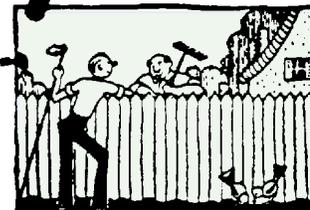




# The Garden Spray



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## This Month at MGCM

### Tuesday, October 8 Dinner Meeting

See Page 11 for details and dinner reservation details.

The Program: Como Park Conservatory - Past, Present, and Future.

By :Roberta Sladky, Director of the Como Park Conservatory since 1993.

A Program Synopsis: A brief history of Como Park's horticulture - much renowned for 30 years prior to the construction of Como Park Conservatory- as well as the history of Como Park Conservatory, its present status and collections, and a short presentation on what plans are in place for improvements to the Como Conservatory and Zoo Campus.

The Speaker: Previously Ms. Sladky was Horticulture Curator at the Minnesota Zoo. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master of Science in Public Horticulture from the University of Delaware where she received a two year fellowship from the Longwood Foundation. She is also currently the Secretary of The Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

### Saturday, October 12, 60th Anniversary Luncheon

Reservation deadline is October 1st, See Page 11 for reservation form.

Where: At the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

11:15 AM: Berens Cabin Dedication (at the cabin)

12:00 Noon: The Luncheon

The Speaker: Susan Allen Toth---A sneak preview of her book,  
*Leaning into the Wind.*

Other program Surprises

Receive your 60th Anniversary Photo Directory



## Coming Club Opportunities

November 12

Dinner meeting program

Susan Davis Price on

Minnesota Gardening History

November 29

Wreath & Holiday

Decoration Making at

Klier's Garden Center

December 3

Holiday Party- dinner

entertainment, awards

silent auction

January 7, 2003

Dinner meeting

program by Andy

Marlow on Africa

# A Past President Remembers



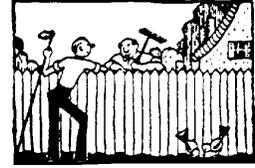
"Somewhere between 40th and 42nd Streets on Dupont Avenue South." That's where MGCM held its first formal meeting on July 13, 1942. The record does not state the exact location of that first club meeting.

Walk west from 41st Street across King's Highway (Dupont Avenue South), up the hill and towards the giant cottonwood tree. To the west is the glorious 1.5 acre Rose Garden. North of that majestic cottonwood, across Roseway Road, is the Peace Garden (a.k.a. the Rock Garden), the border "Butterfly Garden" and the MGCM's Perennial Trial Garden.

Perhaps it was on this hill, near this tree, where the first MGCM meeting was held, overlooking the Lyndale Park Municipal Rose Garden, with Lake Harriet twinkling in the background.

As club president in 1991, I convinced Bill Hull that he was the most qualified member to chair the 50th anniversary celebration committee. On June 5, 1991 members Bill Hull, Ed. Culbert, Kent Petterson, Charlie Proctor and I met at Hull's house. I had a list, "Fifty ways to turn fifty," to generate ideas. I proposed a bronze plaque for installation on that hill overlooking the gardens—"MGCM 1942-1992, 50 Years of Service." The committee didn't get too excited over this idea, but I still think it would be nice to have a commemorative plaque for our club at that location.

During those years a major topic of discussion for the club was women's membership. What were we to do? We had heard about lawsuits with the Green Bay club and we wanted to avoid legal entanglements. Turns out, after studying our by-laws, we didn't need to change our policy because we did not discriminate on membership.



Also, I remember our September 1991 regular dinner meeting. The tables were set and decorated with cut flowers. The aroma of baked chicken filled the air. About eighty garden club members were assembled for fellowship and food. Dorothy Johnson, Executive Director of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, gave the presentation. It was at this meeting that I started the inexcusable tradition of forgetting to introduce the guests who had joined us for that evening. Fortunately, somebody always remembers to remind the current club president not to forget to introduce guests.

Between 1991 and 1992 MGCM became smoke free. Look carefully at the club directories. In 1991, the gardener on the left side of the logo has a pipe in his mouth. In 1992, there is no pipe in the gardener's mouth on the logo. You'll still see the pipe on old letterhead and Garden Club member plaques. Amazing what you can do with a little White Out. Or was it Liquid Paper?

