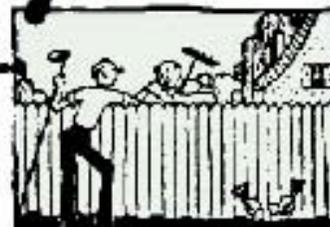




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## Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Mar. 14	LHC/MF	Marshall Field's and Bachman's Flower Show
Apr. 11	LHC	Feng Shu
May 9	WLC	Plant Auction

LHC = Lake Harriet Church

MF = Marshall Field's Downtown

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church

## March Garden Club Event:

### Bachman's and Marshall Field's 43rd Annual Flower and Garden Show

**March 14th, 2006**

On Tuesday, March 14th at 5:30 PM, the evening will start with dinner at the Lake Harriet Church. This will be followed by a short talk by Dale Bachman. After having dinner, the bus will pick up members at 6:30 PM. The bus has capacity for 50 people. The cost will be \$12 for dinner and bus transportation. **Send reservation to Carole Ann Brekke no later than March 10th.** There will be no permanent reservations honored.

**See page 4 for Reservation Form and details on the show**

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Permanent Reservations Not In Effect  
**Reserve with Carole Ann Brekke by March 10th**  
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## A Word from the President

by *Kristine Deters*

Greetings,

I want to take a moment to thank David McKeen and Margaret Landry for stepping in to run the meeting last month. I was out of town on business in San Jose, California. Fortunately for me, I had a free afternoon in the wine country.

The country around San Jose is quite beautiful. My work colleagues and I drove into the Santa Cruz Mountains to visit a number of local wineries. The plant life in the mountains seemed to be a mixture of tropicals (like palm trees and small succulents) and temperate rain forest trees and shrubs. The vineyards themselves were modest in size but well tended.

The warm weather in the Bay Area and the early blooming crab trees got me thinking about spring in Minnesota. I know it is still three months away but I am starting to think about what annuals I want to put in my garden this year. I got a sneak peek at the MGCM plant sale and auction preorder list and now I am dreaming of *Salvia* and *Nierembergia*. I think I might even try a few new varieties this year. I also found a garden plan in Garden Gate that seems just perfect for landscaping around a new shed in my backyard.

Kristine

## *A Note from the Editor*

Winter is definitely on the run. It tried one last comeback in mid-February, but it will not be able to prevail. The sun is higher in the sky, and the threat of subzero weather is receding. It's now time to get ready for starting seeds under the lights to get a jump on spring. I just ordered all of my seeds last week. The internet makes ordering so much easier -- at least for the big outfits.

Every year, I'm a little anxious when I start going through the catalogs. I am always a little bit afraid that another of my old stand-by's will be gone. I have gotten over the loss of 'Jung's Yellow Belle' pepper, and Burpee didn't offer 'Pink Splendor' zinnia starting last year. So far, I can still get *Ageratum* 'Blue Horizon', but only at a few places. If that goes away, I don't know what I'll do.

On the other hand, there's always something new that I really should try. Maybe if I'm lucky, it will be the next 'Blue Horizon'. Time will tell!

I am still a little numb after the club voted to add me to the list of Honorary Members. It is indeed an honor and a big surprise. As I've said many times, I will never be able to give back to our club what I have gotten from it. I will always be grateful to Kent Petterson for inviting me to join in the first place, and to all of the members who have been so generous with their time and knowledge over the last 16 years. It was also fun to be nominated at the same time as Chuck Carlson, who joined the same year I did. Chuck was the Rookie of the Year in 1989 and has continued his service to the club without pause ever since. I am proud to be considered in the same category as Chuck. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Bachmans-Fields Show!

Mary Maynard



*From the new membership secretary, Sharla Aaseng*

Hi All! The 2006 directories are done. Those of you who were not at the February meeting will be receiving your directory in the mail. Please check over your entry, both address and committee listings, etc. and let me know any changes. I will send pertinent info (address, phone number, etc.) to the Spray and the rest we will correct in 2007. I have a new email address as follows: [nsaaseng@earthlink.net](mailto:nsaaseng@earthlink.net). Also, if you were accidentally deleted from the directory, be sure to check whether you renewed your membership for 2007 and then let me know so I can correct that. Thanks so much.

**Please add these names to your directories:**

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*Where flowers  
bloom, so does  
hope.*

~Lady Bird Johnson

**In Memory of Howard and Ardis Klier**

We were shocked and saddened to learn that Howard and Ardis Klier died within a couple of days of each other in mid-February. Howard was the owner of Klier's Nursery in south Minneapolis for many years, retiring and turning the business over to his son only last year.

