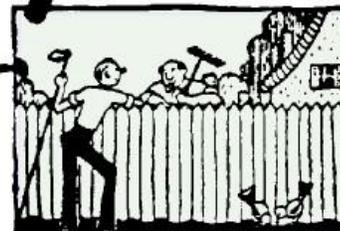




# The Garden Spray

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## Upcoming Events

## January Program: Great Gardens of England

Date	Location	Event
Jan 10	LHC	Gardens of England – Debbie Lonnee <i>Bailey Nurseries</i>
Feb 14	LHC	Gardening Therapy -- Heidi Heiland
Mar 13	LHC	Shade Gardening Shirley Mah Kooyman
Apr 3	TBD	Bachman/Macy's Flower Show
May	TBD	Plant Sale and Auction

### Debbie Lonnee

What can a garden geek from Zone 4 learn from stunning gardens in the temperate climate of the UK? Plenty! Incredible plant combinations, great use of color, formal and informal garden designs, boxwood hedges, fabulous 'yew' walls – these are but a few of the highlights of a summer 2010 trip to England. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the beautiful gardens of England and find some inspiration for your own garden.

*More about Debbie Lonnee on Page 3*

*LHC = Lake Harriet Church, 4901 Chowen Ave S., Mpls. (Lower level)*

*Arb = U of M Landscape Arboretum*

*More calendar information on Page 3*

**Note: Permanent reservations are in effect.** Dinner is \$12.

Reservations or cancellations are required by Friday, Jan. 6 – **no later!** Call or e-mail Carole Ann Brekke (952-435-6029, numsix24@comcast.net) for your reservation or cancellation. For last minute cancellations, call Andy Marlow at 952-933-5759. If he can sell it, you won't be billed.

### January 10 Schedule

6:00 p.m.	Informal social hour
6:30 p.m.	Catered dinner
~7:15 p.m.	Short Business Meeting
~7:30 p.m.	Program

### January Dinner Menu

Roasted pork loin	Parsley red potatoes
Tarragon carrots	Salad
Rolls & butter	Dessert



## Notes from the Prez:

-- Robert Kean

After years of dodging major positions of responsibility, here I am; the next president of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. It is a great honor but also a great responsibility. I have been a member of the club for over 20 years, and have been wowed by the competence and commitment of the past leaders; so it is a bit daunting trying to follow in their footsteps.

I am grateful to outgoing president Kay Wolfe for her excellent leadership and stewardship of the club, and for her patient efforts to get me up to speed in my year as vice president. I'm counting on her (in her role as past president) to continue to provide wise counsel.

The past year has also clarified what I have long known; it takes the passion and efforts of a large number of people to make this club function; officers, directors, committee chairs, committee members, and projects volunteers. So, I'm going to start the year by asking all members to get engaged and get involved if you are not already. I especially invite the newer members to join a committee or help with an activity. It is the best way to get to know other members and make the club experience more fun. We have been lucky as a club to have some members that we can consistently count on (and who have been very generous with their time), but it is not fair to expect the same people to always do the heavy lifting. There is an old saying "many hands make light work". If you have a passion for something not represented by a current committee, then please talk to me and we can explore options. This club has long traditions, but it can and does change over time to reflect the interests of its members.

The theme I've selected for this year is "Growing Together". Let me elaborate. First, let's talk about "growing". There is wide

agreement that we need to increase the membership of this club to stay vibrant, and to continue to have the (financial and volunteer) resources necessary for quality programs and activities. The board will be working on specific actions to better publicize the club and recruit additional members. However, most of our new members have come through personal invitations from current members. So please continue to invite friends, neighbors, relatives, coworkers, etc., to club meetings and events.

Another aspect of "Growing" is continuing to increase our individual knowledge and skills as gardeners. To that end, we will continue to focus on providing high quality programs and tours, along with opportunities to learn from each other.

The second part "Together" is equally important. The point of belonging to a club or organization is that the whole is greater than the sum of individual parts. Through our communal efforts and complementary knowledge/skills, we can accomplish more and have more fun doing it. Many of the long term members will tell you that some of their best and longest term friendships have come about through MGCM projects, committees, and activities.

