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**Coming Up
Meeting**

Next Regular

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12:

"PEONIES: BOUNTIFUL BLOOMS AND LUSH FOLIAGE"

Presenter: Mary Yee, Minnesota Peony Society

Location: Lake Harriet Methodist Church,



4901 Chowen Ave. S. Minneapolis

Mary will speak on peony culture, new varieties of peonies, and the American Peony Society's new award designation that helps gardeners identify the best varieties to grow here.

6:00 Social time
6:15 Dinner
7:00 Business meeting
7:30 Program

Menu
Chicken or cheese enchiladas
Mexican rice
Mexican refried beans
Chips and salsa
Lettuce salad
"Frog's Eye Salad" dessert

- **Please note location change: Lake Harriet Methodist Church.**
- Permanent reservations are in effect.
- Dinner is \$13.
- Reservations or cancellations are required no later than Friday, January 8.
- Email [Carol Ann Brekke](mailto:CarolAnnBrekke@gmail.com) or call (952) 435-6029.
- For last-minute cancellations, call Alan Gallaher at (952) 933-1713. If he can sell it, you won't be billed.

[View the 2016 Meeting & Event Calendar](#)

From the President Brooke

Judy

Greetings members. I'm your new 2016 club president. To give you some background, I joined the club in 2009. Being a "people person," the first committee I joined was the Membership Committee, and I've remained with it ever since. Beginning in 2011, I also chaired the newly formed Catering Committee. Along the way, I helped form the Marketing and Publicity Committee. In 2012, I began serving on the board, first as a director for two years, then as the club's membership secretary beginning in 2014 through the present.



As the first born of four girls, my sisters might tell you they referred to me as "Miss Bossypants." I've always liked coordinating and facilitating. Since my retirement from nursing two years ago, I have very much enjoyed expanding my service to the club.

Last year as vice president, I led an ad hoc committee to revise the Officers and Committees sections of the [MWGCM Member Handbook](#). It took us nearly a year and it's now on the our website ready to share with you. The following summarizes the major changes. Most involved bringing things up to date, integrating documents, or attempting to focus each office or committee on their individual duties and eliminate overlap.

Several new committees have been added: the Catering Committee, the Marketing & Publicity Committee, the Native Garden Committee, and the Web Team. Although not new, the Lyndale Park Garden Committee has gone through some significant changes in recent years that have resulted in a new goal with several new duties.

The Memorial Policy has been integrated into the new handbook. Managing donations, especially memorial donations, is now included in the list of duties of the people involved. Thus the president, the treasurer, various committee chairs, and the *Garden Spray* and the Sunshine Committees may be called on to recognize donors and donations. For specific duties you can check the office or committee of interest in the handbook.

Some other changes in brief: Both the treasurer and this membership secretary took advantage of the handbook revision to include more comprehensive lists of our duties (refer to those sections under Officer's Duties).

- The vice president's duties now listed include taking over if the president is unavailable; coordinating the Macy's Bachman's Flower Show club event; and lining up locations for the club's monthly meetings.
- The list and titles managed by the Awards & Trophies Committee were updated.
- The Hospitality Committee's duties were adjusted to cover both meetings at LHC and Lakewood.
- Committees are now listed in alphabetical order.

Please look over the duties associated with the activities in which you participate. We hope the revised handbook will serve as a valuable resource when you have questions.

I want to thank those on the ad hoc Handbook Committee who were so diligent in helping me with this project: Bonnie Haehn, Genevieve Rousseau, and Alan Gallaher. This committee put in many hours updating information, and incorporating it in the new handbook.

Finally as your new president, I wish everyone a Happy New Year. With our healthy growth in membership plus a generous financial gift from the Deane Estate, our club is off to a good start for 2016.

From the Editors Felice

Tom McKusick, Nancy

Happy New Year! 2016 will usher in some changes with the *Garden Spray*: new editors, and as you've already noticed, a completely new format.

Nancy Felice and I will be co-editing the newsletter as we take on the formidable task of living up to Mary Maynard's impeccable editorial standards. The club owes Mary an enormous debt of gratitude. She was the *Spray* editor for ten years; the first five co-editing it with Jason Rathe, and the last five on her own. We will be hard pressed to match her lively writing style, her patience with procrastinating contributors, and her deft touch with the editor's pencil.

However, with an editing partner like Nancy I believe we're well equipped to take up the challenge.

Nancy has had a long career as a professional copywriter, and she still takes on freelance writing assignments. Not only that, for some time she edited her Linden Hills neighborhood E-

newsletter, producing it in the Constant Contact format you see here with this issue of the *Spray*.