For newer members to MGCM, welcome to you. We value your affiliation. Here is a timely gardening tip: Pour the rainwater out of your gauge and put it away before it freezes, or it will crack. After all, it is not called a snow gauge.

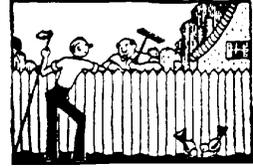
*Cordially,*

*M.T. Pulley, President, MGCM 1991*

## New Members

Welcome to William Leonard our latest new member. He can be reached as shown below.

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Crystal MN 55428  
E-mail WGLEonard@msn.com  
Phone 763-535-0273



## President's Column

*MGCM President Warren Nordley*

First of all, here's a last minute pitch to sign up for the club's 60th anniversary bash at the Arboretum. That committee has worked very hard to present a most memorable event - one that promises to include fun, nostalgia, a note-worthy speaker and a beautiful setting. You'll also get to see the dedication at Beren's cabin so if you haven't signed up yet, it is best to act quickly. Additionally, if any of you do need a ride, please don't hesitate to call Howard Berg - we have lot's of volunteers that would be delighted to respond.

Our 501c3 tax exempt filing is almost completed, due to the significant efforts of Rich Van Sickle and we're going to owe him a huge thanks when the time comes. On top of that, he's indicated his services are gratis to us. What a club this is.

It's my hope you enjoy the trips down memory lane with some of our past presidents as much as I do. In September, past president, Andy Marlow was his typical articulate and humorous self. That bodes well for us since at the January meeting, he will share his recent experiences in East Africa.

Also of note at the September meeting, it was an honor having Theodore Wirth III with us. It's premature to decide whether our club would ever become involved in the landscape renovation around the Wirth home, but conceptually, it sure sounds like a great fit. Apparently we've got at least a year to mull that over. This project, and other potential ones like it, will be on our minds when we start the budget process for 2003. I know the board is already considering a dues increase and all of the details will be made available to you in advance of our asking for your approval in January. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on October 8th and at the Arboretum on the 12th. Thanks.

## The Trouble Tree

*Provided by Anne Buchanan*

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

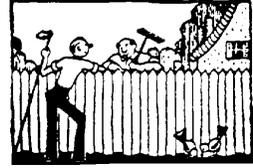
When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again." Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before." Anonymous

## Still Time

*By Chuck Carlson*

Did you like the past presidents reports? There is still two months for past presidents to send in a short synopsis of your reigns. If you haven't been a president maybe you have an incident that may be of interest to the rest of us. Send it in so we can wind up our 60th anniversary memories.



# September's Program Report

By Mary Maynard

September's club meeting featured a presentation by the Minneapolis Park Legacy Society (M.P.L.S), and the headline speaker was Ted Wirth, the grandson of Theodore Wirth. Mr. Wirth now lives in Montana, but spent a lot of time with his grandparents in Minneapolis and has fond memories of the area and his grandfather's house in the park.

Mr. Wirth was losing his voice, so didn't speak long. He pointed out that the Minneapolis park system is one of the top two park systems in the country, and has been since 1929. And he had two key messages that he wanted to convey: (1) many people in the Minneapolis area are not aware of who Charles Loring and Theodore Wirth were, and what a huge contribution they made to the park system; and (2) parks are the most vulnerable pieces of land in any city. Any open space is a target for development, and Minneapolis should be proud of its protection of its park system so far.

Mr. Wirth was succeeded at the podium by Joan Berthiaume, who founded M.P.L.S. three years ago. Joan gave us a quick history of the park system and of Theodore Wirth.

The Minneapolis Park system was the result of solid land planning in the early years of the City. A great deal of credit goes to Charles Loring and H.W.S. Cleveland, who had the original vision for the park.

Theodore Wirth was born in Switzerland in 1863, and served as an apprentice to a florist. He studied engineering and horticulture in France and England. He moved to the United States and 1888, and his first job was at Central Park in New York, where he worked on Frederick Law Olmstead's plans.

