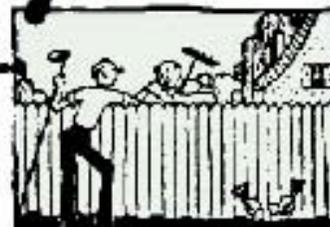




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❁ JUNE GARDEN TOUR ❁ SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

There will be three spectacular gardens on the June Garden Tour.

Home Garden of Betty Ann Addison

Betty Ann is the owner of Gardens of Rice Creek. She is also the founder of Rice Creek Gardens, formerly located in Blaine. In the past few years, Betty Ann has redone her home gardens, and they are spectacular. Betty Ann will give us a guided tour of her gardens. Her property starts with an unassuming suburban lot at the front, then descends all the way to the edge of Rice Creek at the back. There are numerous micro-climates, and in these niches grow many interesting plant species.

Betty Ann also has a nursery at her home, with many of the Rice Creek introductions for sale. She specializes in alpine plants and gardens. In June the Lady Slippers should be blooming. In her gardens grow many of the Rice Creek introductions that she had bred over the years. She will also show us her Rhododendron collection that she started breeding 40 years

ago! Betty Ann also designed the Peace Garden at Lyndale Park, and has donated many of the specimens that grow there. She also designed an alpine garden at the University of Minnesota Arboretum.

Take a look at her website. It features the beautiful gardens she designs as well as the many introductions that she has developed over the years. <http://gardensofricecreek.com>

Springbrook Nature Center Meditation Garden

The Meditation Garden was designed by Betty Ann, and she will go to the garden with us and explain how it was designed and built. See photos of the garden at <http://gardensofricecreek.com/transformations.html>

Go to the west side of the parking lot at Springbrook Nature Center, and follow the short trail to the Meditation Garden. There will be time to visit the Interpretive Center.

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Thoughts from the Prez:



by Don Untied

Oh for the joy of the garden season. After the months of winter and season adjustment our landscape is again green and full of new plant life. And we gardeners too have revitalized our energy.

Wasn't the enthusiasm for the new season apparent at our plant auction May 11? I think this was the 8th year that I have attended our auction. I simply felt a real spirit this year like no time in the past. I hope this is the case for all who came?

People arrived early to pick up their plants. So many contributed plants to the Country Store. The bidding was spirited. The food was good. And throughout the evening members were expressing desires to exchange plants on their own. Special thanks to Chair Doug Whitney, the committee, and all who helped make the night possible. In that this event is our clubs primary money raiser it was especially good to hear from Doug that pre sale orders were up 20%.

We are especially grateful to Tony Soble, no longer a member of MGCM, who continues to come and contribute his time and his Excel expertise to an otherwise unmanageable financial process.

Our June 12 event will prove to be a real perk for MGCM membership. Betty Ann Addison, the founder of the "Jewell of Blaine" Rice Creek Gardens, will open her private gardens in Fridley to us. Betty Ann is a nationally recognized expert on alpine plants. I personally know no one who knows plants like Betty Ann. And she so willingly shares her knowledge. Betty Ann has been a

key player in the development of the Lyndale Park Peace Garden, as well as the Springbrook Nature Center. When Kay and I were visiting with her to make arrangements for this special tour we learned that Betty Ann was the first female speaker to speak at the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. She smiled when she shared that this invitation to her came from Dr. Leon Snyder. Aren't we lucky to be able to see her gardens, and to have an opportunity June 12 to be able to purchase if we desire a few new exotic plants adaptable to our northern climate.

Jim and I are looking forward to sharing our two rose gardens as well as the water and other gardens of "Der Serenity Garten Platz" (Named for Don's German heritage meaning in English the serenity garden place) on the 12th as well. Our club catered picnic will be casual. We hope the setting will provide all of us the opportunity to get better acquainted especially with the new members of MGCM.

Sincerely,

Don Untiedt, President
Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis.



A Note from the Editor

By Mary Maynard

Summer is definitely here! I spent the last week of May scrambling to get things planted. As I write this, I still have a few more things to go into containers but have run out of potting soil. I also can't find my sunscreen or a big enough hat to keep my nose from burning. These are the days we think about in February.

