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Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Oct. 14	LHC	Evolving Gardens for a Changing Lifestyle
Nov. 11	LHC	Taking Better Pictures of Your Plants
Dec. 9	TBD	Holiday Party

More info on Page 11

LHC = Lake Harriet Methodist Church, 4901 Chowen Avenue South, Minneapolis

Note: Permanent reservations are in effect. Dinner is \$13. Reservations or cancellations are required by Friday, Oct. 10 – **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 Nancy Bjerke at 612-353-5220. If she can sell it, you won't be billed.

Menu for October Dinner Meeting

- Chicken Marsala with Pasta
- Baby Heirloom Tomato Salad
- Green Beans with Almonds French Bread
- Gourmet Brownies

Schedule for Tuesday, October 14

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

Looking Ahead: Bob Olson has had to reschedule his presentation originally planned for November. His able substitute will be Andy Marlow, who will talk to us about improving our plant photography. Andy is the Photo Editor of *The Hosta Journal*.

**October Program
The Evolving Garden:
Gardens Changing as the Gardener Ages
and Changes**

Our presenters are two certified Hennepin County Master Gardeners: Theresa Rooney and Kate Netwal. Theresa Rooney has been a Master Gardener since 2000. She has received the 2013 Archie Caple Award (for distinguished gardening and unselfish contributions to the gardening community; this is the highest award given to HCMGs), the 2010 Dazzling Daisy Award (Presenter award) and is a multiple time recipient of Outstanding Teamwork award. She loves to answer gardening questions and talk 'all things gardening' whenever possible and can often be heard on the "Denny Long, Smart Gardening Radio Show on WCCO" along with other Master Gardeners.

Kate Netwal has been a Hennepin County Master Gardener (HCMG) since 2007. Kate has been active in the HCMG Speakers bureau, garden tour, plant sale, habitat for humanity and has been a member of the Leadership Team for four years and is the current the Chair. She has received the 2012 Archie Caple Award, and has been the recipient of Outstanding Teamwork award multiple times. In addition to her volunteer work with HCMG, Kate is a professional gardener with over 16 years' experience working in a variety of garden settings.

Remember: We will be meeting at Lake Harriet Methodist Church this month!

Notes from the Prez:

-- *Randi Larson*

Here are some gardening thoughts as we head into fall:

A couple of weeks ago I saw an article in the Star Tribune on 'Taking stock of your garden' in the fall. I thought that was a good topic so I clipped the article for future use. Naturally, I misplaced the clipping. The only thing I remember from it was that it recommended taking photos of the garden. Since Larry is the photographer, I immediately thought 'I'm in trouble here.' You see Larry likes to take close up photos of our flowers but usually doesn't think about taking pictures of the entire garden. I like to remember from year to year what our plantings looked like, sometimes to duplicate an attractive grouping. Photos would be useful for this. Since I can't remember in the spring what I planted seven or eight months earlier or two years earlier, it would be helpful to know where the perennial Hibiscus is planted so we don't dig them up or plant over them since they are so late coming up in the spring, for instance. The same is true for spring bulbs after they have flowered and died back. I don't want to destroy while I plant something on top of them. Maybe this is just a memory problem for me because of advancing age.

Now is the time to split those perennials that you can split, like hostas, lilies and Iris, peonies, daylilies, and phlox. I should do it now because if I wait until spring, I don't do it because I'm reluctant to tamper with anything that's just starting to grow. But after a busy summer, I feel too exhausted to mess with them. Maybe next spring will be better. Sometimes we must transplant perennials and shrubs when those which thrive in the sun are now in the shade of a tree which grew larger over the years.

