



# The Garden Spray



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## January 8, Dinner Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2001

Dinner: 6:30 PM; Business: 7:00 PM; Program: 7:30 PM.

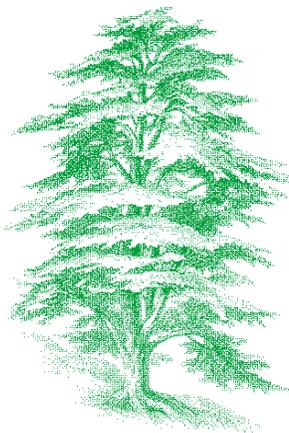
Location: Lake Harriet United Methodist; 49th and Chowen Avenue South  
Cost: \$9.00 if reserved in advance, \$10.00 at the door if extra meals are available.

Reservations are necessary.

Call in your reservation if you are not on the permanent reservations list.

See page 11 for reservation and cancellation details.

**We will vote on the Budget.  
The proposed Budget was in the December Newsletter.**



**The program will be on Trees.  
Presented by:  
Gary Johnson  
Professor of Urban Forestry**



## Future Club Events

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|-------------|--|--------------|---|
| January 8   | Dinner Meeting, program: Trees by Gary Johnson Professor of Urban Forestry | June 11      | Dinner Meeting  |
| February 12 | Dinner Meeting, Program: New Annuals by Debbie Lonnee                      | July         | Biennial Tour   |
| March 19    | Dinner at church & Bus to Bachman Field's Flower Show                      | August       | Members Garden Tour   |
| April 9     | Dinner Meeting   | August       | Food Flower & Foto Show   |
| April 10-13 | National Convention at Tucson  | September 10 | Dinner meeting  |
| May 7       | Plant Sale & Auction   | October 8    | Dinner Meeting, Program is Roberta Sladky Director of Como Conservatory |
|             |  | November 12  | Dinner meeting  |
|             |  | December 3   | Holiday Party   |

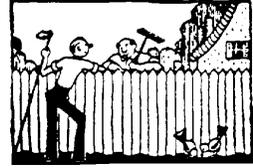
# Editorial Enticements

By Chuck Carlson, Editor

First of all I wish for each of you a Prosperous, Secure, Safe, Healthy and A Happy New Year. I could have included a wondrous garden but I know you all are capable of doing that by your own hands if you have all of the above wishes. I know this is true because I have seen a lot of your gardens in the past. I wish we as a club could see all of the club members gardens. I haven't seen a garden I didn't like. It always amazes me how different each garden is but I guess that is because each of us are different. When the call comes to be on tour, don't hesitate to say yes. All you have to do is pull those weeds, do a little trimming and sprucing up and wait for the bus to pull up. Whether it be small or large, full of annuals and or perennials or just a nicely landscaped yard with shrubs, evergreens and trees, it is something we will all enjoy. We can't all be a Johnson, Nordley, Overom, Moehnke or Bachman and I could go on with more big hitters but the point I want to make is, each of us has something unique in their garden. If you just can't make yourself agree to being on tour, take a few pictures and post them at one of our meetings. If you don't take pictures, call the photo committee chair or anyone of us on the photo committee. Invite us and we will come.

I know we will have a good year with the club and extra plans are being made for the year because of the 60th Year anniversary celebration. Make sure you participate I know you will enjoy.

Also if possible, make plans to attend the national convention, I am sure you will enjoy it. This year it is early, April 10 through the 13th, because it is in Tucson, AZ. The desert should be in bloom and you could make it into a nice vacation, plus your garden



chores haven't started. Those non-gardening spouses should have fun also and maybe even play a little golf, tennis or just relax in the sun.

The call for this year is "Participate."

