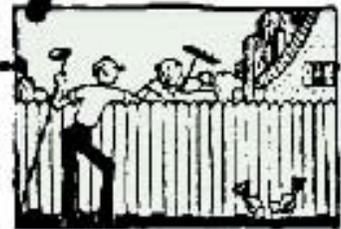




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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY

How do you take that photograph that stands out? Whether you want to take pictures simply for your own enjoyment, or are looking ahead to entering next year's competition in photography for FFF, or maybe you just want to see what goes into the selection of photos for publication, come see what concepts are important in photography.

Our program, Choosing Photographs for a National Gardening Publication, will feature our own Andy Marlow, Photo Editor of The Hosta Journal (the official publication of the American Hosta Society), our own Dr. Bob Olson, Editor of The Hosta Journal (and past president of the AHS), and Janet Mills of Mills Design, Designer of The Hosta Journal. Both Bob and Janet are excellent photographers whose work is regularly included in the Journal. They will talk about how they solicit and choose photos for publication, and the issues involved in photographing plants and gardens.

Also at the September meeting we will have a slide show of this year's winners of the photography portion of the FFF show, put together by Chuck Carlson. You won't want to miss this meeting!

Tuesday Sept 8th, 2009

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

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.

Thoughts from the Prez: Rusty Ramblings

by Denise Rust

Another month gone by! It's hard to believe that the outdoor growing season is winding down; we've already had a good opportunity to evaluate this year's gardening successes (and shortcomings) and to form some tentative thoughts on what we might want to do next year. We had good crops of tomatoes and green beans this year and the pumpkins are taking off; the perennials and annuals managed to hang in there with the help of lots of water and the elimination of a few of our pesky rabbits. How about you? A great year, or needs improvement? Come share your story with fellow club members over dinner September 8, and then enjoy a program on garden photography and a slide show by Chuck Carlson of this year's FFF show photography winners.

Since I last wrote I have been on a couple of short vacations. I did not tour any formal gardens on these trips but did manage to thoroughly enjoy the wildflowers along the way. Decorah, IA, where I travelled in July, has an exceptional prairie garden along the Upper Iowa River which I enjoy visiting. It was good to see it doing so well, considering last year it was devastated by flooding (what a difference a year makes!). Then last weekend I took a long weekend with my husband, daughter and son-in-law to the Badlands, the Black Hills and Devils Tower, WY. The scenic backdrop was outstanding, the weather cool but liveable, and the wildflowers added to the enjoyment of it all. I have included some snapshots of nature's palette.

Unfortunately, because of my travels, I missed out on seeing the FFF show, but heard it was a good array. Maybe next year I'll get there with some offerings other than photos. Currently I am gearing up for the next big club project, starting work on next year's public tour. If you would be willing to serve on the



Public Tour Committee, or wish to offer your garden as a tour destination, please let me know.

As always, Happy Gardening, and I hope to see you at the September meeting.





A Note from the Editor

Jason Rathe

I feel like I've spent the whole summer just diagnosing plant maladies: echinaceas with aster yellows, magnolias covered in scale, and of course the voracious Japanese beetle. The latest thing we are seeing is dramatic drought effects on our boulevard trees. Lindens and ginkgo are effected but, by far, the most decimated are the Norway maples. These trees - especially the young trees - have whole sections of burned out leaves.

This is why it is so comforting to see the pictures of the FFF Show. As always club members have found a way to beat the weather, the bugs and the diseases to show off their craft.

Each month I look forward to receiving Denise's President Column - especially to see what gorgeous pictures she has taken in the previous month. She has a great eye; I love the picture on the previous page of the sun flower teetering on the edge of a badlands precipice.

While Denise spent time in South Dakota and Iowa, my wife and I took our first summertime vacation in several years and hunkered down in New York City. In addition to going to museums and restaurants we did find time to go to a couple parks and gardens, including the new High Line Park, Battery Park and the Conservatory Garden in Central Park.

Jason

Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
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Sept. 8th		Selecting Photographs for a National Gardening Publication with Andy Marlow and The Hosta Journal.
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LHC = Lake Harriet Church (4901 Chowen Ave. S., Minneapolis)

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church



GOING FORWARD WITH MGCM

By Don Untiedt

A few evenings ago I read with interest Kay Wolfe's August Spray story entitled the "SHRINKING MGCM." The opening paragraph documented disturbing realities – our membership is down, the number of people attending dinner meetings is down.

