



# The Garden Spray

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## April Event: Macy's-Bachman's Flower Show



Tuesday, April 6th, 2010

Note: this is the first Tues. in April

**Place:** Macy's Oak Grill Restaurant, on the 12th floor of the downtown Mpls. Store.

**Time:** 5:30 Seating, drinks, and conversation.  
6:00 Dinner is served. (Please arrive by 6 PM or earlier.)

6:20 Dale Bachman will speak on how his team designed the show.

6:50 Leave banquet room for 8th floor Flower Show.

8:00 Macy's store closes. (Must exit store by 8:20.)

**Cost:** \$30 per person, all inclusive.  
Reservations required.

Each Meal Selection Includes: Beverage, Warm Popover, Choice of Entrée, and Dessert. Also included are Tax, Gratuity, and free parking voucher!

"Spring is in the Air" is the theme of the 2010 Macy's Flower Show with Flowers by

Bachman's. The 8th floor auditorium of Macy's downtown Minneapolis store will be transformed into a wonderland of spectacular gardens. Dale Bachman will give us an insider's view of how he and his design team created the show.

THE PERMANENT RESERVATION LIST IS NOT IN EFFECT FOR THIS EVENT. AT THIS WRITING, ONLY 6 SPACES ARE LEFT FOR THE DINNER IN THE BANQUET ROOM AT THE OAK GRILL. PHONE CAROLE ANN BREKKE AT 952-435-6029 BEFORE YOU SEND A CHECK TO SEE IF THERE IS SPACE AVAILABLE.

**IF RESERVATIONS ARE FULL, OR IF YOU PREFER NOT TO HAVE DINNER, JOIN US TO TOUR THE FLOWER SHOW AT 7 PM.**

**Anyone can eat in the Oak Grill Restaurant independent of the group.**

# Thoughts from the Prez:



*by Don Untied*

Welcome to the nine new members that were recognized and inducted into MGCM membership March 9! We hope that each of you comes to enjoy your associations with our group of “green thumbs.”

It was clear at the March meeting that members have a keen interest about water issues in our society, and how new government policies are likely to impact our water budget. Our own presenter Tim Malooly was able to bring the national water issues right into our understanding of recent actions in some of our Twin Cities municipalities. Tim also demonstrated in an impressive power point presentation accompanied by many exhibits some of the things we can do achieve greater water efficiency with our irrigation systems for our yards and gardens. Thank you Tim.

The new Minnesota State law (State Statute 115A.931 YARD WASTE PROHIBITION) requires that we use compostable bags for our yard waste. The law was written to keep black plastic out of composting facilities, which creates an organic waste stream free of plastic. Compostable bags include; Kraft paper bags or compostable plastic bags that are usually clear or a tinted shade of green, white, or pink. However, the color is not a sure way of determining the compostability of a plastic bag, according to my yard waste sanitation company Randy’s of Delano. Not all bags marked “biodegradable” or “degradable” meet the state law. Most home improvement, grocery, and hardware stores carry compostable bags. If you don’t see them at your local store, ask an employee. Many stores

are just learning of this requirement and may appreciate the request.

Have you ever wondered why we all garden a little differently? This winter I read Christopher Lloyd’s “The Well-Tempered Garden” which gave me an explanation. Lloyd wrote “Gardening is one of those creative activities that produce an enjoyable sensation of achievement. It is so many-sided that even if we all started off with similar rectangular plots, the end-products would be completely different. Temperament decides whether we prefer to grow what we can eat or what we can simply look at with pleasure; whether we concentrate on attaining a prescribed standard of perfection in individual specimens like chrysanthemums and onions, or whether we are plants men, with a love of plants for their own sake regardless of size or sophistication; whether it is the arrangement of plants and relating them to one another and to their setting that fascinates us, or whether their propagation and the bringing of new plants into the world has us hooked. Let’s appreciate our diversity and enjoy each others creativity.



## *A Note from the Editor*

By Mary Maynard

Wow! Suddenly it's spring! I have turned on my heated light bench and potted up a few cannas. Seed packets are piling up, and I've just filled out my order form for plants to pick up at our sale. And the days are now longer than the nights! I love this time of the year, even though there's a fair amount of back-breaking work in the months ahead.

