



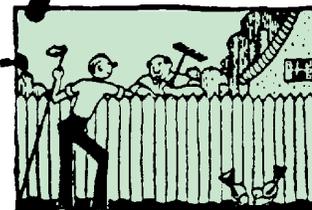
# The Garden Spray



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## May Plant Sale & Auction Tuesday, May 7, 2002

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From 1975 Newsletter, "The Garden Spray".  
Coloration by Chuck

**Permanent Reservations are not in effect.  
Cost for Dinner \$9.00 if reserved or \$10.00  
at the door if extra meals are available.  
(See page 11 for more details.)**

**Location: Westwood Lutheran Church  
9001 Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park.  
(Just East of Highway 169)**

**Country Store opens at 4:30 PM**

**Silent Auction and Raffle starts at 4:30 PM**

**Dinner at 6:00 PM**

**Live Auction begins at 6:30 PM**

## Coming Club Opportunities

June 11 Dinner Meeting  
Dave Bedford on Apple Breeding  
Disaffiliation Vote

July 13 & 14 Biennial Tour-  
Open to the Public

August 11 Members Garden Tour

August 17-18 Food Flower & Foto Show (FFF)  
At the Arboretum

September 10 Dinner meeting  
Joan Bethiaume on Mr. Wirth and  
the Park System

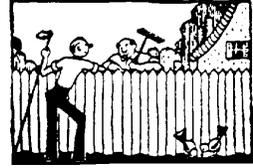
October 8 Dinner Meeting  
Program is Roberta Sladky  
Director of Como Conservatory

October 12 60th Anniversary Luncheon  
at the Arboretum

November 12 Dinner meeting  
Susan Davis Price on  
Minnesota Gardening History

November 29 Wreath & Holiday Decoration  
making at Klier's Garden Center

December 3 Holiday Party



# Editorial Enticements

*This month I am giving the column to a past president. Since we do not have a regular dinner meeting in May, where past presidents can expound on their years as the head of the club, this will be a replacement to a talk. Chuck*

## A Past President Remembers 1987

By Dr. Robert (Bob) Olson

As part of the MGCM 60th anniversary year-long celebration, Lynda Carlson asked several of the past presidents to recall what the club was like during their tenures. She hasn't asked me yet, but I couldn't wait any longer so I have submitted an unsolicited recollection of the MGCM in the late 1980's.

Some things were the same as today: the budget was tight, we met at the Lake Harriet Methodist Church, and everyone had a reason why his garden shouldn't be on the garden tour. The budget was tight because we were contributing a lot of the dues money to another organization (The State Horticultural Society), we met at the Methodist Church because it was Sherm Pinkham's (the unquestioned dean of the club) church and he made arrangements after Mt. Olivet declined to continue the association, and no one wanted to be on the tour because you had to compete with Dave Johnson's, Jerry Shannon's and Roger Koopmans' gardens.

The Board met the first Tuesday of the month and all the members came early (a thing that drove unsuspecting wives wild). You would look out your window and see them prowling around in your yard—"inspecting things." So you had to have your garden in apple pie order ahead of time. (The savvy old hands jockeyed the schedule so the Board met at their place in the winter).

You learned a lot from the club—a lot

more than gardening. The club had a total budget of about \$3000, but they had a sophisticated double entry bookkeeping system that would do a small business proud (there were some retired accountants on the board). And the books were audited each year by Sherm Pinkam, a former bank examiner, and his cronies. This was serious business.

The newsletter, The Garden Spray, was an annual award winner just as it is today. It had been done "forever" by Ed Culbert. Ed was a lovable tyrant when it came to the newsletter. He was close to 90 years old and a former school principal. He took the photos for the paper himself with an ancient Polaroid camera that invariably failed to flash or print the first three or four times when he lined up the newly-elected Board after the meeting. It was equally unreliable when he photographed the speaker, but they often escaped before being blinded by his Halogen-like flash. There was always a president's message in the newsletter, and it was to be hand delivered to Ed's home. You would sit in silent attention on a straight-backed chair in his living room while he carefully read over the message. It reminded one of being in the principal's office (again). Then he would nod approval, indicating you could go. At the conclusion of the year, he told me he liked my messages "because you are a good speller." This was high praise from Ed.