## Last Summer's Results

By David McKeen

This summer I ended up incorporating annual grasses in several of my gardens. They all were very successful, receiving many compliments, and giving the gardens a lot of late summer interest. In one area, I planted pennisetum villosum (Feathertop grass) along with verbena bonariensis. They are both similar in height and the purple verbena went well with the white seed heads of the grass. The bed was edged with yellow creeping zinnia and pink pentas. In other areas, I also used purple fountain grass with rudbeckia 'Goldilocks' and pennisetum setaceum with pink gomphrena. The seed heads of the pennisetum are a nice light pink that goes well with the gomphrena. I also used a nice 15" arching grass called Nassella tenuissima 'ponytails', this was mixed with ageratum 'blue horizon'. I also grew several other pennisetums, a beautiful brown grass called carex buechananii (leather leaf sedge), just be sure to tell the other gardener in your family that it's always brown so it doesn't get dug up by accident, and a small grass I found at Tonkadale called fiber optic grass, a real nice plant for the edge or pot material. Once you see it you'll appreciate the name. I will be growing many of these grasses again from seed or wintering them over in the greenhouse and will have many of them for sale at the plant auction for you to try for yourself.

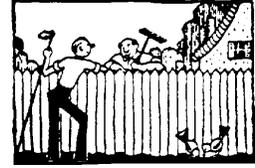
# President's Column

*MGCM President Warren Nordley*

When the elf hat was plunked down on my head, I didn't know if that was part of the Holiday Party tradition, or if it was to cover the glare from my bald head. Anyway, it was a great party, seemingly enjoyed by all. Good food, terrific entertainment and, as always, the socializing was outstanding. My thanks to Jan Johnson and her committee for a job very well done. And, let's hear it for Carole Ann Brekke for her leadership skills this past year, her boundless energy and that perpetual smile.

It's indeed an honor to serve as your president this year and I'm looking forward to working with you to solidify our position of, what I think to be, the finest garden club in the state. The makeup of the board is changing quite dramatically with the departure of Margaret, Howard, Ritchie and Tim and I think we owe each of them our sincere gratitude for their many contributions. These four people represent an absolute wealth of experience and it's somewhat daunting to think of operating without them. On the other hand, I'm very excited about our new board members joining us - Nancy Bjerke, Lynda Carlson, Dave McKeen, Ellyn Hosch, and Don Morgenweck. Together with current members Carole Ann, Jackie, Dave Johnson (Fridley), and myself, we pledge our best efforts on behalf of the club.

Our primary goal this year will be to increase membership. It's my view that in order to maintain the vitality of the club, we must continually seek out new members with fresh ideas and a willingness to contribute. For whatever reasons, new membership this past year was down somewhat and we intend to reverse that trend. Vehicles to help us achieve this goal will be our 60th anniversary festivities, our web page, our forthcoming



membership photo album and our July biennial general public tour. I encourage each of you to be proactive in seeking out prospects and "selling them" on our club. After all, we've got a darn good thing going for us here and we just need to get the message out.

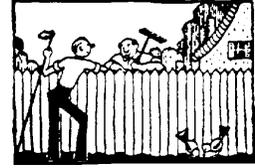
It's a new year and one that promises to be lots of fun. Thanks in advance for your input, your committee involvement, your enthusiasm and your many contributions that make us the best.



*Past President Carole Ann Brekke and our new President for 2001 Warren Nordley  
Photo by Lloyd Wittstock*

## Ted Olson Has Moved

Ted Olson has moved to Mount Olivet Church Care Home at 56th and Lyndale Avenue S. He is plagued by macular degeneration and needs a walker to get around. If anyone is in the neighborhood and would want to stop in and visit him for a few minutes he would welcome the company.



## Last Month The Party

The Holiday Party again went off without a hitch and I believe was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Jan Johnson and the committee for all their work. It was enjoyable from the gathering for punch and conversation, to the parade of the fake turkey and the presentation of it to the incoming President, to the dinner, to the awards and the giving of the wreaths and poinsettias. It was a super night to end the club's 2001 activities and to begin our 60th Year of existence as the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis.

## Awards

We congratulate all those who received their trophies at the Holiday party for their efforts previously listed in the newsletter and congratulations to Eldon Hugelen in being awarded the Presidents Cup.

## Thanks to Carole Ann

A special thanks to Carole Ann Brekke for her year of service to the club as our president. We all appreciate the fine job you have done for the club and for your exuberance you have shown. You also made us proud for your greetings and closing talks at the convention. The following prayer by Jim G. Brown reminded me of your nature and philosophy "We are thankful to thee for sunshine and rain and also for health and strength to enable us to work with Nature from dawn to setting sun." Carole Ann we thank you for a good year and we hope you will continue to be part of the club for years and that gardening will always be in your blood.

