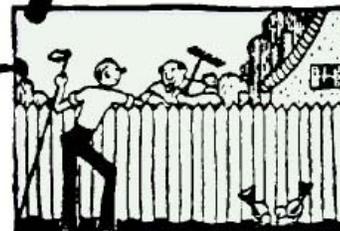




The Garden Spray

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Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Nov 15 6:30 pm	LHC	Annual Meeting Winter Containers <i>Duane Otto</i>
Dec 13	LHC	Holiday Party

LHC = Lake Harriet Church, 4901 Chowen Ave S., Mpls. (Lower level)

Remember: November's Meeting is on the third Tuesday (November 15). (Those of us who are Election Judges thank the Board for rescheduling!)

Annual Meeting

As always, we will hold the club's Annual Business Meeting at the November meeting. We will elect the officers and directors for 2012. See Page 8 for the proposed slate of officers.

November Dinner Menu

Lasagna
Caesar Salad
Antipasto Platter
Bread
Dessert

Holiday Party Info on Pages 4-5



November Program

Winter Containers

Duane Otto



This month's program will be presented in a demonstration format; showing a range of plant materials, containers, and styles to create striking and attractive displays for the "non-growing" season.

Duane Otto has been a landscape gardener at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for more than 23 years. He has been a popular speaker in the twin cities gardening community and has taught numerous classes on a range of gardening topics. Under the name "Life Long Gardener", Duane does consulting in garden design and maintenance. Duane also produces and sells materials at several area farmers markets including: perennials, annuals, dried flowers, wreaths, and winter pots.

Note: Permanent reservations are in effect. Dinner is \$12.

Reservations or cancellations are required by Friday, Nov. 11 – **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 Andy Marlow at 952-933-5759. If he can sell it, you won't be billed.



Notes from the Prez:

-- Kay Wolfe

Our October club meeting was great. It was so fun to taste all the apples. I have never tried to grow even a crab apple, but still found Larry Enter's talk fascinating. Special thanks to the Program Committee. And the tables looked fabulous with all the flowers and fall decorations – thanks to all who brought something to share from your garden.

It takes a lot of members to run the club. Everyone wants everything that this club has always done – dinner meetings, club and public tours, plant sales and parties, and a Board to run it. This takes member-power. It takes a lot of members to run good programs, tours, and meals.

Step up and do a part. It takes all of us working together to run the club. If the job seems too big, suggest that we divide it up somehow. So “think different” and volunteer for a job in our club – or volunteer for part of a job! We simply cannot continue to provide what we do without help from the membership!

The November Meeting is the Annual Business Meeting. We will elect officers for 2012. We will also honor the new members of the MGCM “Quarter Century Club.” There are currently 15 that have been club members for 25 years or more. Two of these have been in the club for over 50 years! This year five more members are reaching the 25 year mark. They are Chuck Benson, Bob Heiberg, Kent Petterson, M.T. Pulley, and Bob Stepan. Congratulations all! We will honor you at the November meeting – and dinner is on us! So plan to attend!

Don't forget--club members continue to set up the church basement room for the dinner meetings.

If you get there in advance, please offer to help. We put up the tables and chairs, and set the tables with placemats and flatware. Check to see if the beverage table is ready. The job of the caterer is to focus on the food, not room set-up. Chairs and tables are taken down and put away after the meeting, and we take out the garbage. Thanks to Sharla who heads the Hospitality Committee, and to Judy Brooke who organizes the menus with Mark Heder of 'A la Carte Catering.'

The Lyndale Park Garden has continued to look beautiful all fall. And now is your chance to help – and see the garden! The annual Leaf Cover-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5, starting around 9:30 AM. Bring tarps, blankets, rakes – whatever tools you use for hauling leaves. Lakewood Cemetery brings us a truck full of leaves to spread on the gardens. It is always great fun – so come and join us! We always have donut holes and coffee!

Editor's Note

-- Mary Maynard

It's a good thing I don't have anything earth-shattering to impart, since there is very little space left for an editorial! I'd like to personally thank the five people who stepped up and agreed to stand for positions on the Board. As a former board member and club president, I'd like to go on record that serving on the MGCM Board can be very rewarding. And we are all grateful for your willingness to serve.

Just as Gary DeGrande is preparing to rotate off the Board, we finally got a quick story about him. Better late than never, I guess!

I look forward to seeing our new 25-year members at the November meeting. See you there!



Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 10-20-11

Checking balance	\$11,625.19
CD	\$5,233.83
Designated Funds	
Memorials/Park Garden	\$1,645.47
Scholarship	<u>\$2,468.43</u>
Working Balance	\$7,511.29

Membership Corner

It's renewal time!

See below.