The annual Flower Show was judged by luminaries: Leon Snyder sometimes judged flowers, and Professor Clint Turnquist (who developed the Anoka potato) judged vegetables. Bob Smith, the vegetable man, (who it is rumored lived in St. Louis Park) was virtually unbeatable in the vegetable competition and Verner Carlson who had a tiny backyard garden (and would have lived in St. Louis Park if given his choice) often beat out heavy weight growers with mammoth gardens in the floral category. It was from competing with titans like this that we learned to trim off the bad edges of the marginal

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# President's Column

*MGCM President Warren Nordley*

Oh what we could do if we had more dollars in the till. Perhaps that's a perpetual feeling we all have on a personal basis but it applies to the club as well. Let's explore some of the opportunities that could open up if we had better finances.

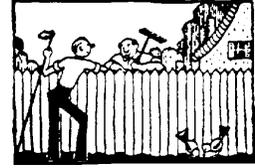
First, the quality of our program speakers could be maintained or enhanced. Yes, I think they have been pretty good so far but I can attest firsthand that there is growing pressure from the "market" for higher fees than what we currently budget for. This is an area in which a club of our calibre may not be willing to compromise.

Then there are club events such as the 60th anniversary celebration in October and the annual holiday party in December. There is no budget for these events so they need to be self-sustaining (the admission charge needs to cover the expenses).

Wouldn't it be great if the club could partially subsidize these events so as to step-up the quality of the programs as well as to ensure the highest attendance possible?

Occasionally, a special need comes along such as the photo album. We have the options of producing one that is basic and functional or we can upgrade the product, romance it a bit and end up with something that is, perhaps, more befitting our image.

The above are all items that would be spending money on ourselves and I see nothing wrong with that. But there are outside opportunities as well. We can give back to the community in a variety of ways and funding could be part of that. We are currently exploring a joint venture with the Landscape Arboretum that would require some funding and a bit of manpower. In return, we would get exposure for the club and a sense of satisfaction of contributing to something very worthwhile. There are similar



propositions out there that would be meaningful and rewarding.

These are just some thoughts if our treasury was enhanced. I'd welcome your comments, rebuttals or suggestions. Thanks.

## Voting

If you wish to make public comments at the June club meeting regarding the vote on disaffiliation from the National Club, please contact Ellyn Hosch via phone or email. Her phone number is 612-377-4864. Her email is [ELHOSCH@mn.rr.com](mailto:ELHOSCH@mn.rr.com). Each member requesting to make public comments will be scheduled for no more than two minutes of time.

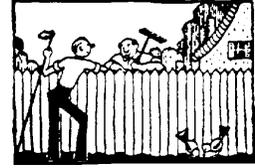
## A Past President Remembers Cont.

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plants and polish fruit in a way so the judges couldn't tell (Verner and Bob Smith didn't need to trim and polish, their stuff was always primo—the rest of us had to learn these cunning ways just to stay close).

The garden tours were run by the Smith Brothers and neither one had a beard. Seeing them arrive at your garden on one of their Sunday afternoon "talent hunts" would chill the staunchest of hearts. In fact old men would get angina when they opened the door and saw the not-to-be-denied Smith Brothers wearing their Garden Inspector hats announcing they were there to inspect the premises. Russell was once asked, "Doesn't anyone turn you down?" "Not for long!" he immodestly replied. Those were wonderful summer garden tours. And it could honestly be said "It never rains on a Smith Brothers Tour". They had a bit of problem with the cut rate buses breaking down, but it never rained.

