



The Garden Spray

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Upcoming Events

Tour of Rice Creek Gardens with Betty Ann Addison

Tuesday June 8, 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the gardens: [1315 66th Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432.](#)

Virtual Tour of University of Minnesota Conservatory with Lisa Aston Philander

Tuesday, June 8

Club meeting 6:45

Presentation: 7:00

Email will be sent with Zoom invitation.

Club Summer Garden Tour

Saturday, July 10, 2:00 p.m.

Details in the July *Garden Spray*

From the President
Linda Wilkins

What makes a gardener?

Have you noticed that as your gardening experience increases, you enjoy being around other gardeners more? What is it that makes gardeners such special people? I believe it takes a long time to achieve those qualities. I often ask myself, "What is it that makes gardeners so likeable?"

I do know this: Good gardeners are knowledgeable. For example, I consider Lee and Jerry Shannon to be the "Wikipedia" in the plant and garden department. They can answer any questions about plants and soil.

Good gardeners also have good math skills. How else could Gary Geister always know the exact number of plants to prepare in proportion to the amount of soil and fertilizer so that the garden club plant sale is successful?

Hard work and diligence are common traits in good gardeners. I was at the plant sale when we discovered frost had gotten many of the coleus and impatiens plants. It was a shame, but no one sat around moaning. Hard working and diligent Mary Maynard assessed the situation, developed a solution, and everyone got busy taking care of the problem. What a team!

Although people are not born good gardeners, they learn to understand the time and flow of the seasons and have great respect and love for nature and the environment.

Creativity and curiosity are also qualities of good gardeners. Thanks to the creative horticulturists at the University, we now have many wonderful cultivars of apples. This year we're planting tomatoes created by our own Larry Cipolla. The many gardens of club members are beautiful, unique and very creative.

And there is always a reward to anyone who lives near a vegetable gardener. Gardeners love to share. We are blessed in this city to have so many community gardens tended by volunteers.

I've also noticed most gardeners are passionate about tending to their gardens. We love the songs from the birds, the shapes and colors of the flowers, and everything having to do with being outdoors.

Gardeners have so many good qualities, I believe if we had more people who loved to garden, the world would be a better place.

Thanks to Carol Schreier, Kirky Otto and all the others who contributed and for all the work they did in creating our garden walk.

Remember, Tuesday, June 8, we have a personal garden tour at the Gardens of Rice Creek led by Betty Ann Addison at [1315 66th Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55432](https://www.gardensofricecreek.com). To get a preview, go to www.GardensofRiceCreek.com. Meet at the gardens at 10:00 a.m.

On the evening of Tuesday, June 8, we'll Zoom with Lisa Aston Philander who will provide a tour of the University conservatory. The link for this event is forthcoming. Until then, I look forward to seeing you soon in the gardens.

Planting a seed is to have hope in the future.

Lyndale Park Gardens/Native & Shade Gardens Kirky Otto & Carol Shreier, Co-chairs

Self-guided Walking Tour: Native/Shade Gardens

The plants have been identified and marked to the best of our ability (plants in native gardens have a way of moving around). The narrative has been written and recorded. This is an audio tour. There is no video. Technical magic has occurred and you may now access the [Native & Shade Garden Self-Guided Walking Tour](#) from the home page of the club website.

Click on the link to the Walking Tour and it will open the home page of the tour. This page includes a map on how to reach the gardens and links to 1) the audio guide to the tour, 2) a map of the tour, definitions and resources. 3) a comprehensive plant list and 4) a printed version of the audio.

To take the tour in the gardens you will need to click on the audio guide. You can then use your ear pods, headphones or just take your phone, listen to it and walk the tour. Or you can listen to it at home. The other links provide additional information. The tour is available to all club members and the general public. We are excited about the tour and hope you enjoy it, too. As this is a first endeavor, we will appreciate your feedback.

It has been a labor of love and would not have been possible without the support and assistance of my co-chair, Kirky Otto, all the members of the Native/Shade Garden Committee, Sherry Brooks, Kait Ryan and others of the Park Board. It does take a village to create a walking tour.

-- Carol Shreier

Tour Committee
Robert Kean, Chair

Summer Tour set for Saturday, July 10

We are finalizing plans for a summer tour the afternoon of Saturday, July 10 (rain date Sunday, July 11). The self-drive tour will include four member gardens in the Lake Harriet area and an optional final stop at the club gardens at Lake Harriet. The tour will begin at 2:00 p.m. and last about 2-3 hours. There is no cost and reservations are not required.

The tour is open to garden club members and their guests. Complete details will be published in the July *Garden Spray*.

Marketing & Publicity Committee Becky DeLaCruz, Chair

We have been including “Things to Do” with the monthly *Spray*, however this month will be the final one. As we return to a more normal world thanks to the availability of vaccines, more of us are getting out and about and going to events. We hope you found some value in the past “Things to Do,” and were able to enjoy the virtual events that were offered.

[June Things to Do](#)

(Editor’s note: A big thank you to Becky for reminding us throughout the last year that there were still many events available to us.)

Flower, Food & Foto Show Judy Berglund, Chair



2021 FFF Show planned for Saturday & Sunday, August 14 & 15 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

We are still hoping to have our annual Flower, Food and Foto Show in August. We hope that all club members will consider entering a few of their favorite flowers and vegetables (I found some great cosmos and herbs, our featured flower and vegetable, at the May plant sale).