## Thanks to The Board

We had a number of people who have provided us with service on the board and to them we say thanks. We also have some new members on the board for 2002 Nancy Bjerke, Lynda Carlson, Ellyn Hosch, David McKeen and Don Morgenwick. We appreciate that

you agreed to serve. Also to those who have served and are retiring from the board, Howard berg, Wayne Engelman, Margaret Hibberd, Tim McCauley and Ritchie Miller, we give our heartfelt gratitude for your service.

## Mary & The Bronze

Mary Maynard was awarded the Bronze medal for the year 2001. She joined the club in 1989 and has been a most active member ever since. She was the second women to join and has worked on just about every committee. Also she has chaired and co-chaired the Flower and Vegetable show (FFF) and also chaired Holiday Party for a number of years. Mary has also served on the Board as: Director in 1994, Secretary in 1995 and 1996, Vice president in 1997, President in 1998 and Past President in 1999. A list of other things she has donated her time for are:

- Taking Dinner reservations.
- Worked on both club and Biennial Tours.
- She has helped with the spray and written many articles called; "Confessions of a Lazy Gardener"
- Has always participated in the FFF where she was awarded The First Time Exhibitor Award and in 1997 she won the Flower Sweepstakes Award
- She was on the general committee for the 2001 National Convention and chaired the tour committee and became known as the "Tour Queen."
- She also carries her horticultural efforts outside the club and hawks the club to others.

Mary's likes are to go to nurseries, peruse seed catalogs and garden web sites, to obtain new plants for her garden and our club's plant auction and sale. She also enters the State Fair flower show and wins.

Her vocation is with Health Partners and lives in St. Louis Park on Dart Ave. and will show her garden anytime someone wishes to see her efforts. Congratulations Mary and thanks for all your efforts given for the good of the club.

# Board Meeting Summary



*Margaret Hibberd Secretary*

Meeting Date: November 27, 2001 Present: Howard Berg, Nancy Bjerke, Carole Ann Brekke, Lynda Carlson, Margaret Hibberd, Ellyn Hosch, Dave Johnson (Fridley), Tim McCauley, Dave McKeen, Andy Marlow, Ritchie Miller, Don Morgenweck, Warren Nordley, Jackie Overom.

Vice President reported: The feedback on Debbie Lonnie's presentation was very positive. Gary Johnson is being contacted for a January program on trees. If he has a schedule problem, may need an alternate program.

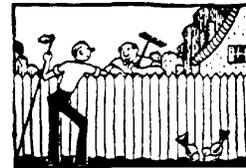
Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given and accepted.

Membership Secretary reported As of the meeting have 105 memberships

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Calendars:** 321 have been sold.

**Perennial Garden:** Kay Wolfe and Nancy Bjerke met with Mary Lerman from the Parks Dept. and Neil Anderson from Horticulture at the University to get some work responsibility agreements. Mary Lerman said wood mulch will be applied and the border shortened by 150 feet from the shady southwest end. As good plants are removed from that area they may be reused. Although no trial evaluation was done at our site in 2001, Neil Anderson is still interested in the garden as a trial site. He would like our club members to help with evaluations and will provide standard evaluation sheets. There was a discussion of plants. There will be a new superintendent for the garden and he will be the contact for water, etc. Kay will try to have a committee meeting before Christmas and get some of the logistics worked out such as work on weekdays, etc.



MGCM having a sign is still acceptable to Mary Lerman and Neil Anderson.

**60th Anniversary:** Chair Lynda Carlson reported there are 12 on the committee and there would be a meeting November 28.

Lynda asked if all 60th efforts are meant to be self-supporting or is money available.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Board Changes:** Wayne Engelman resigned. The Board approved Don Morgenweck as a replacement.

**MGCM Website:** Andy showed the website he has now enhanced for us. It will remain on his web space at the University of Minnesota because having a separate one set up could cost \$400-\$600 for a site without advertising. He will have the MSHS and National put up links to us. Plans are to include some of the "Spray", our meeting calendar, information about the club, an application form, and contacts.

**The Scholarship Committee:** They were asked by the board, if the committee thought the money collected on the biennial tours could be used for other horticulture causes as well as scholarships. They reported back this money should be used only for scholarships as it was donated especially for that purpose. And they are pretty firm that future money raised from biennial tours be used only for scholarships instead of wording for scholarships and other causes.