Some of those fine people are gone now, but we have been joined by a new generation of gardeners who have the same (and different) talents to show us. Things are always the same and yet always changing.



# Perennial Garden

By Kay Wolfe

## PERENNIAL GARDEN WORK DATES FOR SPRING

The Perennial Garden committee of MGCM plants, designs and maintains a perennial trial garden at Lyndale Park near Lake Harriet in Minneapolis.

The committee will be holding two Saturday work days in May and June at the MGCM maintained garden at Lyndale Park. On Saturday May 18, starting around 9 AM, we will clean up and move some of the old trial plants. Saturday, June 1 will be planting day.

All club members are invited to join us! Bring your own tools. Perks are donuts and the possibility of catching some discarded trial plants, to say nothing of the great fun of gardening with fellow MGCMers. We even have been known to appear on local television! The Perennial Garden is located across the road from the Rose Garden and east of the Peace (rock) Garden. We gather at the stone bench by the big white pine. If you need any info call Kay Wolfe at 952-922-0762.

## FFF Peppers

By Ellyn Hosch

The vegetable of the year for the Flower, Food, and Foto (FFF) Show is peppers. Peppers are a member of the Capsicum family which is itself a member of the nightshade family. They are native to the warm temperate and tropical parts of South America. Columbus brought peppers back to Europe, where they became an important food ingredient.

I discovered that there are three primary types of peppers: sweet, hot and ornamentals. Sweet peppers come in a rainbow of

colors, and are sweetest when left to ripen on the plant. You can tell they are ripe when they change color. Hot peppers are fiery and come in a wide range of sizes and heat levels.

Peppers are a warm weather plant, liking full sun and moist but well-drained soil. Keep the fertilizer and water handy when growing peppers, and you will be rewarded with an abundant crop. Among that abundant crop are sure to be some great entries for the FFF!

When picking your entries, you will need 3 large or 7 small peppers for each entry. The judging guide states that specimens should be uniform in shape, size and color. They should be free of disease or other defects with all stems trimmed to a uniform length of about 3/4 inch. All specimens should have the same number of lobes. You may wipe the peppers clean, but do not wash the fruits. Pick peppers that are uniform in color, as green and ripe peppers should not be placed in the same exhibit. Uniformity of ripeness of the specimens in an exhibit is important. Both large and small peppers are eligible for the National Award. Peppers exhibited in other categories (like potted plants or vegetables in containers) are not eligible.

With the number of pepper varieties available, we should have many interesting entries for our annual show. See you at the Food, Flower and Foto Show on August 17 and 18.

## Raffle

By Bob Voigt

As part of the fun and as a way to raise a few more dollars, new non-plant garden related items are offered as raffle prizes. Members of the committee secure donated items from their neighborhood hardware or garden stores. Some members contribute items from their own inventory. All club members are invited to contribute one item for the raffle. Bring items prior to the dinner and give them to Bob Voigt. Thanks..

# Board Meeting Summary

*Ellyn Hosch Secretary*



## **Board Meeting Summary**

**Meeting Date: 2 April 2002**

Board members present: Nancy Bjerke, Lynda Carlson, Ellyn Hosch, Dave Johnson, Don Morgenweck, Warren Nordley and Jackie Overom. Carole Ann Brekke and Dave McKeen were absent

### **President's Report**

Warren gave a brief overview of news from other are garden clubs. The Minnesota Water Pond Society , Hedberg Aggregate and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum are planning a combined water garden tour this year. Proceeds will be split between , the Landscape Arboretum, and a children's cancer fund. The tickets will be \$15 each and the total target revenue is \$50,000.

The MN Landscape Arboretum is having their Annual Spring Garden Show on April 13th. We have been invited to participate, but we will not be participating this year.

### **Vice President's Report**

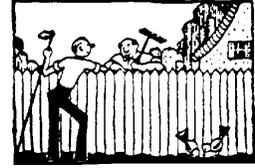
Nancy Bjerke has confirmed all speakers for this year. The Board discussed the Marshall Field's/Bachman's Flower Show.

