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TOM TENNANT
OWNER AND FOUNDER
OUT BACK NURSERY INC



Tuesday January 12, 2010

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

Mr. Tennant, an appreciative observer of our natural world, started growing Minnesota native plants as part of his landscaping business in about 1992 from the need of others wanting to do more natural projects. The business tag line: "Where Ecology and Horticulture Unite" (TM) pretty much sums up the business's challenge relating these two schools of thought which can seemingly, at times be like "oil and water" at first glance.

Uniting Ecology and Horticulture in every day and every way.

OR

How we can work with simple natural processes for a healthier environment.

We will discuss the natural interactions of Soil, Water, Air, Plants and Organisms and how these parts work together sustaining life on levels both obvious and deeper, every part equal in power and importance to the whole.

A Note from the Editor

Thanks to everyone for the great contributions to this chockful issue! Have a stupendous 2010 in the garden and out!

Jason Rathe

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:



by Don Untied

2010 is here – Happy New Year!

Garden catalogues are arriving – MGCM members are I suspect starting to plan the spring and summer gardens.

It is the time of year too for change and resolutions. Your newly elected board is working hard to present enticing programs and meaningful MGCM committee offerings. When we meet January 12 please be prepared to tell those at your dinner table what you would like to do to make our MGCM better in 2010.

Cheers to Elaine and the MGCM Holiday Party Committee for the nice December party. In that this was the first holiday party that I attended I must confess I was taken back to be adorned with the club's turkey colors! Perhaps my coloring turned a little red that night?

Turkey thoughts take me back to my memories growing up on the farm, as well as working with farmers as their County Agent for 30 years. There exists a Divine partnership between God and man that is wonderfully depicted in the following story. I believe every gardener too will identify.

Pray to God but row to shore.--Proverb

A young minister was driving through the countryside when he spotted a farmer tilling 40 acres of magnificent farmland. The minister pulled over and addressed the farmer, "God has certainly blessed you with a wonderful piece of land." The farmer replied, "Yes, but you should have seen the mess it was in when God had it to

Himself!"

Working together, we and spirit form an unbeatable combination. Neither can succeed without the other. Just as nature provided the land but needed the farmer to till the soil, spirit needs us to bring about heaven on earth. Let us work together as Divine partners to fulfill this promise.

I am already missing Past President Denise's interesting inspiring columns. We will also miss the services of Elaine, Elizabeth, and Judy as Directors. Special thanks to each.

TREASURER REPORT

CD	\$ 5,000.00
Checking	\$ 6,099.89
Designated funds	
Memorial (Park Garden) Fund	\$ 961.21
Scholarship Fund	\$ 120.00
Working Balance	\$ 5018.68

MGCM HOLIDAY PARTY 2009 Recap

By Elaine Spiegel



Our holiday party on December 8th had many firsts for MGCM. The 1st time we were not on the 1st Tuesday. The 1st time we tried for music during Social/Appetizer/Silent Auction time and the 2nd time we didn't have entertainment at the end of the evening. This lack of entertainment at end of evening was part budget and partly to see...if the weather was bad, members would enjoy leaving earlier.

In spite of the weather 65 out of 68 members and guest arrived. All committee members were present. It truly was a joy to be with our MGCM members. The general feeling of friendship and camaraderie was felt throughout the evening.

The Turkey Parade, as usual, was a success. Don Untiedt, incoming president, was very surprised.

The Program by Maxine Coldren was a "gem"; last year we began remembering those who have passed on. Decorations created by Randi Larson and crew were lovely and festive. Larry & Randi Larson contributed new lights for the tree. Name Tags from Maxine Coldren were typed and very readable. Social time mixed with the Silent Auction is always fun. Thank you Jan Johnson for appetizers and coordination.

Suzanne Holt and extended Silent Auction group out-did themselves. Everything fell into place beautifully. Thank you.

Andy Marlow jumped in to be MC. Pastor Christiansen, once again did the invocation. Awards Presentation was beautifully handled by Chuck Carlson, Mary Maynard and others.

Our dinner was excellent, once again.

Unfortunately, Raenay Hendrickson – professional

Harpist, was not able to be with us for 2 hours (early in the evening); her van had rolled into a ditch at 3 pm (it was totaled). Luckily, her harp was not with her. Dave Johnson (Fridley) had donated her performance...which he had won at a drawing. If possible, Raenay will try to perform for MGCM this summer at Members Garden Tour.

I think Silent Auction had some of the BEST VARIETY OF ITEMS. There were more handcrafted and home made items. Don Trocke's 3 animal large lawn ornaments were wonderful, especially the raccoon. Other handworking items are loved. Larry Larson donated a \$50 gift card for Tonkadale Nursery and Charles Benson offered a rag rug, made by him. Judy Berglund brought many different items; the lovely boxed candy with liquor were well received. It simply wouldn't be MGCM Silent Auction without the delicious foods from Lee Shannon or photo greeting cards, that we love.

New member, Tim Malooly, showed us new items for Irrigation System Rain Sensors and a new product for use of water called Smart Controller which were very interesting.