Here's another full issue of news and information about our club. The June event sounds wonderful. Hope to see you all there!

TREASURER REPORT

Checking acct balance 5-20-2010

\$9,945.69

CD

5,000.00

Designated Funds

Memorial/Park garden fund

1,281.21

Scholarship fund

120.00

Working balance

8,544.48

Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
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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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Gardens of Don Untiedt & Jim McKee

Don & Jim first had their gardens on the club tour of 2006, and were the winners of the Lehman Trophy that year. They have a rose garden in the front of their property, along with a koi pond and a sitting area. Their gardens run along the left side of their home, and through many terraced gardens with waterfalls in the back to the shores of Schmidt Lake at the far end of their property. Their collection of 70 some shrub, old, and climbing roses should be at their peak season bloom. New at the gardens of “Der Serenity Garten Platz” (Serenity Garden Place) are two garden paths – a formal paver’s path through the English rose garden and a flagstone path leading to a new alpine garden. Some 50 new shrubs and small trees have also been planted in the garden since the club last visited.



Betty Ann’s Garden



Springbrook Meditation Garden



MGCM June 2010 Outdoor Program & Garden Tour

Tour of the Garden of Betty Ann Addison and the Springbrook Nature Center Meditation Garden
Tour and Picnic Supper at the home of Don Untiedt and Jim McKee

Date: Saturday, June 12

1:00 PM Guided tour at Betty Ann Addison's Garden; 1315 66th Ave NE, Fridley 55432.
Betty Ann will give us a guided tour at 1 PM.

3:30 PM Guided tour of Springbrook Nature Center Meditation Garden; 100 85th Ave NW, Fridley 55433.
Guided tour of the Meditation Garden at 3:30 PM.

5:00 PM Tour of Don & Jim's Garden; 12070 48th Ave N, Plymouth 55442.

5:30 PM Catered picnic supper served.

Cost: \$13.00 Includes tour, supper, beverages with dinner, & dessert. Guests are welcome.

BYOC: Please bring your own garden chair for dinner! Outside seating is limited at Don & Jim's.
Also Bring Your Own Beverage while on the tour!

This is a rain or shine event. In case of rain we will eat in Don & Jim's home.

The permanent reservation list is not in place for this event. Send your reservation and check to Carole Ann Brekke; 709 Rushmore Drive, Burnsville, MN 55306. Phone: 952-435-6029; Email: numsix24@comcast.net. Reservations must be received by Tuesday, June 8. No late reservations can be accommodated for this event! You must reserve a spot by Tuesday, June 8.

MGCM June 12, 2010 Garden Tour & Supper at Don & Jim's

Please reserve _____ tour & suppers at \$13.00 each. Check to MGCM must be enclosed.

Name: _____

Guest(s): _____

Send reservation form with check to Carole Ann Brekke, 709 Rushmore Drive, Burnsville, MN 55306.
Reservations must be received by Tuesday, June 8. No late reservations can be accommodated.