### **Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports**

The reports were approved as submitted. Dave also reported that an order of 400 calendars has been sent to the National Club for sale this fall.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

Jackie Overom presented one applicant for membership. Gene Ackland's membership was approved contingent upon receipt of his dues. Gene's membership brings the club total to 116.



## **Other Committee Reports**

Lynda Carlson gave the 60th Anniversary Committee report. A flier was mailed with information on the clothing items that have been embroidered with the MGCM logo. Orders for these items will be taken at the April meeting. We are finalizing details with the MN Landscape Arboretum for landscaping the cabin that is being restored. The details will be announced to the club when they are final.

Jackie distributed a membership brochure for Board review and comment. The brochure will be finalized in time to be printed and distributed at the Biennial Tour this August.

We are still in discussion with the church regarding the plantings for this year.

Warren received several questions from members about disaffiliation. He will address these questions at the April meeting, but as previously decided, we will not open the topic for discussion. Club members wishing to provide public input prior to the membership vote can do so by either submitting written comments for publication in the June newsletter or by requesting time to speak at the June meeting.

It was suggested that the photo album be dedicated to Bill Hull and Ted Olson. The Board approved the dedication.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

We again have an opportunity to participate at the State Fair by planning, planting, and maintaining a garden. The Board decided that this was not a good year to do so given the many other activities the club has undertaken.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held on 14 May at 7:00 PM at the home of Jackie Overom.

# Confessions of a Lazy Gardener

By Mary Maynard

## I Love Gold

I have just learned that colored foliage is one of the hot new trends in gardening. I knew if I waited long enough I'd be trendy! I will probably be dead before it ever happens again.

I love lists. Except perhaps for those depressing "To Do" lists for the garden that keep piling up, unexecuted. I have put together a list of some of my favorite plants with a hint of gold in their foliage.

I have come to really appreciate gold and chartreuse in the garden. A carefully placed gold plant can lighten up a shady spot, and golds in the sunny areas can be a great accent when not a lot is actually blooming. Take a look at the following.

### Hostas.

There are lots of different chartreuse and gold hostas and a quick glance through any hosta catalog will show what I mean. My favorites include: Sunpower', which has a very recognizable form; 'Sum and Substance', because of its immense size and nice habit; and 'Golden Scepter', a smaller hosta with heart-shaped leaves. Another stand-out is 'Fragrant Bouquet', which is chartreuse with a white margin, and has wonderfully fragrant flowers in August. And there are many more to choose from.

### Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'

This cool Japanese Forest Grass is



*Lamium maculatum*  
'Aureum'



*Hakonechloa macra*  
'Aureola'

often listed as Zone 5 or 6, but with some protection it seems to survive here. One of the few grasses that does well in some shade, it has a distinctive tendency to lean all in one direction, providing a kind of cascading effect. Looks great in contrast with bold hosta foliage or leaning over a wall. I generally throw a few leaves over it for winter protection. (Or spring protection this year.)

### Filipendula ulmaria 'Aurea'.

This is another stand-out in the shade. It's rumored to do fine in full sun, but in my experience, it burns out unless the soil is very consistently moist. So perhaps it would be OK with bog plants or near a pond. Filipendula

'Aurea' is tough to find. I haven't ever seen it in stores locally, but have been able to order it recently from Glasshouse Works [www.glasshouseworks.com]. It's slow-growing but worth it. Flowers are white and plum, but not the reason to grow this plant. Grows about 15-24" tall.

### Lysimachia nummularia 'Aurea'.

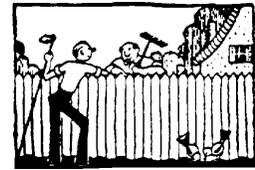
This is a cool little crawly thing that I've used under gold-edged hostas to set them off. It's not terribly invasive, but does spread nicely. One year, though, some pest ate it down to bare stems, and it was not all that attractive. Lived for another season, though, and was just fine.

