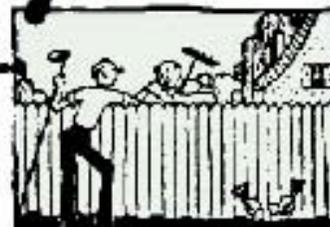




# The Garden Spray

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## ❁ MEMBER GARDEN TOUR ❁ SATURDAY AUGUST 7TH 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 7, 1-4:30 pm is our MGCM member garden tour and catered picnic dinner. This is a self guided tour but I suggest that you plan to visit Larry and Randi Larson's gardens last because they are hosting the catered picnic after the tour. (Park in Larry's driveway if space is available.) The picnic begins at 5pm. The cost of the tour and picnic dinner is \$15. Send your reservation and payment to Carole Ann Brekke, 709 Rushmore Drive, Burnsville, MN 55306-5161 by July 28. Her e-mail is numsix24@comcast.net and her phone number is 952-435-6029.

Following are brief descriptions of the member gardens on tour this year. These descriptions are intended to "pique your curiosity" as there isn't room to include all the interesting features of each garden.

Mary Maynard (4375 Dart Ave., St Louis Park)  
At Mary's garden, you will see that she lives up to her "Lazy Gardener" nickname. The front yard features perennials and hosta in the boulevard and borders, along with dahlias, zinnias, Russian Sage, Joe Pye, rudbeckia and salvias. The back yard features wide borders with hosta, daylilies, roses, dahlias and an assortment of other annuals and perennials along with tomatoes and peppers growing in the shade (mostly).

The back yard is accentuated by a large white pine and a "Golden Curls" willow.

Ann Le Flem (6606 Scandia Rd, Edina)  
The lot of Ann LeFlem's home is 135' by 92' which allows for surprises as it is not possible to see all of the gardens at one glance. She has an intimate backyard with roses and a wide variety of plants. Gardens for sun, shade and semi shade surround the walkways. A gated fence and perennials make a narrow backyard secluded. Outside the gated area Ann has several beds with many clematis, perennials and roses. A cottage garden in her front yard allows for season long bloom.

Bob Olson (2840 Glenhurst Ave., St Louis Park)  
Bob Olson's garden has been revised — again, since the last club visit. This time by necessity when an addition was put on the back of the house and existing plantings (plus a couple of trees) were destroyed in the process. Now there is considerably more sun and with it colorful sun loving perennials and annuals and fewer hosta which may be a blessing in disguise. There are still lots of hosta, a few common, some unusual and others (especially those from Japan) unique. They are bigger and grow alongside shade tolerant companion

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# Thoughts from the Prez:



*by Don Untied*

“A Garden Club for Everyone -” are the new words that first come up when one does an internet search for the Men’s Garden Club of Minneapolis (MGCM). Andy, this new slogan truly is “a winner!”

During the July 10 Public Tour it seemed as though our hosts and garden greeters truly were showcasing plants and gardens “for everyone.” I don’t remember when I have seen so many people of all ages and backgrounds so enjoying the wide variety of mid-summer plants and landscapes at their prime. The first person I talked with at Gary’s was Bill Hueg. The last person I talked with was an unknown young lady at Carols.

Dr. Bill Hueg was an Extension Agronomist at the University of Minn. before he was appointed the Director of the University of Minnesota agricultural experiment stations which he guided for so many years in the 70’s, and 80’s. There he was, this Internationally known and respected scientist sitting absorbing the sights and smells of Gary’s stunning garden. Our last stop was at Carol’s beautiful gardens in south Minneapolis. In the backyard we talked with a young lady who with her husband or boyfriend was photographing literally every plant, writing down information etc. My last sight memory of the 2010 tour was Carol and Howard and Ruth Berg inviting the young garden enthusiast to our August events.

Special thanks to Public Tour Chair Denise and the Committee consisting of Gary, Elizabeth, Dave W., Dave, Delores, William, and Kent. Hearty thanks too to the many MGCM members that served one or two afternoons as garden

hosts. What a team effort it was “for everyone.” August will bring two more MGCM special happenings – the Club tour on August 7 and the Flower, Food, and Foto Show on August 21 and 22. Chairs Dave W. and Judy B. and their committees will be asking for member help and participation. “Everyone’s” participation and willingness to get involved will be appreciated.

The Lyndale Park Gardens under the leadership of Kay are a “must see” more than once a season MGCM project. The large official and unofficial member work force truly have experienced the fun and satisfaction of seeing what happens when nearly “everyone” gets involved.