Silent Auction Sales: There was a lower amount this year - \$617.00. In past years, there were more items including more gift cards and higher priced minimum bids. Last year, due to budget, we put all of the large poinsettia and wreaths into Silent Auction which enabled us to raise over \$1,000. The committee voted to go back to the "Drawing" for all of them and the 10 pairs of entry passes to the MN. Arboretum. All small poinsettias were given to members, as usual.

I give a very special thanks to my total Holiday Holiday Party Committee. Without E-mail and their coming forward it could not have

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PREVIEW OF PROGRAMS FOR 2010

By Kay Wolfe



Happy New Year to everyone! It is the start of a new decade—and the theme for our programs for 2010 is “Gardening in the ‘10’s”! What is new in the gardening world? What challenges will we gardeners be facing in the next decade?

We will start the year with three very interesting speakers for our dinner meeting programs. In January we will hear from Tom Tennant of Outback Nursery, the feature article in this issue. In February, our speaker will be club member Jason Rathe. Jason has his own full-service landscape company. Jason is particularly interested in the planting and design philosophies of some of the European garden designers, like Piet Oudolf and Henk Gerritson. These designers work with diverse groups of perennials and plant in a naturalistic style. For winter fun, go to www.oudolf.com and watch the slides go by! Or check out their books from the library. And in March, we will hear club member Tim Malooly. Tim is an irrigation consultant, and can help us learn to do more with less water. Read about his company at www.watermotion.com. Tim designed the Waterosity exhibits at the Arboretum this past summer, and he received the 2008 WaterSense Partner for Irrigation Award from the EPA.

In April we will make our usual trek to Macy’s to see real flowers at the Macy-

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Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
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January 12th 6:30 p.m.	LHC	Tom Tennant - Out Back Nursery
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February 9th 6:30 p.m.	LHC	Jason Rathe, Field Outdoor Spaces
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March 9th 6:30 p.m.	LHC	Tim Malooly, Irrigation Consultants and Control
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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

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Bachman's Flower Show. This year we are going to return to eating downtown! I am negotiating dinner plans with the Oak Grill restaurant on the 12th floor of the downtown Macy's store. Mark that date on your calendars.

May will be our plant sale and auction, the date set is May 11. Please note that this is one week later than our usual calendar—it will be held after Mother's Day.

And in June we are planning an outdoor program instead of an indoor dinner meeting. The June event will be held on Saturday, June 12, starting at 1 PM. We will take a tour of the personal garden of Betty Ann Addison, former owner of Rice Creek Gardens. Betty Ann's new venture is called "Gardens of Rice Creek". At her home she grows many of the varieties that she has developed over the years, and sells little plants as well. In mid-June, the lady slippers should be in bloom, as well as many of her rhododendron cultivars. Check out some of the specimens at www.gardensofricecreek.com. From her home garden, we will go visit Springbrook Nature Center, where she designed a new Meditation Garden. And to end the day, we have been invited to the home and garden of Don Untiedt and Jim McKee, where we will tour and have supper. It should be a beautiful day. Mark your calendars now—Saturdays in June get very busy!

This schedule of the first six months gets us to the summer tours season! Our new program committee will determine the next year of activities, so stay tuned!

Kay Wolfe
VP of Programs



happened. Below, you will read – how many members made this beautiful occasion possible.

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David McKeen: Delivery of Decorations: – wonderful member

Mary Maynard & Phil Erwin: Storage of Decorations for almost 6 months (when the Spiegel home was put up for sale...still not sold)

Randi Larson: Decorations Coordinator + David McKeen, Don & Geri Trocke, Chuck Benson and our always present Delores Johnson

Delores Johnson: Coordinator with Bachman's

Jan Johnson: Coordinator for Appetizers and Purchasing

Suzanne Holt: Silent Auction Coordinator and purchasing + Chuck Benson, Jake Reber & Judy Berglund

Reservations Coordination AND Silent Auction Bid / List Typing: Margaret Landry

Program and Name Tags: Maxine Coldren

Jane Sheedy: Publicity, who graciously offered to help again – this starts early

Holly Gustafson & Melba Gustafson: Collectors at the end of Silent Auction

Don & Geri Trocke: Who always show up and do what ever is necessary

Carol Schrier: Helps in any way possible



MGCM HOLIDAY PARTY



Pictures (clockwise from top-left): Dave Johnson and Maury Lindblom; Kay with the Turkey; Bob and Mavis Voigt; Andy Marlow and the chocolate factory; The hospitality center M. Pulley and Janice Johnson; Movers and Shakers; New President Don Untiedt with the trappings of the office.

AWARDS FOR THE 2009 HOLIDAY PARTY

The following is a list of the awards given at the Holiday club party and a bit of history of the awards.

The first four awards are for the FFF Show. You might ask what does FFF stand for? At one time we were looking to have an upgrade on the show. It was called the Flower Show but it was more than that. It is a show that shows flowers, vegetables and Photos. To give it flair we decided to call it the Food, Flowers & Fotos Show. That's Photos spelled with an F. There are Four Trophies involved in the show.

Blackbourn Trophy

This is a trophy that is a memorial to Albert R Blackbourn. He was a Publisher of business-record books. It started being awarded in 1962.