I suggest that the above is simply a "time capsule" look at the present, and that the numbers do not reflect every thing. Were a private poll to be taken with our members I predict the results would show that our MGCM membership is quite important to each of us, that we all want to do our part to reverse the trends outlined by Kay, etc. And I further suggest that by all of us working together we can reverse direction and that MGCM will again become a vibrant PREMIER garden club of the Twin Cities.

All organizations be they neighborhood, business, professional, church, etc. – or even garden clubs, go through cycles. They form, they grow, they storm, and they decline, and ultimately refocus, and then grow again. I think MGCM presently is somewhere in the middle to the end of this cycle.

The present Board hopes that you have either considered serving on the Board in 2010 or let the nominating committee know whom you would like to see in office. On behalf of the board I would like to thank Ann, Bob, Kent, Jason, and Lynda for their hard work in putting together a team

of members that will guide club activities in 2010.

It is now up to each of us to reflect on what we can do to help MGCM reverse the trend that Kay pointed out to us. I believe that the easiest way to do so is to think about whom we know that likes to garden that probably has never been invited to even come to a meeting of the MGCM. Inviting our friends, neighbors, or relatives to attend a MGCM meeting gives us an opportunity to strengthen=20friendship, and potentially to increase the membership of the club. It even provides an opportunity for a lifetime friendship. I know. Roger Koopman invited me to attend a meeting long before I joined. I never forgot his kind gesture.

Don Untiedt, Vice President



FFF Pics

[Pictures on this page by Chuck Carlson]



FFF Show



This year's FFF Show looked pretty good! As usual, our horticultural specimens and vegetables were outstanding, and our floral designs were overshadowed by the Arboretum Show next door. We had two educational displays this year -- the first time we've had any displays in many years. Bob Livingston spearheaded a display on Heirloom tomatoes, and Jerry Shannon entered a display of Heirloom Dahlias, which was fascinating, especially considering that Jerry didn't decide to do his dahlia display until Friday afternoon!

We had seventeen entrants this year, and hundreds of entries. Our thanks to everyone who participated.

Here's a quick summary of the award winners:

- * Champion Vegetable and Best of Show: Mixed herb container, Judy Berglund
- * Champion Flower: Dahlia 'Magic Moment', Jerry Shannon
- * Reserve Champion Vegetable: Pumpkin 'Jack-O-Lantern', Judy Berglund
- * Reserve Champion Flower: Aconitum 'Sparks', Margaret Hibberd
- * Vegetable Sweepstakes: Judy Berglund
- * Flower Sweepstakes: Mary Maynard
- * Featured Vegetable (Heirloom Tomato): 'Redfield Beauty', Judy Berglund
- * Featured Flower (Cosmos): 'Double-Click', Margaret Hibberd
- * Best First-Time Exhibitor: Don Unteidt





THE PHOTO CONTEST REPORT

This was a “watershed year” for the MGCM Photography contest, and we were hoping for a “sea change” to justify continuing beyond this seventeenth year. We got a “late surge” and a “close call,” so “the jury is out.”

On the bright side, there were 219 digital photos entered by 20 people in the juried portion of the contest. That shows some continued interest. The photos, as always, were worth the effort it took to promote the contest. Thanks to Photography Committee members David McKeen and Bob Livingston for their insightful and patient judgments. Congratulations to each of the participants in this and in the People’s Choice portion of the contest.

Judy Berglund was the Sweepstakes winner and the People’s Choice winner as well. Look for best photos of trilliums, lilies and a Japanese garden at the September meeting. The club website will display the winners, too. Chuck has put in his usual efforts in compiling both a digital presentation and the photo boards of the winners as well as a representative sample of all the entrants’ work.

And that is what this contest is all about and why we may very well “bite the bullet” and give it “the old college try” next year.

TREASURER REPORT

CD	5,000.00
Checking	6181.71
Designated funds:	
Park garden	1,006.18
Working balance	5,175.53

New Members

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Membership Renewal Time

Hello Everyone! It is time to renew our MGCM dues for 2010. The dues are \$20.00 and due to me by October 31st. Please fill out the renewal form printed in the Spray and send it to me by mail or bring it to the September dinner meeting. (This does not apply to any members who have joined since July. You are good for next year). I really appreciate it when you fill out all the personal information on the forms, including the committees you are willing to serve on even though nothing has changed. It is a handy reference I use frequently throughout the year. In addition, if you wish to make a donation to the general fund or either of the two designated funds listed at the bottom of the renewal form, you can also do that at this time. Make any checks payable to MGCM and indicate where you wish any donations to go by checking the boxes indicated. Thanks so much and I hope to see you in September.

