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From the President

Sandra Abraham

As we near the end of our busy summer all thoughts should lead us to the last of our three big club events. The 75th Anniversary Flower, Food, and Foto show will be held at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum August 19 & 20. The deadline for entering your photos has passed but there is still time for you to plan your floral designs and grow out your best vegetables.

This is the time of the summer when I look at my gardens and compare them with the gardens I have seen on garden tours to evaluate if I can incorporate anything I have seen on those tours into my rather tired looking landscape. Another thing I must do around this time of the summer is to freshen up some of the containers I have planted. By now some of the blooming plants in the pots have reached maturity but others need to be replaced.

Now is the time to consider a second planting of vegetables such as green beans. I can be quite sure that the new plants will not be bothered by those pesky Japanese Beetles because by the time the seeds emerge the JBs should be gone.

I have an area in my yard which is shaded by the canopy of a maple tree I really like. Because I cannot seem to grow new grass in that area, I have decided to plant more shrubs. After talking with Rodger Sefelt during our public tour about some interesting new hydrangeas, I will try some of his recommendations. If you decide to do such a project remember that it is required by state law to call 811 or go online to www.gopherstateonecall.org to report any excavation or digging two business days before your project. A locator will come out to mark any underground utilities in the area of the project.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the FFF Show along with your horticultural and design entries. Good Luck to all of you!

From the Editors

Tom McKusick, Nancy Felice

When Nancy Felice told me she was going on vacation and asked me to help her by editing this edition of the Garden Spray, I gulped and said "um....ok." The prospect of putting out the newsletter by myself seemed truly daunting. As many of you know it's Nancy who is actually the editor and does nearly all of the work involved in putting it together, while as co-editor I only contribute an occasional column and read through the newsletter before she publishes it (as does Mary Maynard). I was not at all

confident that my rudimentary skills using Constant Contact, our newsletter application, would be up to the task. Not to mention my editing abilities, which are limited at best.

But true to form, Nancy had already produced a draft of the August newsletter before she left that was nearly complete and required me only to add a few things. Thank you Nancy!

So I hope you enjoy this edition of the Garden Spray, and if you see anything that's wrong you can blame me!

Tom McKusick

2017 Flower, Food & Foto Show

Judy Berglund, Chair

2017 FFF SHOW - AUGUST 19 & 20 AT THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM

[2017 Flower and Vegetable Show Schedule and rules](#)



2017 Flower, Food and Foto Show
August 19 & 20
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Saturday, August 19th

7:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. **Entries accepted**

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Judging**

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

Sunday, August 20th

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 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!

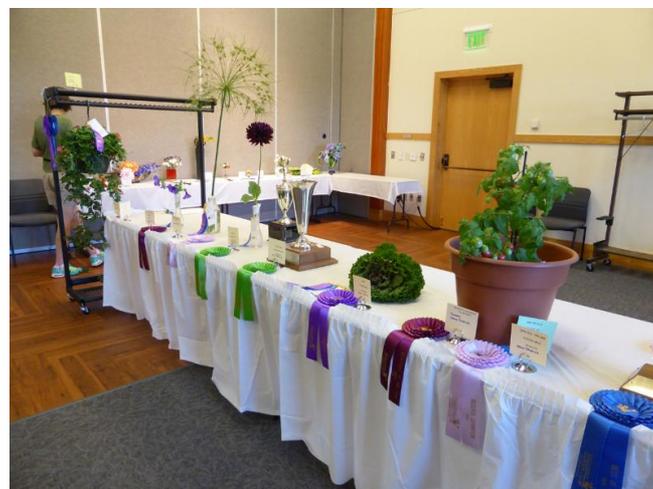
Go to our website (www.MWGCM.org) and hit "Links" where you will find the show schedule with rules, entry classes and an example of how to fill out an entry tag. If

you have questions, please give Judy Berglund a call at 952-975-1960.

Our featured flower is Salvia, which may be exhibited as 3 uniform stems. Salvias may also be exhibited as container grown plants. Carrots are this year's featured vegetable, which may be exhibited as 3 uniform roots in size and color. Carrot tops should be trimmed to 1 ½ - 2" above the crown. Side roots should be carefully trimmed off but not the tap root. Trim tap root to 1". Roots may be carefully washed but not scrubbed so that the outer skin is injured.

Please do not forget to bring your "75: Celebrating Anniversaries" floral designs.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



Announcements

CHUCK CARLSON

Chuck Carlson is resigning as the email coordinator. We have identified his replacement and will announce the details in a future email once the person has been oriented to the position which we hope will be mid-August. In the meantime, Chuck will continue to send emails as requested.

NOVEMBER MEETING LOCATION

The club directory incorrectly lists the site of our November meeting and program as Lakewood Cemetery. It will be held at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church.

RIDE TO MEETINGS PROGRAM If you are having trouble driving to the club meetings you can contact Lynda Lundstrom and she will arrange a ride for you.

Lynda.lundstrom@gmail.com

A REPORT AND A PLEA



Native bees are enjoying the Eryngium yuccifolium (rattlesnake master) in the native garden.

July saw a lot of progress in the native and shade gardens with good participation in spite of heat and humidity. We built support structures around clumps of native plants using Andrew Gawboy's sticks-and-grapevine with Kathy Lenarz providing yards of grapevine cuttings. It's fun, attractive, and it works! As the supports go up, it's possible to see and remove weeds and other invasive plants, so the garden looks more intentional.