Sincerely,

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



## *A Note from the Editor*

It's already past the middle of July. As usual, it seems like the summer is flying by, and all my ambitious plans for garden improvements remain just that - plans! While I am in my customary mid-summer despair about the lack of progress with my garden, I am excited about club events in August.

In a fit of insanity, I agreed to be on the club tour on August 7. Our club tours are more casual than our big public tours, and I believe that my garden will demonstrate that if I can be on the tour, anybody can be on a tour! The club tour also includes the debut of Andy Marlow's garden about which we have heard all the excuses for not being on tour over the years. I have seen Andy's garden this year, and I think everyone will enjoy it. And Ann LeFlem's garden sounds wonderful. Bob Olson's garden is an old friend that always pleases, and I think we'll see terrific dahlias at Randi and Larry's gardens -- not to mention all of those collections inside the house.

While the club tour will be enjoyable, my favorite event of the year is the Flower Food and Foto show. If you have never entered, I promise you that you are missing something special! It is so much fun, and a way to share our gardening expertise with people interested in gardening outside of the club. The judges for our show always say that the FFF show is outstanding for its horticultural selections. Please consider giving the FFF Show a try. Experienced exhibitors will be on hand to help you out if you've never exhibited before.

And, don't forget to get your photo entries in to Chuck Carlson by July 31. Our photography exhibit at the FFF Show is another thing that sets our show apart from other flower shows. We have some wonderful photographers in the club.

I look forward to seeing you at these fine events in August!

Mary Maynard

### TREASURER REPORT

Checking acct balance 7-10-10

\$9,285.64

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\$5,000.00

Designated Funds

Memorial/park garden

\$1,366.21

Scholarships

\$120.00

Working Balance

\$7,799.43



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plants in clusters that make attractive groupings. It was a surprise to us to see how much sun some hosta not only tolerate but will thrive in. In a few spots lilies, hosta, daisies and petunias grow side-by-side.

Andy Marlow (10700 Minnetonka Blvd, Hopkins)  
Andy Marlow and wife Phyllis Stromberg moved from their previous home in Minneapolis because they had run out of room for more gardens. Despite living in their current home 31 years, they haven't come close to running out of room. Their acre and a quarter lot is surrounded by woods and contains only half an acre of lawns and gardens. Six major garden beds dot the property, with little pockets of ferns and other forest-friendly plants tucked into the woods. Gardening is still a challenge, especially fighting off the critters. They have had up to 13 deer at a time in their yard. It's a shady property, so hosta (Phyllis claims Andy is a hostaholic), ferns and other shade-loving perennials dominate. As the tree canopy has changed (Dutch elm disease), a few sun-loving plants including hardy roses have crept in, and replacement trees have been planted. Many specimen plants came from MGCM auctions, including a Kazakhstan birch, 'Northern Sun' forsythia, a pre-release 'Honeycrisp' apple and a now 30-year-old Star Magnolia.

