

The Garden Spray

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Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Dec. 10	ES	Holiday Party
Jan. 14	LHC	Rock Gardens & Troughs
Feb. 11	LHC	Gardens of Scotland
Mar. 11	LWC	Lakewood Cemetery Greenhouse Tour
Apr. TBD	Macy's	Bachman's/Macy's Flower Show
May 13	TBD	Plant Sale

More info on Page 11

ES= Embassy Suites, 2800 American Blvd West, Bloomington

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

LWC = Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Ave. S., Minneapolis

Note: Permanent reservations are not in effect. Reservations for the Holiday Party are due to Larry Larson **by November 30**. See the reservation form on Page 6.

Schedule for Dec. 10

6:00 p.m. Social Time and Silent Auction

7:00 p.m. Holiday Dinner, followed by Awards, Scholarship Winners and Other business

Pick up Silent Auction items

Holiday Party!

Tuesday, December 10

**Embassy Suites
2800 American Boulevard West
Bloomington**

-- Larry Larson



Just a little reminder that the holiday party is coming fast, Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Bloomington. The address is 2800 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, which is just south of 494 between Penn and France Avenue (map on Page 4).

Reservations must be **at Larry's house** by Friday, November 30. If it looks like you're going to be cutting it close, please call Larry to make sure your reservation is included in the count. Larry's phone number is 952-949-9668.

Map and more information on Page 4.

Looking Ahead

January Program: Rock Gardens and Troughs

Shirley Friberg will be with us in January to discuss rock gardens and troughs. You may remember that we visited Shirley's remarkable garden on our August Tour in 2011.

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<http://www.mwgcm.org>

Notes from the Prez:

-- Sandra Abraham

Do You Believe in Magic?

How does the business and all the activities of the MWGCM get accomplished? Looking back over this past year as your president I have come to a few conclusions with regard to this question. This club has history going for it and the records we have of the past serve as a guideline for the board and officers to follow. We have dedicated volunteer members who serve as committee chairpersons who guide their committees through the events of the year. We have a directory that includes all the basic information we need to get us to the proper place at the correct time to participate in our schedule of events. We have an awesome newsletter and website to keep us updated on any changes that may arise during the year and to further guide us along the way.

At our last board meeting I expressed concern about how all of the year-end business would get done and I was assured that there was a sort of magic that occurs this time of year. Still not convinced, I looked up several definitions of magic and have decided to put my hopes in the one that states "there is a force that produces results through mysterious influences or unexplained powers." So, for all of you chairpersons reading this message please take a few minutes to tabulate your year's activities in a short annual report and get the information to the board and recording secretary where it will be passed on to our historian. For all of you members out there who have not already renewed your memberships and updated your interest in participating on committees, please send in those renewals. It is also time to submit any budgetary needs for the committees for the 2014 year to our treasurers so they may prepare the 2014 budget which will be presented at the January meeting for approval. Speaking of finances please consider a donation to our **scholarship fund** before the end of 2013 so that we can meet Jan Johnson's generous challenge of matching up to \$500 for the fund. Have you sent in your reservation for the Holiday Party to Larry Larson? Do you have a donation for the annual silent auction? If so, please notify Elaine Spiegel of your intent.

This has been a very good year for our club. We began the year with two presentations by Mary Maguire

Lehrman in which she relayed information about planning our perennial garden borders. We participated in the Home and Garden Show, toured the annual Macy-Bachman flower Show, held a successful plant sale and auction in May, conducted two fabulous garden tours during the summer plus participated in the Tangletown Garden tour with an educational booth at one of the garden sites. The August Flower, Food, and Foto show was outstanding with more arrangements entered than ever before and the Tomato & Pepper Festival was lots of fun, too! We have elected new officers and directors and revised our bylaws. After our last meeting on how to provide winter interest in your gardens, I am sure you all have created that stunning spruce top arrangement for your front entryway.

I have enjoyed every minute of serving as your 2013 MWGCM president and I want to thank you for the opportunity.

So let's celebrate our accomplishments, recognize our award members, gather together and welcome our new members into our fold and "may that magical force be with you."

From the Editor

-- Mary Maynard

Thanksgiving is upon us, and the rest of the Holidays will be here before we know it. You may notice that this issue is a little skimpy. It's only ten pages instead of the usual twelve, mainly because your editor is just plain tired!