We've had a couple of terrific presentations by members these past months. I've always been impressed with the talents of our membership. Thanks, Jason and Tim!

I always look forward to the Bachmans/Macy's show. It's been a while since we had a dinner downtown before visiting the show. Thanks to Kay and her committee for reviving this tradition. I love getting off the elevator at the 8th floor and being greeted by the fragrance of the hyacinths! See you there!

Mary

## Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
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April 6th 6:00 p.m.	Macy/Bachman	Flower Show Dinner at Macy's Oak Grill
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May 11th 4:30 p.m.	Plant Sale and Auction	WLC
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June 12th 1:00 p.m.	Outdoor Program	Garden of Betty Ann Addison/Springbrook/Don and Jim's
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July 10 & 11	Public Garden	Tour
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Aug 7th	Club	Tour
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Aug 21 & 22 Sat/Sun	FFF/MN	Arboretum
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LHC = Lake Harriet Church (4901 Chowen Ave. S., Minneapolis)

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church



## ❁ MARCH PROGRAM ❁



New members were inducted in a fun presentation  
L to R: Russ Henry, Ray & Joanne Bauch, Jake Reber



Tim Malooley, Jean Strande,  
Russ Henry again



Nancy Simpson, Stephanie  
Haugan, Tim again



At the March program, Tim Malooley updated members on changing laws and values about water and how we each can be more water-conscious.



## ***Spring into the Garden with Blooms Day 2010***

Please join Metro Blooms as we kick off the gardening season with one of the most celebrated spring garden events in Minneapolis. Blooms Day returns on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Kenny Community School, 5720 Emerson Avenue South, Minneapolis. The event is free.

The program begins at 9:00 a.m. with a keynote address from Teri Knight, a Dakota Master Gardener and former host of "Garden Bite" on 102.9 LITE FM. Terry will address this year's Blooms Day theme: "Beauty Boosters." An awards ceremony honoring top Minneapolis gardeners will follow Teri Knight's keynote speech. The popular Blooms Day plant sale follows the awards program. This year's sale will feature native perennial plants with a selection of Rusty Schmidt's favorite raingarden plants.

Hosted by Metro Blooms, formerly Minneapolis Blooms, this year's event will also feature four FREE 25-minute seminars on (1) designing for foliage, (2) garden design styles, (3) fast landscape plantings in the aftermath of emerald ash borer, and (4) raingarden maintenance. These mini-seminars will take place throughout the morning.

Representatives from Metro Blooms, plant societies, the Hennepin County Master Gardeners, and garden/landscape businesses will be on hand to answer your questions. Enjoy refreshments while perusing silent auction items and shopping at exhibitor booths.

For more information about Blooms Day 2010, visit [www.metroblooms.org](http://www.metroblooms.org).

*Metro Blooms is a nonprofit education and membership organization of gardeners and community volunteers, dedicated to ecologically friendly gardening education and the celebration of gardeners in the metropolitan Twin Cities. Our mission is to promote and celebrate gardening, to beautify our communities and help heal and protect our environment.*



## Minutes of the MGCM Board

### Summary of MGCM Board meeting on March 1, 2010

Attending: Kay Wolfe, Sharla Asseng, Jason Rathe, Dave McKeen, Maury Lindblom, Andy Marlow, Jan Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Vice-President, Kay Wolfe.

The agenda was presented and approved.

The February minutes were approved.

#### Officer Reports

\* Treasurer Dave McKeen reported that Dave Johnson (Fridley) is helping with the 2009 audit. Dave presented the February report. All budgets are in order. The report was received and filed.

\* Vice-President Kay Wolfe discussed menu options from Macy's Oak Grill for the April dinner trip to the Flower Show. Three choices including a vegetarian menu are available. The cost will be \$30 and is all inclusive. Reservations must be in 5 days before the event. Kay also reported that the June meeting will be an outdoor trip on Saturday the 12th to Betty Addison's Gardens of Rice Creek.

\* Membership Secretary Sharla Asseng reported that we currently have a total membership of 93 plus one prospective member who has committed to membership. When the membership reaches 100 we can select another honorary member.

