



The Garden Spray

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Reminder for the Holiday Party and Silent Auction

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 14, 2010 at the Lake Harriet Methodist Church. This year's theme for the party is "Music in the Garden".

From 5-6:30 pm there will be a Social Hour with Hors d'ouvres and the Silent Auction set-up.

The catered dinner is at 6:40 pm.

Harpist Raeney Hendrickson will entertain us during the Social Hour and Dinner. Awards will follow.

Preferred time to bring items is from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM. If necessary, a few items can be dropped off at the Church between 10-11:30 AM that morning. Silent Auction committee members will collect them and set up the displays. Last minute donations are welcome. Please, check in with the committee: Item Forms can be created and must match the Master Tally

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Thoughts from the Prez:

by Don Untied

623 years of gardening and MGCM experiences were shared at our November meeting. Program moderator Dr. Bob Olson with support from Mary Maynard literally kept us all at the edge of our chairs as Bob with great humor brought out so many memories of our distinguished honorees - Jerry Olson, Roger Koopman, Phil Smith, D.W. Dave Johnson, Jack Kolb, Bob Livingston, Chet Groger, Archie Caple, Stan Crist, Jerry Shannon, Howard Berg, Andy Marlow, Russ Smith, Carleton Nelson, Lloyd Wittstock, Bob Voigt, and Bob Olson.. It has been called to my attention though that Bob so effectively told about everyone else's garden and club contributions but that we he didn't say much about his own. Isn't that so typical of modest Dr. Bob? It does seem that fair play is in order. Therefore, I am going to ask Kay if she will make time available at our January meeting for any one of our honorees to make remarks about Bob's garden or club contributions. Honorees, let Kay or I know. Thanks again Bob & Mary, and to Kay and the program committee for bringing us our great program in November. Mary and Jason's question and answer period too provided us all with thought provoking new knowledge as well. Special thanks too to Elizabeth Hamilton for decorating our tables with seasonal centerpieces for the second month in a row.

It is time for me to thank everyone that has made possible a great year for the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis. It has been a humbling experience for me to serve as your President. I hope that I have met your expectations? Our honored senior members would be the first to



confirm I am sure that each club president has their own Leadership style. For me it was working with a very good board and excellent committee chairs that brought about a few new, and I might add, highly successful, programs – the June tours, the Tomato Fest, last months 3 part meeting last month. Our goal always has been to create the setting for excellent one to one gardening talk opportunities between members, to enable everyone to be caught up on the most important garden issues of the day, and for us all to be challenged to try new ventures in our garden endeavors. Special thanks to our team board members Kay, Denise, Jan, Sharla, Jan, David, Maury, Andy, and Jason. And I know the board joins me in thanking our 2010 committee chairs Robert, Howard, Chuck, Judy, Mary, Elaine, Elizabeth, Margaret, Bob, Robert, Lloyd, Doug, Kent, Randi, and Dave W. In preparing this list I tried to avoid duplicating. Some of these mentioned individuals served MGCM in more than one capacity. Many many members served MGCM in their interest areas. Thank you all. Someone should write a book about how volunteers working together make a good club.

A closing thought for us all as printed in the Nov.-Dec. issue of *The American Gardener* – “Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.” This quote from Robert Louis Stevenson seems particularly appropriate for our own gardens as well as our club. One of the wonderful things about the practice of horticulture is that we have the opportunity to plant seeds – literally and figuratively on a regular basis. Planting seeds is an act of optimism; we're investing in the future even if only in a small way.



A Note from the Editor

Happy Holidays, everyone! This issue is co-editor Jason Rathe's "swan song". If you get a chance, please take a minute to thank Jason for the time and creativity he has put into the Spray over the past years. It has been a great pleasure to work with and get to know Jason, and I am very glad that he will continue to put his energy and talents into other club activities. Last month's meeting was inspiring for me. When I looked at all of the members who have been with the club for 25 years or more, I realized that I have learned something from each and every one. We are all teachers, and we are all students as well. I thank all of our long-time members for their service to the club.

