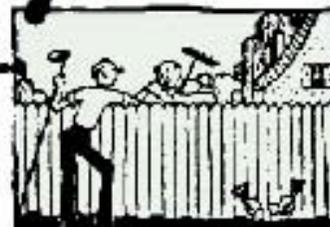




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JULY GARDEN TOUR!

The July 18 Club Tour will be from 12-5 pm, followed by a summer dinner at the Woodlake Nature Center. It will feature gardens in Minneapolis. This idea started with member and retired Mpls Parks Gardener Tim Rosener's suggestion that we look in his NE neighborhood and visit Jim Handtmann's yard and all the boulevard gardens he has created in his block of NE Polk St. From there we found John Anderson's garden in the next block and nearby Gaynell Schandel's at Arthur and Lowry. While these are all non-members, they have agreed to open their gardens to us and it is amazing to see how they have worked to transform these city lots until they are covered with gardens. From NE it's a quick trip to south Minneapolis and the community garden on 40th and Clinton tended by Tim Rosener.

Then also in south Minneapolis we have three members who are opening their gardens – Carol Schreier, Suzanne Holt, and John Dahl. They all have different garden features to offer. When you look at the map and think Carol's and John's gardens seem at the outer edge, make the effort to get there because they are memorable for the amount of well-tended, great plant material that is right out for everyone to see.

Finally we will finish with a catered summer dinner at the Wood Lake Nature Center at 6710 Lake Shore Drive, Richfield, (612-861-9365) just a couple blocks south of

MGCM 2009 Club Tour

Saturday, July 18th

Noon - 5 p.m. - Drive yourself tour in Northeast and South Minneapolis

5:00 dinner at Woodlake Nature Center

Lyndale and 66th. Not trusting the weather, we reserved an air-conditioned room overlooking the lake and those who wish may walk the trails of the Nature Center. You may be somewhat flexible in your arrival times – we have the room from 4:45 to 7:45 pm. The meal will again be catered by the women who did the great tour meal at the Mississippi River Park two years ago. We recommend you start in NE and end up in south Minneapolis closer to dinner.

Our \$15 charge includes dinner, beverages, and park room rental and guests are welcome. The committee hopes to see you at the tour. Please contact Dave (Fridley) Johnson, Committee Chair, Margaret Hibberd, or Denise Rust with questions.

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Thoughts from the Prez: Rusty Ramblings

by Denise Rust

Those of you who attended the June program, how many of you were as shocked as I was when the Gerten brothers began giving away the beautiful perennials they had brought, and then offered to sell the remainder at a discount? What fun! I went home with three new plants. Since I hadn't gotten all my plant shopping completed for the season, it was a great help. Moral of this story: It doesn't pay to skip a club meeting.

I did get out to one new nursery last month; two of my Bible class students graciously gave me some money to spend and took me to Waldoch Farm Garden Center in Lino Lakes (www.waldochfarm.com). What a fun time! This place is huge, and all the plants were in top shape. They offer a few classes too, just check the website. I will definitely be going there again. Another day a fellow hosta lover and I did a hosta tour; we first went to Savory's Gardens in Edina (www.savorygardens.com) and toured the beautiful display garden (see photos) before making some selections; then we went to the Hostas Direct (www.hostasdirect.com) retail site south of the fairgrounds to look at their tissue culture hosta selection. Their selection runs cheaper than nursery plants and yet I've had just as good luck growing their hosta. If you can't make it to their retail site, they will ship the plants to you, as the name implies. I'm not sure where I'll venture next, but I look forward to the outing and always enjoy the adventure of finding that special new plant to adopt. Moral of this story: Get out there! Even if you don't especially need more plants, you can always get new ideas!

I am looking forward to the July 18 club tour. I

hope many of you can make it, and I urge you to invite a friend or two to join you. There will be several gardens to tour, and we will share a meal together at the end of the day. I've never found a tour that I haven't gained something from! Moral of this story: Much of the fun of gardening is about sharing it with others!