**Future Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 2 at home of Warren Nordley

## Sad News

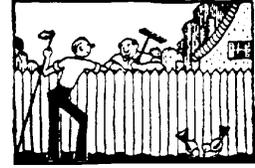
On December 8, Duane & Jan Johnson's son, Bradley Duane, died of a damaged heart. A memorial service was held at the Mayflower Church in Minneapolis. A number of MGCM members attended the service to give their condolences. The whole club extends our sympathy and we pray for you in your loss of a son. God Bless all of you and may he give you peace of mind.

# Confessions of a Lazy Gardener



Lazy Gardeners generally have wonderful intentions. During the long dark winter, it's easy to come up with a long list New Year's Resolutions that don't kick in for several months. Oddly, there seems to be a striking resemblance in lists from year to year. Here's my list for 2002:

1. Pruning the trees and shrubs. This is the year, I'm sure of it. I'm going to clean up the crossing branches in the plum trees at the side of the house. And I'll clear up a little overabundance on my prized Golden Curls willow. No longer will my trees look like the "Wrong" pictures in the pruning pamphlets. While I'm at it, I'll tackle the smokebush that's brushing the eaves, and get all the dead wood out of that unsatisfactory spirea and trim up the new maple in the back yard. I might even get some of this done while the trees are still dormant.
2. Pruning the grapevines. I'm going to get out and prune back the grapevines before they start to bud out in the spring. Maybe then I won't have grapevines that are dripping sap at every pruning cut. Maybe then they won't look like they're weeping from a thousand sad eyes.
3. Creeping Charlie control. I am going to persevere all summer. I'm going to apply a broadleaf killer with Trimec in the spring when the creeping charlie is most vigorous. I'm going to keep going through the summer, then I'm going to blast it again a couple of



times right before I put the sprayer away in the fall. Also, I'm going after it in the flower beds early in the spring with Roundup. (Carefully, of course.)

4. General weed management. This year, I am not going to apply leaf mulch over growing weeds and hope for the best.

5. Ruthlessness. This year, I am going to be cold and heartless and throw away non-performing plants. No matter how much I paid for them, or who gave them to me. Or how many years I've had them. Well, except for maybe those very ordinary irises that my Mom gave me. (She is my Mom, after all.) But that Sarah Von Fleet rosebush that never blooms is going to go!

6. Soil amendment. This year, I'm going to borrow my brother's truck and fill it up with compost. (He'll like that!) The soil is getting kind of lean in places, and a good boost of new organic matter would help it out immensely. Four inches of leaf mulch a year is not helping enough.

7. Timely planting. This year, expensive new plants are going to get planted at the right time of the year. Nothing will be still frying on the patio into July. Not this year, nope.

8. Self control. This year, I'm going to have some sort of plan for all of the fun annuals I order from Singing Springs and Avant Gardens. Really. This could be the year that I'm not frantically looking for any sort of opening to stash another \$7 annual.

9. Fertilization. I'm going to do some this year. Even if it's just whirly-birding some 10-10-10 over the beds. And I'm going to use bulb food with the dahlias. Plus, I'm going to give the lawn two applications of fertilizer in the fall.

10. More with fewer. This year, I'm going to plant more plants, but fewer varieties. I'm going to work on the visual impact of drifts and mass plantings. I'm going to expand on the nicest things I have and abandon things that aren't working out. No more trips to Ambergate, Kelley and Kelley, Rice Creek

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# Building Brick Terraces

By Phil Smith

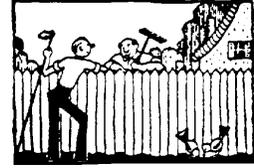
Depending on your style of home and garden, terraces and/or walkways made from paving bricks may present an elegant and interesting addition to the landscape.

Bricks come in numerous colors and even some different textures. Those used for driveways are about 3-1/2" thick, while those manufactured for walkways, terraces or patios are about 1-1/4" thick (nominally 4x8x1").

