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From the President Mary Barsness

Happy August

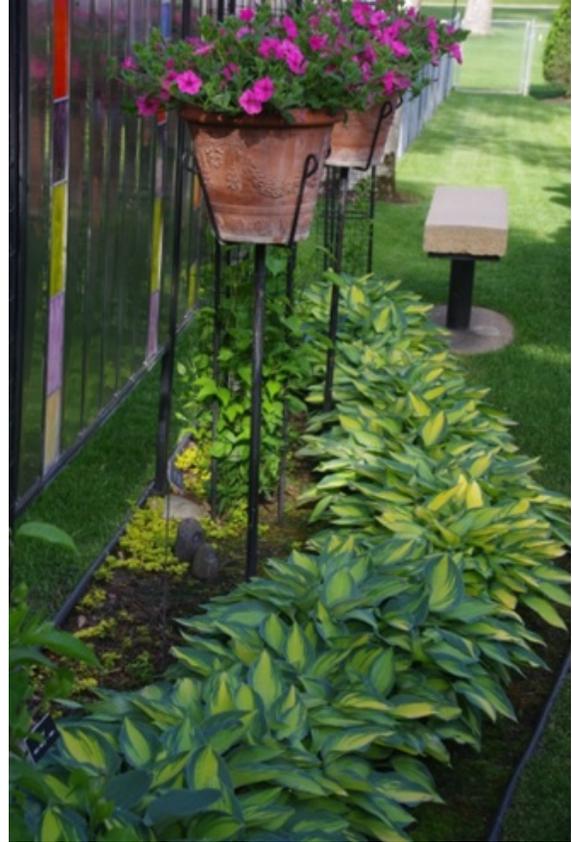
First a cold wet spring and now a drought. This year is putting our gardening skills to the test. A dear friend of mine gave me the book *Language of Flowers* by Kate Greenaway. This book has an extensive list of flowers, trees, and plants along with their meanings. I thought it would be fun to go into my garden and learn the meaning of some of my plants.

Aconite - Misanthropy, Angelica - Inspiration, Azalea - Temperance, Canterbury Bell - Acknowledgement, Cardinal Flower - Distinction, Clematis - Mental beauty, Coreopsis - Always cheerful, Daffodil - Regard, Dahlia - Instability, Daisy - Innocence, Dogwood - Durability, Eupatorium - Delay, Forget Me Not - True love, Speedwell - Facility, Geranium - Steadfast, Hellebore - Scandal, Hyacinth - Sport, game, play, Hydrangea - A boaster, Iris- Message, Ivy - Fidelity, Jacob's Ladder - Come down, Jasmine - Amiability, Lavender - Distrust, Lilac - First emotion of love, Daylily - Coquetry, Lily of the Valley - Return of happiness, Narcissus - Egotism, Peony - Shame, bashfulness, Periwinkle - Early friendship, Persicaria - Restoration, Phlox - Unanimity, Primrose - Early youth, Rudbeckia - Justice, Spiderwort - Esteem, Thistle - Austerity, Tulip - Fame, Virgin's Bower - Filial love, Zinnia - Thoughts absent friends.

I'm not sure if these flowers represent my personality or values but if they do, I need to get rid of Aconite as Misanthropy means the dislike of human kind!

Hope to see everyone at the Anniversary Party and the FFF Show.





80th Anniversary Party Sandra Mangel, Chair



MWGCM 80th Anniversary Garden Celebration

Saturday, August 13, 1 – 4 p.m.

Home of Bette and Curt Fenton, 426 Hollyhock Lane,
Hopkins

Mark your calendars and submit your reservations for an elegant afternoon celebration. The celebration is complimentary for current club members. Members may bring additional guests at a cost of \$35 per person.

Reservations are required and due by Saturday, August 6, either by USPS mail or email, even if you are not bringing a guest.

Use [this link](#) for full information, including driving/parking instructions, celebration schedule, and to access the registration form.

-- *Becky DeLaCruz*

Flower, Food and Foto Show

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,

Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

This is the final reminder for all club members to participate in the upcoming FFF show at the Minnesota Arboretum August 20 and 21. The FFF show is one of the ways we showcase our club and solicit new members. Please refer to our [website](#) for information on how to enter the FFF show or you can contact me, [Mary Barness](#), for assistance.

This year we are going to try something new. We will have the FFF display bottles available at the Anniversary Party on August 13. If you desire, you can pick up some bottles and prepare your entries at home. There will also be bottles available, as usual, the morning of the show.