As for my own garden, I am still way behind where I would normally be at this time, but I've decided to quit worrying about it as it will get done eventually. Meanwhile, we've had some rain, the cottonwood is mostly done snowing, and the plants have filled in quite a bit from where they were a month ago. And my peonies looked great this year! Moral of this story: Take the season as it comes, and enjoy your successes and accomplishments as they occur!

Hope to see many of you soon!





A Note from the Editor

Jason Rathe

Is July already around the corner? The summer is just flying by. But a lot nicer now that we've been blessed with a little steady rain. I only wish we could get rain that was good for the garden plants but not the weeds.

There is a lot going on in the garden club. The July tour is going to take us through gardens in Northeast and South Minneapolis. Take advantage of this invitation to visit some incredible gardens (its a lot easier than jumping over people's fence to get a peek of their garden!).

And a group of MGCM members is pursuing an opportunity to produce a cable-access show on gardening. What a great way for this club to share it amazing wealth of gardening knowledge. Read Andy Marlow's article on page 4.

MGCM*TV ANYONE?

By Andy Marlow



A group of MGCM members is working toward creating a 30-minute cable access television show that would provide gardening information for growing plants in our climate. We don't have a name for it yet and we're a long way from putting anything on the air, but if you are interested now's the time to volunteer.

First, a bit about the show. It will be produced using the equipment and studios of the Minneapolis Telecommunications Network (MTN), the cable access facility of the City of Minneapolis. They are very interested in having a gardening show as part of their line-up. In addition to broadcasting programs on Minneapolis' cable access channels, MTN also provides training, equipment and studio use for budding TV producers.

In addition to MTN, we also plan to offer to show to the various other cable franchises in the Metro area, so the show could be seen Metro-wide. It would provide lots of people with relevant gardening information, plus showcase the talents and knowledge of MGCM members. The MGCM Board of Directors endorsed proceeding with the project at their June meeting (as long as the Club doesn't have to spend any money on it).

While many things are still up in the air, we expect to produce two half-hour pilot programs this summer and swing into full action next growing season. We expect each show will have segments including one longer feature, a shorter story and a question and answer section using MGCM experts. We'll focus on various plant specific topics, tour members' gardens

and generally provide lots of "how-to" knowledge. A very short example of the kind of thing we're going to do can be found on the Internet on the blip.tv website (<http://blip.tv/file/2118175>).

Right now we have a very small group of people involved in the project and we need many more. TV is a very labor-intensive medium! Some of the job skills we need are videographers, still photographers, computer graphics, hosts, garden experts, studio crew, editors, idiot card writer/holders and gardeners who don't mind us trampling through their yards with a video camera.

Don't worry if you don't have the skills now, as you can get training at MTN. Classes are listed online at www.mtn.org. Some classes do have a cost associated with them, but what you learn will more than make up for what you spend – and one of the committee members has offered to assist in paying for classes if you can't afford the whole cost.

If you are interested, please contact one of the members working on the project: Bob Olson (whose idea this is), Mary Maynard, Andy Marlow, Kay Wolfe, Nancy Bjerke or Margaret Hibberd. Anyone of these people can answer your questions and make sure you know about our meetings. We'll be meeting periodically through the summer and working on our pilot programs, so now's the time to get in on the beginning of this exciting project!