In more southern climates, bricks (or stone, slate, etc.) may be satisfactorily laid over a tamped bed of sand. However, in northern climates where there is severe freezing and thawing, paving materials laid merely over a bed of sand will after only a couple of seasons become very uneven with a wavy surface. To solve this problem, builders will often pour a 4 inch concrete slab as a base and lay the bricks or pavers on top of the stable slab. This is not only expensive, but it is hard work and difficult for one person to do alone. Also, if ready-mix is ordered, the driver will not likely want to wait around while one person handles the job.

Since I wanted to install several brick terraces and walkways at our former home in Golden Valley, I devised a plan to use treated lumber as a base for the paving brick, rather than concrete. The advantage is that one person may handle and install the lumber and it may be done as time permits. If you need to stop in the middle of a section, it is not a problem to start again when time permits.

There are some techniques I learned while doing such a project. The area to be paved should be well drained, covered with about 4 inches of tamped sand or fine gravel and screeded level. The perimeter is held in place with treated 6 x 6" landscape timbers and a flat base of treated 2 x 6" boards form



the base for the bricks. The platform of 2 x 6" boards is screwed fast to stringers laid cross-wise underneath about every 2 feet. If a curved edge is desired, this may be made by two side-by-side 1 x 6" boards screwed one at a time into the 2 x 6" platform. All lumber should be screwed together with galvanized or stainless screws. My recollection is that the cost of materials (without labor) for this wood base installation is about the same as the cost of concrete, but the labor is much easier for one to do alone. One should obtain the type of lumber treated for contact with the soil.

When placing the bricks after the wood platform is built, one needs to select a pattern. Some examples are shown in figure 1. A brick wet saw will need to be rented to make cuts where required. One also needs to look carefully at the bricks while laying them. Since they are natural material, they normally have a slump resulting from the manufacturing process. That is, there is a slight curvature when viewed from the top as well as the side (see figure 2). The point is to make sure and lay them all the same way, with the slight curves in the same direction, or soon the lines will no longer be straight. When the bricks are all laid, the cracks are filled with a sweeping of fine sand which also stabilizes the paving. Figures 3 and 4 illustrate the ideas discussed above.

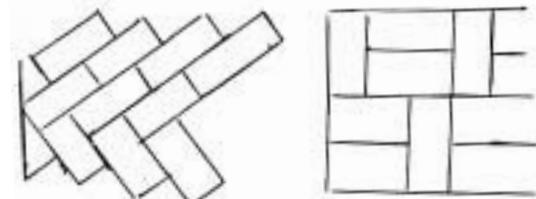
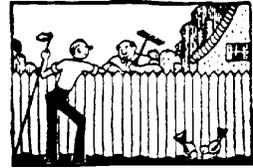


Figure 1  
Patterns

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# Holiday Party Photos

Photos by Lloyd Wittstock



*President Carole Ann Brekke & the Bird*



*Punch and Conversation*



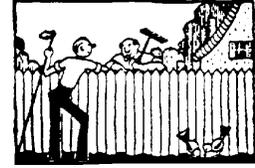
*Carole Ann, Eldon Hugelen(accepting the Presidents Cup) Awards Chair Andy Marlow with the Cup*



*Dave and Delores Johnson accepting the sweepstakes Trophy from Mary Maynard*



*Scholarship winners and  
Committee Chairman  
Kent Petterson*



## Building Brick Terraces

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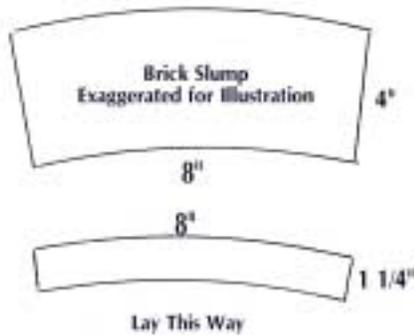


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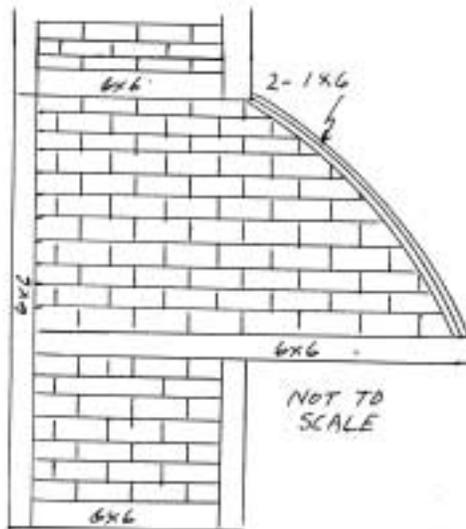


