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## September Meeting Preview

Mary Barsness, Programs Committee Chair

### SEPTEMBER 12 PROGRAM: "ASK THE EXPERTS"

Our next meeting is an opportunity to take advantage of the gardening expertise in our club. A panel of seven club members will answer questions and share their knowledge on a wide range of gardening topics. The panel will include: Jerry Shannon, general gardening; Andy Marlow, shade gardening; Bette Fenton container gardening; Dave McKeen, roses; Judy Berglund, vegetables; and Carol Schreier, natives. Margaret Hibberd will be our moderator.

If you want to submit your questions in advance, email them to [Mary Barsness](mailto:Mary.Barsness@juno.com). She will collate and give them to the moderator.

#### Menu

6:00 Social Time	Chicken/Beef tacos/taco salad
6:15 Dinner	with all the fixings
7:00 Business Meeting	Chips
7:30 Program	Spanish rice
	Apple crisp

- September meeting location: **Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum.**
- Permanent reservations are in effect.
- Dinner is \$13.00.
- Reservations or cancellations are required no later than Friday, September 8.
- Email Sharla Aasang at [resmwgcm@juno.com](mailto:resmwgcm@juno.com), or call (612) 623-9341 and leave a message.
- For last-minute cancellations, call Alan Gallaher at (952) 933-1713. If he can sell it, you won't be billed.

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## From the President

Sandra Abraham

Summer is coming to a close with days getting shorter and temperatures dropping. There is still time to plant that tree you have been wanting along with those perennials to fill the empty spaces where annuals are looking a bit tired.

As teachers and students go back to school, so will garden club members begin another educational season. Our kick-off meeting in September at the Lakewood Cemetery will feature a panel of MWGCM garden experts answering those questions that you've been meaning to research.

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to fill vacancies on the board. Please give some thought into running for an office this year. It's also time to think about budget proposals for 2018. If you are a committee chairperson, please start looking ahead to next year's activities and possible expenses.

Our club's summer activities have been outstanding. The public garden tour was beautiful, the 75th Anniversary Garden Party was a huge success, and the FFF Show was full of many interesting entries. The gardens tended by our members in the Lyndale Park Gardens are a sight to behold.

To all of you who have volunteered to make these activities and events a success may I say, "Job well done." I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting to continue celebrating our 75th year.

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## 2017 Flower, Food & Foto Awards

Judy Berglund, Chair

### ONE OF OUR BEST SHOWS EVER



This year we had 25 exhibiting members--the most of any year in recent memory--including five first-timers. Thank you to everyone who participated. A special thanks to the committee members who worked so hard to make the show come off seamlessly.

The judges commented on the high quality of the plant material. Visitors were amazed at the variety of annuals and perennials and impressed

by the creativity of the floral designs. We also had a wonderful selection potted plants, from succulents to a fabulous begonias and coleus to tiny hostas.

I'm hoping to see even more of you in next year's show on August 18 and 19, 2018. Save the dates and see you there.

-- *Judy Berglund*

### 2017 FFF SHOW AWARDS

<b>Award</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Winning Entry</b>
Champion Vegetable	Judy Berglund	herb container
Reserve Champion Vegetable	Jim Dzandzara	'Fairy Tale' eggplant
Featured Vegetable (Carrot)	Mary Maynard	'Little Finger'
Vegetable Sweepstakes	Robert Kean	
Champion Flower	Don Trocke	ornamental pepper
Reserve Champion Flower	Don Trocke	pineapple lily
Featured Flower (Salvia)	Gary Geister	'Texas Hummingbird' sage
Flower Sweepstakes	Gary Geister	
Best in Show (Flower & Vegetable)	Judy Berglund	herb container
Photo Sweepstakes	Kathleen Lenarz	
Best Photo in Show	Steve Shor	'Afflame' water lily
Reserve Champion Photo(s)	Beverly Galles Kathleen Lenarz Steve Townsend	"Magnolia" "Sunrise at Colorado Lake" "Monarchs on Blazing Star"
Best First-time Exhibitor	Lynn Messman	



*Photos: Judy Berglund, Lloyd Wittstock*

## **PHOTO SHOW WRAP-UP: THEY'RE ALL ABOVE AVERAGE**

One hundred eighty-nine images were delivered to judges Andy Marlow and David McKeen. FFF Show attendees viewed the results on a large monitor and voted on prints for the People's Choice.

We see increased interest in photography brought on by cellphones and the relatively low prices of fine digital cameras. The coverage was broad: from backyards to the Grand Canyon. The talent was broad as well: 13 entrants received recognition, seven people received one or more blue ribbons, and three people received reserve champion awards.



*Best in Show  
"Lily Aflame" by Steve Shor*

Fifteen people entered digital photos in the open competition and seven members entered the members-only People's Choice. [See all the photo show winners](#) on the MWGCM website.

The jury is still out on the People's Choice which is decided by ballots cast at the show for chances to win \$25, \$15 and \$10 gift cards. Look for more information at the September meeting and awards at the holiday party.