I want to share my personal experience with entering the FFF show for the first time. I was a fairly new member and didn't know many people in the club. I grow a lot of hostas, so I decided to enter a few. When I got to the Arboretum that morning with my few hosta leaves, I really didn't know what to do. Instantly a seasoned member stepped right up and help me with my entries. That year, I think I received a few ribbons, but more importantly, I felt like I had become part of the club! So please enter something in the FFF show. You will learn a lot and become better connected to the club. If you don't have something to enter, please come to the FFF Show and support your fellow club members.

-- *Mary Barness*





Lyndale Park Gardens/Native and Shade Gardens Carol Schreier and Mary Helebrant, Co-chairs

On Friday, July 22, a large mulberry tree limb came crashing down on the three crab apple trees in the shade garden. Kirky Otto was showing the native/shade gardens to visiting friends when she heard a “crack” and then a “crash.” Fortunately, they were in front of the garden and were able to make a speedy retreat and no one was hurt. The limb was one trunk of a double trunk tree. There was evidence of some rot in the trunk that fell. Climate change and drought conditions appear to be contributors.

Park board employees and foresters were quick to respond. This committee will have extra clean-up on our usual Wednesday in the gardens. It was painful to see the three crab apples severely pruned. The shade garden will now have an area of sun, and it will need to be replanted. Hmm, maybe some white Culver's root and pink campanula or perhaps blue-stemmed goldenrod. As we all know this has been a tough summer for our thirsty gardens. Getting crushed by falling tree limbs was definitely not part of our plans.

--Carol Schreier

Membership Corner Chair open

We are saying thank you and farewell to Tami Hagen who is stepping down from the club's Membership Secretary role. Until this vital position is filled, the MWGCM Board Members, with Kathy Lenarz in the lead, will be filling the gap. We'd also like to thank new members Linda Minch and Meg Kosowski, who have generously volunteered to assist in making new member name badges and maintaining the badge box for our meetings. We truly appreciate their volunteer time.

Welcome to new members joining in July: Laurie Foerster, Erik Peterson, Mary Windhorst, and Winifred Wu. Watch the *Spray* for more detailed introductions in the future.

This month, we would like to introduce **Meg Kosowski**.

Meg loved watching marigold flowers come up from seed when she was a child. Her mom grew plants in pots and Meg's grandma had the best heucheras. These days, Meg has gone wild with her garden size, interests and skills. Her yard is a garden with native prairie perennials as well as apple, cherry and dark red maple trees. She maintains a "bee lawn" with spiderwort, clover, cone flower, brown-eyed susan, daisies, cosmos, meadow rue and columbine to name a few. Meg has an extensive grow room to plant from seed over winter. Her inspiration for joining garden club is learning what other people are growing and how to be a good steward of the many bees she keeps. Meg expressed interest in the Arbor Day and Plant Sale Committees.

-- Kathy Lenarz

Every member bring a member

Deane Fund Mary Barsness, Chair



This snapping turtle (circled at left) laid eggs in an area we had just worked on. The is part of the area that the Deane Grant originally funded, and I thought it would be fun to include.

I let Sherry and Kait Ryan know about the turtle, which set off activities such that we now have a turtle box to protect the eggs at the site (see image below).

-- Paul Waytz



Website Committee Kate Ladner, Chair

Garden Club of Minneapolis – *A Garden Club for Everyone*

Our last Website Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 27. It was the day after the Pride Festival and a week of news and media focused on LGBTQ+ history and events. During the meeting the topic of the garden club's name came up – Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis. Why is the name gendered? This seems contrary to our motto – *A Garden Club for Everyone*, and contrary to the idea of the club embracing people from all backgrounds.

Most of you know the origins of the name, and the controversy over the years about changing it. But for those who don't, The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis was started in 1942, as a male-only club affiliated with the Men's Garden Club of America. It wasn't until 1989 when the club started to accept women members. But the name did not change until 2012. After **three** tries to change the name and much rancor, we became The Men's **and** Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis.

I am fairly new to the club, joining in 2018, and have loved getting to know our fabulous club members and participating in club events, but the name has always bothered me. The Twin Cities feels like such a progressive metro area, yet keeping gender part of the club's name does not seem very inclusive. I know this topic brings up many emotions but I wanted to voice my opinion. There is such a lovely tradition tied to the name and the club, but at some point we need to embrace the current culture of inclusivity as our club continues to grow and flourish.

Board Meeting Highlights Sue Clark, Recording Secretary

Highlights from the July 5 Board Meeting:

Our Club has seen a recent increase in membership with 28 new members. And with the current Membership Chair's resignation, the Board discussed ways of strengthening the Membership Committee and recruiting talent for Chair and potential Co-Chair.

The Board also discussed other upcoming events and issues.

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

Treasurer's Snapshot Bill Clark, Treasurer

As of July 21, 2022

US Bank: \$ 38,807.45

Royal Credit Deane Fund: \$ 71,723.78

Total club funds:

\$110,531.23

2022 Meetings and Events

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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