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November 12 Meeting Preview

"THE MOST TOXIC PLANTS & FUNGI OF MINNESOTA"

Presented by Laurie Willhite, clinical pharmacist and poison specialist.

Tuesday, November 12

**Note: this month's meeting is at Lake Harriet
Methodist Church, 4901 Chowen Avenue South,
Minneapolis**



*Laurie Willhite
PharmD, CSP*

Menu

- Permanent reservations are in effect.
 - Dinner is \$13.00.
 - Reservations or cancellations are required no later than Friday, November 8.
 - Email Sharla Aasang at resmwgcm@juno.com, or call (612) 623-9341, and leave a message.
 - Note: for last-minute cancellations, contact Sharla. If she can sell it, you will be billed.
- 6:00 Social Time
6:15 Dinner
7:00 Business Meeting
7:30 Program
- Apricot Turkey
Wild Rice Blend
Baked Squash
Cranberry Relish
Pumpkin Bars

Holiday Party & Silent Auction

Larry Larson, Sandra Mangel, Becky DeLaCruz

2019 MWGCM HOLIDAY PARTY & SILENT AUCTION

[Dinner RSVP & Silent Auction Form](#)

Tuesday, December 10

**Embassy Suites, 2800 American Boulevard West,
Bloomington**

(west of Penn Ave/I-494 near Southtown; not near the airport)



PARTY DETAILS

6 p.m. Appetizers and a cash bar, Ring Toss game (3 chances for \$5, toss a ring around a bottle of wine or beer) and Silent Auction bidding begins. Holiday music will be provided by Benny Weinbeck and his electronic keyboard.

New this year: slideshow of club events Our membership survey indicated interest in a slideshow of this year's club events. The slideshow will be presented during the social hour and dinner at the Holiday Party. **Please email any 2019 MWGCM event photos to [Anne Spenningsby](#) by Sunday, December 1, to be included in the slideshow.**

7 p.m. Full turkey dinner, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. (Due to rising food costs, it's necessary to increase the per person fee to \$30.)

After-dinner program: President Anne Spenningsby and Masters of Ceremony Andy Marlow and Bob Olson will preside over the presentation of MWGCM annual awards, the announcement of scholarship recipients, Deane Fund grant recipient and Bob and Andy's special year-end awards.

Don't wait. Mail your [Dinner RSVP & Silent Auction](#) form now.

SILENT AUCTION DETAILS

- Bidding will occur during the social hour and dinner. Members are asked to bring items for the Silent Auction between 5 - 6 p.m. Proceeds from membe

bring items for the Silent Auction between 5 - 6 p.m. Proceeds from member-donated items will benefit our General Fund. Ideas for member-donated items include:

- Homemade baked goods, candies, cakes, jam/jellies, etc.
 - Homemade or handcrafted items (quilting, note cards, crafts, etc.)
 - Tickets to events/movies
 - Wine/beer for the auction or Ring Toss
 - Gift certificates or gift cards to restaurants, garden centers, etc. (NOTE: If you are going to solicit a business, please email Becky_DeLaCruz so we don't double-dip our efforts.)
 - Donations of time, talent or services (gardening consultation, teaching a craft or skill, making a meal, etc.)
 - New gardening items such as birdhouses/feeders, plants, books, tools, pots, etc.
 - Remember: bring things that you yourself would buy--no white elephant gifts please!
- The Silent Auction Committee will solicit businesses for donations over the next six weeks. Proceeds from these items will benefit our Scholarship Program.
 - Look for a Silent Auction Catalog in your email beginning mid-November. It will include a list of business-donated gift cards and other items. It will be updated 2 - 3 times prior to the event.

Mollie Dean shares her 2018 Silent Auction experience:

"At the 2018 Holiday Party, I scanned the Silent Auction items and spotted a wonderful one--a two-hour tour of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for four people given by Peter Moe. I hovered over the bid sheet and won the tour! Peter and I arranged a time, I invited three friends, and we arrived on a beautiful August day. Peter knows every square inch of the Arb and loves it all. He tailored the tour to our interests and had stories to tell of each area we visited. If you would like a fun inside look at the Arb, look for the bid sheet at the 2019 Holiday Party because Peter is generously offering the tour again."

Need a ride?

If you need of transportation to the Holiday Party and Silent Auction, please ema

[Kathy Lenarz](#) or call (612) 869-8471.

Additional Holiday Party and Silent Auction information will be communicated at November 12 MWGCM monthly meeting and in future emails.

Have questions?

Questions pertaining to the Holiday Party, please email [Larry Larson](#) or [Sandy Mangel](#). Questions pertaining to the Silent Auction, please email [Becky DeLaCruz](#) or call (727) 644-0176.

You may make your Holiday Party reservations at the November 12 meeting or complete and mail your [2019 Holiday Party and Silent Auction Reservation Form](#) now.