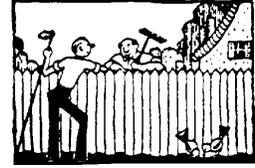
Available locally. Books say it's good for sun and shade, but I've never tried it in the sun.

### Lamium maculatum 'Aureum'.

I picked this up last year, and it grew very well in shade. Gold leaves with a white stripe down the center. Another little ground cover that can lighten up a dark area. Available locally. I think I got mine at Rice Creek Gardens (dangerous place from a checkbook perspective).

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# Soil Preperation ©

By Phil Smith

Most gardeners know that soil preparation and conditioning are the most important elements for successful gardening. This is something I learned from my grandmother when a kid, and advice which I have always tried to follow (well, at least most of the time). When moving to a new home, I have occasionally ran a cultivator over the ground and planted some annuals for a little first year color. However, the results were never really satisfying.

I strongly recommend hand digging the garden area, with either a shovel or heavy fork. Most cultivators only churn the soil a few inches deep and are best used in vegetable gardens where there are row crops. After the soil has once been hand dug deeply, the cultivator may be used in later years to mix in compost and prepare the soil for planting, as well as for weed control between the rows of crops. In a mixed border where there are numerous perennials to cherish from year to year, a cultivator is difficult to maneuver.

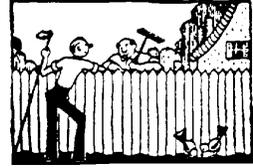
Until the last few years when my arthritic back and legs cannot take the work, I have always double dug the garden area the first year before planting. This is the old English method and I highly recommend it for any garden which is to have perennials and cultivated for several years. Few people are willing to undertake the effort, and it is a lot of work. Should you wish to do it for a special garden, this is the procedure for either bare soil or an area with grass. Starting at one end, dig a trench two spades or shovels deep and barrow such removed soil to the other end of the plot. Then, dig the next trench top layer into the bottom of first trench, mixing in some organic and gypsum, and then the bottom

layer of the second trench on top of the first trench, again with organic. Proceed all the way through the plot and use the hauled soil to finish off the far end. Best results are obtained if 3 to 4 inches of compost or organic material and some gypsum are mixed in each of the two layers of trench soil. This method was taught to me by old member and Englishman Archie Flack who was a nearby neighbor and gave me many ideas when I first joined the club at age 23.

As to digging tools, I favor a long handled shovel and a long handled heavy-duty fork. Long handles are much easier on the back. If you like a spade type of blade, get one with a long handle. One of my good friends and likely the best gardener in Minnesota favors short handle spades for all digging, why I do not know. I tell him it is a Dutch or Polish tool, joking of course. I like a long handled shovel or spade for digging the first year since it cuts easier through clay, sod and roots. However, if there are many rocks or big roots, a heavy fork is often easier to use. In later years when the soil has been worked, I prefer the fork since it seems to work quicker.

If one has a clay soil, it is very important to incorporate much organic material (as much as 4 inches), as well as gypsum and perhaps some sand. Gypsum works to break down the clay. If you use quite a bit of gypsum, such as a bag per 150 square feet, for two to three years, the heaviest clay soil will break down into a nice garden loam. Organic material should be added every year. In fact, I believe one may never add too much organic. I add it every year to every garden, and dig it in, including around any existing perennials. Where deciduous trees are common, the wet leaves which accumulate in the fall are a great source of organic, and in some cities the leaves hauled away in the autumn are composted and made available to gardeners in the spring. Another good source of organic is stable manure, particularly horse manure, although if fresh it should be composted for a year.