[The general rules are all on the club website](#) along with all of the entry classes. There is also an example of how to fill out your entry tags.

Happy gardening and hope to see everyone at the FFF Show in August.

Photography Committee Lloyd Wittstock, Chair

FFF Foto Show Rules and Deadlines Posted

Your easy-to-navigate club website now has the rules for both parts of the “Foto” Contest in the Calendar: Upcoming Events section.

[Photo Contest Rules](#)

The digital contest and the People’s Choice entries are due by Saturday, July 31. The digital contest is open to non-members as well as members of the club. The People’s Choice contest is for members only, and prints are voted on at the site of the FFF show.

Complete information on entries is explicitly and eloquently stated in the rules, thanks to Photo Committee member Andy Marlow.

We hope you’ll get out and photograph your gardens and perhaps be able to take some travel shots before July 30.

Deane Grant Project Update



Plant-Grow-Share

One of the 2021 Deane Grants awards is for [Plant-Grow-Share](#), a project of Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO). The following letter is from the lead gardener who is creating projects with the help of the Deane funds, to promote healing in the

neighborhood. You can see there is a great need for this project and we can all hope in some small way to help with healing in the neighborhood. If you would like to visit the P-G-S garden, please contact [Mollie Dean](#).

--Mollie Dean

Our community is a garden of immigrants, refugees, descendants of stolen people as well as people indigenous to this land. Regardless of where our community comes from, everyone finds a piece of home in the garden.

For Plant-Grow-Share, 2021 has been a whirlwind of activity. Slowly but surely, neighbors have been emerging from hibernation alongside their plants. In Hosmer Garden, alpine strawberries greet the chocolate mint in a warm embrace. These plants share with each other gladly, each occupying a different space in the soil and in the air. This style of cooperation is how Plant-Grow-Share approaches food justice.

Together.

We cannot talk about food justice without antiracism. Throughout the summer, neighbors will meet in courageous spaces to examine the role they might play in antiracism. Our multigenerational gatherings have brought community members to the table from across Minnesota.

Like our community, evidence of the collaborations that support our program have been seeded in the garden. In the coming months, neighbors will meet to learn about the plants that can support the health of their mind as well as their body. We're excited to bring classes on making tea, tinctures and other preservation techniques for medicinal plants. The first sets of creeping thyme, lavender and other healing herbs have arrived. 2020 left many of us with wounds to heal. For Black and Indigenous folks, much of this hurt continues. Together, we have an opportunity to rest and reset. Come plant. Come grow. Come plant. Come grow. Come share.

We'll be here when you're ready.

*Warm regards,
Lane Brown (Farm Organizer)
Plant-Grow-Share*

Membership Corner
Kathy Lenarz, Chair

Welcome New Members

Please join me in welcoming two new members who signed up in May: **Carol Kelly** and **Sally Rothenberg**. We look forward to seeing them in person soon. This month I'm happy to introduce two new members who joined in March.

Introducing Christine Bedore

Christine hails from Michigan, where she grew up with horticultural roots. Her grandfather was a grower and her father a florist. Her father's relaxation activity was gardening and she "helped." He also did bonsai, and she still has his tools. Christine also enjoys relaxing in the outdoors. She has been "puddling around" at her South Minneapolis yard for 26 years, more so since she retired about three years ago. She does all that she can to avoid straight lines and turf grass.

Introducing Katie Bayliss

Katie comes from suburban Chicago. Her mother grew flowers, and Katie enjoys them as well. She found out about MWGCM through the Minneapolis Parks. She

often biked from her South Minneapolis home to enjoy the Rose Garden and Peace Garden near Lake Harriet, and of course the Lyndale Park Native/Shade and Mixed Border Gardens maintained by our club committees.

Katie works in clinical research for Medtronic. She spends her home gardening time battling the two huge maple trees that suck up all the moisture in the corner lot, and convincing her husband that he can give up more lawn space.

Every member bring a member.

Board Meeting Highlights

Sue Clark, Recording Secretary

Highlights from the May 2021 board meeting

Carol Schreier of the Lyndale Park Native and Shade Gardens joined the meeting and gave us an update on progress and a preview of the Walking Tour of the Gardens. The Board thanks Carol, Kirky Otto, and others on the committee for their excellent work on this project. We are also looking forward to taking the tour.

The Board also discussed planning for the return to in-person membership meetings, hopefully in the fall.

[Read the complete minutes.](#)

Treasurer's Snapshot

Bill Clark, Treasurer

As of May 21, 2021

U.S. Bank Balance: \$49,704.75

Royal Credit
Deane Fund: \$70,928.32

Total Club Funds: \$120,633.07

2021 Meetings & Events

June 8

Gardens of Rice Creek Tour

June 8

U of MN Conservatory Virtual Tour
 Lisa Philander
 Zoom Meeting

July 11

Summer Garden Tour

August 15 & 16

Flower, Food & Foto Show
 MN Landscape Arboretum

September 14

Apples
 Peter Moe
 Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum
 (tentative)

October 12

Container Decorating
 Lynn Messman
 Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum
 (tentative)

November 9

Ask the Experts
 MWGCM Member Panel
 Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum
 (tentative)

December 14

Annual Holiday Party
 TBA

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