June Meeting Pics



Show and Tell: Lew and Glenn Gerten brought their own plants to the meeting

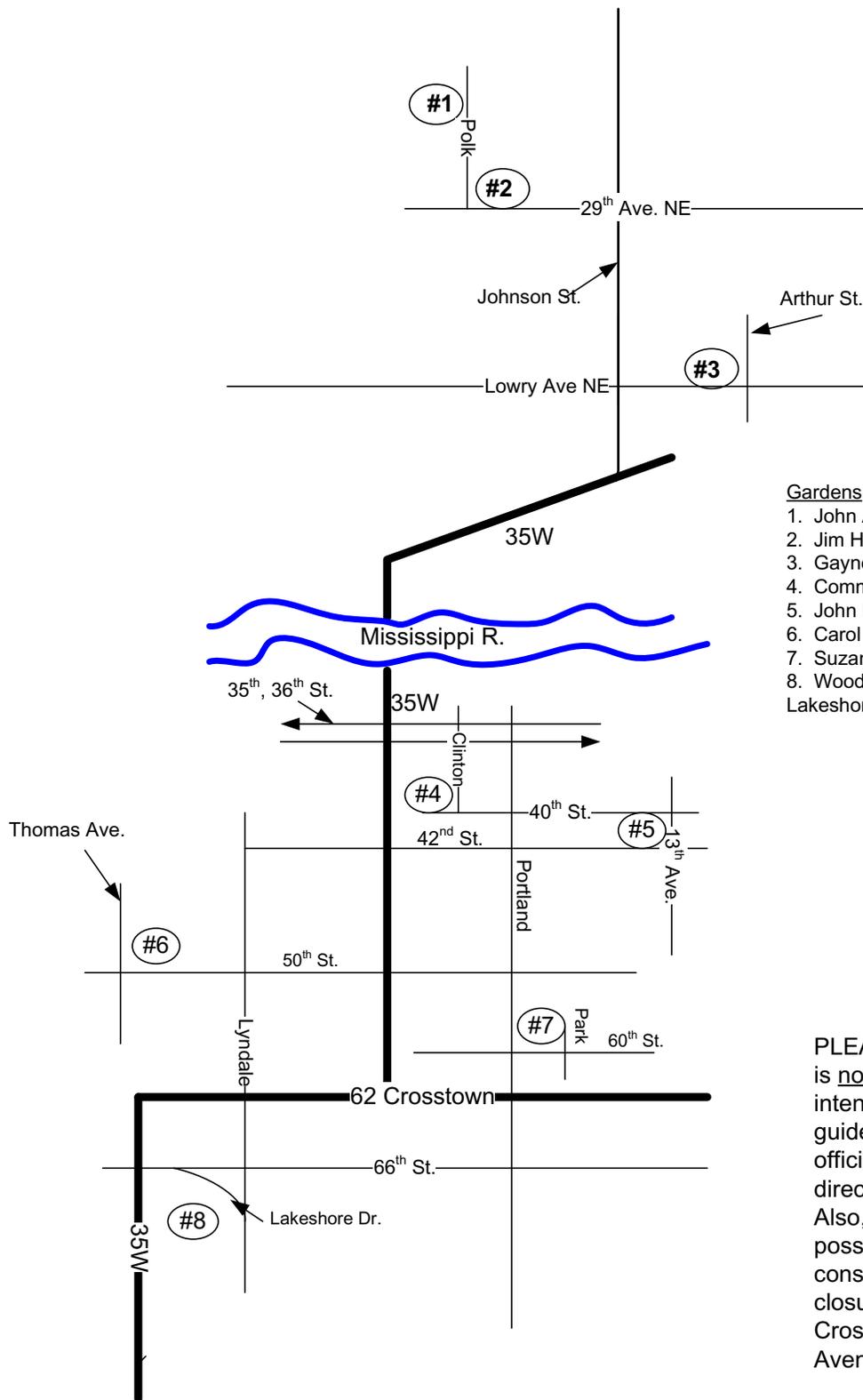


More plants!!



New member Judy Brooke

July 18 MGCM Club Tour



Gardens

1. John Anderson, 3028 Polk St. NE.
2. Jim Handtmann, 2911 Polk St. NE.
3. Gaynell Schandel, 2500 Arthur St. NE
4. Community Gdn, 40th St. & Clinton Ave.
5. John Dahl, 4144 13th Ave. S.
6. Carol Schreier, 4949 Thomas Ave. S.
7. Suzanne Holt, 5850 Park Ave. S.
8. Wood Lake Nature Center, 6710 Lakeshore Drive.

PLEASE NOTE: This map is not to scale, and is intended as a general guide. Please consult an official map for detailed directions.