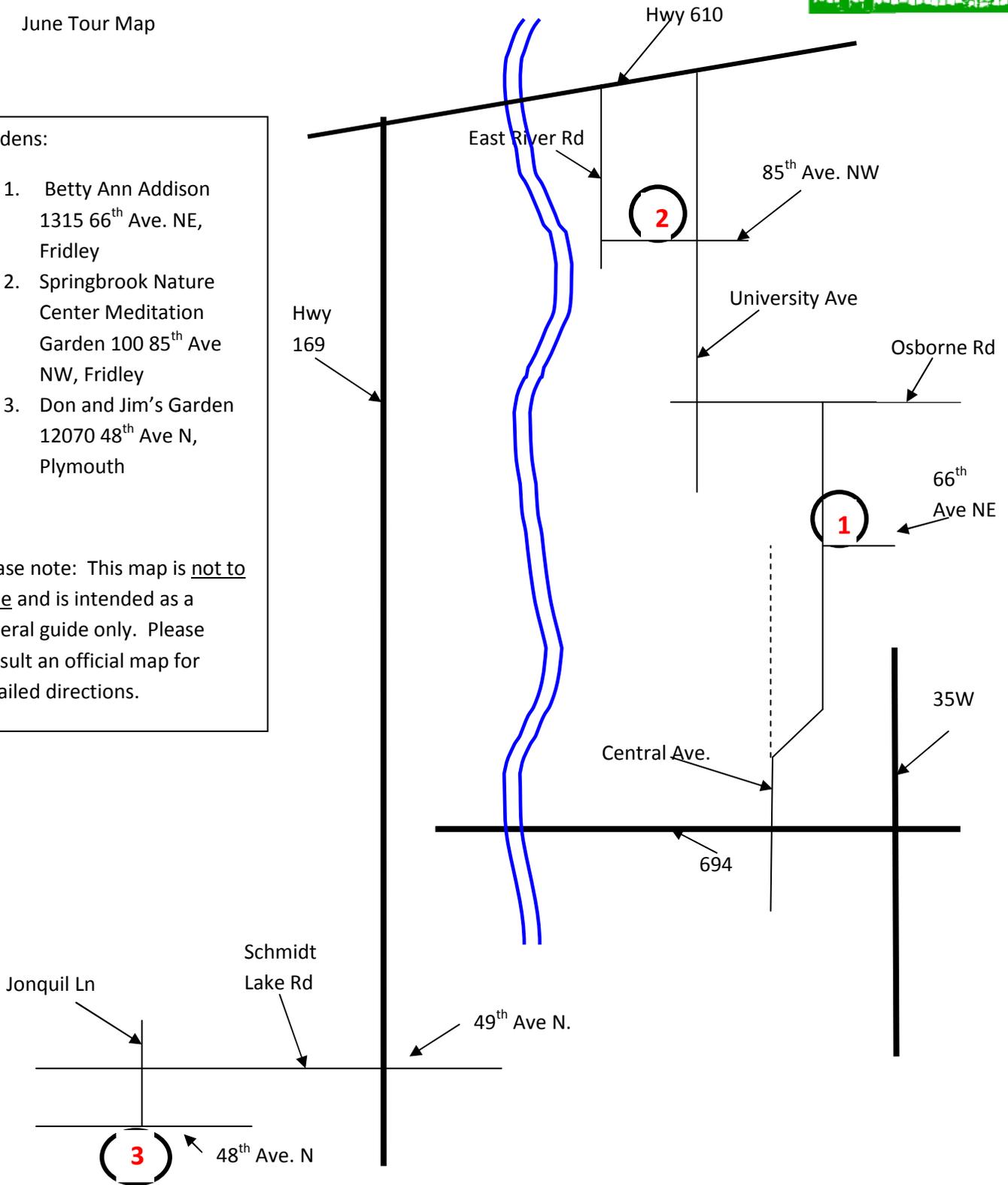


June Tour Map

Gardens:

1. Betty Ann Addison
1315 66th Ave. NE,
Fridley
2. Springbrook Nature
Center Meditation
Garden 100 85th Ave
NW, Fridley
3. Don and Jim's Garden
12070 48th Ave N,
Plymouth

Please note: This map is not to scale and is intended as a general guide only. Please consult an official map for detailed directions.





MGCM 2010 Public Tour

The club's public tour will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11, and will feature six gardens in the south metro that can be visited Noon-5:00 PM each day. A 47-passenger bus will be available to ride on Saturday only, and will have cold beverages provided; you will be able to pack your own snacks if desired. Cost to drive yourself to the gardens will be \$15/person, and for the motor coach \$25/person.

The featured gardens will be as follows, a mix of member and non-member gardens:

Gary Geister in Eagan; Carole Ann Brekke in Burnsville; Connie and John Young in Bloomington (non-members featured in the Star Tribune in January); Judy Berglund and her neighbors Craig Berdan and Mark Storck (non-members) in Minnetonka, and Carol Schreier in S. Minneapolis.

The Public Tour Committee hopes you can come out and visit the gardens, and will help publicize the tour to your family and friends, as well as at your favorite garden centers or places of business. If you have not done so already, flyers and posters publicizing the tour as well as the FFF show will be available for pickup at our June 12 club get-together; if you will not be able to attend that event, you may contact Denise Rust at dkkrust@hotmail.com or (763)560-7747 and we can get some to you. The flyers could be dropped off at your favorite garden center or other business, and the posters could be put up on public bulletin boards at area businesses. We also hope to have tickets

available that day as well, and you will be able to purchase them or take some to sell at that time. Remember that this is our club's fundraiser for horticulture scholarships, so your assistance, word-of-mouth, ticket purchases, and especially the offering of gardens for tour are most appreciated! More information about the gardens will be featured in the July Spray; if you have general questions about the tour, or wish to purchase tickets, you can contact Denise Rust and she will help you out. Thank you!