This is awarded to the member who accumulates the most points in the flower competition at the FFF Show. This year it is awarded to Mary Maynard. This is the 9th time she has won this award. It really shows her dedication to the FFF show. I know she won't quit showing but she wants someone else to bring in a lot of winning entries so she doesn't have to carry this home every December.



Mary Maynard and the FFF trophy, emcee Chuck Carlson



Foley Trophy

The Foley trophy is a memorial to Tom Foley a long time member of the club. This Trophy is awarded to the member who accumulates the most points in the vegetable competition at the FFF Show. The first year this was awarded was 1963.

It is awarded this year to Judy Berglund.



Judy Berglund is awarded the Vegetable Sweepstakes award

Smith Trophy

The Smith Trophy was in memorial to Robert L. Smith. Robert was the brother of Russ Smith who died suddenly in late 1985 at age 49. Andy Marlow was President at the time and the board decided it would go to the best first time exhibitor at the Flower and Vegetable Show. They used memorial money people sent to the club in Robert's name to purchase the trophy. The first award winner was Kent Petterson in 1986. The trophy this year is awarded to the best first time exhibitor who accumulated the most points at the FFF Show.

It is awarded to Don Unteidt.

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Photo Award

In 1963 Lee Gillian gave this trophy to the club because he felt that the photographers needed to be to be recognized for their efforts. It is awarded to the competitor who accumulates the most points in photography competitions at the FFF Show. A little history about this award is that there was one person, Henry Orfield, who was such a good photographer that he was awarded the trophy 6 times.

This year it is awarded to Judy Berglund



Judy Berglund is given the Photo contest trophy

Lehman Trophy

The trophy was provided by and named for Dick Lehman, Kak Koopmans' late father. Ruth and E.C. ("Dick") Lehman started a business in Faribault selling plants from their home garden. In 1934 they added greenhouses and started mail order sales of hardy perennials. Dick was an outstanding peony breeder and also provided a market for garden chrysanthemums introduced by the University of Minnesota's breeding program. The first time it was awarded was 1962

The Lehman Trophy goes to the Best Garden on the Summer Club Tour as determined by the Tour Committee. This year it is awarded by Fridley Dave Johnson to Carole Schrier



Dave Johnson of Fridley awards Carol Schreier the Tour Award



Kent Petterson and scholarship winner Lucy Densmore

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Outstanding Service Medal

(Text of presentation by Bob Voigt)



I am pleased to speak on behalf of last year's Outstanding Service medal winner, Archie Caple, who is unable to be with us tonight.

The responsibility to determine this award requires the previous five years' winners to evaluate the activities of all club members who are involved in the various garden club projects and services. The committee consists of Bob Livingston, Roger Koopmans, Stanley Crist, Archie Caple and me. We accepted this opportunity very seriously.

Our selection is an individual who has been an active member for more than 20 years and has served very generously with giving time, energy and enthusiasm. He has great knowledge of roses, annuals, perennials and vegetables. He is also noted for starting geraniums from cuttings. His extensive knowledge also includes making maple syrup from his own trees on his land in northern Minnesota.

This year's awardee has also been active in the Club's Plant Auction Committee since joining the club in 1986. He has often chaired this committee. Each year he has actively secured plants to be auctioned, requested donations from members, enthusiastically encouraged bidding, and helped secure funds for the club's activities. He has also been a member of the Fragrance Garden Committee and his garden has often been on the summer garden tour. He received the Lehman Trophy in 1991 for the outstanding garden on the tour that year. If the award could be given more than once he would be eligible. He has also entered beautiful specimens in our club's annual Flower, Food and Foto show.

The City of Brooklyn Park has a program to recognize residents for their gardening efforts for neighborhood beautification. Both our awardee and his wife received first place joint recognition for their participation in city wide summer blossom programs.

Within the Men's Garden Club the awardee has served as member of several other committees, a member of the Board of Directors, Vice President in 1995 and President in 1996, and he continues to be a friend and mentor for all who recognize his broad knowledge of gardening. He is also a Master Gardener, an achievement level of only 14 members of our club.

His quiet demeanor is even more appreciated as you get to know him and feel his enthusiastic support and willingness to help others in their quest for more enjoyable gardening.

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's Outstanding Service Award to an individual who has given outstanding, sustained service to the Club for many years BOB STEPAN.



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The Rookie of the Year

This award started in 1974 and awarded to give those individuals who in their first year have given extra service to the club. The board selects the winner of this award

The 2009 winners will be awarded a certificate by President Denise Rust. The winners are Maxine Coldren and Jane Sheedy



Rookie of the Year Jane Sheedy

President's Cup

Dr. Cohen's children donated the President's Cup as a memorial to him when he died. Dr. Cohen was one of the 20 founding fathers of the club. We don't think he ever served as President and, of course, never received the President's Cup. T. Z. Krumm was the first winner in 1965.

The "President's Cup" is awarded by the outgoing president to any member who is not on the board and who provided outstanding assistance to the president during his or her term.

It will be awarded by president, Denise Rust to Fridley Dave Johnson





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