As much as I love gardening, I also like that break that comes with winter. It provides a time to reflect on the past year, assess what went well and what didn't, dream about new possibilities, and make plans. In that same spirit, I look forward to working with the new officers and directors to build on past successes and try a few new things to help grow the club.

Let me conclude by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year. I look forward to working with you all to make it another successful year for the MGCM.



## Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 12-21-11

Checking balance	\$18,612.78
CD	\$5,233.83
Designated Funds	
Memorials/Park Garden	\$1,905.47
Scholarship	\$5,130.28
Working Balance	\$11,577.03

## Membership Corner

We extend our condolences to Lynda Carson on the death of her father, and to Deb Revier on the death of her mother.

### Address change:

Chet Groger  
2020 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55454-1335

## About our Speaker: Debbie Lonnee

We are happy to have Debbie Lonnee back with us in January. Debbie has a B.S. in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota. In her early years, she worked in retail gardening, managing a large garden center. For the last twenty years she has worked at Bailey Nurseries, working primarily with the perennial and bedding plant crops, as well as roses and woody plants. She is manager of the Planning and Administration department and is actively involved in new plant introductions.

She is an avid gardener, and has a collector's garden full of hostas, daylilies and perennials, as well as many new annuals. She considers herself a 'plant geek'! You won't find too much lawn in her yard!

Debbie is a member of the Perennial Plant Association, the Ohio Florists Association and is the incoming President of the board of directors of the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association. Garden writing is her second job; she is the horticultural editor for *Northern Gardener* magazine, and also writes the 'Plant to Pick' article for each issue.

## 2012 Calendar of Events *(continued from Page 1)*

<b>June 12</b> (tentative)	Arboretum tour with comments from new director
<b>July/August</b>	Club Tours
<b>August 18-19</b>	Flower, Food and Foto Show, Arboretum
<b>Sept. 11</b>	Martin Stern (Squire House) - Hardy and Reliable Bulbs, LHC
<b>Oct. 9</b>	Don Mitchell - Attracting Hummingbirds to your Gardens, LHC
<b>Nov. 13</b>	Kent Petterson – Gardening Books, LHC
<b>Dec. 11</b>	Holiday Party, LHC



## MGCM Awards four \$500 Scholarships in 2011

-- Kent Petterson

The Scholarship Committee met in October to read and consider applications received by the October 15 deadline for our scholarship offer. Information and forms for applications were posted on the club website and letters of notification are sent to each post secondary school in Minnesota that has a formal horticulture program. The members present were Maury, John Sims, Merle Pulley, Jan Johnson and Kent Petterson. Out of ten applicants we selected the following four.

**Myra Pehoski** is a senior in Greenhouse Production and Entrepreneurship at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus. Myra is President of the Horticulture Club and has been a 'peer coach' for incoming students in the department. Her leadership and enthusiasm for horticulture plus strong recommendations brought her support from the committee.

**Alex Plattes**, a senior, is also a student at the U of M studying Horticultural Science with a special interest in landscape restoration. Alex has worked on research for breeding of lilies. Interned with Earth Kind Garden Design, Traveled to Costa Rica for study, and interned with the USDA Conservation Service in New York. Alex interest in plants has sparked his 'thinking like a designer or critic of landscapes'. He's our kind of guy.

**Brady Voss** expects to complete his studies at Anoka Technical Collage in Dec. of 2012 wit advanced degrees anticipated. Brady has already started his own landscape and gardening business. With great recommendations, he is a top student, motivated and involved with a 'passion for the industry beyond words'. We didn't think we could go wrong backing this guy.

**Courtney Vikeras** is completing her studies at Rochester Community Technical College in Horticulture Technology in June of 2012. Courtney said when I talked to her at the Holiday Party that our award was the first she had ever received. Her parents also attended with her as she squeezed in the trip during finals at school. Courtney loves plants, especially flowers and she loves people. Her instructor said in her recommendation the 'Courtney will be a great asset to the horticulture industry' and we agreed.