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## Soil Preperation Continued

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One of the most enjoyable and useful areas for a flower gardener is a nursery plot. One can start perennials from seed under lights or in a heated frame, and then line them out in the nursery area for easy weeding, evaluation and care. By the next year they will be large enough to move to the mixed border, and you will have a ready supply of hardy perennials. Many perennials are easily grown from seed, although some are slow to germinate. Another effective method is growing the perennial seedlings in groups of pots (like 6 inch) placed close together over plastic sheeting, to keep down the weeds. They will need some winter cover, such as wood chips, straw, etc., but are easy to remove and replant the next year. Many nurseries specializing in perennials now use this technique.

Although likely of interest only to persons having a very sandy soil, I will comment on my method of improving the soil at our winter home in Florida. All south Florida soil is merely sand and to improve it, organic must be added yearly. We start by adding about four inches of top soil, scatter fertilizer such as 10-10-10, then put in the plants, and add about 3-4 inches of cypress mulch. By the next autumn a lot of the mulch has decomposed, and we dig it into the soil, add fertilizer and start over, but with not so much new top soil added. In three years, we have upgraded the soil from white sand to at least a darker color soil in which the plants are doing fairly well.

If you want a good garden, you must have good soil. Thus, any time you get a chance, improve the soil. Dig in compost, fertilize, maybe add sand, add compost and mulch.



## Greeters Wanted

*By Nancy Bjerke*

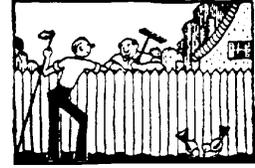
Nancy Bjerke is the coordinator for the Greeters/Monitors which are needed for the Garden Club tours, July 13, and 14, 2002.

Volunteers are needed. They can work for one, two or part days to help greet, answer questions, take in club memberships and punch tickets at one of the tour gardens. There are 3 gardens in Minnetonka, 2 in Minneapolis, 1 in Egan, 1 in Bloomington, 4 south of the Minnesota River and 1 in St Paul, Highland area. I am looking for 52 volunteers thus you are needed. Let her know your preference for location and/or date. Do this by E-Mail [bbjerke@msn.co] or contact me by telephone 952-476 8057. Do it as soon as possible since this is one of the tasks that takes time to organize.

## FFF Petunias

*By David Mc Keen*

Petunias, Petunias, Petunias. We know them and love them, right? This year the Food Flower & Foto (FFF) Show Committee has chosen the petunia as the national award flower for the 2002 FFF show. People have loved gardening with petunias for many years, and the petunia has long been one of the top selling annuals, and for good reason. They can be found in any color you need, striped, veined, single or double, multi flora or grandiflora. I personally enjoy using them in hanging baskets and window boxes. In the past, some varieties that have grown well for me are the Daddy series, Dreams series, a nice yellow petunia called 'Prizm Sunshine', and all the super cascade colors. There is also the popular wave series with a few new colors for you to try. So get out there and pick up a flat or two of petunias at our plant auction and we will see you with your entries at the FFF show.



## CONFESSIONS CONTINUED

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### **Tanacetum parthenium aureum**

This is also called Golden Feverfew another cool thing that I found a few years ago. This has been a “Praiseworthy Plant” in Fine Gardening. It has very chartreuse to gold leaves that hold their color all season long. Good for sun or part shade, it grows to about 12 to 15 inches tall and really lights up an area. It has a lot of small daisy-like flowers, but these are often an afterthought. It’s a short-lived perennial here for us, but self-seeds freely. Really freely — the ground can look yellow with new little seedlings in the spring. This has gotten to be staple in my garden.

### **Sedum spectabile**

#### **‘Variegatum’.**

This Japanese variegated sedum is a tall sedum along the lines of ‘Autumn Joy’ or ‘Frosty Morn’ that adds light and interest to a sunny site. It doesn’t seem to be quite as vigorous as ‘Autumn Joy’ (what does?), and it’s a little susceptible to black aphids, but it’s been a favorite in my garden for many years. I have learned from experience that it does not like growing beneath a black walnut.

