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## October 8 Meeting Preview

### OCTOBER MEETING: TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Our October meeting will be a potpourri of topics. Website designer Sam Brickwedde will give a preview of the club's new website. We'll hear reports from our first Deane Fund grant recipients, as well as presentations by various committees to highlight their work this past year and encourage new members to explore committee opportunities.

**Tuesday, October 8**

**Note: this month's meeting is at the Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum.**

#### Menu

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Permanent reservations are in effect.</li><li>• Dinner is \$13.00.</li><li>• Reservations or cancellations are required no later than Friday, October 4.</li><li>• Email Sharla Aasang at <a href="mailto:resmwgcm@juno.com">resmwgcm@juno.com</a>, or call (612) 623-9341 and leave a message.</li><li>• Note: for last-minute cancellations, contact Sharla. If she can sell it, you won't be billed.</li></ul> | 6:00 Social Time      | Pulled Pork Sandwich |
|   | 6:15 Dinner           | Coleslaw             |
|   | 7:00 Business Meeting | Baked Beans          |
|   | 7:30 Program          | Chips                |
|   |                       | Apple Crisp          |

# Nominating Committee

Mary Barsness, Chair

It's that time of year again. The Nominating Committee needs to present a ballot for club officers and board members to the club members. All of the existing officers and board members have agreed to remain in their positions. The only position we need to fill is for vice president. Please consider running.

The role of vice president--and then president--does not really require very much time or effort. The real work of the club occurs at the committee level. Being a club officer is also an excellent way to meet other members. If you are interested in the VP position or have someone you would like to nominate for VP please email [Mary Barsness](mailto:Mary.Barsness).

-- Mary Barsness

# Lyndale Park Gardens/Native & Shade Gardens

Carol Schreier, Judy Berglund, Co-chairs

As a productive gardening season settles toward a long winter, it is good to review the accomplishments and changes in the gardens. The number of gardeners who tend the native and shade gardens has doubled, releasing more energy, more ideas, more hands and more connections.

The gardens have grown and changed, becoming both wilder and more refined. From an idea in July, the rain garden was constructed and fully planted. We wait in anticipation for next spring. What will survive? Did we plant too closely? How will the colors and textures blend? Will it divert and save rainwater?

We introduced more club members to the gardens at an evening in August. We have been good stewards, raising awareness of the vandalism and destruction in the garden



*From humble beginnings.  
We're excited about the new rain garden.  
Here Sue Clark helps with planting.*

and advocating for action. First, we instigated the writing and publication of an article in the *Southwest Journal*. Secondly, we attended and presented at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board meeting in September. This resulted in a fruitful discussion with Jeremy Barrick, Assistant Superintendent of Environmental Stewardship. He listened to our concerns and recommendations and assured us there would be action balancing use and protection.

When work in the garden is complete, we will continue to enjoy the company of our fellow gardeners at monthly gatherings at a neighborhood restaurant as we breathe a collective sigh of relief and look ahead to next year.

-- *Carol Schreier*

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## Deane Fund Grants Update

This photo was taken the day after the equinox. We all understand that daylight will become a bit scarcer, but in just three months--the same length of summer--things will turn yet again. Apa'halaka is showing fall colors with the deep-colored ninebark contrasting with remaining coneflower pink/purple. We had a good run with the monarda. The arctic willow continues to delight, especially the way it sways in the gentler winds. We wait now to see how things further evolve. Hopefully, I won't be reporting on "winter interest" with next month's entry.



-- *Paul Waytz*

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## Holiday Party & Silent Auction

Larry Larson, Sandra Mangel, Becky DeLaCruz

**2019 MWGCM HOLIDAY PARTY & SILENT  
AUCTION SET FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

[Dinner reservations now being accepted.](#)

It's time to start looking forward to our annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction. This year's event is Tuesday, December 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, 2800 American Boulevard West in Bloomington.

During the cocktail hour enjoy delicious appetizers and a cash bar, and try your luck in our Ring Toss game (\$5 gets you three chances to toss a ring around a bottle of wine/beer). Our holiday-themed dinner menu includes turkey, dressing, cranberry relish, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, roll, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. Due to rising food costs, after several years we have found it necessary to increase the dinner price to \$30 per person.



During the cocktail hour and dinner, enjoy holiday music and a slideshow of the 2019 MWGCM events.

The program will include a few words from our president Anne Spenningsby, a short program by masters of ceremonies Andy Marlow and Bob Olson, announcement of our scholarship recipients and the presentation of MWGCM annual awards and Deane Fund grant recipients.

Throughout the cocktail hour and dinner, you will have the opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items. Members are asked to bring items for the Silent Auction. Proceeds from member-donated items will benefit our General Fund.