We continue to move non-native plants out of the native garden and moved a native from the shade garden back where it belongs. Apparently a bird left us a goose-necked loosestrife seed at some point. Charlotte Ekstrom and Judy Berglund spent hours digging it out, and then pruned the ninebark. That same week Anne-Ellen Kerr tackled the creeping Charlie along the edge of the garden and filled tub after tub with waste material.

Katherine Schafer has claimed the right to use the weed wrench that Becca Gross, our new manager, brought to the garden and made impressive progress getting rid of what Mary Helebrandt kindly calls "donor trees," also known as volunteers -- or weed trees -- which grow behind the garden. Mary's primary work has been in the shade garden with Carol Schreier. They are also planning changes for the native garden, including a new understory tree to replace the horse chestnut, if it fails.

On July 19 Becca brought wood chip mulch to refresh the path that runs behind the garden, and logs to define the edges of the path, and everyone worked on those projects.



Katherine using the tree wrench.

The plea: If the July 19 projects sound like heavy work, they were. It's a super committee doing the work, but for a Men's and Women's Garden Club, there seems to be a dearth of men! Steve Shubick works in both the mixed border garden and in the native and shade gardens when he can, but the other men who have been terrific assets there have been pulled away -- one now has a full-time job, another has had to cut back -- so, if there are any brave men who are able to work on Wednesday mornings at Lyndale Park, please give us a try! We don't bite, and we always have

something to eat at break time. We're there from 8:30 (or a bit before) until 11:15 and we would welcome you. E-mail kirky.otto@gmail.com and I'll put you on the Monday morning e-mail list, so you can see our plans for the week. You might like working with us, and you'll surely be appreciated!

-- Kirky Otto

Volunteer Opportunity: Lyndale Park Rose Garden

ATTENTION ROSE AFICIONADOS

The Lyndale Park Rose Garden has a new gardener, Andrew Gawboy. He has big plans for restoration of the rose garden and is looking for volunteers.



The Tuesday crew from the Lyndale Park Gardens/Mixed Border Garden has already pitched in, and there's much more to be done.

Andrew is offering open volunteer days to work in the rose garden each Saturday morning from 9 until 11 or 12. During that time volunteers will be pruning, maintaining, and enjoying the roses under Andrew's watchful eye. Tools will be provided, or you can bring your own.

Whether you're an experienced rose grower, or would like to learn more about them, you're welcome to join in. If you need more information, email [Andrew Gawboy](mailto:Andrew.Gawboy) or call (612) 499-9266.

(Editor's note: Those who volunteer in the Lyndale Park Gardens/Native and Shade Gardens have enjoyed working with Andrew for the past three summers. He's knowledgeable, innovative, and great to work with.)

Membership Corner

Judy Brooke, Chair

WELCOME PETER MOE

Peter is Director of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Prior to becoming director, he was Landscape Maintenance Supervisor and Director of Operations and Research. Since 1973, he has been involved in the world-class fruit and landscape plant

breeding programs at the Arboretum as well as the design, construction and operation of new gardens, ecological restoration, model landscapes, buildings and facilities. Peter has a B.S. in Horticulture and Masters of Agriculture from the University of Minnesota. Peter and his wife, Susan, live in Chanhassen and have three grown children.

WELCOME GENA LODOLO

Gena and husband John moved here from Michigan two years ago. Their duplex in Edina came complete with a yard full of trees and buckthorn. They spent the first year trimming and removing dead trees and buckthorn. The second year, they planted a front shade garden with ferns, hostas, a hydrangea tree and colorful annuals. Gena has always liked gardening but until her recent retirement, she worked 14-hour days and traveled often. Her background is in computers and software, where she was vice president of sales and marketing. She wants to learn to be a better gardener, and as a guest at our 75th Anniversary Party, she was so inspired by Shannon's garden, she joined our club.

WELCOME JENNIE MORGAN

Jennie Morgan has always loved gardening. As soon as she had her first house, she removed much of the sod and put in a garden bed. In her current yard she grows mainly perennials, but is also in the process of constructing a pond and waterfall. Jennie grew up in Georgia, and attended college there. However, right after graduate school, she began teaching math (calculus II) at the Univ of MN where she's remained ever since.

Jennie lives in Linden Hills along with her two daughters. She found out about MWGCM thru Nextdoor.com.

We also welcome to our membership Paul Theis (Excelsior) and William Clark(Minnetonka). More about Paul and William in the next edition of the Garden Spray.

Every member bring a member.

Board Meeting Highlights

Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary

JULY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board took time this month to reflect on the many successful activities we have enjoyed during the first half of our 75th Anniversary year. Our finances continue to be strong; we continue to welcome new members; the spring Plant Sale was a success--all evidence of the health of our club. There are many more projects that we as members can work on, and the Board encourages every member to become an active member of a committee---or many committees.

The only business that required formal Board action this month was the transfer of funds to the Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden Committee to maintain their work this year.

Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Treasurer

AS OF JULY 25, 2017

Checking Balance	\$
	24,908
Designated Funds	
Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden	
Scholarship	\$
Deane Fund at RCU	2,357
	\$
Working Balance	2,946
	\$
Petty Cash	65,338
	\$
MWGCM 19-month CD at US Bank	19,605
	\$
	100
	\$
	5,335

Meeting & Event Calendar

August 19 & 20

Flower, Food and Foto Show U of M
Landscape Arboretum

September 12

Ask the Experts: Answers to All Your
Gardening Questions

October 10

Using Dwarf and Miniature Conifers in the
Garden

Jeremy Moore

Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

November 14

Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum Behind the Scenes at the Friends School
Plant Sale
Henry Fieldseth
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

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