RENEWAL TIME: It's that time again-- time to renew our club membership. The membership committee will be taking renewals at the October and November meetings. To help make this process easier, there is a renewal application on Page 11 of this month's *Spray*. You can fill it out and mail it to me with your dues; fill it out ahead of time and bring it to one of those meetings; or we will have forms at the meetings. Please fill out the forms, especially any directory changes since last year. If you have no changes, just put your name at the top and mark no changes and turn that in with your dues. The deadline for all renewals is November 20th.

Would you like to get to know members better? Then help the membership committee create an up-to-date photo directory by having your photo taken at the October or November meeting. There will be a few photographers there to take a couple of pictures of you. If you would rather send us a favorite photo by email that is okay, too. (Send them to nsaaseng@comcast.net) Then for you "longtime" members, track down the white photo album somewhere on your shelves at home. Newer members will receive a copy of the old directory. In the next year the Membership Committee will compile a newer loose-leaf version for you to add to that notebook. Our goal is to help new members get to know the club and older members to welcome the newer ones. Over the years as membership secretary, I have enjoyed getting to know the faces that go with the names of all the members. It has been a great way to become a part of a wonderful club.

New 25-year Members

We will be honoring new 25-year members at the November meeting. Congratulations on attaining this milestone, and thank you for your support of MGCM.

Chuck Benson
M.T. Pulley

Bob Heiberg
Bob Stepan

Kent Petterson



MGCM Holiday Party and Silent Auction

It's that time of year again! We hope you are all thinking about ideas and items for the silent auction. The holiday party and silent auction will take place on Tuesday December 13 from 5:00 to 9:00 at Lake Harriet Church. This year's theme for the party is *"Life- Live it, Celebrate it"*. We are happy to report that we will be able to keep the price at \$20 per person again this year.

From 5-6:30 pm there will be a Social Hour with Hors d'oeuvres and the Silent Auction set-up and bidding. The catered dinner is at 6:40 pm. There will be entertainment and an awards ceremony followed by the results of the silent auction.

Need ideas for items to donate to the Silent Auction? There are lots of ideas for donation items on Page 7. Using the RSVP form on Page 5, fill in the description; including the size, and a minimum starting bid. Please include your contact information in case there are any questions.

On the day of the party, it is preferred that you bring the items to our room in the church between 9:30 and 11:30 that morning. Last minute donations are welcome too, just be sure to bring them between 5:00 and 5:30 that evening so there is time to set up the displays.

Contact Elaine if you have any questions about the silent auction or need a copy of the official request on Club letterhead for a business contact:

Elaine Spiegel, Silent Auction Chair
E-mail: E858L@comcast.net Phone: 952-927-9539
Randi Larson, Holiday Party Chair: 952-949-9668

Note: Permanent reservations are *not* in effect for the Holiday Party. To make a reservation for the Holiday Party, please fill in the reservation form on Page 5 and send to: Larry Larson, 15225 Wild Wings, Minnetonka, MN 55345 952.949.9668, daddu777@msn.com Checks can be made payable to MGCM and must be received by Thursday, December 8, 2011.





RSVP Form for the MGCM Holiday Party and Silent Auction
“Life – Live it, Celebrate it”

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 5:30 pm at Lake Harriet Church

To RSVP and to donate items for the silent auction, please fill out this reservation form and enclose a check made out to MGCM. Please send reservation form to ARRIVE BY Thursday, December 8, 2011.

Mail to: Larry Larson
 15225 Wild Wings
 Minnetonka, MN 55345

Phone: 952.949.9668
Email: daddu777@msn.com

*For questions about the Silent Auction please contact Elaine:
 E-mail: E858L@comcast.net (preferred) Phone: 952-927-9539*

Member & Guest	
Names: _____	
Total check enclosed (\$20 per person): _____	
Item(s) for the Silent Auction:	
<i>Description:</i> _____	
Size (space required for display): _____	<i>Minimum Bid:</i> _____
Submitter/contact: _____	
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Size (space required for display): _____	<i>Minimum Bid:</i> _____
Submitter/contact: _____	

Need ideas or suggestions for the silent auction? See next page!



Suggestions for Silent Auction Contributions for Holiday Party:

- Tickets (movies, theater, opera, or sporting g events)
- Homemade or hand crafted items (crafts, baked goods, note cards, embroidery, quilting)
- Tools, plants, note cards, statues, books, bird feeders, bird baths
- Gift certificates (for hotel, resort, garden center, bookstore, restaurant, or membership in a specialty garden club)
- Time, talent or services (garden consultation, custom art/craft, teaching a craft or skill, make a meal, host a theme party)

MGCM Receives Scholarship Fund Donation and Matching Challenge

--Kent Petterson, Scholarship Committee Chair

Member Jan Johnson has pledged for 2011 a \$1,000.00 donation to the MGCM dedicated Scholarship Fund. In addition, Jan will donate up to another \$1,000.00 as matching funds for all new donations by other members for the scholarship fund. Scholarship Committee members have already pledged donations and the matching period is open for all members through Dec.14th at the Holiday Party. This is a wonderful opportunity to leverage a total of \$3,000.00 for club scholarships. Membership renewal forms have a blank for additional donations to the club. Checks should be written to MGCM with a note on the Memo line with your designation to the dedicated Scholarship Fund match.