The Silent Auction Committee will solicit business donations over the next two months. Proceeds from businesses-donated items will benefit our Scholarship Program.

Look for additional Holiday Party and Silent Auction information in the November *Garden Spray* and future emails .

Don't wait. Mail your [Dinner Reservation Form](#) now.

-- *Becky DeLaCruz*

## A NEW PRINTING OPTION

The MWGCM now owns a printer. This should save the club some dollars in the future. It is a standard HP OfficeJet printer with the ability to print color/B&W, one- or two-sided pages and photos (although not a professional-quality photo printer).

If you require printed documents for MWGCM events or functions, you may email your file to Becky DeLaCruz along with printing directions. Please provide the file with a reasonable amount of time prior to your event. Any questions, please email [Becky DeLaCruz](mailto:Becky_DeLaCruz) or call (727) 644-0176.

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## Scholarship Committee

M.T. Pulley, Chair

All Minnesota higher education schools with horticulture programs have been notified of the MWGCM Scholarship Program for 2019. Mollie Dean developed a new scholarship announcement poster which has been sent to all our school contacts. We plan to award up to three \$1,000 scholarships this fall.

In 1992, when our club started the Scholarship Program as a 50th Anniversary community service project, the awards were \$1,000 each. If the scholarship awards were to keep up with inflation, they would be around \$1,800 today. We may want to consider higher scholarship awards for the future. Meanwhile, Becky DeLaCruz and the Silent Auction Committee are working on raising funds at the Holiday Party. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

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## Membership Corner

Kathy Lenarz, Chair

## IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

[Membership Renewal Form](#)

Another beautiful fall is on its way, and that means it's time to renew your MWGCM membership for 2020.

The easiest way to renew is at the club meeting either on October 10 or November 12.

Please print the Membership Renewal Form, complete it, and bring it to the meeting along with your check or cash. Membership Committee members will be at a table eagerly awaiting you. Forms will also be available at the meetings.

If you cannot attend either meeting, please mail your renewal form along with your **check** (do not mail cash) to Kathy Lenarz at her address on the form. Please mail the form by **November 10**.

Thank you to all for renewing on time. It helps the Membership Committee if we do not have to call you after the due date to remind you.

The club depends on our great members; thank you for paying your dues which enables us to keep the club running all year. We thank you for renewing on time for 2020.

-- *Mollie Dean*

Welcome new member Pamela Marie who joined the club in September.

Mary Maynard wishes to share she received a thank you note from John Sims Jr. for the donation and flowers given by the club in memory of long-time club member John Sims.

*Every member bring a member.*

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## Board Meeting Highlights

Sue Clark, Recording Secretary

Highlights from the September 3, 2019 Board meeting:

The board reviewed the Deane Fund grant application process and encourages members and other gardeners to submit proposals. The deadline has been extended to October 15.

Website Update--Kate Ladner has volunteered to be the new webmaster. Committee chairs and other volunteers will also serve as website administrators. The website designer is in the process of training administrators. The board also addressed cloud storage, use of Google docs and forms, and the capacity for online payments.

The new website will be previewed at the October 8 club meeting by Sam Brickwedde. The October 8 meeting will include a potpourri of topics, including results of the Membership Meeting, and presentations by various committees.

The Board also discussed preliminary 2020 program ideas and the 2020 board nominations. All current board members have expressed an interest in staying in their current roles. We will need to recruit a candidate for vice president.

[Read the complete Secretary's Report.](#)

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## Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Bill Clark, Co-treasurers

U.S. Bank statement, August 31, 2019:

Beginning balance	\$ 60,014.24
Bank deposits	\$3,086.00
Other deposits	\$40.00
Card withdrawal	\$37.00
Checks paid	\$7,129.78
Ending balance	\$ 55,973.46

## 2019 Meeting & Event Calendar

### **October 8**

Website & committee reports  
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

### **December 10**

Annual Holiday Party & Silent  
Auction

### **November 12**

The Most Toxic Plants & Fungi of  
Minnesota  
Laurie Willhite  
Lake Harriet Methodist Church

## 2019 Officers & Directors

### **Club Officers**

#### **President**

Anne Spenningsby  
Minneapolis

#### **Vice President**

Linda Wilkins  
Richfield

#### **Membership Secretary**

Kathy Lenarz  
Richfield

#### **Recording Secretary**

Sue Clark  
Minnetonka

#### **Co-treasurers**

### **Directors**

John Cooke  
St. Louis Park

Suzanne Holt  
Minneapolis

Linda Thompson  
Minneapolis

Alan Gallaher  
Edina

Bill Clark  
Minnetonka

**Past President**  
Mary Barsness  
Prior Lake

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