### **Canna ‘Pretoria’.**

This is something completely different. It is a comparatively easy-to-find big canna with chartreuse leaves striped with cream or yellow. Not a shrinking violet by any means, but can be a fun accent in a sunny garden where you have room for some big stuff.

### **Shrubs.**

There are several shrubs that have nice gold foliage, but, I don’t have direct experience with any of them. There’s a gold ninebark that I’ve heard good and bad things about, plus a couple of spireas that are pretty reliable. There’s also at least one gold barberry. I would like to try the gold mock-orange, because I love the fragrance. There

are some gold-toned evergreens that to me also look pretty cool.

I do have a couple of shrubs with gold and green variegated foliage, which I like a lot. Chuck was kind enough to give me a piece of his variegated elder that is very cool, and I have a variegated dwarf weigela that looks pretty good, although in harsh winters it dies back to the ground. If I were younger, I could perhaps remember the cultivar name of the weigela, but I am not, and the prospects for growing appreciably younger appear to be dimming.

Of course, I really, really like my willow ‘Golden Curls’ that I bought at our sale several years ago. It’s about 12 feet tall, with curly branches (not as tortured-looking as corkscrew willows). In the spring, before the leaves come out, it absolutely glows in the garden. Everything else pales in comparison. I have heard rumors that Chuck might be starting some more cuttings from this. There might be some at the sale! See you there.



*Sedum spectabile ‘Variegatum’*

## Disaffiliation

The newsletter will take short pros and cons on disaffiliation. Some or all of these will be published in June. Those not published will be shown on the bulletin board at the June meeting. If identical comments are made the editor will so state. If you want to remain anonymous the editor will withhold your name. Mail or email comments to Chuck Carlson, editor of *The Garden Spray*.



# Anniversary Musings

*Compiled By Howard Berg-Historian.  
Theses are clips from past newsletters.*

## **60 YEARS AGO MAY 1942**

A letter was sent in 1942 to invite a number of people to be charter members of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis and to take part in a Business meeting in the Oak Room of the Athletic Club on May 18, 1942, at 8 P.M. The Club started with 30 Charter members. The meeting was held as planned and 20 men were present, Mr. F. A. Upsher Smith was chosen to act as chairman pro tem. The following were elected to serve as officers T. D. Hughes, president; Upsher Smith, Vice-President; Charles David, secretary-treasurer. They were the first officers of the Club.

## **50 YEARS AGO MAY 1952**

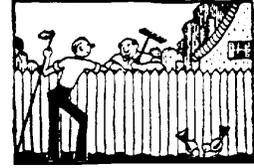
May 3, 1952, the planting of the 200 Flowering Crab apple was completed on this date by noon. May 13, 1952, the country store and auction was held. Starting at 3:30 P.M. and going until nearly 11 P.M. The club made a sum of \$423.26 from the auction.

## **25 YEARS AGO MAY 1977**

Annual plant auction sale was held on Tuesday May 10 at Linden Hills Park Recreation Building. The 35th club birthday was celebrated by 87 members and guests with a fancy layer cake. Howard Klier showed a film on peat moss. How it was formed, where found, how it was cut, and packaged. They learned that the Michigan Peat Company now gets its peat moss from Northern Minnesota Bogs. Northrup Kings's Kermit Henrikson discussed newer trends in flower plant breeding. Dr. Leon Snyder gave advice on vegetables.