He continued to work in the forestry department in New York until he lost his position when political winds changed. He then went into private practice, where one of his jobs was the development of rose gardens for Theodore Roosevelt's family. He also worked as the landscape architect (then called "landscape gardener") for the Niagara Falls project. He then moved to Hartford, Connecticut, where he served as the overall superintendent of another park system designed by Olmstead. In Elizabeth Park in Hartford, he developed the first public rose garden in the United States.

Theodore Wirth moved in Minneapolis in 1905. At that time, there were 1800 acres of undeveloped park land. Park Commissioner Charles Loring was looking for a new park superintendent to replace William Berry, who was retiring. Theodore Wirth took the job and designed a park system that included 60 miles of parkways, 100 playgrounds, 23 lakes, 6 golf courses, the rose garden, river and creek access, and a park within 6 blocks of every residence. Mr. Wirth was a revolutionary in that he opened parks for recreation. He took down all the "Keep Off the Grass" signs and developed recreation programs. During the years of his stewardship, the park system tripled in size.

Joan recounted a connection between our Rose Garden at Lake Harriet to the White House rose garden. Theodore Wirth developed the Lake Harriet Rose Garden early in his tenure. Theodore Wirth's son Conrad (Ted Wirth's father) was the Director of the National Park Service during the Kennedy administration, and the White House Rose Garden was developed under his guidance. Joan read a personal letter written by Jackie Kennedy to Conrad Wirth at the time of his retirement.

The Minneapolis Parks Commission built a house for Theodore Wirth at 3954 Bryant Avenue. It is in the middle of a park, and Theodore Wirth lived in it until the last

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# Board Meeting Summary



Summarized from  
*Ellyn Hosch's Secretarys Report*

## Meeting Date: 3 September 2002

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

## Secretary's Report

The July meeting minutes were approved as submitted. It was noted that the Secretary's minutes should include any motions passed at the general club meetings.

## Treasurer's Report

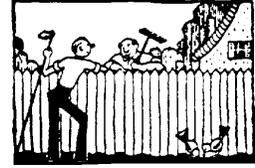
The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted by Dave Johnson. The current Scholarship CD will be renewed as a 12 month CD. Given the low interest rates on CDs, the current CD previously targeted for the Convention will be put into a separate savings account. This will allow controlled access to the money without penalty.

## Membership Secretary's Report

As of 3 September 2002, we have 119 members. One new candidate was approved for membership: William Leonard. Jackie was contacted for information for an article in the November/December issue of the Northern Gardener.

## Old Business

Landscaping of the Beren's cabin at the MN Landscape Arboretum is set. The planting will be scheduled for September 21st so that a dedication ceremony can be part of the 60th Anniversary luncheon. Eldon is arranging for plant material. The budget estimate is no more than \$3,000. Some of the expenses will be incurred in 2002. A budget line item



will be added to the 2003 budget to account for the 2003 expenses.

Rich Van Sickle is already working on the paperwork necessary to achieve our non-profit status. Dave Johnson has provided him with the budgetary information required. The Board extends a special thank you to Rich for taking on this responsibility. Dave Johnson will provide an update at the September meeting.

## New Business

The Board discussed that the Industrial Beautification Award is an opportunity for publicity for the club. Warren Nordley will discuss this with awards chairman, Andy Marlow.

The Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society is holding public meetings to gain support for converting the Theodore Wirth home into a museum, learning center and children's center. The home is already on the National Register of Historic Places. Bob Voigt is following this activity.

## Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on October 1, at 7:00 PM at the home of Carole Ann Brekke. Nancy Bjerke will chair the October meeting.



# 2003 CALENDERS

This is a reminder that the Gardener's Calendar for 2003 is now on sale. It was available beginning with the September dinner meeting and will continue to be available at the October and November meetings. The bargain price of \$4.00 still applies, so pick up a few for yourself, family or friends. This is one of our club's money-making projects, and we encourage all members to give it their support. If you want to order by phone, contact Don Trocke, Calendar Committee Chairman, at 952-941-1677.

