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**THE GARDENING CHALLENGES AT  
LAKWOOD CEMETERY  
BY LAKWOOD GROUNDSKEEPER PAUL AARESTED.**

The November club meeting will feature a presentation called “Gardening Challenges at Lakewood Cemetery.” The head groundskeeper of Lakewood Paul Aarested will share his experiencing being responsible for the gorgeous, historic and very public gardens at Lakewood Cemetery. Special thanks to Tim Rosener for asking Paul to speak. Several MGCM members have asked for this program.

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**Tuesday November 10th, 2009**

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

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**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.

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# Thoughts from the Prez: Rusty Ramblings

by Denise Rust

Another month is gone already! I am happy to report that I got my fall cleanup pretty much done yesterday, though I'm waiting for the last of my petunias and alyssum out front to die so I won't feel bad about pulling them. I also want to do up a big pot of evergreens for placement by the front door soon, while the dirt in the pot is still workable. I hope your fall yard chores are under control. It's been great to have the fall rain so we don't have to worry so much about a moisture deficit going into winter. It has made life a lot easier without having to water of late.

It's been a fun fall; I took my red hatters to Emma Krumbee's in Belle Plaine to see the scarecrow festival and check out the fall produce as well as have lunch. It was a good time and we came home with apples, decorative gourds and old fashioned licorice. I am sharing a couple of photos, one of Cinderella pumpkins and my vote for my favorite scarecrow, a takeoff on the recent "Cash for Clunkers" promotion. I also got over to Come Park to check out the fall flower show, which is a mix of various mums and ornamental kale. It is one of the more unusual shows I have seen in recent years, as the photo I am sharing with you will attest.

I picked up a little "light" reading for this winter, Mark Zillis' new hardcover *Hostapedia*. Considering the weight of this volume, I figure I can bone up on my favorite plant and do a mini workout at the same time! I'd love to hear some of your recommendations for gardening books as well.

The club has some great upcoming programs, in addition to the Holiday Party to look forward to. I do hope you will come out and enjoy these great events with your gardening friends.

The Public Tour Committee has begun to meet to plan for 2010, and we are looking for a few more hands to help out with the planning. Our next meeting

will be after the November 10 club program; if you are willing and able to help us out, please stay for the meeting or let me know your willingness to be involved.





## *A Note from the Editor*

Jason Rathe

I heard today on the radio from Mark Seely that October will go down as one of the wettest and coldest on record. Sure felt like it. I can't remember a day of sun this month. But he assured the radio audience that the first couple weeks of November are going to be relatively "benign". So we have that going for us!

In Rusty's Ramblings, Denise shared a book she is settling into as the days get shorter. I can tell you one I have been looking forward to and Amazon shows that it has now been released, "The American Meadow Garden: Creating a Natural Alternative to the Traditional Lawn" by John Greenlee. I have followed some of his work with meadows and am intrigued to hear what he has to say in a book length treatise.

Garden writing can be really good and can also be disappointing. To me it is disappointing when the writer doesn't share specific and in-depth knowledge they've gleaned from their experiences. I am sure there is a great pull to put out another book with a jazzy cover and some good pictures and just fill the book with common and general drivel. One person who does not do this is Nancy Ondra. Her blog is really worth checking out:

<http://hayefieldhouse.com>

Her writing is personal, informative and her approach to gardening is exacting. Plus she is a super duper photographer. She also contributes to a blog called "Gardening Gone Wild" ([www.gardeninggonewild.com](http://www.gardeninggonewild.com)). GGW is a tour de force of garden writing, with a handful of devoted and passionate editors.

## Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
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November 10th	LHC	Paul Aarested: Lakewood Cemetery
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December 9th	LHC	Holiday Party
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January 11th	LHC	Tom Tennant - Out Back Nursery
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LHC = Lake Harriet Church (4901 Chowen Ave. S., Minneapolis)

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church



## October Meeting

The highlight of the October meeting was the presentation by club member and MN Arboretum past-president, Peter Olin. Peter shared experiences from his career long devotion to the Arboretum and the Minnesota gardening community at large.



Denise Rust introducing Peter Olin



New member, Tim Malooly



Arboretum past-president Peter Olin



## **Your Help is Needed!!!**

Can you spare an hour on Saturday, Nov. 7? Come help the **Lyndale Park Garden Committee** cover the garden for winter. Start time is about 9 AM, and there will be donut holes and coffee to warm you! It is always fun, and the garden looks spectacular in fall too—so don't forget your camera. The garden is located in Lyndale Park. There is a big sign that marks the spot, "Trial Garden", on Roseway Road, just east of the Peace Garden near Lake Harriet in Minneapolis. Closest parking is on Dupont Ave/King's Highway.