### Moving Notice!

Looking for the MGCM web site? After January 1, you will find it at <http://www.MGCM.org>

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<http://www.mgcm.org>



## MGCM Completes Scholarship Matching Grant!

In the last Spray we announced the generous donation of \$1,000 to the club's dedicated Scholarship Fund by Jan Johnson. In addition she challenged us to donate collectively \$1,000, which she would then match with a second donation of \$1,000. In just over a month, tax-deductible donations totaling at least the required amount were received to complete the match.

As a 501c3 non-profit organization, all donations to the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis for the Scholarship dedicated fund are fully deductible on your tax return. This includes a donation of securities. The club was offered such a donation, but receipt of securities required creation of a brokerage account in the club name into which the stock could be transferred. Thanks to the work of Andy Marlow with our bank and quick response by the Board of Directors, an account was created and as of this writing additional donation of stock valued at approximately \$2,000 was received. This donation is anonymous.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee and the entire club, I would like to thank all of our members who were able to help with their generous donations. Special thanks to Jan for her example this year and last that has taught us how we can use our status as a non-profit to raise money to help young students who are studying horticulture.

-- Kent Petterson on behalf of the Scholarship Committee

### Alert from Phil Smith: Don't Order Delphinium Seeds from England!

I just learned that it is not advisable to order delphinium seeds from England. There is a new rule from the USDA that a person must obtain a special permit from the USDA to order seeds from any foreign country. I have some seeds and will try to start some seedlings to bring to the May meeting.

-- Phil Smith



### Arboretum Membership Winner?

Are you the winning bidder for the Arboretum Membership from the holiday party silent auction? Have you contacted Elaine Spiegel to have your membership activated? Only Elaine can authorize. Call or email Elaine at 952-927-9539 or [E858L@comcast.net](mailto:E858L@comcast.net).



## Bob Olson Receives Bachman Award

This year's recipient of the Bachman Award for Outstanding Service is Bob Olson. Bob has been a member of the club since 1983. He has served on the Board and was MGCM President in 1987. Bob has also opened his garden for countless club and public tours, and he won the Lehman Trophy for best garden on tour in 1990. Bob has presented several club programs over the years. Bob also writes articles for the Garden Spray and was instrumental in getting the TV initiative going. Congratulations, Bob!



*Last year's winner Dave McKeen and Bob.  
-- Photo by Lloyd Wittstock*

## Gary DeGrande Wins Lehman Trophy



Tour Committee Co-Chair Dave (Fridley) Johnson presents the Lehman Trophy for Best Garden on Tour to Gary DeGrande. Thanks very much, Gary, for sharing your lovely garden on the July tour. Enjoy your trophy while it lasts! The only way you can win it again is to move! (That's how Dave [Golden Valley] Johnson got his name on it twice - for two different gardens.)  
-- Photo by Lloyd Wittstock.

## Judy Berglund Wins President's Trophy

2011 President Kay Wolfe cited Judy's strong organizational skills and her ability to manage the Club's two-day Flower, Food and Foto (FFF) Show seemingly effortlessly. (Judy would protest that the FFF Committee does all the work, but, speaking as an FFF Committee member, I agree with Kay - Judy does an excellent job - editor.)

*President Kay, Awards Committee Chair Chuck Carlson, Judy Berglund. - Photo by Lloyd Wittstock*





## Three Rookies of the Year



*President Kay, Nona Johnson, Steve Shubick.  
Photo by Lloyd Wittstock*

The MGCM Board selected three new members who have provided outstanding service in their first full year of membership. Kristina Hughes (not pictured) represented MGCM on the advisory committee for the selection of a dog park site. Twelve meetings! Nona Johnson served on three committees and opened her house and garden for the July club tour. Steve Shubick was the best first-time exhibitor at FFF this year, and has participated in all events since then. Thanks to all three of you for your service to the club!

## FFF Awards

FFF trophies were also handed out at the Holiday Party. Winners, as announced previously, were Denise Rust, Photography Sweepstakes, Stephan Shubick, Best First-Time Exhibitor, Judy Berglund, Vegetable Sweepstakes, and Mary Maynard, Flower Sweepstakes.