# Confessions of a Lazy Gardener

By Mary Maynard

## Journal Entries on Buckthorn

Late 1990's.- -We start hearing about buckthorn as a problem in woodlands. I notice that there are some good-sized buckthorn specimens in wooded area of Browndale Park at the end of my street.

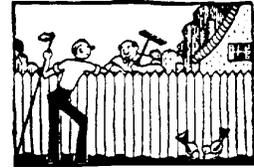
Summer, 2000.- -I host a mini-tour of my garden for gardening friends. One friend asks what my "hedge" is composed of. When learning that it is mostly buckthorn (mixed with ash, elm, honeysuckle, box elder, amur maple and wild elder), she reminds me of the growing threat to our native woodlands. I point out that I keep hedges trimmed to avoid berries, but the visitor is not convinced. I feel guilty about threatening our environment.

Fall, 2000.- - Neighborhood Association considers a buckthorn removal project in Browndale Park, but gets discouraged after visiting the woods and realizing the extent of the problem.

Summer, 2001.- - Friends of next door neighbor remove buckthorn hedge from their property and rejoice in all the new light they have, as well as a major reduction in buckthorn seedlings in their gardens. Not to mention being good environmental citizens.

January, 2002.- - Buckthorn removal added to my list of New Years Resolutions, many of which carry over from year to year. Received a fancy Felco pruning saw for my birthday.

Early June, 2002.- - I watched a segment of City of St. Louis Park program about environmental threats. Buckthorn is on top of the list. City's environmental coordinator suggests cutting shrubs down, painting stumps with Roundup, and repeating for



several years to get completely rid of it. Sounds depressing.

June 7, 2002.- - While planting at neighborhood park, I notice that the plume poppies are doing very well, sending out runners everywhere. Decided that they would look good where some of the buckthorn is now, so dug a few out and saved them. They immediately wilt and persist in looking absolutely awful in the pot, this is putting pressure on me to get some buckthorn out and find a place to plant the poppies.

June 28, 2002.- - Visit Gertens Greenhouse, planning to spend gift certificate I won at Plant Auction raffle. See some excellent hydrangea specimens (Annabelle, PeeGee, Pink Diamond) that would be nice replacements for scrubby buckthorn. A plan is evolving, though slowly.

June 29, 2002.- - Seizing a rare moment of initiative, I take the plunge. Armed with my fancy new pruning saw, and starting on the north side, where my neighbors have been most patient with the encroaching shrubbery, I start sawing. An hour later, the pile of brush is over six feet tall, and the heat index is up to 95. Spouse, who is usually helpful in bundling brush, has disappeared into basement, unresponsive to calls for help. By the time bundling and hauling is done, the heat index is over 100. Next door neighbor delights in new sight lines, although shabby status of trampled garden is worrisome, especially since she has guests coming into town.

June 30, 2002.- - While heat index is still in the 90's, start on south side. Again, sight lines are improved and new sections of garden are revealed. Neighbor expresses concern about lack of privacy, since she likes to go out into the back yard in her bathrobe in the morning. I assure her that my spouse is a night person, who is still sleeping well past the time when she is dressed for the day.

July 3, 2002.- - Take a little trip to Gertens and pick up a couple of hydrangeas, as

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# 60th Anniversary Musings

*Clips from past newsletters selected by Howard Berg, Historian*

## 60 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1942

October 14, 1942, The board of directors met and decided that we would have a quarterly bulletin and the president was to appoint an editor. It also was decided to hold a dinner meeting early in December and invite the ladies. The constitution and by-laws were discussed and decided to send copies to all members and take final action on January 1943 meeting at the annual meeting.

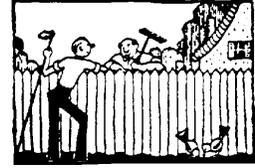
October 26, 1942 meeting with fifteen present in the Oak Room. It was moved and carried to publish a monthly bulletin instead of the quarterly bulletin. To have such news and garden data as the staff can dig up. The first staff was appointed by the president as follows; Herb Kahlert, Upsher Smith, Bill Block, Charlie Doell, and George Luxton.