And, we elected new officers and directors at last month's meeting. One of the things I've liked about this club is that its leadership changes every year. I think we all know of organizations where one or two people serve as primary leaders for many years at a time -- sometimes because they want it that way, and sometimes because others are not willing to step up to the challenge. For 2011, Robert Kean and Gary DeGrande will join the Board. And Denise Rust and Dave McKeen will rotate off. I thank Denise and Dave for their dedication and service over their years on the Board.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Party!

Mary Maynard

TREASURER REPORT

Checking Balance 11-20-2010

\$10,676.23

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\$5,000.00

Designated Funds

Memorials/Park Garden Fund

\$1,441.21

Scholarship Fund

\$2,163.43

Working Balance

\$7,071.59

November Program

Quarter Century Club



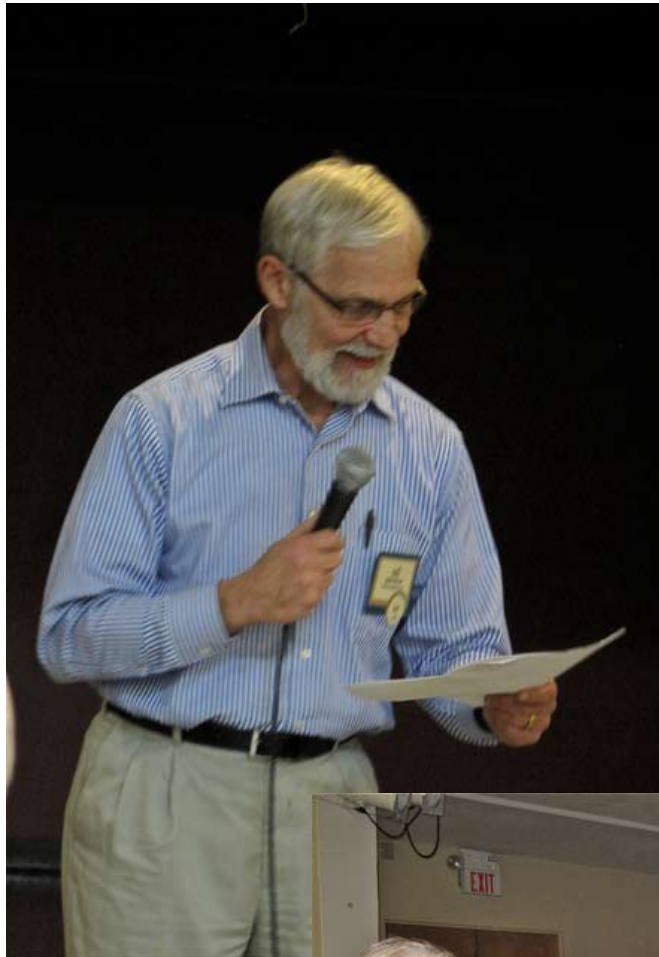
At the November meeting members of the Men's Garden Club for over twenty-five years were honored in a ceremony and a necessarily brief retelling of their gardening feats and service to the club was given. It had to be abbreviated because this group has held every post, been bestowed every service honor, won every award (multiple times) given by the Men's Garden—and that's just the beginning of their myriad accomplishments.

Mary Maynard introduced the group and then called on

Jerry Olson, the dean of the honorees, who began with the program with humor-filled stories of the club's beginnings and travails and ended short homily to everyone, "when you learn something in gardening—share it with others... everyone will be richer for it." This was followed by introductions and capsule descriptions of each individual Quarter Century Club honoree and his accomplishments by Bob Olson, the most junior member. His succinct descriptions were light hearted and laced with (occasionally embroidered) anecdotes—and some honorees responded in kind with spirited rejoinders. It was a grand event.

Jerry Olson 53 years
Rog Koopmans 50 years
Phil Smith 48 years
Dave Johnson 45 years
Jack Kolb 45 years
Bob Livingston 39 years
Stan Crist 33 years
Jerry Shannon 33 years

Howard Berg 30 years
Andy Marlow 30 years
Russell Smith 30 years
Archie Caple 29 years
Carleton Nelson 29 years
Bob Voigt 28 years
Lloyd Wittstock 28 years
Bob Olson 27 years



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Minutes of MGCM Annual Meeting
November 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Don Untiedt.

