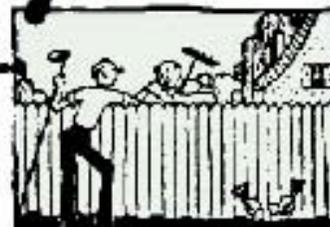




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***-JANUARY SPEAKER*-**
NEIL ANDERSON

Our speaker for the January 13th program is Neil Anderson, Associate Professor at the U. of MN and director of its herbaceous perennial breeding program. His presentation will be on the topic of Breeding Winter Hardy Herbaceous Perennials.

Dr. Anderson has experience in the commercial flower seed industry as a flower breeder and new crop specialist. His areas of expertise include new crop development, winter hardiness, reproductive barriers, interspecific hybridization, and preventing invasiveness. His research program focuses on winter hardiness and invasiveness of herbaceous perennials.

The following crops are currently being bred in the breeding program:

Dendranthema x grandiflora (=Chrysanthemum x morifolium),
mums.

Gaura lindheimeri, G. coccinea, Gaura or wandflowers.

Lilium hybrids, cut potted, and garden lilies, seed-propagated types that continuously flower.

Gladiolus, Gladiolus, development of seed-propagated, winter hardy dwarf types that are fragrant.

Dr. Anderson directs the U's trials for annual bedding plants and herbaceous perennials (testing the perennials for winter hardiness).

His program supplies plants for the club's Perennial Trial Garden at Lyndale Park.

January Dinner Meeting: Tuesday January 13th, 2007

Gathering and Conversation -----6:00 pm
Dinner -----6:30 pm
Business Meeting ----- Approx. 7:00 pm
Program ----- Approx. 7:30 pm

Dinner Reservations

Permanent reservations for the dinner meeting are in effect. Reservations or cancellations are required by

the Friday before the meeting. Call or e-mail Carole Anne Brekke (952-435-6029, numsix24@comcast.net) for your reservation or cancellation.



Thoughts from the Prez: Rusty Ramblings

by Denise Rust

Yes, it's a new year and a new club president. Let me introduce myself here; my name is Denise Rust and I have been a member of the club for 10 years. I have served previously on many a tour committee, the 60th Anniversary Committee, as Secretary and most recently as VP. I was first invited to a club meeting by Rodger Sefelt, whom I met as we were both volunteering at the State Fair for the Hort. Society. I work two part time jobs; one as Assistant Teacher at a Christian preschool in Mounds View, Messiah Preschool, and also as fitness coach at the Curves in Brooklyn Center. I live on the east side of Brooklyn Park, where I have lived for 25 years. My husband, Jeff, is a manager at DataCard in Minnetonka; we have one daughter, Jamie, 23, who is married and lives in the Chicago area.

My interests, besides gardening, include reading, scrapbooking, crafts, photography, travel, volunteering, and my passion is teaching adult Bible study at my church (we are currently studying John). I also run a red hat group based out of my Curves.

I would classify myself as a Lazy Gardener, but since that title has officially been claimed by another, I will instead call myself a Simple Gardener (if it's too hard to grow, I won't grow it). I plant mainly perennials and annuals, my favorite plants being hosta and lilies. My husband likes to plant a small vegetable garden as well. My favorite area in my garden is a shady area by the patio with lots of smaller plants, including many miniatures. The yard is home to many species of birds, which we enjoy feeding and watching.

I look forward to working as your club president. If you have any concerns about the club, please bring them to the attention of myself or one of the other Board members. As you are probably aware, club funds are a current concern, but with everyone's help and creativity, we will be okay. I joined this club because I felt the members were fun and learned, and because the programs were excellent. These things are still true. I hope you will all take your membership seriously; be active, attend regularly, and help to continue our long -standing tradition of excellence.

Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
January 13th	LHC	Neil Anderson
February 10th	LHC	TBD



A Note from the Editor

January's Spray is always the best issue of the year because it truly highlights and summarizes the club's myriad talents, services and dedicated members.

