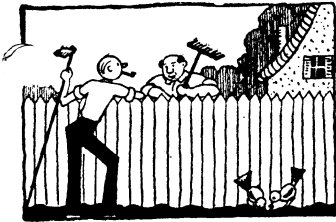


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SEPTEMBER FLOWER SHOW

Saturday, September 18
Sunday, September 19
Park Board Greenhouses
38th & Bryant Avenue South

Happy gardening, everybody! We saw some very lovely ones on our tours this Summer (see inside) even though nature was a little difficult at times. We were all regretful of not being able to see more, but after all, there is no good reason for waiting for an organized tour to visit each others gardens - let's do it and more often!

This is our "Fall Show" issue and we have been assigned the task of encouraging all our members to exhibit the fruits of their Summer labors. Our Flower Show will be held Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19. Registration starts Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and closes promptly at 3:30 in the afternoon. The Show will be open to the public from 6 to 9 P.M. on Saturday, and from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Sunday. Invite your neighbors and bring your friends.

Let's make this a record Show. We are looking for over 500 exhibits and remember practically every entrant placed in our Spring Show.

Yes, the sun's been on fire most of the Summer; the rains didn't come too often; the wind was mostly hot; and the ground got darned dry; but nature played no favorites - all were treated equally. Meaning if you think your Show material suffered badly, so did everybody else's.

Enclosed is your registration blank, list of entry classes and statement of rules. Read them carefully and be sure to refer back to "Helpful Hints" on exhibiting flowers and arrangements published by Cortis Rice in connection with our June Show.

Suggestion: In order to avoid confusion and loss of your own containers used for arrangements, be sure to put your name on the bottom of each piece.

Special Message: Will the "Special Interest" committees please prepare their project reports and have them available as soon after the October meeting as possible?

A Picnic Supper: Bring your baskets laden with food when you call around Saturday

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GARDEN TOUR - August 10, 1948

The second garden tour of 1948 was a record success, surpassing in attendance the first tour of the year that started from Welander's estate in July. The tempo of the tour had to be speeded up, however, for the lessening daylight meant the last of the gardens had to be seen in the dark. But Herb Kahlert's needling and urging got us along at a fast pace, and his excellent planning managed to get us to see ten gardens after 6 P.M.

The Food

It was a case of first come, first and best served. We had a hungry crowd that was well fed on baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, coffee, ice cream and all the accessories. Late comers, like Chris Mosberg lost out on the baked ham so had to fill up on beans and bread.

Culinary service went off well under the direction of that old hand at the game, Herb Kahlert, assisted by Stan Lund, Cort Rice, Harold Kaufmann and others.

The Tour - They're Off

Stop #1 - Jack Cohen

Tree roses, particularly the Weepers, were just starting their fall bloom and seemed to have the greatest interest. To answer the questions of winter handling: "Weepers and other Hennessy tree roses with flexible stems will be bent over and heads buried in dirt, then straw and tar paper; the rest of the trees will be dug up and trenched for the winter."

Stop #2 - Dr. F. H. K. Schaaf

Tuberous begonias that in size, color and beauty of form seemed to be out of this world. They offered a wondrous spectacle and one wonders when our good doctor, with his busy practice, finds time to take care of his garden chores. Aside from begonias, his garden has gorgeous, disease-proof (to be expected) bush roses and tree roses, as well as some fine beds of annuals. A wonderful exhibition for a busy man.

Stop #3 - Morris Lifson

Not a weed in the garden or a crab-grass spear in the lawn makes Lifson's place so outstanding. It isn't a large place, but a well-kept-up one and that is one of the essentials of good gardening. Rubra lilies were outstanding while his new roses were clean and healthy.

Stop #4 - H. M. Stephens

Sorry your reporter got lost in traffic and had to pass up Stephens place to catch up with the procession. They tell us that his display of show-winning dahlias is tops. We'll bet on him, for Harold is always a winner in garden "sports" and contests.

Stop #5 - M. M. Evans

What a perfect lawn Evans has, like a velvety green carpet. As someone enviously remarked, "His wife can't be very busy." He has a fine, well-arranged seedling bed where the biennials and perennials are now getting nourishment and strength for heavy growth in 1949. His annuals, particularly the Mum marigolds were unusually good.

Stop #6 - A. M. Libbey

The "Ohs," the "Ahs," and the "Mms" that greeted Libbey's showplace of begonias gave credit to the scientific growing methods he developed to grow such sturdy, tall plants with giant-sized blooms of carnation, camellia and rosebud shapes. He seems to exert a magic, to us who are plebeian begonia growers, and makes bulbs grow large that never grew large before. He deserves the accolades and awards that have come to him.