Before the frost, we will have to renew the attack on the Buckthorn and try to remain vigilant. Whoever introduced this invasive pest deserves to be in a special horticultural Hall of Shame, along with the genius who brought us Kudzu, which is advancing northward. These invaders are wonderfully adaptive, so we have to keep after them. Come the spring, we never know what we will find in our garden. After a "polar vortex" winter or too little snow cover or mole, vole, or mouse damage, there might be nothing left. But we don't give up. We always hope for the best and prepare to replace what we must. Sometimes, a change that is forced upon us can work out for the better. I like the shrubs we planted to replace that hated buckthorn. Of course, the buckthorn needed no care and I have to water the shrubs daily.

Speaking of frost, many of you welcome the coming of frost and the end of your gardening chores. Larry and I dread the frost. This year it is probably coming early. Some of the coleus look as if they have felt the bite. This year we certainly hoped we'd have a long, warm fall since we had such a long, cold spring (and not much of a summer). Larry's dahlias didn't really look good till late August. Now we have already gone out at night with sheets and blankets to cover them. Too early!!! It's also time to decide which tropical plants you want to winter over in your house and bring in the houseplants that spent the summer outside. Be sure to "disinfect," spray and wash them before you bring them along with unwanted pests. And don't be caught by an early cold spell as I have been on a number of occasions. I'm always in denial that winter is coming and then it comes before I do all these things. Someone remind me!

Randi

Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 09-23-2014

Checking balance	\$18,537
Designated Funds	
Lyndale Park Garden	\$ 681
Scholarship	<u>\$7,660</u>
Working Balance	\$10,196
 CD	 \$5,260

Membership Corner

Dan Conley and Donald Doeksen joined the club after the September meeting. Watch for their information in the November Spray. Welcome!

Plus – It's renewal time! More information and renewal form on Pages 5-6.

Getting to Know Our New Members

*- Judy Brooke, Membership Secretary
 Photos by Sharla Aaseng and Mary Maynard*

These four new members were introduced at the club's September 9th meeting. Please help welcome them at coming events.



Judy Brink lives in St. Louis Park and is an RN transitioning to retirement. Judy is a Master Gardener. Her current gardening interests are perennial beds. She'd like to learn more about landscaping and floral arranging.

Janet Langfield resides in St. Paul. She learned about us when visiting the FFF show at the Arboretum and thought the club sounded like fun. Janet's gardening interests are roses and perennials.



Jesse Parsons lives in Eden Prairie. His gardening interests are vegetables. His reasons for wanting to join the club: to learn more about different varieties of plants and meet other gardeners.

Sandra Mangel lives in south Minneapolis. Her gardening interests are flowering perennials and annuals. She looks forward to getting acquainted with fellow gardeners and sharing experiences. Sandra is an interior designer. Her studio is at 46th and Bryant South.



Note: Mary Barsness, who joined earlier this summer and has already won an FFF trophy, was also introduced. There's a blurry photo of Mary on Page 10 (lower center).

Candidates Needed

Sandra Abraham, Nominations Chairperson

We are still looking for a few good people to serve on the MWGCM Board. The positions of Vice President and Treasurer are still open for 2015.

If you have not yet served on the board please consider serving in one of these positions. I have been assured there will be plenty of support and mentorship from the existing officers and directors to help you ease in to the position you will fill.

If you have already served on the Board, please consider coming back!

A summary of the duties of Board members is available on our website. Here's the link: http://mwgcm.org/MGCM/Links_files/DutiesofMGCMOfficersDirectorsandCommittees2009.pdf The Board meets about 6-7 times a year.

If you are able to serve, please contact Sandra Abraham at sandabra@hotmail.com or 651-452-0858. Thank you!

Another Fine Mess...of Photos

Lloyd Wittstock, Photo Committee Chair

As I looked over the results of the 23rd Annual Photography Contest sponsored by your club, I was struck by the many interesting places our members have gone to recently. There were steamy scenes of a rain forest in Washington State, a twisted tree at Devils Tower, Wyoming, and a vast plain in Uganda.