Howard joined the club in 1973 and sponsored an evening of wreath-making at the nursery the day after Thanksgiving for many years. Howard would tell us how much greenery we needed, and Ardis was the go-to expert for bows and decorations. We will always remember our good times at Kliers. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their son Howie and his wife Deb.



# 43rd Annual Bachman's and Marshall Field's Flower and Garden Show: avantgarden

From the remote blooming regions of India to the blazing hillsides of Turkey to the meticulous gardens of Morocco, Marshall Field's and Bachman's present the Spring Flower Show 2006 – a botanical world transformed into a realm of artistry, where nature and imagination are beautifully manipulated in the hands of world-renowned floral sculptor Daniel Ost.

He and fellow Belgian design colleague Isabelle de Borchgrave create an astounding exhibit featuring Eastern-inspired garments and ornate floral arrangements. This is a strikingly rare event to experience, an exotic and inspirational display of lush works infused with the simple philosophies of life.

**Reservations Required  
for Dinner and the Bus**

Send reservation form &  
Check to Carole Ann Brekke  
709 Rushmore Drive,  
Burnsville MN 55306-5161

**Field's-Bachman's Flower Show**  
Please reserve a place for my guests and me  
for the Bus and Dinner on March 14th, 2006

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ dinners @ \$12.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I need \_\_\_\_\_ places on the Bus

**Reservation and payment must be received no later than March 11th.**  
Send to Carole Ann Brekke,  
709 Rushmore Drive, Burnsville MN 55306-5161



# MINNEAPOLIS BLOOMS PROGRAM JIM NELSON

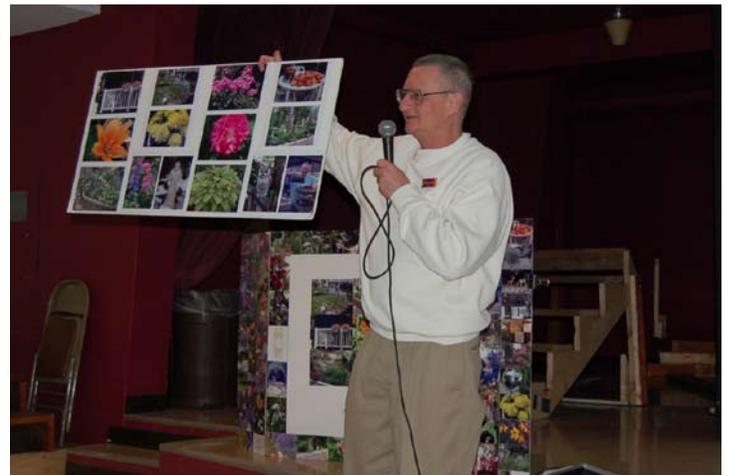
## February Program Report *by Mary Maynard*

Our February speaker was Jim Nelson, who has been involved with the Minneapolis Blooms Program for many years.

The Minneapolis Blooms Program (formerly known as Blooming Boulevards) started in 1987 as part of the Minneapolis Committee on Urban Development (CUE). Minneapolis Blooms promotes watershed-friendly gardens, hands-on education and recognition of caring gardeners.

CUE sponsors a competition for awards every summer for gardens that are visible from the sidewalk or alley. The first year, there were only six gardens nominated. By 2003, there were over 2,000.

Jim's slides were great fun. Bob Redmond's garden was featured repeatedly, and for good reason. CUE is always looking for volunteers to help judge the many gardens. Judges need not be residents of Minneapolis and CUE provides guidance on how to judge. To learn more about the program, you can phone 612-673-3014 or send email to [CUE@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:CUE@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).



Speaker Jim Nelson



Umm, huhh, umm, huhh, looks good to me.



## Two New Honorary Members



Chuck Carlson

*Editors Note: The Men's Garden Club selects Honorary Members based on outstanding contributions to the club. Mary Maynard and Chuck Carlson join a prestigious group of ten Honorary Members: Lloyd Bachman, Howard H. Berg, Chet Groger, Henry Halvorson, D.W. "Dave" Johnson, Andy Marlow, A.J. "Jerry" Olson, Russell C. Smith, Chuck Carlson and Mary Maynard.*



Mary Maynard

Chuck Carlson has been a member of the club since 1989. He has served the club in many capacities and won a trophy shelf of awards. His laurels include: Photo Award in 2001, 2003 and 2004, the Outstanding Service Medal 1997, and the Presidents Cup in 2000 and 2004. For many years he was editor and publisher of the Garden Spray, for which he won at least one national award. He is a tireless member of the club, memorializing club events with his photos, and is involved in many club activities.