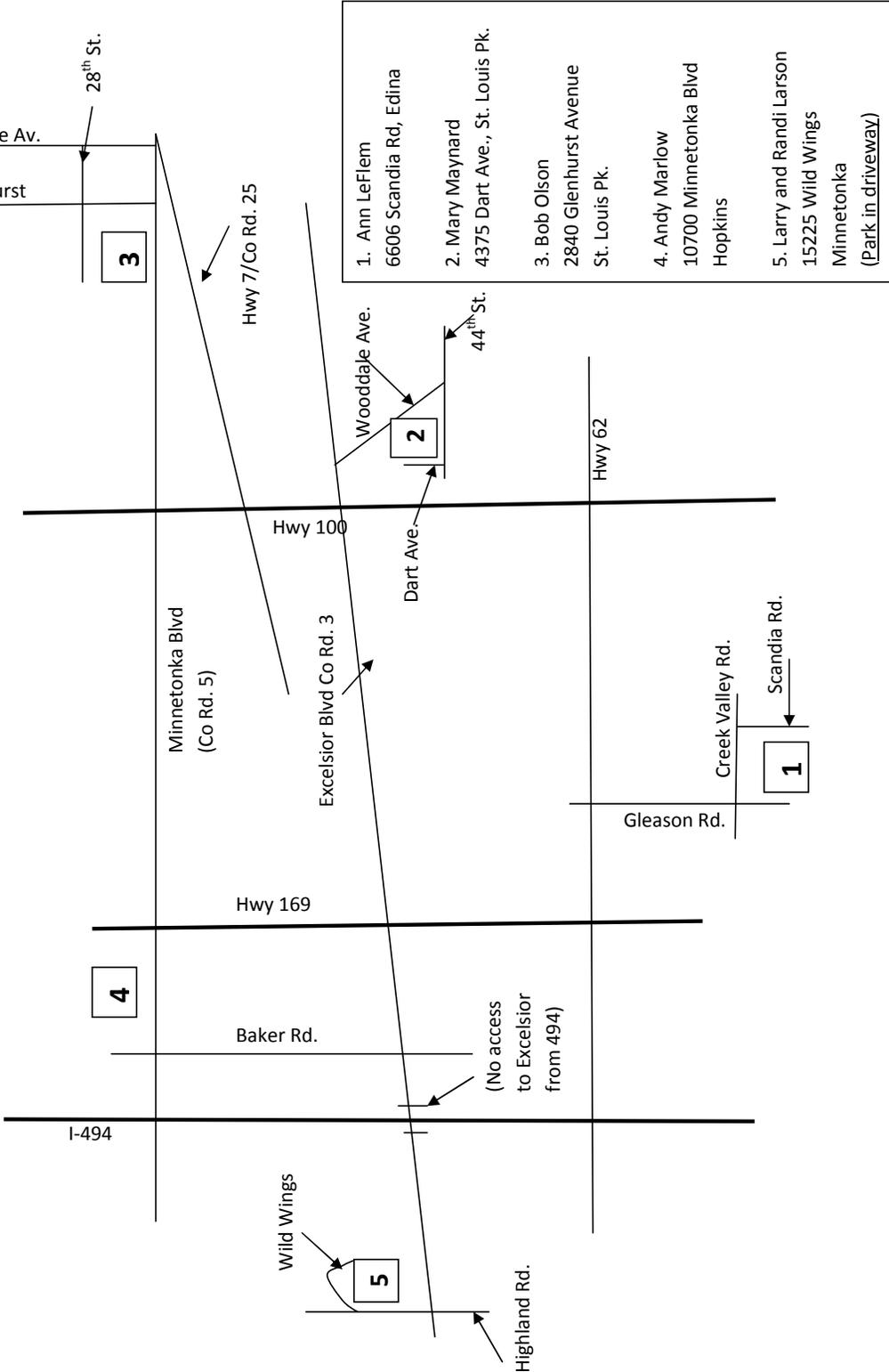
Larry and Randi Larson (15225 Wild Wings, Minnetonka)

Larry and Randi Larson's gardens features about 40 dahlias, most of them grown in the back yard which also has about 50 perennials in three different gardens. There also are two vegetable container gardens with corn, wax beans, carrots, peas and tomatoes. Larry's "tall" garden features very tall plants including some grasses. The front yard has about 50 perennials including a very nice perennial Hibiscus, pampas grasses, hosta, a beautiful Japanese maple and many colorful annuals. About 20 self-planted pots featuring some very unusual plants including a castor bean are located in the front yard.

You are also invited to come inside the downstairs and take a look at Larry's collectables including records, a juke box, autographs, movie posters, steins and a den filled with sports collectables.



**MGCM Club Tour Map August 7, 2010**  
 Note: Map is not to scale. For use as a general guide only. Please consult an official map for detailed directions.





# Pictures from the Public Tour





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## **2010 Flower, Food and Foto SHOW AUGUST 21 & 22**

at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Saturday, August 21

7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Entries accepted

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Judging

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open to the public

Sunday, August 22

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open to the public

Calling all members and their friends to action, the time is coming soon to gather in all of those award winning flowers and vegetables to exhibit at our Flower, Food and Foto (FFF) Show. We hope that all club members will consider bringing a few of their favorite flowers, vegetables and floral designs to the show.

If you have not exhibited at the show before, never fear – experienced exhibitors will be on hand to help you!

Go to our website ([www.minneapolisgardensclub.org](http://www.minneapolisgardensclub.org)) and hit 'Links' where you will find the show schedule with rules, entry classes and an example of how to fill out an entry tag.

(If you do not have access to the internet, give Judy Berglund a call at 952-945-1960 and she can send you a paper copy of the show schedule.)

Our featured flower is the dahlia, which may be exhibited as individual blossoms or in planters. Herbs are this year's featured food. Herbs may be exhibited as 3 stems of one variety, a collection of 5 different varieties or as a container growing one or more varieties.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**



MGCM has a new website, completely re-designed from the ground up for the first time since 2005. The new site is more modern, clean, colorful and heavy on photographs. I hope it tells the story of MGCM well and interests outsiders in joining the club, as well as providing some essential information to existing members.