In fall we cover the garden lightly with fall leaves which are delivered by the truckful from adjoining Lakewood Cemetery. The leaves are dry and light and easy to move. This way we are ahead of needing to apply mulch in spring. Also, new conifers were planted in the garden this year, and they need to be covered with burlap. So choose your chore! Bring tarps and tools!

Let me know if you are coming. Kay Wolfe, Chair Email: [mgcmgarden@q.com](mailto:mgcmgarden@q.com)  
Phone: 952-922-0762



## Club Programs for 2010

Is there a gardening topic you have been wanting to learn about? One that club members would also enjoy? I am the candidate for Vice President for 2010, and that means I chair the Program Committee. That is, if I get elected at the November business meeting, of course! 2010 starts a new decade. I am thinking our programs theme for the year should be something like “Gardening in the ‘10’s”! What challenges will we gardeners face in the next 10 years? What is new—what is on the cutting edge? What are the concerns in horticulture, or in your own garden?

Let me know what you think of MGCM’s dinner speaker programs. Tell me what topics you’d like to hear discussed, or speakers you would recommend.

Drop me a line at [mgcmgarden@q.com](mailto:mgcmgarden@q.com) I would love to hear opinions from all club members! This is YOUR club! The club is strong and vital only if all members participate.

Kay Wolfe  
Vice-President Elect



## Thinking ahead to next year's Flower, Food and Foto Show (FFF).

*Did you know that there is a whole section of the FFF Show dedicated to house plants? If your green thumb extends to indoor plants, we'd love to see your peperomia or philodendron or African violet at next year's FFF! If you have questions about entering the 2010 FFF show, call or email Mary Maynard (952-926-7506, maynard4375@yahoo.com).*

### TREASURER REPORT

CD	5,000.00
Checking	5,984.00
Designated funds	
General fund	4,878.00
Memorial (Park garden)	1,106.00
Scholarship fund	0

### **Looking Ahead: 2010 Nominating Committee**

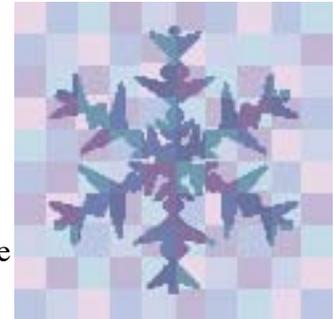
*According to the MGCM By-Laws, it is the job of the "President-Elect" to find members to serve on the Nominating Committee. This addition to the By-Laws was made in 1999, and allows for some room for the new President to have a say in the officers that will serve with him/her. I will be the 2010 Vice-President, or "President-Elect", that is, if elected at the November 2009 Annual Meeting! According to the By-Laws, the members of this committee are to be announced at the Installation Meeting, which is the January 2010 dinner meeting.*

*Therefore, I am looking for 5 good men and women to serve on the 2010 Nominating Committee. Please step forward! There is nothing more important than good leadership for our club. And by serving on this committee you can help guarantee good leadership for the club's future. If you are willing to serve, or would like to nominate someone else, please let me know. Remember, if you serve on the committee, according to "protocol" you then cannot be nominated for office. (Unless, I hear, you miss the committee's meetings!) The 2009 Nominating Committee did a stellar job picking candidates, and the 2010 Committee I am sure will do an equally good job. Let me know if you are willing to serve on this important committee. Kay Wolfe kaywolfe@q.com or 952-922-0762.*



## **DECEMBER 8TH! MGCM HOLIDAY PARTY AND SILENT AUCTION**

It's that time of year again! We hope you are all thinking about ideas and items for the silent auction. The holiday party and silent auction will take place on Tuesday December 8, 2009 at the Lake Harriet Methodist Church. This year's theme for the party is "Songs of the Season".



From 5-6:30 pm there will be a Social Hour with Hors d'ouvres and the Silent Auction set-up.

The catered dinner is at 6:40 pm.

Harpist Raeney Hendrickson will entertain us during the Social Hour and Dinner. Awards will follow.

Need ideas for items to donate to the Silent Auction? With "Songs of the Season" as our theme we can expand on the gardening theme and include items with a musical theme. For more ideas of items to donate to the auction please see the party RSVP included in the November Spray. Fill in the description; including the size, and a minimum starting bid. Include your contact information in case there are any questions.