On a related note, a reminder from our February 2011 Spray:

FYI for Those of Us Over 70 ½

The tax law allowing us to send contributions directly from our required minimum distribution (RMD) to a 501(c3) and avoid income tax was renewed in the new tax bill. If you don't need or want your RMD, I'd suggest sending some to MGCM. My personal bias is the Scholarship fund, but there are other possibilities. I'd love to see us return to \$1,000 scholarships to reflect the soaring cost of tuition. Contact your financial advisor for the correct procedure. ---*Jan Johnson*





Photos from October Meeting

-- Chuck Carlson





Proposed Slate of Officers for 2012

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominees for 2012. The club will vote for 2012 officers at the Annual Business Meeting on November 15.

President, Robert Kean
Vice President, Sandra Abraham
Recording Secretary, Jan Johnson
Director, Judy Brooke
Director, Donald Trockle

Past President, Kay Wolfe
Treasurer, Andy Marlow
Membership Secretary, Jean Strande
Director, Randi Larson

Our thanks to those who have stepped up to serve, and to the Nominating Committee, who worked hard to fill five positions for 2012: M.T. Pulley, Chair; Carole Ann Brekke, Mollie Dean, David McKeen, and Carol Schreier.

September Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Maury Lindblom, Robert Kean, Andy Marlow, Jason Rathe, Don Untiedt, Jan Johnson
The meeting was called to order by Vice President Robert Kean at 7:40 p.m. The agenda, and minutes of the previous meeting, were approved. Treasurer Marlow reported that the plant auction netted about \$3,400. The Treasurer's report was received and filed.

Vice President's report: Meetings through December have been planned and confirmed and programs have been planned for 2012.

Committee reports:

FFF wrap up: There wasn't as much variety as hoped. Crowds were good. We may have gained one new member.

Lyndale Park Garden: The area looks very good.

Photography and TV: Many entries appeared in the last week before the deadline. Entries were outstanding. The TV committee shot a segment at the FFF: "How to Prepare Your Exhibits for Showing" starring Mary Maynard.

Nominating committee: Robert has named M.T.Pulley as chair, and Carole Ann Brekke, Dave McKeen, Mollie Dean and Carol Shreier to the committee.

Scholarship and Public Tours: Don said he would be unhappy if we gave up Public Tours as we have such a good reputation. The Scholarship committee will meet in October to discuss possible fund raiser suggestions and scholarship candidates.

Hospitality and catering: A new caterer will be preparing the September dinner.

Old Business:

Growing the Club: We need to make our meetings more open to the public. The SW Journal and other newspapers have regular calendars of activities. We need to decide who the contact should be and note that person in the ad.

Marketing Materials Task Force: The Website is done. A new brochure is next. The committee will try to meet before the next meeting.

New Business: A survey of Club members was suggested. Club members will be asked to communicate their priorities to Gary DeGrande and Don Untiedt. It is hoped the survey will be ready in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Johnson, recording secretary

-- Your editor apologizes for the "eye test"



October Board Meeting Minutes

President Kay Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:40.

Treasurer's Report: We are on target for spending. The cost of the hats has been recovered and further sales will be profit. The report was received and filed.

President's Report: A catering committee has been named – Judy Brooke, Lynda Carlson, and Bob Olson. The September caterer will serve for the rest of the year.

Vice-President's Report: In November Duane Otto will be demonstrating winter containers. Programs for 2012 have been tentatively identified and will be confirmed.

Membership Report: We now have 95 members. The goal for next year is a new picture directory. Photographers will be available at the October and November meetings or a picture can be sent to Sharla. New members are being called after about 6 months to see if the Club is meeting their expectations and needs.

Committee Reports:

Lyndale Garden Committee: It is still beautiful in October. Leaf cover up will occur toward the end of October.

Scholarship Committee: They are meeting to evaluate candidates, and discuss committee involvement in Public Tours, and some alternative fund raising projects. It was suggested that we give one \$1000 scholarship if funds are low.

WEB Site Committee: When the website lease is renewed, we will change the address from minneapolisgardenclub.org to simply MGCM.org. The Noerenberg Garden picture has been replaced with one of the Lyndale Park Garden.

Old Business:

Publicity: We need to get Club meetings and public events in the media every month.