Mary has served the club almost non-stop since becoming a member in 1989. She has served on the board as secretary, vice pres, pres in 1998, and past pres. She has chaired numerous committees including the holiday party, FFF, and organized bus tours for national conventions and public tours. Mary was awarded an Outstanding Service Medal in 2001, the Smith Trophy in 1995 (best first-time contestant at the FFF Show), and has won the Blackburn Trophy (most points at the FFF Show) four times (1997, 2002, 2003, 2004.) Mary was the second woman ever to join the club, invited after being a speaker at a dinner meeting on the subject of "lazy gardening".

~ Information compiled by Dave McKeen



## Green Thumb Award

The Green Thumb Award is given to members who attend every garden club meeting that year. Green Thumb recipients for 2005 are: Chuck Carlson, Bob Livingston, Denise Rust, Elaine Spiegel and Kay Wolfe. Note: Elaine, Kay, Denise and Chuck were awarded the Green Thumb for 2004, too!

*Denise Rust and Bob Livingston receive the Green Thumb Award and recite the pledge (Chuck Carlson, Elaine Spiegel and Kay Wolfe were not in attendance.)*



### Green Thumb Pledge

I pledge my life to the spade.  
As long as I can spade in the shade,  
With a heart that is clean,  
and a thumb that is green,  
Yes, that's the life that I crave.

- Bill Hull



# Confessions of a Lazy Gardener:

## Plants with Stories

by Mary Maynard

My garden will probably never be a showcase. It will always be a collection of plants and shrubs that have a history for me, some of which might not be the absolute best specimens. And, since I don't seem to be getting any younger, my history gets longer and more and more of my garden falls into this category. For me, my garden is more than a showcase. It's a personal place, full of memories and favorites that mean more to me than a perfect display. Here are a very few examples:

**Heirloom yellow callas.** I have some yellow callas from neighborhood gardeners who recently retired and moved to a condo nearby. These bulbs need to be dug and stored every fall, and they rarely bloom (although I like their mottled green leaves anyway). But they came from John's mother and they date back at least to the 1930's. Every time I see them in the garden, I think of John and Norma.

**Willow 'Golden Curls'.** This is probably the most striking specimen in my garden. Chuck Carlson was volunteering at the Lake Harriet rock garden one day when they were trimming the willows there. He gathered up the trimmings and rooted them. I was lucky enough to get one of them and it has grown into a terrific tree. I tell its story to anyone who asks (and some who don't.)



*Golden Curls willow*

**White pine from Lake Bemidji.** A college friend's father dug up a tiny white pine seedling from his lake property in Bemidji the first summer I lived on Dart Avenue. In 18 years, it has grown into a pretty big tree and has potential for taking over much of the back yard. I hope it lives forever. If I end up just growing hostas in the back yard under a giant white pine, that's just fine.

**Memories of Tom.** My next door neighbor Tom had an exceptional zest for life and a gift for making friends. He died in 1996 and we still miss him. But the wild plum trees he planted on my property (without my knowledge, but who cares about that) live on. They're getting kind of old and parts of them die off every once in a while. And they send up suckers all over the place. But the fragrant blossoms make up for everything, and I think of Tom every time I see them.

After he died, Tom's daughter dug up his grapevine and gave it to me. I don't know what kind it is, but it bears nice red grapes that the raccoons eat. (Raccoons do not care as much about ripeness as people do.) I also have siberian irises, peonies, morning glories and 'Baby Tears' mums that Tom gave me. Even without all these reminders, I would never forget Tom.

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**‘John Franklin’ shrub rose.** Former member Henry Orfield recommended ‘John Franklin’ when the Canadian shrub roses were just coming onto the market. I dutifully went out and bought one, and it did pretty well. The year that I decided to take the plunge and enter the FFF Show for the first time, I decided, at the last minute, to bring in a spray of blooms from ‘John Franklin’, even though I didn’t think it was all that great. Jerry Olson was the rose judge that year, and he disagreed with me. My little spray of ‘John Franklin’ won Best Flower in Show that year. I was beaten out for overall Best in Show by Robert Kean’s black raspberries (or were they blackberries?). Both Robert and I were first-time exhibitors that year.

**George’s peach daylilies.** I am not the first member of the Men’s Garden Club of Minneapolis to live in my house. In the 60’s and 70’s, a member by the name of George Swazy lived at 4375 Dart Avenue. He was transferred to New Jersey in 1973 and the house was sold. Several of my neighbors remember George and his gardens (and compare his gardens favorably to mine, I might add). By the time I bought the house in 1987, there were only a few vestiges of Mr. Swazy’s gardens left -- some old metal edging in the middle of the lawn, a few lancifolia hostas, and two clumps of peach-colored daylilies. As daylilies go these days, these are not particularly special. But they are survivors, and I will keep them always.

I have many, many more plants with stories in my garden. Maybe some day I’ll share more of them. Spring is almost here!