On the day of the party, it is preferred that you bring the items to our room in the church between 9:30 and 11:30 that morning. Last minute donations are welcome too, just be sure to bring them between 5:00 and 5:30 that evening so we have time to set up the displays.

If you need a copy of the official request on Club letterhead for a business contact:

Elaine Spiegel, Holiday Party Chair

4814 West 41st Street  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416  
Phone: 952-927-9539

E-mail: [elspiegs@comcast.net](mailto:elspiegs@comcast.net)

Note: Permanent reservations are not in effect for the Holiday Party. To make a reservation for the Holiday Party, please fill in the reservation form included with the November Spray and send to: Margaret Landry, 412 Wayzata Blvd. East #107 Wayzata MN, 55391. Phone: 612 437 0707 Email: [FabFrau@mac.com](mailto:FabFrau@mac.com) Checks can be made payable to MGCM and must be received by Thursday, December 3, 2009.



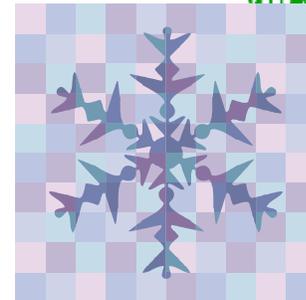
**MGCM Holiday Party**  
"Songs of the Season"

**Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 5:30 pm**  
**Lake Harriet United Methodist Church**

To RSVP and to donate items for the silent auction, please fill out this reservation form and enclose a check made out to MGCM,

Mail to: Margaret Landry  
412 Wayzata Blvd. East, #104  
Wayzata MN, 55391.

Phone: 612-437-0707.  
Email: [FabFrau@mac.com](mailto:FabFrau@mac.com).



***PLEASE SEND RESERVATION FORM TO ARRIVE BY Thursday, December 3, 2009.***

<b>Member &amp; Guest</b>	
<b>Names:</b> _____	
<b>Total check enclosed (\$20 per person):</b> _____	
<b>Item(s) for the Silent Auction:</b>	
<b>Description:</b> _____	
<b>Size (space required for display):</b> _____	<b>Minimum Bid:</b> _____
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**Need ideas or suggestions for the silent auction?**

- Tickets (movies, theater, opera, or sporting events)
- Homemade or hand crafted items (crafts, baked goods, note cards, embroidery)
- Tools, plants, note cards, statues, books, bird feeders, bird baths
- Gift certificates (for hotel, resort, garden center, bookstore, restaurant, or membership in a specialty garden club)
- Time, talent or services (garden consultation, custom art/craft, teaching a craft or skill, make a meal, host a theme party)



## Cedar Waxwings on Devil's Walking Stick

This is a note from Carole Ann Brekke:

I bring a Devil's Walking Stick every year to the Plant Auction and one great benefit is how attractive the fruit are to birds. The photo is from the internet (I couldn't get this photo on my plant).

The tree, now about 12' had five blooms this summer. They are tiny clusters of small flowers and the entire bloom is about 2'x1 1/2'...yes, that is feet, not inches. The tiny flowers turn to black little berries. The past several years I have been able to watch Robins eating the berries as I stand at my kitchen sink and look out the window. It is so funny as there is really nothing to support their weight and stand on...so fly from the Linden tree to eat and then back to the tree when they loose their balance. I have not seen a Robin in my yard for a month or more and today it is like a feeding frenzy. I have never seen a Cedar Waxwing and had to find a picture to identify the bird competing with the Robins. They they swoop down to the berries in large groups from my house roof, garage roof and the Linden tree that are very close to the DWS. They are so fast and have a much easier time sitting on the cluster of berries. It is such a beautiful sight, the birds flying to the berries, eating, flying away and all the time the snow that fell last night is being knocked off the Linden tree and DMWS.

I have two Devil's Walking sticks potted for the Auction next May and thought this may encourage more members to bid. If this could be an article this fall it would be appropriate, but I cannot get a picture as the birds will not come if I am on the deck with my camera. This picture shows how many come to feed at one time. I could get a picture of the DWS next May before the auction to show it's size and form.

Blessings, Carole Ann



Cedar waxwings: Carole Ann witnessed waxwings adroitly plucking the fruit from her Devil's Walking Stick



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MGCM member Kay Wolfe's cottage



Last of the summer's harvest



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