The first big social dinner will be on December 7th, with wives as special guests. As the membership roster was already full, it was decided to establish a waiting list and the names of F. H. Hoppe and Otto Emerich were placed as numbers one and two on this list.

## 50 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1952

Dinner meeting held on October 14, 1952 at Hasty Tasty Cafe, cost \$1.50. Program by Dr. L. K. Cutkomp, Professor of Entomology, University of Minnesota, on "Insect control in the Flower Garden".

Received a Thank You from the Board of Park Commissioners (signed) Howard I. Moore, Secretary on the help and support of the passage of the park referendum on September 9, 1952.



Our dahlias growers paraded their best before the judges and the public. The top winners were Tom Ennis, Bill Holmberg and Tom Krumm . Mr. Krumm won no less, than 23 ribbons, but got no better than second place on points in the amateur class. Mr. Carl Nelson stole the show by taking most of the top ribbons and honors including "Grand Champion awards in seven of ten available classes.

Fred Paul, Harold Kaufmann and Archie Flack were honored by the Minneapolis Star as "Town Toppers."

Three club members were honored by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society at its 86th annual meeting. These men were recognized for "Meritorious Work in the field of Horticulture". Cortis Rice was awarded a "Life Membership", Bob Bryant and Vic Lowrie were presented with "Certificates of Merit".

Much fanfare about "magic" soil conditioners, but are they worth the price, and can they beat good old-fashioned manure and compost?

Dr. R. Milton Carleton wrote about thermocouples, which he recorded soil temperatures during the winter. It gave him some interesting slants on what happens to roots in freezing weather. With bare ground during an early severe freeze without snow temperatures at 6 and 12 inches below ground skidded to 32 degrees and stayed there until a thaw sent air temperatures above freezing. Later under heavy snow the temperature did not fall below 34 degrees even when subzero readings were reached above ground. A thermocouple buried under shrubs did not reach its low points for several days after those in open ground. The ground around shrub stem warmed up four days earlier than open ground. This means that root growth of woody plants continues much longer than air temperatures indicate. This does not hold true for roses.

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# Recycle The Dish ©

By Phil Smith

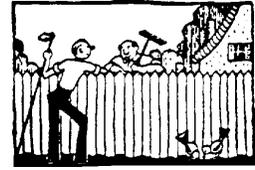
Before the popularity of the small DBS television dishes, many people not able to receive cable TV installed the large satellite dishes. Such large dishes, often eight feet in diameter, are now often obsolete with the advent of small DBS dishes which generally provide excellent reception.

Numerous people still have the large dishes in their yards and often are seeking a way to dispose them. I heard of an acquaintance who was looking for someone to remove such a dish from their property. I volunteered to remove it at no cost to the owner if I could keep the dish, in that I had an idea for using it in the landscape.

After removing it and loading it on a trailer, I took it home and removed the central reception arm. I then converted it into a large planter for flowers. In doing so, one needs a liner to hold the soil and provide drainage. Sphagnum moss would work, but I decided to use what is called a weed mat. This is a landscaping product used under mulch to prevent weed growth but porous enough to provide drainage.

To support the dish, I used a piece of 30 inch diameter steel culvert about 24 inches long. A piece of concrete tile perhaps 24 inches in diameter would also work. I poured a four inch thick slab of concrete about four feet in diameter, on it I placed the piece of culvert on it and placed the dish on top of that. I used a couple of steel angle brackets to bolt the dish to the culvert and also the culvert to the slab. This was probably unnecessary but I was concerned about the safety of visiting children who might try to climb on the planter and get hurt.

I planted the dish with petunias plus



alyssum around the edge, but impatiens would also be a good choice. In my view, the planter is a striking and large feature for the landscape. If you have access to such a satellite dish, you might consider converting it into a planter for your yard.