Closer to home, there were familiar images of Lakewood Cemetery, the club trial garden, and several each of Koopmans' and Soni Foreman's gardens. Members were pictured at club events, including perched on a bridge in the Normandale Japanese garden. The North Shore and other autumnal and winter "hot spots" were not overlooked, either.

All this moveable feast of landscapes made my heels itch, and I know now that this winter when I go to Hawaii, I will lug along my bigger camera. At least the bags of film are no longer needed.

Winners were announced previously, but to recap, the best of show award went to Mary Maynard for her water lily (in Soni Forsman's garden), while the most points were earned by M.T. Pulley, who also had two reserve winners. (He traveled all the way to his kale patch for one of them.) Larry Larson also earned a reserve winner status, with his striking image of pampas grass – although I don't believe he went to Argentina to capture it. Mary Maynard was third in points overall, while Judy Berglund finished a strong second. In all, ten people participated, and each had at least one winner.

As for the People's Choice, that will be named at the October meeting. The members of the photo committee look ahead to another year, and especially appreciate the many photo contributors to the Spray.

2015 Membership Renewal

Mollie Dean

It is the time of year to renew your annual membership to MWGCM. What else is only \$20 and gives you so much: access to talks on timely gardening topics and garden tours, convivial friends to share your gardening experiences with and learn from, opportunities to contribute to the club and community through various committees.

There are several ways to renew:

Easiest of all - print off the Membership Renewal Form that is in this issue of the Spray (Page 5), complete it at home, and bring it to either the October 14 or November 11 meeting. Membership Committee members will be at a table eagerly awaiting your Membership Renewal Form with your check or cash.

Or you can print off the form in this issue of the Spray, complete it at home, and mail it along with your check (do not mail cash) to:

Membership Secretary
Judy Brooke
4728 Temple Road
Minnetonka MN 55345

If you have trouble printing the form, we will have forms available at the renewal table on Oct 14 and November 11. Or you can call Judy Brooke at 612-581-2650 or email her at jbrooke-co@msn.com. She will mail you a blank form for you to complete and mail back to her at the address above.

This year we would love to have all renewals completed by November 11, the day of the November club meeting. This way the committee can get going on creating the 2015 directory.

When you complete the form, you can write "same" for your name/address/phone information but please check what committees you want to join or continue to be part of.

The club depends on having great members and receiving your membership dues to meet its needs. When you renew on time, you avoid the need for a volunteer from the Membership Committee to call you. We thank you for renewing for 2015 - by November 11!

The Membership Renewal Form is on the next page.

Membership Renewal Form: Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis

Date: _____

Annual dues are \$20. Make your check payable to **MWGCM** and mail with this form to the Membership Secretary: Judy Brooke, 4728 Temple Rd., Minnetonka, MN 55345

If you wish to make an additional donation to the Club, make your check payable to **MWGCM** or add the amount to your dues check and indicate the fund below:

General _____ Scholarship _____ Lyndale Park Garden _____

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email address: _____ -

I am a Master Gardener: yes no

I am willing to be listed as a mentor gardener in the club director (enter specific gardening topic/s such as perennials, roses, propagation): _____

Committees: I am currently serving on, or am willing to serve on the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arbor Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards/Trophies | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower & Veg Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Spray/Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lyndale Park Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Sale & Auction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tours (club) | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Tours (public) | <input type="checkbox"/> On committees as needed |

What would you most like to learn about this year?

My gardening interests are:

Other horticultural affiliations: _____

Other experience/knowledge that could help the club (please circle): writing, accounting/financial, computer skills, public relations/marketing, leadership, fundraising, legal, public speaking, other:

Lyndale Park Garden Fund Matching Challenge

Mollie Dean, Nona Johnson, Carol Schreier

The beautiful Lyndale Park Garden has been developed and maintained by MWGCM on Minneapolis Park Board land since 1996.

This year the Lyndale Park Garden Committee members have established a \$1,000 matching fund for garden development. We challenge club members to make a donation to be matched by this fund. The overall goal is \$2,000.