Also, please be aware of possible weekend construction-related closures on 35W, 62 Crosstown or Lyndale Avenue.



July 18 Club Tour: Garden Descriptions

1. Garden of John Anderson (3026 Polk St. NE)

My Little Garden of Sweden.

Gardens are a work in progress. That's what makes gardening such a pleasure for me.

My garden began years ago when I basically removed everything from the yard except for the Colorado blue spruce between the gates in the front yard.

The result has been an infatuation with landscaping and what I assume is cottage gardening.

I have many perennials, biennials, and of course always some annuals. I have incorporated various vegetables and herbs through the beds versus giving them a "garden" of their own.

I have a specific liking for daylilies and they should be in their prime mid-July as well as other plants I love. I prefer simpler species rather than dinner-plate dahlias. The smaller more delicate flowers are a delight to me.

My biennials are some of my favorites because they volunteer wherever they are comfortable. I like that spontaneity that adds to the garden process.

I do not commit to the genre like some like Leon Snyder, but am more of a Thalassa Cruso in the garden and Julia Childs in the kitchen.

I invite you to wander through the garden on July 18th. Hopefully we will have agreeable weather.

2. Garden of Jim Handtmann (2911 Polk St. NE)

Beginning in 1991, the roughly 40-foot square backyard garden has been a constant obsession. The space has transformed many times over the years. Currently there are over fifty different shrubs, trees, perennials and water plants. The garden has three different water features and several sitting areas. Claiming he lives "in a gardens with a house attached to it", Jim Handtmann of Minneapolis transformed every inch of his small yard into a series of distinct,

magical places to unwind.

Starting in the back several years ago, Jim's garden moved to the sides and front of his home, then across the sidewalk onto the boulevard. Jim believes boulevard gardening has the potential to transform a neighborhood, because it gets people out of their houses and into their front yards where they can talk to their neighbors and know what's going on in the neighborhood.

Jim is the master of salvage. The most he's ever spent on his garden at any one time is \$15. We look forward to seeing his spontaneous and whimsical garden.

Jim has a website <http://www.jimhandtmann.com> with fabulous photos.

3. Garden of Gaynell Schandel 2500 Arthur Street NE

When I purchased this house in 1997 I immediately killed what grass remained and had it plowed under. That fall I planted a few shrubs and plants I had been given or moved from a previous townhouse. Since then I have added nearly 300 day lilies in addition flowering shrubs and hardy perennials. What grows in my garden is not what makes it great. My garden is great because it is so public.

I live on the corner of Arthur and Lowry streets NE. Everyday many people drive or walk by and few pass without some comment about my garden. People who ride the bus bring their families on the weekend, others honk their horns and give me the "thumbs up", folks who live close tell me that they plan their walks to check on what is in bloom. My house was on the

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2001 Minneapolis/St. Paul Home Tour and I was overwhelmed by the number of folks who talked about my garden. It is very gratifying to know that the effort that I put in my property by doing something that I love is bringing pleasure to many other people.

I often see people walking through the garden when I am in the house and a neighbor has witnessed people taking photos of each other in my garden. People ask questions about certain flowers and I am happy to share plants when I am able. When my co workers ask what I did over the weekend and I reply “I was in the garden” the remark that I should do something other than work. I never consider time in my garden work as it is a relaxation I share with everyone who passes my house.

I hope you will visit my garden.

4. Bryant Urban Development Community Garden 40th and Clinton Ave. S.

The “BUD” Garden (Bryant Urban Development) was established in 1994 by Eagle Scouts. Sharon Parker and Judy Anderson designed the garden. Judy’s son built the arbor at the age of 11. It was (and still is) a community garden open to the neighborhood. The land is owned by St. Leonard’s Church. Prior to 1994 it was a baseball field and you can still see the backstop by the alley. Kids played ball here from the 1950’s until 1994. It is an inner-city “diamond in the rough”.