*-- Lloyd Wittstock and Chuck Carlson*

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## **Lyndale Park Gardens/Mixed Border Garden** Kay Wolfe, Chair

### **REMEMBERING BOB REDMOND**

We lost one of the garden club greats when Bob Redmond died on August 6 at age 89. He was



very dedicated to the club's public garden project in Lyndale Park. Bob joined MGCM in 1989. He was co-chair of the Fragrance Garden project in 1996. He was a founding member of the Perennial Trial Garden project in 1997, and co-chaired the committee until 2001. He was a member of the Mixed Border Garden committee until in 2015, but did not rejoin the club due to his

inability to attend meetings. The following memories are from past and present members of the park garden committee.

-- *Kay Wolfe*

*Mary Maynard*

Bob and I joined the club in the same year, so I knew him "all my life" as a club member. He was always interested in our work at Lyndale Park. Even when his knees and back no longer allowed him to do the physical work, he brought the donut holes and coffee.

Bob was always willing to have his garden on tours. His corner lot on Minnehaha Parkway was the most "personal" space I've ever seen -- filled with birdhouses, sculptures, lights and other structures that Bob and his wife Phyllis designed and constructed. We were sorry that they had to sell the house after Phyllis got ill. I drive past it often. The structures are still there, but the spirit is gone, of course. I miss it. I extend my condolences and best wishes to Phyllis and Bob's daughters. Rest well, Bob.

*Nancy Bjerke*

What I remember is Bob at the bench near the west end of the area we groomed. He would arrange his donut holes on the bench in the shade for our breaks. He thought they were the perfect size for a snack. The committee is planning a Memorial Donut Hole Service, and in the spring we will plant a tree.

*Robert Kean*

We will need to get the special glazed donut holes with drizzled chocolate, in his honor.

*MT Pulley*

Sorry to hear of the passing of Bob Redmond. Yes, chocolate drizzled glazed donut holes from Cub and coffee in a lever-action pump vacuum bottle carafe. R.I.P. Bob

*Mollie Dean* I can see him sitting on that bucket telling his stories and laughing his big laugh. I was so sad when I read the news. He was indeed a garden club great. To this day we still have donut holes at our work session breaks. Bob made it part of the Lyndale Park Garden Committee's "culture."

# Announcements



## **IMPORTANT REQUEST FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee is looking for a club member who is willing to explore the possibility of being a candidate for vice president for 2018 and then president in 2019. Please consider stepping up to the plate and contact [Judy Brooke](#) or [Sandra Abraham](#).

## **ARE YOU STORING CLUB STUFF?**

As we prepared for the garden party, we realized the club has lots of items stored here and there: tools, photos, articles, tablecloths, table décor, signs, etc. To make planning easier in the future, we are creating an inventory of all these club assets.

If you have items for club activities that you've tucked away for safekeeping, please let us know what they are. Contact [Sandra Abraham](#) or [Becky DeLaCruz](#). (And if you'd like to get that stuff out of your basement, we'll be looking into storage options once we know how much we have.)

## **FFF VISITORS, PLEASE JOIN US**

Eighteen FFF show visitors signed up to receive the Garden Spray for three months. If you're one of those and now you'd like to join the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis, please go to the [Membership page of the MWGCM.org website](#). We'd love to welcome you.

## **NEW EMAIL COODINATOR**

A reminder: Cece Keefe is now our email coordinator. If you have a time-sensitive announcement that needs to reach all members before the next meeting or *Garden Spray*, send information to [email@mwgcm.org](mailto:email@mwgcm.org). Watch for club announcements from Cece in your inbox.

## **ROSE GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There's still time to help revamp the Lyndale Park Rose Garden at Lake Harriet. Just show up at the garden between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturdays through September 16. Pruners, gloves and instructions will be provided by park rose gardener Andrew Gawboy and club members.

## **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.

## **NEED A RIDE TO MEETINGS?**

If you have difficulty driving to the club meetings, contact [Lynda Lundstrom](#) and she will arrange a ride for you.

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## Scholarship Committee

M.T. Pulley, Chair

To help celebrate our club's 50th Anniversary in 1992, we implemented the MWGCM Scholarship Awards Program spearheaded by Kent Petterson and Ed Culbert. Over the past 25 years we've awarded approximately \$70,000 to Minnesota college and university students studying horticulture.

As we continue this important program in our 75th year, webmaster A.J. Marlow has revised the [scholarship announcement page](#) on our website. In early September, Minnesota schools of higher education with horticulture curricula will be notified about this year's Scholarship Awards Program.

Closing date for applications is October 21, 2017. Recommendations for awards will be presented at the November board of directors meeting.

We can take satisfaction knowing that in many ways our service programs benefit the greater horticulture community.

Thank you for your continued support.

*-- M.T. Pulley, for the Scholarship Committee: Jan Johnson, Randi Larson, Kent Petterson and maybe you (hint).*

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## 75th Anniversary Celebration

### **PARTY ON!**

We'll continue celebrating our 75th year during the social hour and dinner at our October meeting. Members will enjoy a Prosecco toast, special dinner menu and a celebratory dessert. In addition a slide show presentation will honor the club's anniversary.