-- *Becky DeLaCruz*

Nominating Committee

Mary Barsness, Chair

2020 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES

The Nominating Committee of the MWGCM must present a slate of Officers and Board of Directors nominees for confirmation by the membership at the November 12, 2019 annual meeting.

The members who have who have consented to run on this ballot are:

President - Linda Wilkins

Vice President - Phoenix Heller

Recording Secretary - Sue Clark

Membership Secretary - Kathy Lenarz

Treasurer - Bill Clark

Directors - Mary Barsness, Linda Thompson, Suzanne Holt

Past President - Anne Spenningsby

There will be opportunity to nominate from the floor, so please consider this and the approval of the person you may wish to nominate before the meeting.

Lyndale Park Gardens/Native & Shade Gardens

Carol Schreier, Judy Berglund, Co-chairs

NATIVE GARDEN BECOMES MONARCH WAYSTATION



In addition to spring ephemerals, something new will pop up in our Native Garden next year--a sign identifying the garden as a registered Monarch Waystation. You've probably seen the signs, or maybe you have one. The Monarch Watch Organization developed this program to help provide and conserve resources--primarily milkweed and nectar sources--for migrating monarchs. We are now one of more than 26,500 registered Monarch Waystations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Thanks to Sherry Brooks and Jacob Deaver of the Park Board for their support and for expediting the application for us.

Anyone can become involved in monarch conservation. Use these links if you'd like to know how more about becoming a [Monarch Waystation](#) or about the [Monarch Watch Organization](#).



-- Nancy Felice

Deane Fund Grants Update

MINNESOTA VETERANS' HOME OF MINNEAPOLIS DAY CENTER COURTYARD

The work completed last fall and this year has reestablished the Veterans' Day Center Courtyard as an inviting and functional space for veterans to enjoy for activities and special events.

As of September, twelve club



members have removed all the dead trees and shrubs. In addition, one club member had two of her teenage



grandsons help for four hours each. This brings the total number of hours on this project so far to 152. On September 19, the group pruned all the remaining trees and shrubs and prepared the courtyard for the Veterans' Annual Family Picnic. Sixty-five veterans and family members attended.

We were not able to finish the project this year due to a delay in locating underground utilities. However, we were able to plant shrubs, ferns, grasses and donated hostas. We also spread shredded bark and installed a stone path. To finish the project, we need to move existing shrubs to make room for new ones.

When completed, the group feels we have reached our goal of hardy, low-maintenance plants and enhanced visual appeal of the courtyard for the future.

-- *Steve Shubick*

APA'HALAKA GARDEN AT LAKE HARRIET



The coneflowers at apa'halaka continued thrive mid-October. It must be the combination of plenty of sun, the ongoing deluges of rain and the subsurface rocks encountered when planting those many months ago. Perhaps stones embedded old asphalt are also nurturing? I'm also happy to report that the arctic willows and ninebark look healthy going into November. Faded plants are doing their thing, and even the previously anemic sporobolus stand

proud.

-- *Paul Waytz*

Membership Corner
Kathy Lenarz, Chair

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

[Membership Renewal Form](#)

It's time to renew your MWGCM membership for 2020. If you haven't already, you can renew at the November 12 meeting, or mail your form and check for \$20 to Kathy Lenarz. The address is on the form.

Although current membership continues until year's end, **it is important to get your renewals in now so that we can compile the 2020 membership directory** and print it for our January meeting. The Membership Committee appreciates you renewing soon, so we can avoid making reminder calls. Thank you to all who have already renewed.

Membership Anniversary Celebration

October is the time when we recognize long-term club members. Certificates are given for those who have been members starting at the 10-year mark, and then in 5-year increments. The following members were recognized at the October meeting:

10 Years: Dale Bachman, Joanne Bauch, Ray Bauch, Judy Brooke, Jean Strand

15 Years: Carol Schreier, Donald Untiedt

20 Years: Lynda Carlson

25 Years: Marilyn Brummer, Jan Johnson, David McKeen, Rodger Sefelt, Don Trocke

30 Years: Chuck Carlson, Mary Maynard

We are indeed lucky to have these great gardeners and their years of experience support our club.

Carpooling/Rides

Several members have expressed a willingness to help provide rides to our meetings for those who do not drive at night, in winter, or need transportation. If you need a ride, or are willing to provide a ride, [please email me](#), and I will try to make connections for you.

Every member bring a member.

Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Bill Clark, Co-treasurers

As of September 30, 2019:

U.S. Bank

Beginning balance	\$ 55,973.46
Bank deposits	\$917.00
Checks paid	\$1,562.13
Ending balance	\$ 55,328.33

Royal Credit Union (Deane Fund)

Balance	\$ 69,105.54
Total Balance	\$124,433.87

2019 Meeting & Event Calendar

November 12

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

December 10

Annual Holiday Party & Silent
Auction

2019 Officers & Directors

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