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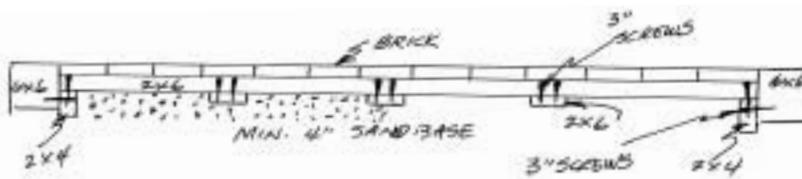


Figure 4

## Confessions

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Gardens, Garden Patch, Bachmans, Sunnyside Gardens, etc. returning with a trunk full of "one of each".

11. Rose disease control. I am definitely going to gain the upper hand against Black Spot in 2002 if there are any roses left after the devastation and neglect in 2001.

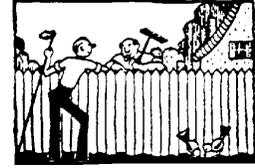
12. No new containers. This is in direct reaction to 2001 which could be characterized as the "Year of Many Ugly Containers" at 4375 Dart Avenue.

13. No encroachments into the lawn. This year, I'm going to let Phil rest his defense of the lawn. No new flower beds this year. I'll focus instead on trying to maintain what we have. Perhaps I should warn Phil not to get too complacent, though.

14. Buckthorn elimination. It's way past time to get rid of the remnants of my old buckthorn hedge. This is the year that I will don protective clothing and cut it all down and dig it all out. I'll probably have some room to experiment with some hydrangeas or something. I bet Rodger Sefelt can give me some good advice.

15. Virginia Creeper eradication. I have Virginia Creeper covering my portico in the front of the house. It completely obscures the architectural features, and is starting to make me mad. This is the year that I will drag it all down, dig it out, and replace it with a couple of climbing roses or some well-behaved clematis. Really. I think this is the year.

Wow! The place will look GREAT when I get all of this done! I can't wait for spring!



# 60th Anniversary Musings

By Howard Berg

## 60 YEARS AGO January 1942

There is no spray history from January 1942, but here are some January 1942 Headlines from the now defunct *Minneapolis Star Journal* which were published in the newsletter.

- Jan 1 **Battle for Manila Still Rages**
- Jan 2 **Little Falls Jail breaker Raid Farm. Take Coats to Flight in Cold.**
- Jan 4 **Stassen Urges Temporary Plan to Avert Strike in City Schools.**
- Jan 5 **No Relief from Cold Wave Cited 33 Below in State**
- Jan 7 **Nine Billion in New Taxes, Biggest Budget in World History.**
- Jan 8 **122 Hours Below-Zero Wave Ended. 7 Deaths Recorded.**
- Jan 12 **Japan Drive to Within 150 Miles of Singapore**
- Jan 13 **Illegal Sale of Tires, Hoarding of Rubber, Probed in Minnesota.**
- Jan 16 **U. S. Sinks Five Japanese Ships**
- Jan 17 **Carole Lombard and 21 Others Feared Dead Aboard Plane Wrecked on Peak.**
- Jan 22 **Japan Hurl full Army Against MacArthur Line.**
- Jan 25 **Lake Cottages may be Assigned to House Defense Plant Workers.**
- Jan 27 **Churchill Hails AEF, Says Americans Will Defend Britain , Bomb Germany**
- Jan 31 **British Withdraw to Singapore Isle, Abandon Mainland; Brace for Siege**  
The January, 1942 issue of *The Gopher*



carried this notice. "A GARDENER STAG NIGHT." Some time during the first week of February, 1942, there's going to be a Stag Dinner at the Athletic Club for members interested in gardening. There will be lots of talk about flower growing technics, and colored movies of flower gardens will be shown. This was the start of the MGCM.

## 50 YEARS AGO January 1952

There was no newsletter for January 1952. One of the newspapers quoted General Eisenhower as follows: "What the church should be telling the worker is that the first demand religion makes on him is that he should be a good workman. If he is an amateur gardener, he should be a competent gardener. Church by all means on Sunday - but what is the use of church if at the very center of life a man defrauds his neighbor and insults God by poor showmanship".

