

June Meeting Preview

Rose Garden Tour

We have a special treat for our regularly scheduled meeting this month -- an evening in the park. We will have box meals from Heather's and a short business meeting/announcements. To top it off, club member Andrew Gawboy from the Minneapolis Park Board Staff will take us on a tour of the Lake Harriet Rose Gardens. As you stroll through the park, you can also take a look at the Mixed Border Garden and Native/Shade Garden areas, maintained by our club committees. Here are the details:

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

**Lyndale Park Gardens/ Lake Harriet Rose Garden
4124 Roseway Road (aka Lake Harriet Parkway)
Minneapolis, MN 55409**

We will meet at the fountain just East of the Rose Garden. Please bring a chair or lawn blanket if you need one.

6:00 PM Picnic/Boxed Meal (RSVP, required. See below.)

6:45 PM Business Meeting

7:00 PM Tour of Rose Gardens

To reserve a boxed meal, choose your sandwich from the [attached list](#) and email [Linda Wilkins](#) or call 612-597-6200 to state your preference by Thursday, June 9, at 4:00 PM. The cost is \$14.00 which includes a boxed meal and water.

Watch your email for any announcements/changes due to weather.

Meet at this fountain in Lyndale Park.



From the President Mary Barsness

Happy June!

Boy what a difference a month has made regarding our weather. Plants are rapidly catching up from our cold late spring. I love the flowers that bloom in June, especially the tulips, peonies, and lilacs.

I would like to reflect on our recent plant sale. I hope most of you were able to make it to the sale. It was a FANTASTIC sale. I heard many great comments from shoppers regarding the quality, variety, and price of the plants. Hats off to the Plant Sale Committee and especially to Gary Geister and Mary Maynard. It takes a lot of planning to pull off an event of this size, and things went very smoothly. It was so nice to be able to see club members and put a face to some of our new members. Because of Covid I feel like I haven't gotten to know the new members from the past two years. The plant sale is a good indicator of just how strong our club is. Even after two long years of interruptions due to Covid, we were still able to come back together and pull off this great event. The strength of the club is really in our committed volunteers. I would encourage all new members to get involved in a committee or event. It is the best way to get to know other members.

In the next few months, the Nominating Committee will begin to look for members to step up and fill vacating roles on the Board. This next year we will need at a minimum to find a treasurer and a vice president. Please consider filling one of these roles. It really is not that much of a time commitment. The majority of the club work is done at the committee level, and as you have just witnessed by the plant sale, we have robust committees.

Happy Gardening!

Garden Tours Robert Kean, Chair

Progressive Garden Tour

Two member gardens will be visited on Tuesday evening, June 21: the gardens of Paul and Marsha Theis for appetizers/beverages, then progressing on to the gardens of Kathryn and Dave McKeen for desserts/beverages.

The Progressive Tour will operate a little differently this year. We are asking you to RSVP with what you will be bringing as a "potluck-type" offering. Additionally, there is an on-line registration system, [EventBrite](#), to sign-up for this event. Please refer to the [attached document](#) for these details.

July 10 Garden Tour

The Tour Committee is planning our second summer garden tour on Sunday, July 10, starting with lunch (at noon) at the garden of Roger and Kak Koopmans.

Save the date.

Additional details are being finalized and will be communicated in June along with registration information.

Annual Plant Sale Gary Geister, Chair

2022 Plant Sale Success: Thank you, Volunteers!

We had a very successful sale in May, thanks to the hard work and leadership of Chair Gary Geister and more than 50 volunteers from the club (plus some Master Gardeners).

For the first time ever, our sales exceeded \$20,000. People were lined up out the door when we opened at noon. We got good feedback on the quality, variety and prices of our plant materials.

Setup was a little frantic at times as we tried to remember how we did this at the last in-person sale three years ago. But we hung together and made it happen.

Thanks to everybody who volunteered, and thanks also to those who have suggested ways to improve for next year.

-- *Mary Maynard*

80th Anniversary Party Sandra Mangel, Chair



Don't miss the significant milestone of our club's 80th Anniversary on August 13. See [attached](#) for details.

-- *Becky DeLaCruz*

The Photo Contests

The [club website](#) now has the rules and suggestions in preparation for the July 31 deadline for the photo contests.

Once more, we say contests because we host two separate photo competitions. The digital contest is open to members and non-members of the club, while the People's Choice contest featuring prints is for members only. For both the digital contest and the People's Choice, all entries are due by July 31. Prints are voted through a ballot box at the site of the FFF show. The digital entries are judged by some of the photo committee members, and the winning entries are displayed during that August 20-21 show. Complete information on your entries is explicitly stated in the rules.

As we did last year, we hope that you get out and photograph your gardens, other people's gardens, woods and landscapes. Maybe you are even able to take some travel shots in Arizona, Lombardy, Oahu, or New Zealand before July 31.

-- Lloyd Wittstock

FFF show volunteers

We still are in need of volunteers for the Show, especially hosts for Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon, August 20 and 21. Call or email [Sue](#) or [Mary](#) to volunteer.

FFF Workshop

Also, exciting news about the upcoming FFF Workshop. Some of our most talented mentor gardeners and tough FFF Show competitors will give us hints on how to show off our exhibits to the best advantage.

Date/time: tentatively set for Tuesday, July 12, 7 PM - 9 PM

Location: Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum Reception Room
3600 Hennepin Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55408

For more details, see the [attached](#).

MWGCM continues with a record number of new members. The May Plant Sale was a terrific event for engaging new members in our club's community. Several volunteered and even more benefitted from purchasing plants. Thank you, Gary Geister (and JoAnne) for an amazing array of plants and Mary Maynard for helping welcome new volunteers.

Additionally, eight new members joined the day of the Plant Sale. Formal introductions for them will be done in coming months.

Please welcome this new member who joined recently.

JoAnn Cragoe said her love of gardening started with her dad's tomato plants. When she was first newly married, she grew flowers, especially cutting flowers. However, work always limited her time. Now, newly retired, JoAnn is taking on the yard full time. This is her first-year gardening without a job. She'll continue doing veggies like tomatoes, lettuce, herbs and cucumbers in the sunny area of her yard and in the shaded areas she uses planted pots. JoAnn was born and raised in St. Louis, MO, and came to us via Cece Keefe.

JoAnn would like to participate in the Lyndale Park Mixed Border Committee.

Every member bring a member

Board Meeting Highlights Sue Clark, Recording Secretary

Highlights from the May 3, 2022, Board Meeting:

The Board discussed plans for the upcoming 80th Anniversary Party and reviewed Zoom issues.

For a complete copy of the minutes, please see the [attached](#).

Treasurer's Snapshot Bill Clark, Treasurer

As of May 19, 2022

US Bank:

\$ 46,035.78

Royal Credit Deane Fund:

\$ 71,723.78

Total club funds:

\$117,759.56

2022 Meetings and Events

June 14

Rose Garden Tour
Andrew Gawboy
Lyndale Park Gardens

June 21

Club Member Progressive Garden
Tour

July 10

Club Summer Tour

August 13

80th Anniversary Party

August 20 and 21

Flower, Food & Foto Show
U of M Landscape Arboretum

September 13

Placing Plants
Diane McGann
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

October 11

Soil Action Summer to Fall
Bob Dahm
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

November 8

Feng Shui in the Garden
Carole Hyder
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

December

TBD

2022 Club Officers and Directors

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