#### Committee reports

\* Flower, Food and Foto met February 23. Details were decided and judges and clerks were named. Photos are mostly submitted digitally. It was suggested that the winning pictures should be printed and posted on a board for viewing by the public. It was agreed to do this depending on funding.

\* Park Garden committee - The steering committee will meet in March. The committee "Kick-off" event and garden cleanup will be in April.

\* TV committee met March 1. They are nearly ready to put 3 shows together. Three long features are finished and they are working on short ones.

#### Old business

\* A prospective caterer will serve a few meetings.

\* Dave McKeen will provide an herb pot for Chad and Tricia.

\* We have had several visitors responding to publicity in the StarTribune and Southwest Journal. We need to be sure to start programs at 7:30 as advertised so they don't miss the beginning. The board agreed to move the social table to the center of the room between the dining and seating areas. Brochures, membership materials, and other information about the club will be available on that table before and after the meeting.

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#### **New business**

\* Many suggestions for improving membership and attendance were discussed. The membership committee is updating materials and methods of integrating new members into the club. New members will be introduced in The Garden Spray.

\* It was also felt that we need to update the "visual identity" on club materials. Kay appointed Jason Rathe, Sharla Aaseng, and Andy Marlow to a marketing committee to work on this with a goal of having the new materials ready for the Public Tour.

Here is the long-awaited list of plants that can be pre-ordered for pickup at the MGCM May plant sale/auction. Instructions are on the first page. If you have any questions, please call Doug Whitney at 612-724-8034.

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## **SUBMIT YOUR PRE-ORDER PLANT REQUESTS**

### **for the Men's Garden Club Plant Sale!**

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## THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER

New Member Profiles:

### Stephanie Haugan

Stephanie got serious about gardening ten years ago. Like many of us, after her children grew up time opened up to nurture plants and work the soil. She particularly enjoys container gardening and designs with an eye for vibrant color combinations while incorporating a variety of textures. She fed her passion for blooms by studying floral design at Koehler and Dramm under Ardith Beveridge. Stephanie's artistic talents could make her a serious competitor at the Food Flower Foto show this year. When Stephanie isn't indulging her gardening interests she's reading, biking, socializing with friends and family, and enjoying nature walks. You may also catch up with her shopping for plants and produce at the St. Paul Farmers' Market.

### Joy Chall

Joy's appreciation for the natural world is innate, having grown up north of St. Cloud near the Mississippi River. She snapped up the family home up north when it became available and gardens there as well as at her home in St. Louis Park. A butterfly garden is one of Joy's newest gardening pleasures. Joy's latest interests are the vibrant colors and endless varieties of dahlias. She expects to learn more about their culture and introduce them into her gardens this season. Creating a vegetable garden up is on her to-do list for her northern garden this season as soon as she figures out a feasible way to reach it with a water source. Joy also has a high interest in gardening photography and preserves the best of her blooms in artful photographs.

### A Personal Thank you

*I just wanted to give a heartfelt thank you to all MGCM members for their support at the time of my dad's death in January. I've tried to thank everyone personally, but I may have missed some. Many sent cards, many sent memorials for the park garden project. Some sent plants, some called. Some came to dad's memorial service. It was so comforting to come home each day after making the tough decisions that have to be made when we lose a family member, and there I would find about 5 cards in the mail—every day, 5 cards. This happened for almost a week—and the vast majority were from my MGCM friends. It felt like a warm cushion of unspoken support was there, every single day. Thank you so much.*

Kay Wolfe



## **FFF Featured Vegetable Herbs**

As you may recall, each year we put the focus on one flower and one vegetable at the Flower, Food and Foto (FFF) Show. This year, the featured vegetable is (drum roll.....) herbs!

Herbs are typically sun-loving plants, easily grown in containers or in the garden, and rarely bothered by disease or pests. Most herbs thrive when trimmed frequently, so plant a little parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme (or basil, or lemon balm, or chives or mint), clip a stem here and there for cooking through the summer, and then bring your entries to the FFF Show in August.