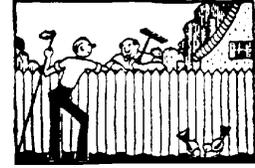
## 25 YEARS AGO January 1977

MGCM meets on January 11th, 1977 at Mount Olivet Church, 6:00 PM cost \$3.00. Listen to Dr. Leon S. Snyder talk on the 1976 Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Tour to the Orient.

President, Fred Glasoe says that with the new growth in the club we need better and more effective ways to getting to know each other.

The following invocation was given by MGCM member, Rev. Richard Hulbert, at the last Christmas Party; "Silent are the stars and birds. The scent and scenes that stirred our hearts have disappeared. The earth in icy vastness locks all growth. Yet we are undismayed who tend the plants. We wait in hope the lengthened sun, the tempered rain and breeze. For God will not forget his own and will renew this earth for us. To Him we offer thanks and praise . Who even in our darkness reigns. Who in this Christmas festival assures us of the promised Life."

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## 60th Musings

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Six men had perfect attendance for the year. Two men for 2 years with perfect attendance. One for 3 years, 3 for four years, and Dale Durst for 7 consecutive years. They all took the Pledge to the Spade "I Pledge my life to the spade as long as I can spade in the shade. With a mind that is clean and a thumb that is green yes, that is the life that I crave"

Carl Holst received the Bronze Medal.

### 15 YEARS AGO January 1987

MGCM meets on January 13, 1987, Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 6 PM, cost \$6.00. Speaker is Dr. Kent Crossley on the Care and Culture of Peonies.

Muskmelons originated in Peru. Onions, leek and garlic come originally from mid Asia.

An optimist is "The gardener who purchases a 28 cubic foot freezer and plants a 50 square foot garden."

208 attended the Christmas Party.

Metropolitan Male Chorus of Minnesota gave us a hour of song.

The Bronze Medal went posthumously to Stanley Van Vorst.

Confused - That condition of not knowing vegetable plants from weeds.

### 10 YEARS AGO January 1992

MGCM meets on January 14th, 1992 at

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 6:00 PM, cost \$6.50. Speaker is Lee Gilligan who talked on Asexual Propagation of Annual flowers by Cuttings.

This is the first "Spray" from our new editor, Andy Marlow, who took over after Mr. Ed. Culbert. Ed was editor for 22 years and was given a special Green Bronze Award.

Duane Reynolds was the recipient of the Bronze Medal.

The special celebration this year is the 50th Anniversary of MGCM, with an Anniversary Dinner in October.

The MGCM Scholarship was started at this Anniversary

### 5 YEARS AGO January 1997

MGCM meets on January 14th, 1997 Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, at 6:30 PM. Cost \$7.00. The program is Stump the Experts by MGCM Master Gardeners.

From the Editor's Desk of Andy Marlow wrote "Perhaps the most lasting reminder and continuing tribute from 50th Anniversary Party is the awarding of 13 scholarships so far.

It was decided to leave the Fragrance Garden and start the Perennial Garden.

Elden Hugelen received the Bronze Medal for 1996.

*This is the first of a series of items taken from past MGCM newsletters. Each month will be featured. The Editor*

## Dinner Meeting Reservation Policy

**For January Only Contact Kay Wolfe (See below for details)**

Call Kay Wolfe to make your reservation or to adjust the permanent list. Check your mailing label. If it has a "p" or "pp" (one or two reservations) you are on the permanent list. If there is no "p" on your mailing label, you are not on the permanent reservation list and must notify Kay Wolfe by the Friday before the dinner meeting to be assured a place at dinner. For you people getting the newsletter via email, check the message on the email to determine if you are on the list.

If you are on the permanent list and will not attend, you must notify Kay Wolfe by the same deadline or risk being responsible for the cost of your dinner. Kay can be reached at 952-922-0762 Leave a message on her voice mail if you can't reach her in person or send her an email at [ opperwolfe@worldnet.att.net ] If you have reserved a dinner and on Monday or Tuesday you have an emergency where you find you can't attend, call Treasurer Dave Johnson. If the reservation can be sold to late-comers or drop-ins, you will not be billed.

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