## **15 YEARS AGO MAY 1987**

The spring plant sale was held at Lynhurst Community Center on Tuesday,



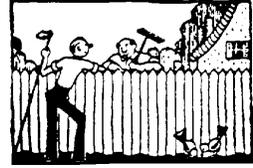
May 12. Starting with the farmers store at 4:30 to 6 P.M. There was prizes galore, including a garden cart. Plenty of food with Carlton Nelson at the grill with bratwurst from Milwaukee, and music recommended by Charlie Proctor and all for \$4.50. Arbor Day tree planting took place at 10 AM Saturday, May 9, just north of Lake Harriet Rose Garden. Planting the Fragrance Garden took place on Saturday, May 30, when 1100 annuals were planted. Dr. Bob Olson wrote in the spray that he had been out to Bob and Arlene Savories to look at Hostas. After awhile returned to the sales area and asked Arlene, "What was the name of that beautiful large plant with the gold edged leaves. He also asked if she had one and she said they did out in back and eventually told me it was \$40.00. He immediately changed the subject and left. Bob thought about this beautiful plant twice a day and one day driving down the free way he stopped and bought this Hosta with money in his small cache that he had hidden from his wife. There it was in a quart size pot with one leaf. Bob gave it a lot of TLC, and one day his wife shouted "you had better come quick"! There was a rabbit eating my beautiful MONTANA to the ground. After weeks of much trepidation it grew back with two leaves.

## **10 YEARS AGO MAY 1992**

Again the plant sale was at Lynhurst Community Center. Country Store opens at 5 P.M. and dinner at 5.40 P.M. Arbor Day planting at Lake Harriet Rose Garden Area was on Saturday, May 9, 9.30 AM. Contained in the newsletter, was an article by The Minnesota Historical Society which put together a package for the backyard farmer. There are 14 varieties of seeds; lettuce, bean, cucumber, pumpkin, radish, beet, corn, pepper, cabbage, squash, tomato, onion and melon, all for a cost of \$19.95 plus tax and postage.

## **5 YEARS AGO MAY 1997**

There was no newsletter for May 1977 as our editor Andy Marlow was sick.



# Plant Sale & Auction

By Doug Whitney

Tuesday, May 7, 2002, the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis (MGCM) will hold its annual Plant Sale and Auction. Most of you know that the purpose of the auction and country store plant sales is to raise money for the annual operating budget of MGCM.

We have received and processed all of the Pre-Sale orders for annuals. These will be available for pick-up by 3 PM on May 7. Look for Howard Berg or Doug Whitney to pick up your pre-ordered materials.

One of the most exciting moments of the day will be the opening of the Country Store at 4:30 PM. For the benefit of members who have joined recently, the Country Store offers two types of materials for sale: plant materials which members donate from their own gardens (some great plants for a real bargain);

and an exciting stock of new perennial materials (including Hostas) selected by Eldon Hugelen, Bob Voigt and Tim McCauley.

We encourage each member to dig up and donate to the Country Store whatever you would like to share with us. Donations can be delivered to the gym at Westwood Lutheran Church at any time after 8 AM on May 7.

A Silent Auction will open at 4:30 as well. We will offer the most unique and select plant materials and garden articles available in the Silent Auction. Past treasures have included an antique wooden wagon in immaculate condition and a germinating table on wheels with built-in grow lights plus some fabulous plants.

We will eat dinner at 6 PM. Following dinner the live auction will commence. It will focus on premium baskets, large pots, and less plentiful varieties of annuals, hostas, perennials, and donated new hybrids of trees shrubs etc.

This evening is always a lot of fun. We look forward to seeing you.

**Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2002**

**Country Store Sale: 4:30 PM; Dinner: 6:00 PM; Auctions: 6:30 PM.**

**Location: Westwood Luthern Church 9001 Cedar Lake Road, St Louis Park**

**Cost: \$9.00 if reserved in advance, \$10.00 at the door if extra meals are available.**

**Permanent Reservations are not in effect but Dinner reservations are necessary.**

**Cost of Reservations made is not refundable, unless cancelled and it can be resold**

**You must call in, mail, or E-mail your reservations to Carole Ann Brekke**

**by Friday, May 10.**

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*Past president Fred Glasoe expounding on 1977 at the April meeting  
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*Joe Stenger auctioning at the April Meeting.  
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