Membership Secretary, Sharla Aaseng

NOTE: Any of you who are members of the Horticulture Society will be renewing directly with MSHS, no longer through the club.



MGCM NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM for 200 ____

Name _____ Garden Partner _____

Address _____ Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Email address _____ Occupation _____

Please check here if you are a Master Gardener _____

Please list me in the directory as a mentor gardener.

My specialties are _____

Please include me in the share and/or trade plants list. If interested, include category of plants _____

I will serve on the following committees (minimum of two), as I am able. Please circle choices.

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| 1. Arbor Day | 8. Hospitality | 15. Sunshine |
| 2. Auditing | 9. Lyndale Park Garden | 16. Telephone/Email |
| 3. Awards/Trophies | 10. Membership | 17. Tours (Public) |
| 4. Flower, Food & Foto (FFF) | 11. Photography | 18. Tours (Club) |
| 5. Garden Spray | 12. Plant Auction | 19. Valleyfair |
| 6. Historian | 13. Publicity | 20. Youth gardening |
| 7. Holiday Party | 14. Scholarship | 21. On committee as needed |

I am willing to chair the _____ committee.

MGCM annual dues are \$10.00. If you wish to join the Minnesota State Horticulture Society (MSHS) through us, the dues are \$45.00 (\$10 + \$35) for a single membership or \$48.00 (\$10 + \$38) for a dual membership.

Are you a New member (Please see back) _____ or Renewal _____? MSHS: yes _____ no _____

Total paid by Check (payable to MGCM) \$ _____ or Cash \$ _____



Documentary of Recent Conifer Planting at the Lyndale Park Garden on August 26, 2009



We are ONE with the trees. ‘Mollie’s Pillar’ Barberry, ‘MT Gold Cone’ Juniper, ‘Sharla-Column’ Mugo Pine, ‘Kay-Groot’s Spire’ Arborvitae, ‘Techny Tim’ Arborvitae, ‘Wichita Rodg’ Juniper.



Rodg brings “Nord’east Donut Holes” from Sarah Jane’s Bakery--winner of the “TC Best Donuts” Award.



The trees are planted! MT Pulley, Tim Rosener, Rodg Sefelt, Mollie Dean, Tina Scott, Sharla Aaseng.



Minutes of the MGCM Board

Meeting date: June 2, 2009

Present: Denise Rust, Judy Berglund, Dave McKeen, Elizabeth Hamilton, Larry Larson, Elaine Spiegel, Don Untiedt, and Kay Wolfe.

Absent: Sharla Aaseng

The meeting was called to order by President, Denise Rust, and the agenda was passed out.

Andy Marlow was invited to report on a possible project for the club to produce two pilot programs about gardening to be featured on cable community television programming.

President's Report: A chairman for the FFF Show is still needed.

Vice President's Report: November and January meetings still have no planned programs. It was suggested that the gardener for Lakewood Cemetery be asked to speak at the November meeting and that Jason Rathe be asked to speak at the January meeting.

Recording Secretary's Report: Minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting were approved as printed in the Spray Newsletter.

Treasure's Report: The audit of the MGCM financial records for 2008 was completed and a copy was provided to each of the Board members. As of June the club has a working balance of \$5,732.62. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report as presented.

Membership Secretary's Report: The club has two new members, Judy Brooke and Dale Bachman.

Committee Updates:

Arbor Day: Trees for this year will be planted at the Lyndale Park Garden site.

Scholarship: \$1,000 available for scholarships this year.

Club Garden Tour: The club tour will be July 18th from noon to 5:00 PM and will feature 7 gardens.

Valley Fair: Valley Fair cancelled the planting day for 2009.

Old Business: The Member Handbook with By-Laws will be posted on the club's web site.

The Fundraising Tea put on by Kay Wolfe and committee raised \$520 for the Lyndale Park Garden and scholarships.

New Business: The motion was made and approved by the Board to proceed with the two pilot programs about gardening to be featured on cable community television programming. The Board believes the programs will be both educational and give name recognition to MGCM.

The Board approved the awarding of two \$500 scholarships in 2009.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1st at 7:00 PM at Larry Larson's.



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