*Judy and Foley Trophy*



*Steve and Smith Trophy*

*Photos by Lloyd Wittstock*



## MGCM Member Survey News

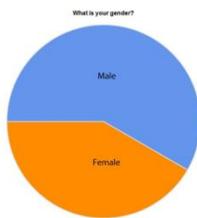
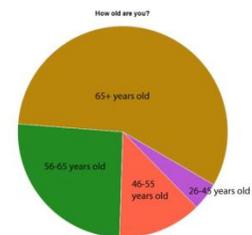
-- Andy Marlow

This is the first of several articles in which the survey committee (Don Untiedt, Gary DeGrande and Andy Marlow) will be sharing with the membership results of the survey many of you took in November and December. Participation in the survey was outstanding. 74 of the 98 active members took the survey. That's 75% of the membership. 50% is usually considered a high level of participation.

The first and simplest part of the survey looked at the demographics of our club. There were not a lot of surprises there:

### Age

We all know most of our members are more mature. The largest percentage (57.1%) is over 65 years of age. Only 4.3% were under age 45. About 13% were between 46 and 55 years, while just over a quarter are 56 to 65 years old.

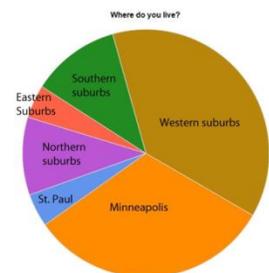


### Gender

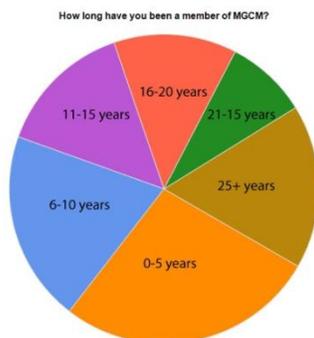
Of the 72 members who answered this question, 30 were women (41.7%) and 42 were men (58.3%).

### Geography

By far the vast majority of members live in Minneapolis or its suburbs. 31.9% live in Minneapolis proper, while 37.7% (the largest number) live in the Western suburbs. 4.3% live in St. Paul and an equal percentage in the Eastern suburbs. The remaining members live in the Northern (10.1%) or Southern (11.6%) suburbs, which are shared by the two central cities.



### Longevity of Membership



The survey committee was very pleased to see the spread of years of membership of those responding to the survey. We feared the more senior members would be more likely to participate, people who have been members 0-5 years actually were the most numerous (27.1%). 6-10 year members were next at 20% and those who have been members 25+ years were at 17.1%.

Next month we'll look at the reasons people join MGCM and how people feel about our meeting format.



## Minutes of MGCM Board meeting

November 7, 2011

President Kay Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:28. The agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** The Club is on target for income and spending. The Treasurer's report was received and filed.

**President's report:** The November meeting will include the annual meeting of the Club and we will vote on the proposed slate of officers. Twenty-five year members will be honored. Kay and other attended the MSHS on "Growing your Garden Club." Good ideas gathered will be shared later.

**Vice-President's report:** The January meeting will feature Debbie Lonnee on Gardens of England; February, Heidi Hedland on Designing handicapped accessible gardens; and March, Shade Gardening with Shirley Mah Kooyman. April is Macy's Flower show and May the Plant Sale. June tentatively includes a tour of the Arboretum.

**Membership Secretary's Report:** As of today, there are 50 renewals and 1 new member recorded. Currently there are 98 members.

### Committee reports:

- Nominating committee: Candidates for Board positions are: Robert Kean, President; Sandra Abraham, Vice President; Andy Marlow, Treasurer; Jan Johnson, Recording Secretary; Jean Strande, Membership Secretary; Kay Wolfe, Past President; Judy Brooke, Don Trocke, and Randi Larson, Directors.
- Scholarship: The board approved awarding four \$500 scholarships to candidates selected by the committee.

### Old Business:

The Board voted to approve Nona Johnson, Kristine Hughes and Stephen Shubick as Rookies of the year.

The Board approved a motion dedicating the profit from the sale of MGCM hats to the Scholarship fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Johnson, Recording Secretary.