Stop #7 - Chris Mosberg

The dean of us gardeners is Chris when it comes to growing bigger and better crops of vegetables. He has the Danish green thumb of making the kohlrabi, the cabbage, the carrot, the beet and all other useful garden products sparkle in the sunlight as they absorb the health-giving vitamins from light, moisture and the growth-making chemicals in the soil. His large place is gradually getting under control and we predict it will be one of the showplaces of Minneapolis in the next few years.

Stop #8 - L. E. Cristman

Here is a garden that has a bit of everything in the way of annuals, perennials, roses, etc. and everything grows beautifully and well. Jim's favorites, however, are his tuberous begonias which he cares for like a hen with a brood of chicks. His hanging begonias are particularly well handled and he gives added color to his begonia bed by growing ferns between the pots.

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NOTES

Haven't seen Bill Holmberg or Ed Montgomery around lately. We miss their experiences in dahlia- and wildflower-growing.

Bob Bryant seemed to be the largest winner from the MGC at the State Fair. His arrangement of dahlias came in second - a close-up to Holm and Olson, the perennial winners of first place. His display of orchids was exceptionally fine.

Ralph Sherman still wins my vote for the outstanding home garden from the standpoint of good housekeeping, fine display and unusual use of annuals.

Did you ever try to follow Ed White on a tour? If you did, you won't; if you didn't, don't figure he knows directions in Minneapolis any better than you do!

Stop #9 - F. S. Stephens

Reporter got lost at this point trying to follow Ed White. Seems to have bad luck with the Stephens on this tour. Better luck next time, boys.

Stop #10 - A. R. Blackburn

The tour ended up at their home after dark and regrettably we missed some of the outstanding features of this exceptionally well planned garden. The house is the Life House that was featured all over the country a few years ago and the landscaping matches the house in every respect. Bordering Minnehaha Creek with flower-banked paths meandering in and out of the velvety lawns, and arbors for shade, it is a very beautiful garden setting of which full use is made. An unusual trash burner and compost bed serve utilitarian functions most excellently.

A cordial and gracious host was Mr. Blackburn and it was a pleasure to visit his unusual garden.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Our sympathies go out to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kaufmann because of the serious car accident that involved their daughter Joan and two grandchildren. Fortunately, recovery is good - the children are home from the hospital, while Joan is slowly mending and is expected home soon.

GEORGE - THE OLD FIREHORSE

George Luxton, the Star's star photographer for eons of years, got his first newspaper experience following fires. They'll soon be putting him out to pasture, training and directing embryo Luxtons. But let him get the smell of the open road, whether to a fire or a garden tour, and he's off on the scent with all the daring recklessness of a 'hot rod' driver. Youth and speed perpetual - that's our George

OUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS

A year from now the 1949 national convention of the Men's Garden Clubs of America will be history, but in the meantime it is up to the members of this Club to create history. As previously outlined in meetings earlier in the year, it will be necessary for all members to contribute both time and money to insure the success of this yearly event.

Estimates have been prepared as to the total cost of this venture based on the experience in other cities. These costs, divided on a pro rata basis between the clubs of Minneapolis and St. Paul, amount to about \$35 per member. These figures have already been presented to the St. Paul group and their members have agreed to underwrite the convention to that extent for each member.

We anticipate that most, if not all, of these costs will be met through various mediums, such as contributions, advertising in both the advance brochure and the convention catalogue, an enlarged spring flower sale, and the showing of John Ott's lapsed time movies (see below).

Considerable expense will be incurred in preparing advertising and bulletins, which makes it necessary that the Convention Committee be provided with funds in order that they may carry on their preliminary activities.

At the October meeting this matter will be presented to you in more detail by the Convention Chairman, Herb Kahlert, asking that advancements be made to the committee. This should be a warning to all members to attend this meeting and not to leave their checkbooks at home!

Stanley D. Lund

You and your friends are cordially invited to see and hear "Flowers in Action," a 1½-hour movie-lecture by John Nash Ott, Jr., noted botanical photographer, at the Woman's Club Auditorium on Friday, October 8th at 8:30. The event is sponsored by

the Convention and Executive Committees and income, after payment of expenses, will go to the Convention Committee to help put over the national convention. Be sure to save the evening of October 8th and bring your family and friends. Admission \$1.25

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