It takes a lot to produce the wonderful Holiday Party - a big thank you to Elaine Spiegel and her legions of supporters for a successful and fun Holiday Party.

Please welcome Elaine Rust as the new club president (read a little about her on page 2) and a big, hearty thanks to Larry Larson for his year of service as president.

Kent Petterson does a great job running the scholarship program - read about the two scholarship recipients on page 5.

Thanks to Lloyd Wittstock for all the great photos from the party.

Jason Rathe

MGCM Receives \$500.00 Grant for Scholarships

In December the club was received a check from Northwestern Mutual for \$500.00 to support our scholarship funding. Their quiet grant program under the sponsorship of club member Bob Livingston had provided \$1000.00 last year as well based on applications submitted by member Kent Petterson.

The scholarship program was established in 1992 to honor our club's 50th Anniversary. Over the years due to the success of our public biennial garden tours and the generosity of the club we have been able to award forty-eight scholarships to students of horticulture in Minnesota.

The club has once again scheduled its fund raising public tour this year. Financial success has lessened, but the event also results in public visibility for the club as well as new memberships. Watch for further announcements regarding the public tour.



Presenting the Outstanding Service Award to... Archie Caple

For many years, going back to 1948, it has been the custom of MGCM, at its annual Christmas meeting, to make an award to one of its members for outstanding service, not only to the club but to the gardening community as well. This award was originally known as the Bronze Medal, but when the club disassociated itself from the national organization, the name of the award was changed to the Outstanding Service Award. It is my pleasure to announce the recipient of this year's award is my longstanding friend and fellow gardener, Archie Caple.

I feel especially pleased to make this presentation as Archie and I, in 1977, were members of the first class in Hennepin County to attend classes at the University of Minnesota for becoming Master Gardeners, as part of the Extension Service of the University. What is especially interesting is that Archie and I are the only remaining active members of that class of some 20 people. Today the Master Gardeners number over 200 people.

Archie as a Master Gardener has taken part in a great number of programs to benefit the gardening community, but I think one of his outstanding accomplishments has been instilling the love of gardening in the young people in the community.

Archie as a young man had an experience that showed his early interest in gardening. While serving in the Air Force in England in World War II, he met and visited with the Royal Gardener of the British Royal Palace. But that wasn't Archie's only outstanding experience during the war. That's also when he married his lovely wife Jean.



Stanley Crist announces the winner of the Outstanding Service Award: Archie Caple

Besides being a fine gardener, Archie is also an excellent wood worker. I hope some day you'll be able to see his wood shop, but you may not recognize it. You'll think it's the living room. It is immaculate.

But what has Archie done for our club? He became a member in 1975.

In 1978 while employed by Northwest Airlines as Director of Internal Security, he was able to use some of their equipment to take pictures of our members in order to prepare a picture directory. That may not sound like such a great accomplishment to some of our younger members today, but it was a significant accomplishment before computers and digital cameras were as common as they now are.

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Scholarship Winners Attend Christmas Party

Michele Darveaux and Kaarina Visness were guests of the club at our annual Christmas Party. Each were recipients of \$1000.00 scholarships to their schools in support of their education in horticulture. The awards were made by the club to these students whose career goals were consistent with the interests of the gardener members of MGCM.

Michele Darveaux is from Plymouth. She attends school at Hennepin Technical College in Brooklyn Park. Her program is in Landscape and Garden Design, Maintenance and Applied Science in Horticulture. She is a member of the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association and has interest in floral design through the Society of American Florists. She is developing a business called Flowers for the Soul and can be found at flowersforthesoulmn.com.

Kaarina Visness is from Karlstad, Minnesota. She attends the University of Minnesota in Crookston and is a senior graduating in 2009. Her curriculum of study is Environmental Landscaping and Production Horticulture. Her interest in organic farming and



sustainable agriculture led her to an internship at Fulton Farm in Pennsylvania last summer. In addition, she spent time in China for a study abroad program this past May.