You can donate at the October 14 club meeting by adding your donation to your membership renewal or by writing a separate check and giving it to Mollie, Nona, or Carol. Or you can mail your check to Carol Schreier, 4949 Thomas Ave S, Minneapolis MN, 55410. Mollie, Nona, and Carol will also be available at the November meeting to receive donations. Donations are 100% tax deductible.

How the Garden is Currently Funded

Since 2009, MWGCM has allocated \$150 of its annual budget to the garden. For 2015, the recommended budgetary amount is \$500.

Currently any donation made as a memorial for a club member is applied to the Lyndale Park Garden Fund. This fund money is used for trees, shrubs, and perennials as will be the donations to this fund.

Members have asked about the funding of annuals in the garden. The Minneapolis Park Board, Lakewood Cemetery and others, including club members, provided all the annuals. The Minneapolis Park Board also furnished the bricks used to create the garden border.

We also receive trial plants from the University of Minnesota. However, the University is winding down the trial program. This year was our last year to receive new trial plants, leaving us with another 1,200 square feet of garden space to fill.

How the Fund will be used

The \$2,000 will be used over the next four years, \$500 per year from 2015 through 2018. If allocated by MWGCM, \$500 per year will come from the club budget, giving us a projected annual budget of \$1,000. All the donated funds will be used for permanent plantings that will honor club members. The funds from the MWGCM budget will be used for all ordinary expenses of keeping up the garden.

The funds will be spent carefully. All plantings are purchased wholesale. Much studying goes into selecting the plant material based on appropriateness to the site, low watering needs, and beauty.

Why the Lyndale Park Garden Matters

MWGCM has a storied history at the Lyndale Park Garden. The very first club meeting in 1942 is said to have taken place under the cottonwood tree near our garden. Club members planted crab apple trees there in 1952. The current site has been a work in progress since 1996. Thus we are honoring the history of our club by continuing service at Lyndale Park Gardens.

The garden is a good opportunity for the general public to learn about our club. While we are volunteering, we often talk to people visiting the garden. We have gotten several new members this way. Additionally there are brochures at each end of the garden and a plaque at the east end of the garden with our club name on it.

All club members can take pride in the Lyndale Park Garden and its historical and ongoing contributions to the beauty of the city. As those of you know who have visited it this year – it is stunning. We say that every year and every year it is true.

Help continue this legacy. Thank you for considering a donation to the Lyndale Park Garden matching fund.

Save the Date: Holiday Party on December 9

Larry Larson, Holiday Party Chair

Hi Everybody!

Well, here we are again, fall is upon us and our gardening season is just about gone. Boo hoo! I like fall, but I hate it when the flowers freeze. But you know what that means, right? It's Holiday Party time again! This is just a little reminder to keep the Tuesday, December 9 date open on your calendar for dinner, awards and a silent auction.

We held the party last year to the Embassy Suites on West American Boulevard in Bloomington, and this year's party is in the same location at the same time, so I shouldn't have to say too much. Like they say, it will be *deja vu* all over again. Embassy Suites worked great for us last year and I'm hoping for more of the same this year. They haven't set a meal price yet, but I hope to get that from them soon. I'm expecting it to be the same or close to the same as last year.

The November Spray will have all the information concerning the cost, the form to fill out, and the silent auction. So be sure to check that out next month. Until I say, "See you there!"

Scholarship Applications Due by October 15

MWGCM will be awarding at least one \$1,000 scholarship to students of horticulture this year. All of the information is available on our website (click on "Scholarship" at the top of the page). If you know of a deserving student in the area of horticulture, landscaping or another related area, please let him/her know about our scholarship(s). Over the past 18 years, MWGCM has awarded over \$50,000 in horticultural scholarships.