As I have also worked in Constant Contact at my job with MSHS, it seemed to us to be a logical choice to change the *Spray* from its somewhat clunky format of a Word doc converted to a .pdf, to one produced entirely in Constant Contact. This change will enable us to more easily design and edit the newsletter, place graphics and web links, and we can still archive it as a .pdf on the MWGCM website, and print it out for mailing to those few members who don't use email.

We hope you like it, and we're anxious to hear what you think. Send us your thoughts or share them at the next club meeting.

Wishing you a healthy and joyous 2016,
Tom McKusick

I'm honored to be co-editing the *Garden Spray* with Tom. I've been a writer much longer than I've been a gardener, so this seemed like a good way to contribute. We'll try our best to live up to Mary's standards. She set the bar high, and we owe her a big thank you for her help.

I've only been in the club since last February, but people have been so friendly and welcoming, I feel like I've been around much longer. (Others newbies have said they feel the same way.) I love the way new members are encouraged to jump right in. I did with the new Native Garden group, and I can't wait for season two to start.

As you can see the *Spray* is undergoing some changes. Like most things in gardening, it's a growing and learning process. I hope you'll enjoy seeing what's to come, and feel free to share your feedback.

Best wishes for the new year.
Nancy Felice

Board Meeting Highlights

Levin

Laurie

Tom McKusick chaired his last Board meeting as president. Points of interest from the meeting included:

- A solid financial report.
- Club membership growth throughout the year.
- Completion of the revised Member Handbook.
- Appointment of Dave McKeen and Andy Marlow to be the Auditing Committee.
- *Garden Spray* editorial responsibilities being turned over to Nancy Felice and Tom McKusick, with great thanks to Mary Maynard for her many years as editor.
- Setting dates for seven Board meetings for the coming year



*Happy Holidays from the
Lyndale Park Garden
Committee!*

*Here we are in the snow fence on
November 3.*

Where is the snow?

(Editor's note: We found out didn't we.)

Native Garden Committee

Otto

Kirky

The Native Garden Committee of the Lyndale Park gardeners has enjoyed working together so much that they continue to meet monthly during the winter. Any member of the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis who would like to join in the fun is welcome. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, 9:00 a.m. at the Sparrow Café, 50th and Penn Avenue South in Minneapolis.



The group meets at Lyndale Park on Wednesday mornings during the gardening season, but co-chair Carol Schreier is willing to head up another branch of the committee to meet at another time if Wednesday mornings don't work for you.

Thanks to native plant/bulb/corm/pip donations from Judy Berglund and Don Trocke, the committee ended its year by planting many, many native ephemerals near the redbud tree at the east side of the garden. We have requested a couple dozen more from the Park Board for the back area near the trail in hopes that ginger, hepatica, and similar plants will fill in and keep the exotic invasives out.

If you are interested in native plants, please join us in January or in the spring! It's a grand group of cheerful people.

Awards Recap

Recognized with awards at our Holiday Party December 8 were:

President's Cup: Paul Aarestad

The President's Cup is awarded to the member who provided outstanding assistance to the president during his/her term. Paul was recognized, along with Lakewood Cemetery, for all the support they've shown the club in opening their beautiful facility to us.

Lehman Trophy: Carole Ann Brekke

The Tour Committee presents this award to the best member garden on a club tour. Carole Ann's garden in Burnsville was designed with help from former member Eldon Hugelen.

Bachman Award: Dave Johnson

The Bachman Award is presented to recognize outstanding service to the club.

Rookies of the Year

This year two first-year members were chosen by the Board of Directors:

Kathy Lenarz is not only a member of the Native Garden, Lyndale Park Garden, and Membership Committees, she was also second place finisher in the FFF Show photo contest sweepstakes.

Sandra Mangel serves on the Program, Membership, and Holiday Party Committees. In addition to contributing program ideas and interviewing new club members, she was also in charge of the musical entertainment for the Holiday Party.

MWGCM 2015 Scholarship Recipients - \$1,000 Awards

Jodi Gehrke (pictured) - Second-year student with a double major in Landscape Design and Construction/Horticulture at Hennepin Technical College

Brooke Moren - Second-year student for Associate in Applied Science in Horticulture, Central Lakes College

Rebecca Splichal - Senior in Public Garden Management, University of Minnesota

Linnea Fink-Bittner - First-year student in Landscape Horticulture, Dakota Technical College



Proposed MWGCM 2016 Budget

TO BE APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE JANUARY 2016 MEETING