I'd like to congratulate President Sandra for *never* missing the submission deadline for the Spray! We all have busy lives, and a monthly column can be tough, but this is only one of the ways that Sandra has demonstrated her efficiency this year.

Once again, I'd like to thank the Board members and committee chairs who are wrapping up their service at the end of this year, and the members who have stepped up to serve in 2014. We could not be the excellent club we are without you!

Best wishes for a very happy holiday season!

Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 11-18-2013

Checking balance	\$14,403
Designated Funds	
Memorials/Park Garden	\$1,016
Scholarship	\$2,390*
Working Balance	\$10,387
CD	\$5,234
* \$3,000 paid for scholarships on 11/18	

Membership Corner

We'd like to wind up membership renewal very soon to make sure everyone is included in the directory. If you haven't renewed yet, go to <http://mwgcm.org/MGCM/Join.html> and renew now!

2014 Board Members Elected and More

The following slate of officers was elected by unanimous ballot at the November Annual Meeting.

President - Randi Larson	Co-treasurer/Director Nancy Bjerke
Vice President - Tom McKusick	Co-treasurer/Director Margaret Hibberd
Past president - Sandra Abraham	Director - Ray Bauch
Membership Secretary - Judy Brooke	Director - Alan Gallaher
Recording secretary - Laurie Levin	

Also, club members approved the proposed changes to the club by-laws. We also took time to express our appreciation to our caterer A la Carte Catering for another year of delicious meals and excellent service.

Congratulations to **Peter Olin**, for reaching the 25-year mark! Peter joined the club in 1988.

Another Scholarship Challenge!

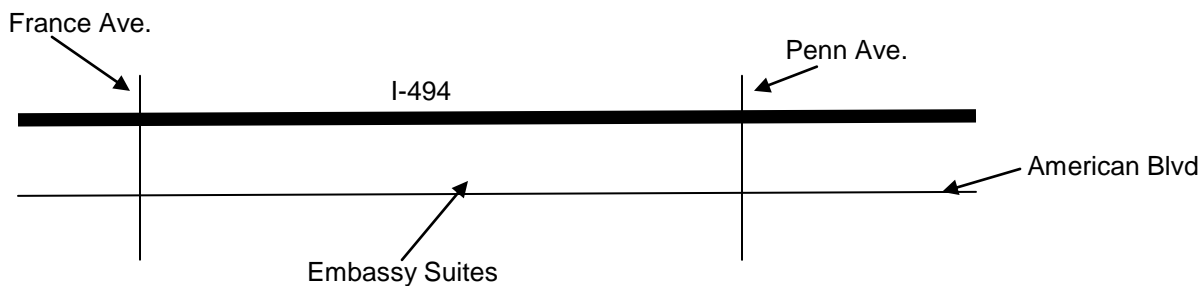
Jan Johnson has once again challenged us to contribute to the scholarship fund. Jan will match contributions **made by the end of 2013** up to \$500.

Jan reminds us that those of us who must take Required Minimum Distributions from their 401k's and IRA's can donate to charity without paying taxes on withdrawals. (Please check with your accountant or tax adviser if you have questions.)

 **Holiday Party!** 

Larry Larson, Holiday Committee Chair

Here's a rudimentary map to the Embassy Suites at 2800 American Boulevard West in Bloomington. (Google or Mapquest will give you much more detail!)



The party begins at 6 p.m. but if you're bringing a silent auction item, please arrive a little early and give it to one of the Holiday Committee members who will be happy to take it from you and place it in the party room. Please wait in the bar area until 6 p.m.

You can also give your auction item to any holiday committee members and have them bring it to the party. Call Elaine Spiegel, silent auction chair, at 952-927-9539 and let her know what you are bringing so she can fill out the auction form ahead of time.

Bidding on the auction items will end at 7 p.m. when dinner is served. The business meeting will follow the dinner emceed by Bob Olson and Andy Marlow. Andy said Santa was injured last year delivering Larry Larson's mechanical dahlia hole digger and won't be able to make an appearance at our party. Blame Larry!

Silent auction winners will be announced after the business meeting. They will be able to pick up their items at that time.

Please have your reservation forms at Larry's home by November 30. If you have any questions regarding the silent auction please call Elaine at 952-927-9539 or Larry at 952-949-9668 for any questions regarding the party. Be there or be square!



RSVP Form for the MGCM Holiday Party and Silent Auction



**Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 5:30 pm at Embassy Suites
 2800 American Boulevard West, Bloomington**

To RSVP and to donate items for the silent auction, please fill out this reservation form and enclose a check made out to MWGCM. Please send reservation form to ARRIVE BY Saturday, November 30 2013.