Marketing: The next project is revamping the brochure. They are also exploring how folks can pay for Club memberships and public events by computer.

Survey: The survey generated by Gary and Don was discussed. Andy agreed to meet with them to fine tune it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Johnson, Recording Secretary





Getting to Know Your Board Member: Gary DeGrande

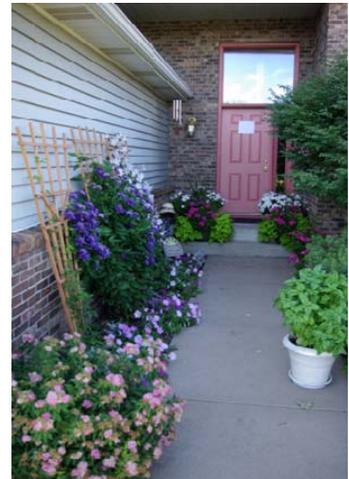


Gary is a relative newcomer to the MGCM, having joined in 2009. Many MGCM members visited Gary's pond and garden on the July 2011 MGCM Club tour. Photos of his lovely site were featured in the June Spray.

Gary does all the gardening himself and loves nothing more than to be outside in his backyard from dawn to dusk if possible. Gary dabbled in gardening most of his adult life, but work (PhD chemist at 3M) and family (four children) didn't leave much time for gardening. But he was lucky enough to retire at age 50 and has been digging in the dirt ever since.

Gary is also active in the Minnesota Water Garden Society and was on that tour this summer also -- 523 visitors in two days made for a busy weekend!! He was in charge of publicity for the MWGS tour and particularly enjoyed it when print and TV journalists visited his garden for "Grow With Kare 11" and "Fox Morning Show" TV segments last summer, as well as articles in the Mpls Star Tribune, Pioneer Press and local newspapers.

He and his wife Mary split their time between their homes in White Bear Township and Grez sur Loing, France, a small village south of Paris. Gary was "Directeur Technique" for 3M in France, lived in Paris for five years and thoroughly enjoyed the cross cultural experience. Mary is an American, born and raised in Baltimore, but left the US for a career in Jordan and France. They met in France in 1996 and married in 1998, with ceremonies in both White Bear and Grez sur Loing. She had the house in France and he had the house in White Bear Township, so they kept them both. Going to their home in France is "sort of like going to the cabin", says Gary, "but it's a bit longer to get there and they speak a different language, but there aren't many mosquitoes and the food and wine are fantastique!". They have a small walled in garden at their home in France, a contrast from their large pond and garden in Minnesota.



Their pond is a big hit with the kids in the neighborhood who love to feed the large Koi. Gary also has several indoor aquariums where he breeds tropical fish, something to tide him over during those long winter days with no gardening. He also enjoys photography and is an avid entrant in the FFF contest.

Gary credits his wife Mary with making it all possible. Gary has a genetic kidney disease and says he would be "under the ground" and not planting it if it weren't for Mary's donation of a kidney to him in August of 2005. Thankfully, they both enjoy good health now and look forward to many more gardening seasons. "There is still so much to learn about gardening -- and life -- and more to do than I can find time to do it", says Gary.



MGCM NEW MEMBER/ RENEWAL FORM for 2012

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone:

Hm _____ Cell _____ Wk _____

Email address _____ Occupation _____

Please check here if you are a Master Gardener _____

I am a mentor for _____

I am willing to share and/or trade these plants: _____

What would you most like to learn about this year?

Please consider joining a committee. It is a good way to learn and get to know other members.
(Circle committees you wish to work on in 2011.)

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Arbor Day | 6. Hospitality | 13. Scholarship |
| 2. Awards/Trophies | 7. Lyndale Park Garden | 14. Sunshine |
| 3. Flower, Food &
Foto (FFF) | 8. Membership | 15. Tours (Club/Public) |
| 4. Garden Spray
(newsletter) | 9. MGCM-TV | 16. On committee as
needed |
| 5. Holiday Party | 10. Photography | |
| | 11. Plant Auction | |
| | 12. Programs | |

I am willing to chair the _____ committee.

Annual dues are \$20.00. Make your check payable to **MGCM**. Please mail or return this **form** to the membership secretary: **Sharla Aaseng**
1025 20th Ave SE
Mpls, MN 55414

If you wish to make an **additional donation** to the club, make check payable to MGCM or add the amount to your dues check and **indicate the amount and the fund below.**

_____ \$20 _____ \$30 _____ \$40 _____ Other \$ _____

Circle the designated fund(s): **General** **Scholarship** **Memorial**

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Club Officers:

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1025 20th Ave. SE, Minneapolis

Treasurer: Andy Marlow

10700 Minnetonka Blvd, Hopkins

Past President: Don Untiedt

12070 48th Ave. No, Plymouth

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