## Minutes of MGCM Board Meeting December 3, 2011

President Kay Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. New Board members Sandra Abraham, Jean Strande, Judy Brooke, and Don Trocke were introduced and welcomed to the Board. The agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Club's financial status is very good. The Treasurer's report was received and filed. The 2012 budget will be prepared as soon as all 2011 bills are paid. Andy will figure the budget for the New Year and requests from committee chairs received.

**Vice-President's report:** Programs for the entire year 2012 are set. January through June has been previously announced. September will have Martin Stern on bulbs; October will be Don Mendenhall on hummingbird gardens, November, garden books, and December, the annual Holiday party.

**Membership Secretary's report:** There are 73 members renewed or joined for next year.

### Committee reports:

- Web Site will be moved to another server with address MGCM.org.
- Survey committee: As of December 6, 65 members have replied. This is historical participation. After Saturday, December 17, 2011. The committee will have the results and will post links to read them
- Combining the club tour and public tour committees was discussed. Robert will meet with both committees and have them decide what they want to do.

### New business:

- Kent Petterson, chair of the Scholarship committee, announced the \$1000 scholarship match has been met. An additional \$1000 donation of stock has been made. The board approved opening a brokerage account at US where we have our checking and CD accounts.
- In 2012 Board meetings will be held at 6:30 at central locations on the first Monday of the month. The first meeting will be January 3, 2012.

**President's report:** President Kay Wolfe praised the Board's work this year and said a good-by to those who are leaving. She was especially proud that we had the programs planned for 2012, that the board has conducted a survey of the total membership, and that we have Hospitality and Catering committees helping to organize the dinner meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Johnson, Recording Secretary.

### Editor's Note:

This issue is stuffed with information. Thanks to all contributors, congratulations to awardees, and Happy New Year to all!

*(Holiday party photos by Chuck Carlson, Denise Rust and Lloyd Wittstock)*



## MGCM 2012 Budget

-- Andy Marlow, Treasurer

Category	2011 Actual	2012 Budget		
<b>Income</b>				
MGCM Dues	\$1,300.00	\$1,400.00		
Holiday Party	\$1,320.00	\$1,300.00		
Holiday Party - Silent Auction	\$1,027.50	\$900.00		
Hospitality - Meals	\$5,922.00	\$6,000.00		
Plant Auction	\$8,217.00	\$8,000.00		
Donations (to general fund)	\$107.80	\$100.00		
Tours - Club	\$637.00	\$600.00		
<b>Expenses, Fixed</b>				
Hospitality - Room Rental	-\$700.00	-\$700.00		
Hospitality - Meals	-\$5,737.27	-\$5,900.00		
Hospitality - Other		-\$100.00		
Programs	-\$568.33	-\$700.00		
Arboretum Membership	-\$75.00	-\$75.00		
Directory	-\$167.50	-\$200.00		
Garden Spray	-\$190.08	-\$500.00		
Insurance (liability)	-\$250.00	-\$250.00		
Office Supplies	-\$112.74	-\$150.00		
President's Contingency fund	-\$149.54	-\$200.00		
Membership	-\$29.44	-\$100.00		
Website (renewed in 2011 for 2 years)	-\$190.80	\$0.00		
<b>Expenses, Committees</b>				
Arbor Day	-\$302.49	-\$300.00		
Awards and Trophies	-\$106.52	-\$150.00		
Flower, Food & Foto Show	-\$665.89	-\$700.00		
Historian	\$0.00	-\$50.00		
Holiday Party	-\$1,145.17	-\$1,300.00		
MGCM-TV	-\$48.00	-\$150.00		
Park Garden	-\$154.14	-\$150.00		
Photography	-\$50.00	-\$50.00		
Plant Auction	-\$4,765.83	-\$5,000.00		
Sunshine	-\$183.88	-\$300.00		
Tours	-\$415.48	-\$500.00		
<b>Expenses, Donations</b>				
MN Landscape Arboretum	-\$500.00	-\$500.00		
MN State Hort. Society	-\$200.00	-\$200.00		
<b>Income minus Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,823.20</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>		
	to reserve	to reserve		
<b>Designated Funds</b>				
(For Information only)	<b>Carry over</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Memorials/Park Garden	1905.47	\$200.00	-\$200.00	\$1,905.47
Scholarship	5130.28	\$1,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$4,130.28

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