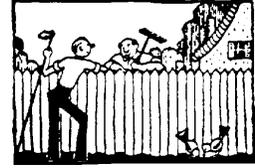


*Bernadette Lindholm & Elaine Spiegel at September meeting. Inducted by Eldon Hugelen*

## Maps

By Chuck Carlson

Jon Bon Jovi once said “Map out your future but do it in pencil.” When I read this quote, I couldn’t help relate this quote to my garden maps. I never could remember the names of all the plants in my garden so, I started making maps. I chose maps rather than name tags because they always disappeared. One time a neighbor toddler pulled them all out. Also every year during spring and fall clean-up more of the name tags would disappear until finally I started making maps. So if I was going to make a quote I would say, “Map out your garden but do it by computer since a garden is an ever changing and evolving joy.” I would have done it in pencil but I couldn’t afford the erasers I would need.



## Confessions Continued

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motivation to complete buckthorn project. Also acquire a goatsbeard on sale.

July 4, 2002.- - Continued the devastation on the south side of the lot. I notice that hostas no longer shaded by large buckthorns have become badly scorched. Extend a mental apology to the genus hosta. Tie up four bundles of branches for spouse to take to curb.

July 5, 2002.- - Notice that birds seem to be flying around the yard, looking disoriented. Decide that enough bird habitat has been destroyed for now, and trimming along the back lot line will be very limited. Or perhaps nonexistent. Most of the "hedge" at the back of the lot is honeysuckle, spirea, amur maple, elm and hackberry. Plus a few things I don't recognize. But not much buckthorn.

July 11, 2002.- -Acquire two hydrangeas and install them in newly-found garden space. Also capitalize on this opportunity to travel to Ambergate for further purchases. Return home with large quantity of new things. I have forgotten how reasonable the prices are and how congenial Mike and Jean Heger are.

July 18, 2002.- - Notice that little green shoots are coming out of buckthorn stumps. Arm self with Roundup and apply another coat. The surveillance period begins. Also notice that Pink Diamond hydrangea is looking bedraggled. Consider calling Rodger Sefelt for advice, but decide it's too late in the evening to bother him. Apply water and hope for the best.

July 31, 2002.- -More green shoots coming out of buckthorn stumps. Arm self with Roundup and Deep Woods Off and reapply Roundup. Pink Diamond hydrangea has recovered, thankfully. Notice large buckthorn specimen disguised as part of lilac bush in front. Decide to do battle with it when dew point is below 70 (not today).

August 9, 2002.- -Travel to Bachman's on a Monkshood Mission. Now that I have all this space, I have more shopping opportunities. Discover that Bachman's has many nice

plants available in August and not just monkshood. Forget about my 15% off coupon until after I return home, which means I should probably go back there again to take advantage of discount.

August 15, 2002. So far so good. Maybe too early to declare victory, but it's time to close out this journal.

## Annual Meeting



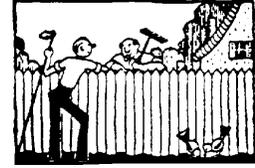
The 2002 annual meeting will be held at the November 12th dinner meeting. The main business is the election of officers and directors. Carole Ann Brekke and her committee will be contacting members for the various offices, please say yes to their requests.

## Sept. Program Report

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year of his life. After he died, it was occupied by subsequent Park Superintendents until 1995. In 2002 it was named a National Historic Site. It is presently leased to a private business, but the M.P.L.S. can arrange tours of the building with some notice. It is in very good condition. M.P.L.S. has a long-term goal of establishing this house as the Theodore Wirth Interpretive Center. The Wirth family has turned its archives over to M.P.L.S., and the Minneapolis Park Board is going through its archives as well. As of now, there is no decision on whether or how this archival material would be displayed.

The M.P.L.S. is actively seeking private funding for six current projects. For more information on the six projects, you can call 612-925-4194. You can join M.P.L.S. by sending your name, address, and email address along with a check for \$50 (Friend), \$100 (Donor), \$500 (Benefactor), \$1,000 (Patron) or \$5,000 (City Founders Circle) to Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society, 2504 West Fortieth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55410



## **25 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1977**

The next meeting the club was back at our regular meeting place at Mount Olivet Church, with Larry Bachmann speaking on Landscaping with emphasis on trees.