After I retired I promised my mother-in-law that I would plant roses at her church in her honor. After three years of labor the roses are nearing my standards. Roses are cut by the church members and put on the altar for special occasions. There are also ornamental and edible veggies (started from seed at my home) and several perennials in the garden adjacent to the roses. I guess I haven’t really retired. In this garden I have

just begun.

Rosarian Tim Rosener

5. Garden of John Dahl 4144 13th Ave. S.

John gardens on a corner lot in south Minneapolis that features approximately 150 roses. The roses are irrigated with a Drip Works irrigation system. There are two beds of Lisianthus and a perennial bed containing many lilies. New this year is a bed dedicated to cone flowers. The roses should be beautiful this time of year.

6. Garden of Carol Schreier 4949 Thomas Ave. S.

This garden is on a full small Minneapolis lot. You will be viewing a garden of perennials and grasses and also a rain garden. It is a crazy quilt of textures with both sun and partial exposure. A metal bench is used for times of rest. The garden contains a large rock, birdhouses for our feathered friends and a small water feature.

7. Garden of Suzanne Holt 5850 Park Ave. S.

Suzanne started creating her gardens the fall of 2007 after removing stones for two summers. She gardens on a small city lot with a large (60lb) standard poodle! There are areas where “George” visits with the neighbors and she can’t plant things in his paths. They manage to get along pretty well most of the time! The gardens are a mix of perennials for sun and shade, small fruits, deciduous and evergreen shrubs, small trees and a large green ash tree.. Suzanne has tried to select plants and shrubs for continuous bloom and winter interest. A new venture is a butterfly garden.



Reservation for July Garden Tour

Member name (\$15 per person): _____

Guest name (\$15 per person): _____

Guest name (\$15 per person): _____

Total enclosed: _____

Please send your reservation form by July 11 to:

Denise Rust, 7933 Girard Court, Brooklyn Park MN 55444 (763-560-7747)

TREASURER REPORT

CD	5,000.00
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Checking	6,955.00
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Designated funds	
Park garden	1,222.38

Working balance	5,732.62
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Dont Forget about the upcoming FFF Show in August

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Take a peek at the rules for the Photo and the Flower/vegie portions
of the show at the following web-sites:

Photos: <http://minneapolismensgardenclub.org/2009photorules.pdf>

Flower/Veg: <http://minneapolismensgardenclub.org/Show%20Sked%202009.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
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Aug 15-16th		FFF Show
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Sept.		Selecting Photographs for a National Gardening Publication with Andy Marlow and The Hosta Journal.
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LHC = Lake Harriet Church (4901 Chowen Ave.
S., Minneapolis)

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church



PHOTO CONTEST EXPANDS FOCUS

This year, the Photo (make that Foto) contest is going out for business. No, not out of business, but out for business, that is, for your photos to judge, to display or to present for visitors to vote on at the Arboretum FFF show.

What's the same? The juried section of the contest. Members or non-members can submit their digital photos according to the rules into 14 classes to be judged by our panel of judges before being exhibited at the Arboretum, at one of our club meetings, and on the club Website.

Back again as well is the People's Choice. You send us one or two prints and we set them up for the public to vote on at the Arboretum FFF show. We have our own multiple vote system, and so far it's constitutional! Members only. Complete for a \$50 gift certificate and help build a fine display of print photos at the show.

What's new? The Exhibition. Anyone can contribute

prints (up to 8 _ by 11 inches) in any (reasonable) quantity for display at the Arboretum on the two FFF days, August 15 and 16. We do reserve the right to limit the number, but we don't expect any problem there—we can always set up another table. If you have many, please mount them on a foam board for us. Call Lloyd at 612-623-7735 with questions.

The rules are posted with links on the main club Web page at www.minneapolisgardenclub.org and in the August section of the events page. Here's a direct link to the rules: <http://tinyurl.com/cqf42k> as well.

We expanded after surveying the members for ideas to keep the show alive and responsive to their ideas of a photo contest. Please consider entering and, just as important, bring some of your plants or produce to enter in the FFF show, a great way to see some new varieties of plants and spend a few hours with your club members.



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