September Board Meeting Highlights

Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary

Highlights of the September board meeting included:

- a review of our budget, which continues to be strong and able to support our Club activities
- a discussion regarding increasing Club support for the Lyndale Garden activities, which resulted in approval of a formal motion: It was **moved, seconded and approved** to support fundraising by the Lyndale Park Garden with funds raised going directly to Park Garden projects.
- a review of the work of the Nominating Committee

The full minutes are available to any member who'd like more information after the minutes have been approved by the Board. Please get in touch with Laurie for a copy.

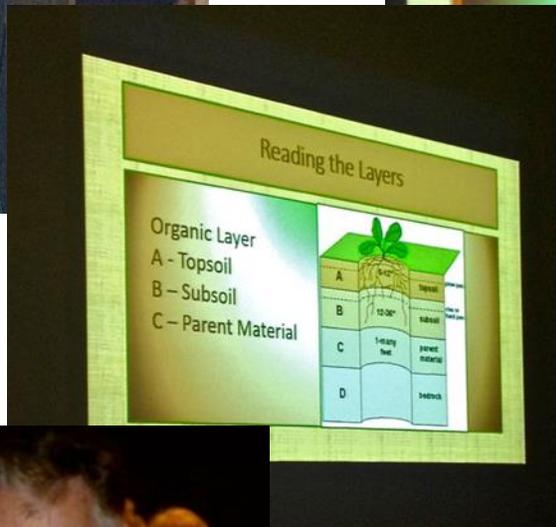
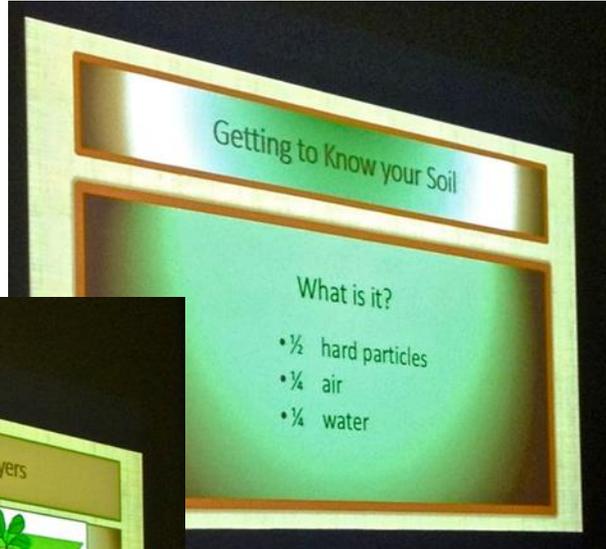
Photos from September Lyndale Park Garden Tour

Photos by Chuck Carlson, Andy Marlow, Lloyd Wittstock



More Photos from September Club Meeting

Chuck Carlson, Mary Maynard and Lloyd Wittstock



Calendar of Events for Rest of 2014

October 14

"Evolving Gardens for a Changing Lifestyle"
Theresa Rooney and Kate Netwal
Lake Harriet Methodist Church

November 11

"Taking Better Pictures of Your Plants"
Andy Marlow
Lake Harriet Methodist Church

December 9

Holiday Party
Embassy Suites American Blvd
Bloomington, MN

Don Trocke is rearranging perennials in his garden and has extras to share. Get in touch with Don if you could use any of the following

- Krossa Regal hostas
- Purple iris
- Lily of the Valley (both pink and white)
- A very large green hosta (30 inches high, 60 inches across) and
- A peony with pink and white flowers.

952-941-1677 or DonaldGeri@msn.com

Editor's Note

Mary Maynard

There's a lot of information in this issue. My thanks to everyone who contributes each month. It is wonderful to see so many new members. The Membership and Publicity Committees have the magic touch this year. Welcome to everyone who has joined this year. And I am glad to see that we will once again be able to award some scholarships to deserving horticulture students. Education is so expensive these days. Every little bit helps.

Don't forget: we meet back at Lake Harriet Methodist Church in October and November. 4901 Chowen Avenue South, Minneapolis. See you on the 14th!

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