The newsletter had an article about the flower show. This show listed a number of winners and Fred Glasoe was one of the winners showing Dahlias and winning with "Kelvin's Floodlight". Two other things listed was a winning apple called "Connell Red" and Leon Snyder a winner with the "Worden Grape"

Julius Wadekampr a famous lily grower and breeder in an article says you can force a beautiful pot of Lilies for bloom in late winter just as easily as tulips or daffodils. The bulbs must be precooled before forcing. They can be put in the refrigerator for 8 weeks or longer.

## **15 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1987**

The October meeting was held at Pershing Park Community Center on October 13, 1987. Program by Mr. Lloyd J. Kraft who spoke on the MGCA sponsored "Gardening From The Heart Program".

The convention committees are busy reviewing plans and getting out the most recent "final schedules". 20 members gardens will be on tour.

The Fragrance Garden improvement group was hard at work, replacing rotted timbers and the removal of huge amounts of brush and volunteer trees.

Dale Durst and Russ Smith represented the club at the Arboretum Fall Festival.

## **10 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1992**

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church was the location of the 50th Anniversary celebration. Jim Tracy, President of the TGOA-MGCA gave the key note address. Noted at the celebration was Bill Hull for fifty Years of Community Service and chairman of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

In one of the local papers Charlie Proctor was quoted as saying, "Gardeners are

a lot nicer than most people".

## **5 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1997**

The October meeting was held at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, on Tuesday October 14, 1997, 6.30 P.M.. cost \$7.00. Program on New Trends in Perennial Plants, by Steve Kelley, of Kelley and Kelley Nursery.

All American Selection for 1998. Two flowers were chosen. One is a F1 hybrid Impatiens called "Victorian Rose". The second is "Prism Sunshine" Petunia. The two vegetables are "Sweet Dani" a lemon Basil and "Bright Lights" a Swiss Chard.

Henry Orfield's photograph titled Trees, River and Rocks was Best of Show. Chuck Carlson had a photo in the February Calendar.

# **Holiday Party**

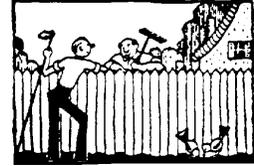
The Holiday Party will have a silent auction this year. Why not contribute something exciting?

Already, we have members considering giving a weekend at a hotel, garden sculpture, hand-painted garden creations, cross-stitched decorations, a container planting, and garden photography. Let your creativity out—why not contribute something that reflects your talents? How about donating several hours of your time in someone else's garden—helping with planting or design? Can you offer a garden tea-party, or a gift certificate for a catalog or garden store? Have you been to a fair and found unusual garden decorations? We suggest a \$20 minimum value.

Your donations will make for a fun auction and help out the club.

Also, Jack Kolb can no longer store our decorations and supplies. (Thanks, Jack, for many years of this service!) We are looking for storage space for about 1.5 pick-up loads of material.

Please call Anne Buchanan at 612-823-6814, or e-mail at [ABRL@mn.rr](mailto:ABRL@mn.rr) if you can help.



## The October Dinner Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 8 , 2002

Permanent Reservations are in effect.

Dinner: 6:30 PM; Business: 7:00 PM; Program: 7:30 PM.

Location: Lake Harriet United Methodist; 49th and Chowen Avenue South

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

**Reservations are necessary by Friday, October 4.**

Call or email Carole Ann Brekke (phone 952-435-6029) (E-mail numsix24@usfamily.net) for your reservation if you are not on the permanent reservations list or you need to cancel your permanent reservation.

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**For last minute cancellations on Monday or Tuesday call Dave Johnson  
Phone (763-571-2713). If he can sell it, you won't be billed.**

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# Deadline For Luncheon Reservation October 1

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## Reservation for 60th Anniversary Luncheon



**DATE:** Saturday, October 12th, 2002

**PLACE:** Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

**TIME:** 11:15 AM Cabin garden dedication

**TIME:** Noon Luncheon

**COST:** \$13.00 each

**RESERVE:** \_\_\_\_\_ places for:

\_\_\_\_\_ and  
my Guest \_\_\_\_\_

**Send reservation and the fee to:**

Walter Gustafson

3812 West 57th Street

Edina, MN 55410-2333

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