Both Michele and Kaarina were allowed time to offer their thanks to the entire group. Their heartfelt thanks reflected that of all the students we have helped over the years. As chair of the club's scholarship committee I would like to extend my personal thanks to all who have participated in our efforts to help our recipients, many of whom have been second career students, since the program began in 1992.

This coming year will be a challenge to maintain the level of awards achieved in the past. Please support the Biennial Garden Tour this summer. Additional new funding sources will be sought this year and your suggestions to anyone on the scholarship committee are requested. Of course donations to the club as a 501c3 tax exempt organization are eligible for tax donation.



The scholarship recipients





Holiday Party

(in pictures)



Auction action



Coronation



Holiday finery



Parade



Very social hour

*Thanks to Lloyd Wittstock
for all the great photos!!!*

Holiday Party

(in words)



MGCM's Holiday Party "Seasons of Our Gardening Years" was wonderful and full of camaraderie. The quote in the program, from ECCLESIASTES 3, set the tone... "To EVERYTHING There is a Season". Usually we have 75-82 attending. This year due to last minute illness (several couples), family situations or the economy, our party had 54 present.

The weather was in our favor. Those who were able to join us had a wonderful time. Dinner was fabulous... The most moist turkey in many years. For all of you who want to leave the party by 9 pm, this year we achieved that goal.

Thanks to Chuck Carlson for producing and presenting our entertainment: A slide show with music, that we named "Seasons of Our Gardening Years", since he included past events, too. It was truly awesome and a feast for our eyes. Chuck worked on it since early September.

This year our program included - A TIME TO WEEP. It Let Us Remember and Honor: Todd Bachman, Fred Glasoe, Henry Halverson and Clyde Thompson.

The Silent Auction was a great success. We had 74 items displayed; the most ever. To mention just a few: Bob Voigt brought a large statue; we had several hand-made and hand-crafted items: knit shawl, floral apron, bread, jelly and Woody Holt's 3 wooden delights. Don Trocke made 2 child-size wood Adirondack chairs, Leroy Cech's wine and the Kitchen Towel We had many Gift Cards donated by members to restaurants and garden stores, plus a few donated by our garden store friends. This year the large Poinsettias and wreaths were part of the Silent Auction. We had the most wonderful books and note-cards. A set of 13 - 7" tall metal reindeer increased the bidding.

We raised \$966. The wonderful part: How many

members donated items. The down-side: Since attendance was lower, the bidding was not as competitive. As you know, this added income covers any outstanding party expense and the rest goes to operations budget.

As usual, the small Poinsettias on tables were given to members.

I need to THANK my Outstanding Holiday Party Committee.

This was my first year of being the solo chair. Normally, this committee is set-up in early September, and then, except for Publicity and Program the rest happens on Party day. This year, I did not have a fully functioning committee until Mid-October. There were several new members and old members who had not helped at Holiday Party before. Of course, my "regulars" who always offer to help. They were ALL there for me, every step of the way. Any major event MGCM has needs many volunteers. It doesn't "just" happen.

Sandra Abraham, who not only chaired Silent Auction Set-Up, but mostly alone did all of the Final Tally, which is a two person job. (Holly & Melba were suddenly called to California.)

Maxine Coldren, who created a joy-filled Unique Program and easy to read Nametags.

Jane Sheedy, who jumped in two weeks before the 1st PR and met all three deadlines.

Bachman's for their Generosity to MGCM.

Delores Johnson, Coordinator with Bachman's. Always with us.

Nancy Porte, who jumped in to handle Reservations & Reported names for Nametags.

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A few notes from the Holiday Party.