## 2006 MSHS Classes

### *Topiaries Inside and Out*

Tuesday, March 14

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members

### *A Dog in the Garden – Landscaping with your Pet in Mind*

Tuesday, March 21st and 28th (2 sessions)

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$40 members, \$50 nonmembers

### *Sustainable Landscape Design & Yard Care Practices*

Tuesday, April 4, 11 and 18 (3 sessions)

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$60 members, \$75, nonmembers

### *Creative Combinations for Containers*

Tuesday, April 25th

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Cost: \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers

### Events:

Spring District & Garden Club Meeting  
April 29th

Presentation Peonies by Keith Swenson  
from Swenson Gardens in Delano <[www.swensongardens.com](http://www.swensongardens.com)> from 12:30 – 1:30 pm

For more information on these events or classes, please go to the website:

<[www.northerngardener.org](http://www.northerngardener.org)>



*John Franklin shrub rose*



## January Board Meeting

Convened 1/24/06

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### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**PRESENT:** Leroy Cech, Kris Deters, Margaret Landry, Dave McKeen, Denise Rust, Don Stuewe and Don Trocke. **ABSENT:** Sharla Aaseng, Elizabeth Hamilton and Elaine Spiegel.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Kris will not be at the Feb. 14 meeting so Dave will chair the meeting for her. Board meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the year: 4/25 at Elizabeth's, 9/26 at Denise's and 11/28 at Leroy's, with the possibility of a meeting on 6/27. The following committees are still without chairpersons: Awards and Trophies, Holiday Party, Hospitality, Sunshine, Outstanding Service Medal and Telephone/E-mail.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** The following programs are set: 2/14 Jim Nelson, "Blooming Boulevards"; 3/14 (5:30) Dale Bachman, Marshall Field's Flower Show and trip to the show; 4/11 Elaine Anderson, "Feng Shui in the Garden"; 5/9 Plant Sale and Auction; 6/13 Erin Hines, "Art in the Garden."

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The year-end report was distributed. Overall the club spent more than it took in during 2005 but we were \$8600 under budget in expenses. The holiday party took in \$928 with a bill of \$300 yet to be paid; 84 were in attendance. Perfect attendance awards for 2005 will go to Chuck Carlson, Bob Livingston, Denise Rust, Elaine Spiegel and Kay Wolfe. Is there some committee that can contact those local folks who did not attend last year to see if they might need something as simple as a ride? The Board agreed that we could dispense with the monthly meeting attendance report.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT (Don Stuewe):** New members Jonathan Uecker and Trina Kurriger were approved for a membership total of 109. Andy Marlow will not be doing the database next year and it was suggested that we look into another spreadsheet program for the new person. Our new member packets are not up-to-date. Membership renewals with MSHS add-on will need to be to the MSHS before 12/12 to ensure the members' delivery of the Jan./Feb. issue of Northern Gardener. The Perennial Garden Committee will hertofore be known as the Lyndale Park Garden Committee. Approximately 1/3 of the membership does not sign up for any committee work when they renew.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Memorial Committee will meet in February to discuss making a formal request for funds to place a MGCM memorial plaque on a stone at the Lyndale Park Garden. A representative of the committee will be invited to the April Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The MSHS would like a MGCM representative to attend their 2/4 Awards and Recognition Ceremony to present the Robert Churilla Golden Rose Volunteer Recognition Award. It is not crucial that one of our people attends.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE 4/25/2006 AT ELIZABETH HAMILTON'S**



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水

## Feng Shui :

(fungshway) - “Feng shui” literally means “wind and water” in Chinese. Feng shui is a set of principles dealing with the relationship of objects in our surroundings and how they affect human well-being.

**A Natural Harmony: Feng Shui in the Garden.** Gardeners are often “naturals” at Feng Shui, the ancient Chinese art of creating harmony with one’s environment. Learning a few simple principles of Feng Shui, your garden can be beautiful, as well as full of meaning and support for your life goals. Find out how Feng Shui’s premise “Your space reflects your life” can be a powerful tool for you!

Elaine R. Anderson, BSN, RN began Red Tortoise Feng Shui in 1999. Certified in both western and traditional compass schools of Feng Shui, she also serves on the board of the Feng Shui Institute of the Midwest. She provides consultations, classes and workshops on using Feng Shui in the home, garden, therapeutic landscapes, business, educational and healing settings. As an offspring of her consulting work, she created Red Tortoise Treasures: Intentional Jewelry and Adornments for your body and your home.

A passionate gardener, Elaine teaches regularly at the MN Landscape Arboretum and through the MN Horticulture Society speakers bureau about using Feng Shui in the garden. She also guest lectures at the University of MN, Augsburg, as well as Anoka Ramsey and Normandale Community Colleges. She’s the mother of twin college-age sons and lives in Plymouth with her husband, Marc, and Molly, the cat.



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