Guests were introduced. Ton McKusick was introduced as the 101st member of the club. He is the editor of "The Northern Gardener".

At the Nov. 2, 2010 Board meeting, the Scholarship candidates, recommended by the Scholarship Committee, were approved and will be invited to the Holiday Party dinner. It was also announced that a \$1000 donation to the Scholarship Fund had been received from one of the members.

The board has contracted with the current caterers, Barb and Jim "I want to submit an application for stormwater credit to Minneapolis to see if we qualify for water runoff credit. The application must be certified by an engineer or a landscape architect. Is there a member in the club who can certify the application? I have the 2010 form. I think I have the necessary numbers however the certifier would have to verify the data. Nancy Bjerke" Contact Nancy at nbjerke017@comcast.net.
, to provide meals for 2011.

The budget committee will be meeting soon and committee chairs need to get their requests in to Andy Marlow, Treasurer elect.

The Outstanding Service Award, formerly the Bronze Medal, will be renamed the Bachman Outstanding Service Award. Dale Bachman will be invited to present it at the Holiday Party.

The candidates for the new Board, nominated by the Nominating Committee were introduced:

President – Kay Wolfe	Treasurer – Andy Marlow
Vice President – Dave Kean	Past President – Don Untiedt
Recording Secretary – Jan Johnson	Directors – Jason Rathe, Maury Lindblom,
Membership Secretary – Sharla Aaseng	Gary DeGrande

Mary Maynard moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for the nominees. Seconded and carried.

The sunshine committee announced that Jean Strande had had hand surgery and that Roger Koopmans had been hospitalized with symptoms of a stroke.

Elaine Spiegel reminded the Club of the Holiday Party and encouraged folk to find ways to help.

The business meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Johnson, Recording Secretary



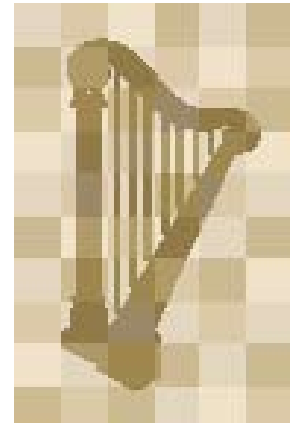
Holiday Party (cont.)

If you need a copy of the official request on Club letterhead for a business contact:

Elaine Spiegel, Holiday Party Chair (4814 West 41st Street, St. Louis Park, MN 55416; Phone: 952-927-9539; E-mail: elspiegs@comcast.net)



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 included with the November Spray and send to: Audrey Grote, 5745 Duncan Lane, Edina, MN 55436-1603 952.935.3104, amgrote@msn.com Checks can be made payable to MGCM and must be received by Thursday, December 9, 2010.



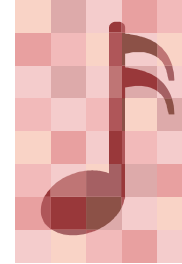


MGCM Holiday Party
 "Music in the Garden"
Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 5:30 pm
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

To RSVP and to donate items for the silent auction, please fill out this reservation form and enclose a check made out to MGCM,

Mail to: Audrey Grote
 5745 Duncan Lane
 Edina, MN 55436-1603

Phone: 952.935.3104
Email: amgrote@msn.com



PLEASE SEND RESERVATION FORM TO ARRIVE BY Thursday, December 9, 2009.

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

Need ideas or suggestions for the silent auction?

- Tickets (movies, theater, opera, or sporting events)
- Homemade or hand crafted items (crafts, baked goods, note cards, embroidery)
- 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)



The 2011 MGCM Officers:

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Treasurer - Andy Marlow

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Past President - Don Untiedt

Directors - Maury Lindblom

- Jason Rathe

- Gary DeGrande

Question from a member:

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Nancy Bjerke”*

Contact Nancy at nbjerke017@comcast.net.



Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
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Dec 14	Holiday Party	(LHC)
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Jan	Gary Johnson from U of M	(LHC)
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LHC = Lake Harriet Church (4901 Chowen Ave.
S., Minneapolis)

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church



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