The site debut was timed to coincide with the public relations campaign promoting the public garden tours on July 10 and 11. In addition to page describing the tours and our scholarship program, there is a page for each garden with pictures, a written description and an interactive Google map to help visitors find the garden.

Another new feature are the photo albums. There is an album page for general club activities, for garden tours and for the annual photo show. You can scan through the photos in each album on the album page, or click the album to see a gallery of the photos in that album and even play them as a slideshow. There are just a few historic garden tour photos to test your memories of members and events now long past.

Finally, we have gone all digital with our membership form. Both new and renewing members can fill out the form online and click a button to email it to the membership secretary. You'll still have to mail in the check for your dues, but no more having to print out the form!

Check out all the new features at [www.minneapolismensgardenclub.org](http://www.minneapolismensgardenclub.org). If you have things you'd like to see added to the site, or writings, photographs or even videos you'd like to contribute, email them to me at [webmaster@minneapolismensgardenclub.org](mailto:webmaster@minneapolismensgardenclub.org). I look forward to hearing your comments.



## **Judge or Be Judged The 2010 Photo Contest**

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At eighteen years old, the Photo Contest (were it a person) would be old enough to vote in Minnesota and in most of the world. In those years we, the committee, have sought to make it appealing to you and also to present a nice show of winners and also-rans with pizzazz.

Once again, as in the past few years, there will be two ways to enter and two separate competitions. For those who want their photos evaluated and compared by our panel of upstanding and outstanding judges, there is the juried portion. For that, go to [minneapolismensgardenclub.org/](http://minneapolismensgardenclub.org/) and read the rules. Then, narrow down your best digital photos—or get your prints digitized—and send no more than 20 by Email or memory device to Chuck or Lloyd by the end of July. Our judges this year will have several weeks to look at them and make their decisions. Back by popular demand: we will make prints of winners and present at least one print photoboard for your viewing pleasure, in addition to a digitized show.

For those members who want the public to judge, select two prints and send them to Chuck or Lloyd by the same deadline. Those will be selected by ballot at the Flower, Food and Foto show on August 21 and 22. Bring your friends and neighbors and vote wisely. Enjoy the whole 3F show. The first place winner of the People's Choice gets a \$50 gift certificate.

Categories in the juried show that always attract large numbers of entrants include the annuals, potted plants and perennials. Those with fewer entrants include wildflowers in the wild, members' gardens, and educational or manipulated photos. Many of the juried photos were taken with creative composition or in faraway locations. The People's Choice seems to go more toward Minnesota scenes and colorful, standard subjects. Maybe you can break the mold this year. We look forward to seeing your best efforts in our now mature, 18-year-old contest.

Remember: Photos need to be submitted to Chuck Carlson or Lloyd Wittstock by July 31. To see the rules for the photography competition, please go to our website, [Minneapolismensgardenclub.org](http://Minneapolismensgardenclub.org) and click on "Links". You'll see a link to the photo show rules there.

**The Photography Committee**



# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

## MGCM Programs for Fall of 2010

September 14, 2010 Harvest Celebration & Heirloom Tomato “Taste-Off”.

Celebrate the bounty of the harvest. Samples of heirloom tomatoes to taste during conversation hour with some type of score card. Dinner to be pot luck. Bring a dish made of your favorite harvest food or “What would YOU do with a Tomato?” Watch the MGCM-TV segment on heirloom tomatoes. Panel discussion to follow with Judy Berglund, Bob Livingston and Bob Voigt on growing heirloom tomatoes & other veggies.

October 12, 2010 Steve Risan from Tonkadale. How can we garden in winter? Fairy gardens, terrariums, and dish gardens that we can do indoors.

November 9, 2010 Annual Business Meeting  
Acknowledgement of 25 Year Members  
Sharing of knowledge by all members: “What I Learned This Year—Trials and Tribulations” by MGCM members. A “do-it-yourself” meeting. Emceed by Jason Rathe and Mary Maynard.

January, 2011 Gary Johnson, U of M Extension  
Professor of Urban & Community Forestry

## Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
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Aug 7th		Club Tour
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Aug 21 & 22	Sat/Sun	FFF/MN Arboretum
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Sept 14		Harvest Celebration and Heirloom Tomato Tasteoff
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Oct 12		Steve Risan Tonkadale - Fairy gardens, terrariums and dish gardens
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Nov 9		What I Learned This Year and Business Meeting
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Jan		Gary Johnson from U of M
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LHC = Lake Harriet Church (4901 Chowen Ave. S., Minneapolis)

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church



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