Herbs from three classes in the Show Schedule will be considered for the Featured Vegetable ribbon. Class 35 calls for 3 stems of one variety, all in one vase or bottle. Class 36 calls for a collection of 5 different named varieties -- each staged in a separate bottle. And Class 37 calls for one or more herbs growing in a container.

If you've never participated in the FFF Show, I encourage you to give it serious thought. It is a lot of fun!



## 2010 MACYS FLOWER SHOW WITH GARDENS BY BACHMANS.

Spring will be in full bloom at Macy's Downtown Minneapolis when the store's eighth floor auditorium transforms into an incredible floral wonderland filled with brilliant colors, textures and the sweet smell of the season. This year's theme – Spring is in the Air – will reach new horizons with incredible elements and unique additions taking the show sky high.

This year's Flower Show marks a celebration of vibrantly colored blooms, perfectly plotted plants and the launch of a new centerpiece – a magnificent hot air balloon that reaches two stories high and features a gondola filled with spectacular spring flowers and greenery. The whimsical aircraft will be a theme throughout the indoor floral fantasyland, including a photo opportunity site where guests can have their picture taken by a professional photographer and purchase it as a Flower Show keepsake. Thousands of flowers, trees, shrubs and plants will grace the gardens at this year's Flower Show. While oversized butterflies and dragonflies buzz- about, a myriad of kites and bi-planes will fly high above visitors throughout the show.

“Each year, Macy's signals the optimism and renewal that is the promise of a new season with its Spring Flower Show – an epic event that transforms the store with a vast, rolling landscape of breathtaking color,” says Robin Hall, Macy's executive producer of the annual event. “Macy's Flower Show is a massive undertaking involving a year of planning and preparation, and an army of talented people who lovingly gather, transport and plant tens of thousands of brilliant plants and exotic trees to bring the spring season into full flower.”

Macy's is thrilled to once again partner with Bachman's to truly bring to life this year's Flower Show theme - Spring is in the Air. Bachman's has been a partner of the annual floral event since its inception in 1960. “This year's Flower Show promises to be a most welcome colorful, fragrant, and fun introduction to spring,” says Dale Bachman, chairman and CEO of Bachman's. “There will be an abundance of colorful plants and flowers from around the country, together with many plants that can be successfully grown in Minneapolis and St. Paul landscapes.”

Macy's eighth floor auditorium will bloom with breathtaking flowers and unique plant-life arrangements comprising 10 distinct gardens spanning 12,000 square feet. In addition, this spring spectacle will feature fixtures of flight – bugs, birds, bi-planes and balloons.

Other show highlights include:

- \* A custom-built aviary featuring eight live birds: (1) Paradise Whydah Finch (1) Canary (2) Lady Gouldian Finches (2) Blue-Cap Waxbill Finches and (2) Zebra Finches.
- \* A fanciful beehive garden featuring an oversized hive swarming with topiary bees amongst an assortment of Freesia and Lilies.
- \* A woodland garden with a Buckthorn gazebo and wishing well delightfully surrounded by an array of Roses, Rhododendrons and Blue Cineraria.
- \* A magical forest garden featuring three oversized trees embellished with Tree Ferns among a bed of giant mushrooms graced with Hemlocks, Selaginellas,

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Azaleas and Makado Fiber Optic Grass.

\* A trapeze garden adorned with classic planters that take flight filled with lush floral arrangements.

\* A charming fountain garden featuring a ceramic globe infinity fountain encased by tulips, magnolias and azaleas.

*Another Highlight: Don't miss the 10 foot high "Bouquet of the Day" on Macy's first floor!! Four master floral designers from Bachman's will showcase their individual artistry when each creates a one-of-a-kind floral-themed masterpiece known as Bouquet of the Day. Inspired by this year's theme, Spring is in the Air, these remarkably unusual designs will exemplify the personal style of each designer and highlight some of the most dazzling floral displays ever to be seen in Minneapolis. Sure to be a spectator favorite, the Bouquet of the Day will stand nearly 10-feet high and be featured in the main aisle in the Cosmetics department on the first floor. The following master floral designers will be spotlighted in Bouquet of the Day: Scott Ellingboe, Dan Kotecki, Pam Farrell and Diane Enge. Each display will rotate every three days throughout the duration of the show.*



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