Category	2015 Actual	2015 Budget	2016 Budget
Income			
MWGCM Dues	\$2,260	\$1,800	\$2,100
Holiday Party	\$1,633	\$1,500	\$1,800
Holiday Party Silent Auction	\$846	\$650	\$650
Hospitality Meals	\$6,132	\$7,000	\$7,000
Hospitality Room Rent Refund	\$150		
Plant Sale/Auction	\$9,841	\$6,500	\$8,000
Donations	\$65,310	\$200	\$200
Transfers			\$5,000
Tours Club	\$1,525	\$750	\$1,000
	\$87,697	\$18,400	\$25,750
Transfer:			
Deane Designated Fund	-\$65,033		
	\$22,664		
Expenses, Fixed			
Hospitality Room Rental	-\$100	\$300	\$550
Hospitality Meals	-\$6,355	\$7,000	\$7,000
Hospitality Other	-\$13	\$100	\$100
Guest Meals	-\$78	\$156	\$156
Programs	-\$650	\$800	\$800
Arboretum Membership	-\$500	\$500	\$500
Directory	-\$186	\$250	\$250
Garden Spray	-\$309	\$425	\$350
Insurance (liability)	-\$265	\$275	\$275
Membership	-\$167	\$250	\$250
Office Supplies	-\$110	\$150	\$150

President's Contingency Fund	-\$61	\$200	\$200
Website (renewed every 2 years)	\$0	\$0	\$275
Expenses, Committees			
Arbor Day	-\$209	\$200	\$200
Awards & Trophies	-\$129	\$125	\$135
Flower, Food & Foto Show	-\$797	\$800	\$940
Historian	\$0	\$25	\$25
Holiday Party	-\$2,710	\$1,500	\$1,800
Lyndale Park Garden Operating Expenses	-\$500	\$500	\$300
Lyndale Park Garden Plant Material			\$1,000
Marketing & Publicity	-\$235	\$400	\$300
Native Garden Operating Expenses			\$100
Photography	-\$115	\$50	\$75
Plant Sale/Auction	-\$4,892	\$3,500	\$4,000
Scholarship Operating Expenses			\$200
Scholarship Awards			\$4,000
Sunshine	-\$165	\$200	\$500
Tours Club	-\$1,346	\$750	\$1,000
Expenses, Donations			
Minnesota State Horticulture Society	-\$500	\$500	\$500
	-\$20,392	\$18,956	\$25,931
Income minus Expenses	\$2,272		-\$181
	to reserve		from reserve

**Financial Summary
(for information only)**

	1/1/15 balance	2015 interest	2015 donations	2015 expenses	12/31/15 balance	transfers	1/1/16 balance
Checking Account	\$21,629				\$87,237		\$87,237
Designated Funds							

Lyndale Park Garden	\$2,731	\$2,139	-\$887	\$3,983	-\$1,000	\$2,983
Scholarship	\$10,890	\$1,067	-\$4,161	\$7,796	-\$4,000	\$3,796
Deane Fund		\$65,033			\$65,033	\$65,033
Working Balance	\$8,008			\$75,458		\$15,425
Petty Cash on hand	\$100			\$100		\$100
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,260	\$22		\$5,282		\$5,282

Treasurer's Snapshot

Gallaher

Alan

As of December 20, 2015

Checking balance \$87,237

Designated Funds

- Lyndale Park Garden \$2,983
- Scholarship \$3,796
- Deane Fund \$65,033

Working Balance \$15,425
 Petty Cash \$100
 CD \$5,282

Meeting & Event Calendar

January 12

Peonies: Bounteous Blooms and Lush Foliage
 Mary Yee, Minnesota Peony Society
 Lake Harriet Methodist Church

February 9

Landscaping with Iris and Siberian Iris
 William Dougherty
 Lake Harriet Methodist Church

March 8

July & August

Garden Tours
 Dates and time TBA

August 20 & 21

Flower, Food and Foto Show
 U of M Landscape Arboretum

September 13

Grow Native: Bringing Natural Beauty to your Garden
 Lakewood Cemetery

Flowering Shrubs
Debbie Lonnee
Lakewood Cemetery

March 29
Macy's Bachman's Flower Show
Macy's Downtown

May 10
Plant Sale and Auction
St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church,
Minneapolis

June 14
Tips for Competing in Plant Shows
Judy Berglund, Mary Maynard and Friends
Lakewood Cemetery

October 11
Hydroponic Gardening
Larry Cipolla
Lakewood Cemetery

November 8
Low Maintenance Lawn Care
Sam Bauer
Lake Harriet Methodist Church

December 13
Holiday Party
Location TBD

2016 Officers & Directors

Club Officers

President
Judy Brooke
Minnetonka

Vice President
Board shares responsibilities

Membership Secretary
Judy Brooke

Recording Secretary
Laurie Levin
Golden Valley

Treasurer
Alan Gallaher
Edina

Past President
Tom McKusick
Minneapolis

Directors

Judy Berglund
Minnetonka

Bonnie Haehn
Minneapolis

Dave McKeen
St. Louis Park

Steve Shubick
St. Paul



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