June Tidbits

Congratulations to Carol Schreier who received a "First Place Exceptional Garden" award from Metro Blooms! Other winners were Ted Bair & Harvey Filister—the only other garden in the list that I have visited. Other noted Minneapolitan's gardens on the list: Richard Ooms and Alan & Diane Page. What a class to be in, Carol! Keep up the good work!



GREETERS NEEDED FOR PUBLIC TOUR GARDENS - JULY 10TH & 11TH

The club needs one or two greeters from 12 noon to 5pm for each of the public tour gardens for each day. Their job is to greet people, sell tickets as necessary, mark tickets, distribute MGCM membership information, tally number of visitors and cash taken in, and answer general questions. For those signing up, more specifics will be provided later. An early commitment will be appreciated.

Gardens are:

Gary Geister, Eagan
Carole Ann Brekke, Burnsville
Connie and John Young, Bloomington
Judy Berglund, Minnetonka
Mark Storek and Craig Berdon, Minnetonka
Carol Schreier, Minneapolis

Sign-up sheet:

Greeter name _____

Garden Name _____

Day (indicate Sat., _____
Sun. or both}

Send sign-up to Dave Johnson, 5291 Matterhorn Dr., Fridley, MN 55421 or email to davewj@usfamily.net or call 763-571-2713.



MGCM Board Meeting
May 4, 2010

Present: Don Untiedt, Andy Marlow, Jason Rathe, Maury Lindblom, Sharla Aaseng, Dave McKeen, Jan Johnson

The minutes of the April meeting and the agenda for the May meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was received and filed.

Auditing committee: The auditing committee's report was received. No irregularities were found. Dave McKeen was commended for handling transactions in a timely and conscientious manner.

Short Term Marketing Committee: The committee met to discuss potential marketing initiatives. A new prototype website has been developed that is more visual and includes more pictures and some videos. The idea is to show more energy and color. It should go "live" in time for the public tour. The committee is also looking at a new visual identity for the club in addition to or instead of the present one.. "A Garden Club for Everyone" was suggested as a possible new imaging statement.

Club Tours Committee: Six gardens in the South Metro will be on the tour July 10 and 11. The cost is \$15 for drive yourself, or \$25 for the bus tour on Saturday only.

Program Committee: The committee discussed program ideas for the balance of 2010 and into 2011. It was felt that it is difficult for a new VP to locate and organize programs for the year in such a short time frame. It is important to educate all levels of gardeners and to use the expertise of all members. A good variety of topics was suggested.

The Board continued its discussion of attracting and retaining new members. It was suggested that new members have a ribbon attached to their name tag for a period of 6 months. It would help old members identify and make new members feel welcome. Don invited board members to be especially aware of new members at the picnic at his house in June.

Some board members felt that the requirement that members serve on two committees may be intimidating. The suggestion was made to separate the organization outline into Administrative and Activity based opportunities, rather than committees. Another suggestion was made that committee chairs provide publicity for their activities as they know the most about it.



MAY 1ST SPRING CLEANUP AT LYNDALE GARDEN



L to R: Margaret Hibberd, Bob Strande, Lloyd Wittstock, Carol Schreier, Ada Hegion, Bob Redmond, Andy Marlow, Tim Rosener, Rodg Sefelt, MT Pulley, Jean Strande.



Tim Rosener hard at work



The border thru the sargent crab apples.



Workers in the garden. L to R: A passerby; Andy & Mary with TV camera; Ada Hegion, Carol Schreier, Tim Rosener, Rodg Sefelt, Lloyd Wittstock, MT Pulley.



Panoramic view of the garden



Mary Maynard coaches Kay Wolfe on being interviewed for the MGCM-TV show, with tech guy Phil Erwin watching.



Robert Kean, Kay Wolfe, Rodg Sefelt planning the border design.



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