### **We're looking for historic photos and documents**

Do you have photos or interesting documents pertaining to the club's history? Would you like to share them in the slide show? Please email digital photos and documents

to [Becky DeLaCruz](#) or give her hard copies at the September meeting (she promises to return them).

### **We're celebrating new members, too**

At the October meeting, we'd also like to recognize members who have joined MWGCM this year. We hope you'll be able to take part in the celebration, and we plan to take a group photo of our "75th Anniversary Class."

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## Marketing and Publicity

Becky DeLaCruz, Chair

After an extra-busy summer, we're gearing up for fall. We will continue advertising our monthly meetings in the Star Tribune, many of the local Sun newspapers, Northern Gardener magazine, CrossPollination website, our Facebook page, etc.

Additionally, we hope to launch formal advertising campaigns on Facebook and Google to increase awareness of our club and activities.

Any club members who have contact information for other newspapers, TV, etc., or other advertising ideas, please contact [Becky DeLaCruz](#).

In addition, the M & P Committee will be working with the Holiday Party Committee to solicit items for our Silent Auction. Anyone who would like to help with the auction, please contact Becky DeLaCruz. Although we will be soliciting businesses for Silent Auction items, we will ask members to donate items also; so many of us look forward to the lovely homemade holiday treats, garden décor, wine, gift cards, and other surprises.

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## In Memoriam

**ROBERT M. "BOB" REDMOND, JR.**



*June 5, 1928 -  
August 6, 2017*

Bob was instrumental in many major projects throughout his years in the club. See remembrances by people who gardened alongside him in the Mixed Border Garden article [above](#).

Bob's obituary is available on the [Cremation Society of Minnesota](#) website.

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## Membership Corner

Judy Brooke, Chair

### **WELCOME WILLIAM "BILL" CLARK**

Bill saw the ad for the July garden tour in the Northern Gardener magazine. He and his wife Sue enjoyed the gardens and friendly people so much that Bill decided to join the club. They live and garden in Minnetonka where he grows herbs and perennials and Sue keeps the containers fresh with annuals. He has four grandchildren to keep him busy when he isn't gardening. Bill's a member of the Minnesota Horticulture Society and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. He's a retired photographer and took lots pictures on the tour.

### **WELCOME KIERAN DUNCAN**

Kieran has lived in the same south Minneapolis home for 22 years. You'll find iris, roses, lilies and black-eyed Susans in her front yard. In the back there are large trees, so she grows hostas and other shade plants. Besides Bachman's Kieran likes Mother Earth, an all-organic garden center in south Minneapolis. Kieran volunteers in the outdoor gardens at Como Conservatory as well as the Longfellow Gardens. She grew up gardening with her mother, grandfather and neighbors who paid her for her help.

She's recently retired after years of I.T. support and accounting in the banking business.

## WELCOME PAUL THEIS

Paul (last name pronounced Tise) grew up on a dairy farm. For the last 25 years he and wife Marsha have enjoyed gardening at their home in Excelsior. According to Paul, Marsha takes care of the "when, what, where" part of the gardening and he carries out the "business end." They grow perennials such as peonies, lilies, phlox, and Monarda as well as some annuals to add color. He also takes care of gardens at their church. Paul's a retired attorney. He's a member of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the Minnesota Horticulture Society. Paul decided to join the club after he and Marsha took our club's July garden tour.

- We also welcome Beverly Erickson to our membership. More about Beverly in the next edition of the *Garden Spray*.
- Please remember to reach out to the new members who joined this past year and make them feel welcome. They'll be wearing green name tags at our upcoming meetings.
- Also to help keep our club vibrant and growing, please consider bringing a guest to one of our dinner programs. The guest might be your neighbor, a relative, a work associate etc. As long as they're a gardener or interested in gardening, the club will pay for their dinner. Let Sharla Aaseng know that you're bringing a guest when you make your dinner reservation and provide the name of the guest. Please limit it to one guest per dinner.

*Every member bring a member.*

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## Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Treasurer

### AS OF AUGUST 25, 2017

<b>Checking Balance</b>	<b>\$ 27,209</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden	<b>\$ 2,386</b>
Scholarship	<b>\$ 2,946</b>
Deane Fund at RCU	<b>\$ 62,228</b>
<b>Working Balance</b>	<b>\$ 19,605</b>

**Petty Cash** \$ 100

**MWGCM 19-month CD at US Bank** \$ 5,340

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## Meeting & Event Calendar

### **September 12**

Ask the Experts: Answers to All Your Gardening Questions

Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

### **October 10**

Using Dwarf and Miniature Conifers in the Garden

Jeremy Moore

Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

### **November 14**

Behind the Scenes at the Friends School Plant Sale

Henry Fieldseth

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

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## 2017 Officers & Directors

### **Club Officers**

#### **President**

Sandra Abraham  
Eagan

#### **Vice President**

Mary Barsness  
Prior Lake

#### **Membership Secretary**

Judy Brooke  
St. Louis Park

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Judy Brooke

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