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: ELspiogs18@comcast.net (preferred) Phone: 952-927-9539*

Member & Guest	
Names: _____	
Total check enclosed (\$23 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: _____	
Description: _____	
Size (space required for display): _____	Minimum Bid: _____
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 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)

Holiday Committee Members (Accepting Auction Items)

Larry Larson - Chair	Jane Sheedy
Delores Johnson	John Sims
Jan Johnson	Elaine Spiegel
Nona Johnson	Don Trocke
Carol Schreier	



Wanted!

A New Committee Chair for the Awards and Trophies Committee

After many years of service, Chuck Carlson is retiring as chair of the Awards/Trophies Committee, and will be willing to be a mentor for his replacement. If you would be able to step up to serve as the Awards/Trophies chair, please get in touch with Sandra Abraham or Randi Larson.

Lyndale Park Garden News for December 2013

Kay Wolfe

MWGCM Lyndale Park Garden Chair

The MWGCM's public garden in Lyndale Park in Minneapolis is almost "wrapped up" for winter. All that is left of fall chores is the literal wrapping in burlap of the newly planted conifers. The committee is planning one more work day for early December. Who said we have six months of gardening? This almost pushes it to nine!

The garden was covered with leaves on Saturday, Nov. 2. Thanks to the 10 club and auxiliary members who worked that day – Carol Schreier, Judy Berglund, Kent Petterson, MT Pulley, Nona Johnson, Robert Kean, Rog Sefelt, Sharla & Norm Aaseng, and Tim Rosener. They were assisted by one of the park gardeners and the Toro 'Dingo.' The leaves are not needed for winter protection since we grow hardy plants, but are useful as a mulch – to keep in moisture and keep down the spring weeds.

The next activities of the committee will be picking out annuals and perennials from the January catalogs, and determining varieties of conifers and shrubs to purchase for an early May planting. If you have an interesting plant variety that you would like to see grown in the gardens, let me or any of the above committee members know.

Kay Wolfe mgcmgardne@q.com

Here are photos of the garden in mid-June; at its peak on August 18, 2013; and the same areas again on November 16.

– Photos by Kay Wolfe and Gary Opperman



Highlights from the November Board Meeting and Annual Meeting

Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary

Highlights of the November board meeting included the passage of two formal motions, one to approve donations to the Arboretum (\$500) and the Minnesota Horticultural Society (\$200), and one to award 3 scholarships to very qualified students. Names of the winners will be announced at the December Holiday Party.

Highlights of the December General Business meeting included:

- Election of the new slate of officers (see Page 3)
- Honoring of Peter Olin for his 25 years of membership in the Club
- Honoring of our very talented caterer
- Acceptance of the revised Bylaws.

Members were strongly encouraged to renew their memberships before the end of the calendar year, and to donate generously to the \$500 matching challenge for the Scholarship Fund.

Photos from the November Club Meeting



*Top: Len and Jan Brenny; Andy Marlow presenting proposed bylaw changes.
Bottom: Our speaker Terry Yockey and the "Cover Page" of her presentation. Photos by Chuck Carlson*

Calendar of Events for 2014

January 14

"Rock Gardens and Troughs"
Shirley Friberg
Dinner 6:15, Speaker 7:30
Lake Harriet Methodist Church, Mpls.

February 11

"Gardens of Scotland"
Peter Olin
Dinner 6:15, Speaker 7:30
Lake Harriet Methodist Church, Mpls.

March 11

"Tour of Lakewood Cemetery Greenhouses"
Paul Aarestad
Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis

April 8 or 15 (TBD)

Bachman's/Macy's Flower Show
Macy's

May 13

Plant Sale and Auction
Location TBD

June 10

"Wise Use of Water in the Landscape"
Tim Malooly
Lakewood?

July TBD

Garden Tours?

August 16-17

Flower, Food and Foto Show
U of M Landscape Arboretum

August TBD

Garden Tours?

September 9

"Houseplants"
Renee Lynch, Wagner's Greenhouse
Lakewood?

October 14

"Evolving Gardens for a Changing Lifestyle"
Hennepin County Master Gardeners
Lake Harriet Methodist Church

November 11

Hostas
Bob Olson
Lake Harriet Methodist Church

December 9

Holiday Party

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