We held a quick business meeting and elected the proposed slate of officers by unanimous vote. So now it's official. Here are the members of the 2009 Board:

- President: Denise Rust*
- Vice President: Don Unteidt*
- Past President: Larry Larson*
- Treasurer: David McKeen*
- Recording Secretary: Judy Berglund*
- Membership Secretary: Sharla Aaseng*
- Director: Elizabeth Hamilton*
- Director: Elaine Spiegel*
- Director: Kay Wolfe*

Other awards:

- FFF
- Photography Sweepstakes:** *Chuck Carlson*
- Foley Trophy** (Vegetable Sweepstakes): *Judy Berglund*
- Blackbourn Trophy** (Flower Sweepstakes): *Mary Maynard*
- Smith Trophy** (Best First-time exhibitor): *Larry Larson*

- Rookies of the Year:** *Sandra Abraham and Suzanne Holt*

- President's Award:** *Mary Maynard*



And the winner is...



*Foley trophy winner:
Judy Berglund*



*Rookies of the year:
Sandra Abraham and
Suzanne Holt*



FUNDRAISING AFTERNOON TEAS

There is still time to sign up and attend the Afternoon Teas scheduled for 2009. At this writing there is plenty of space at the February tea, but only space for one at the March tea. Contact Kay Wolfe for reservations by January 13.

If you are interested, and Friday Feb. 13 is not a good date, please let Kay know. Maybe we should reschedule for a Sunday afternoon in April? Please give feedback!

DATES: Friday, February 13, and Sunday, March 15, 2009.

TIME: 2:30 PM until about 5 PM. End time is flexible.

WHERE: Kay Wolfe's home, 2740 Florida Ave S, St. Louis Park.

Each day we can seat 12 people: 6 in the Parlor and 6 in the Library.

WHAT YOU GET:

Five Course Tea: Port & Sherry aperitif course, three food courses, and dessert course. (The meal will be a nice lunch or light supper, not all sandwiches.)

Tea Tasting: Different teas served with each course. Information will be given about the origins of each tea, and the tea estates where the teas were grown.

Antique porcelain and sterling flatware will be used. Stories will be shared about the origins of the antiques, as well as the history on the custom of afternoon tea.

COST: \$40 per person. The full amount you pay will be donated to MGCM.

SPONSORS: The Park Garden Committee's Daytime Weeding Group will be your chefs and servers. We will provide all the food and beverages. All money raised will be donated to MGCM's two designated funds, the Scholarship and Lyndale Park Garden Funds.

PAYMENT will not be needed until about 3 weeks prior to the event. We will send out formal invitations to those signed up, and at that time you must RSVP with a check to hold your spot.

The "Weeding Group": Sharla Aaseng, Mollie Dean, Carol Schreier, and Kay Wolfe.

(Questions? Email: kaywolfe@q.com; or phone Kay at 952.922.0762)



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Marilyn & Norm Brummer who jumped in to give out Nametags.

Jan Johnson, who once again, offered to prepare Appetizers.

Suzanne Holt and Carol Schreier, who assisted with the Silent Auction Set-Up.

Holly Gustafson & Melba Gustafson, who are always committed, but not able to be with us. They usually do Silent Auction Tally.

Nancy Duncan, who met with me in October to Count Supplies from previous years.

Les Spiegel, who loaded cars with party supplies & S.A. items.

AND to my absolutely wonderful Morning Set-Up & Evening Take-Down Committee who changed our meeting room to look so Holiday Party Festive: Carol Schreier, Larry & Randi Larson, Don & Geri Trocke and David McKeen. If I have missed anyone, please forgive me.

We all feel the joy of taking an active part in this MGCM event.

Elaine Spiegel
Holiday Party Chair

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In 1979 he prepared a slide show "How to do composting." That again might not seem such a great accomplishment today, but this was before Powerpoint was commonly available. He also served on the Fragrance Garden and Camera committees.

Also in 1979, Archie was elected Vice President of our club. In 1980 he became president. He serves as the perfect example of how to serve the club when becoming a member.

In recent years, Archie has suffered from physical infirmities, like many of us as we grow older, so we don't see him as often as we used to. But he's still the fine gardener he always was.

I take great pleasure in presenting the Outstanding Service Medal to my fellow gardener and long time friend, Archie Caple.

Stanley Crist.



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