boulder walls, and concrete pathways that provide easy access to the daylilies and numerous bronze statues along the way.

The gardens feature a display of newer daylily varieties, including a large number of guest plants; but the thousands of cutting edge, large, fancy, northern-hardy seedlings Karol is producing are the main attraction. She has been introducing daylilies since 2003. Introductions include 'Heartbeat of Heaven', 'Fear Not', 'Born to Reign', 'Woman at the Well', and 'Light of the World'.

***** Please complete the following reservation form and mail to Jackie Overom, 14024 Frontier Lane, Burnsville. MN 55337-4728 by November 30, 2006.

NAME _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS _____

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$19 PER PERSON (TOTAL) _____

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) BEING SUBMITTED FOR SILENT AUCTION:

Title _____

Size (space required for display) _____

Minimum Bid _____

Submitter _____



Fourteen Years of Scholarships

Last month the Scholarship Chairman, Kent Petterson, presented a history of the Club's Scholarship Program. The Men's Garden Club has given scholarships to students seeking horticulture related degrees for fourteen years. Here is a list of the recipients.

| Year | Name | School |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1992 | Karin Lundquist Heather Kriedermacher Will Oswald | University Of Minnesota - St. Paul University Of Minnesota - St. Paul University Of Minnesota - Crookston |
| 1993 | Scott Endres | University Of Minnesota - St. Paul |
| 1994 | Kathleen Marie Wilson Kathy Klonecky Margaret Redalen | Hennepin Technical College Dakota Technical College Dakota Technical College |
| 1995 | Ginny Coyle Steve Roos Jill MacKenzie | University Of Minnesota - St. Paul University Of Minnesota - St. Paul University Of Minnesota - St. Paul |
| 1996 | Karen Milton Jill Arens Kimberly Krcil | Hennepin Technical College Hennepin Technical College University Of Minnesota - St. Paul |
| 1997 | Anders Johansson Andrew Riegert Doreen Gunderson - Dunn | University Of Minnesota - St. Paul Hennepin Technical College Dakota Technical College |
| 1998 | David Harris Christopher Perl Susan Rupert | University Of Minnesota - St. Paul Dakota Technical College University Of Minnesota - St. Paul |
| 1999 | Mary McDonald* Heather Schuelke Rita Minnichoffer Anna Mau | University Of Minnesota - St. Paul University Of Minnesota - St. Paul Hennepin Technical College Hennepin Technical College |

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| Year | Name | School |
|-------------|--|--|
| 2000 | David Harris Susan Wilkins Jean Marie Modl | University Of Minnesota - St. Paul University Of Minnesota - St. Paul Dakota Technical College |
| 2001 | Susan Wilkins Jonah Reyes Lisa Van Dyke Kyla Zaro-Moore | University Of Minnesota - St. Paul University Of Minnesota - St. Paul University Of Minnesota - St. Paul University Of Minnesota - St. Paul |
| 2002 | Lynn McNaughton Karen Vidmar Mary Richardson | University of Minnesota – St. Paul University Of Minnesota –St. Paul Dakota Technical College |
| 2003 | Terri Stark Melissa Melco Joshua Grussendorf | Dakota Technical College University Of Minnesota - St. Paul Dakota Technical College |
| 2004 | Catherine Stephen Eric Mader Terri Stark | University of Minnesota - St. Paul University of Minnesota - St. Paul Dakota Technical College |
| 2005 | Kari Duncan | Hennepin Technical College |
| 2006 | Hilary Bullock Benjamin David Dill Amanda Rae Clementson | Universtiy of Minnesota - St. Paul University of Minnesota - St. Paul University of Minnesota - Minneapolis |

Interesting statistics from the above list

- 1) Four Minnesota schools offering accredited programs of study have had a least one recipient, recent programs at Century and Rochester have not had recipients to date.
- 2) Eleven men and Twenty-nine women were voted awards. This is consistent with the ratio of applications received.
- 3)Forty-two scholarships have been awarded with the award to Mary McDonald* in 1999 going unused when she elected not to attend school. It is a requirement of the award distribution that the student attend school during the school year of the award.
- 4) David Harris in 2000, Susan Wilkins in 2001 and Terri Stark in 2004 were two time recipients.



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