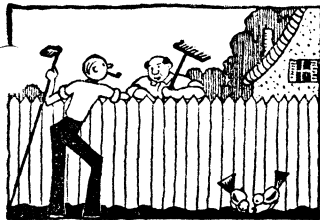


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## CHRISTMAS MEETING

Members' wives cordially invited

Date: Tuesday, December 17

Place: Hasty-Tasty Cafe  
3907 West 50th Street  
(50th & France Avenue)

Time: 5:30 P.M. Dinner

## PROGRAM

6:45 P.M. Announcements

6:50 "Corsages - Their Construction and Uses,"  
Mrs. George McCamon

7:40 Bill Block's Garden  
Club movies

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## COMING MEETINGS

Members are urged to keep in mind the January meeting, which will be held on January 14, 1947, with Dr. A. O. Dahl of the University of Minnesota Botany department as the principal speaker. This is the third consecutive year we have had Dr. Dahl as a feature and those who have heard him before know what a wealth of information on gardening

The February meeting, to be held next February 12, will also have an outstanding speaker as the feature of the evening. He is a Mr. Seymour, who has published a garden encyclopedia and contributed to various gardening magazines. We are sure both of these meetings will provide you with ammunition for the forthcoming spring workout.

## THE NOVEMBER 1946 MEETING HELD AT PARK BOARD GREENHOUSES

The November meeting, which was held at the Park Board Greenhouses in the midst of the first chrysanthemum show since the war, and with Edgar Lehman as the speaker, was indeed a chrysanthemum festival of gorgeous proportions.

Mr. Lehman, whose nursery at Faribault is one of the largest growers of chrysanthemums in this part of the country, gave us a very practical description of mum culture and described his favorite varieties which are hardy in Minnesota. He also told us about new varieties which will be offered in the next year or two. His descriptions were accompanied by beautiful slides in color.

A sunny location is absolutely essential for chrysanthemums. Plants in the shade will bloom too late in this climate. The best time to plant is in the spring. Small vigorous cuttings are best, and full-grown plants should be divided.

Bone meal and a liberal quantity of peat moss are the finest things for conditioning the soil; five or six weeks after planting, apply bone meal and commercial fertilizer. All plants, except those which bloom very early, should be pinched back when they are six to eight inches tall, and again when the side plants have grown six to eight inches.

### SALEM, OREGON, GETS OUT HOBBY BOOK

They have a live garden club in Salem, Oregon, and among their many other activities they are now publishing a book which is called "Hobby Gardener's Guide," and is based on the actual experiences of practical gardeners.

There are 34 chapters in the book, each written by a member of the club, and based on first-hand experience. The writers are not professionals but they are amateurs of high standing and are considered authorities in their particular field.

A copy of this book is available at the

At the Lehman Nursery no covering is used in the winter, the tops being left on the plants to catch the snow and to act as a covering. Winter losses are from 10 to 20% if there is heavy snow and greater if there is no snow. Mr. Lehman recommends cutting the tops in late November, protecting the plants with hay, and covering them with a waterproof material. Tender varieties are most successfully wintered in a cold frame or a basement areaway. Good drainage seems to be the most important factor in successful wintering of these plants.

Mr. Lehman has some English varieties of chrysanthemums which are much larger than good hardy varieties developed in this country. Most of the English varieties do not make a satisfactory showing in Minnesota. He recommends for trial varieties known as Bridesmaid, Tiger and Red Velvet.

The Program Committee did an outstanding job in bringing us this fall both Dr. Longley and Mr. Lehman who are among the outstanding authorities on chrysanthemums in the country.

The tour through the greenhouses filled almost to the roof with masses of chrysanthemums, was truly an experience no flower lover could afford to miss.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Tuberous begonia bulbs should be allowed to dry for several weeks before being put in cool, dry storage for the winter.

Vermiculite just stored in the open is thought by some to be better than peat moss backing since the latter tends to draw moisture from the tubers.

It is with regret that we heard of the death of Dr. Walter D. Kellenbeck, the great blind gardener, preacher and rosarian, who was the principal speaker at the last meeting of the Men's Garden Clubs of America. Herb Kahlert gave us such a beautiful description of his personality,

## WHAT TO DO IN DECEMBER

If geraniums are to bloom in the winter, they must have a window which receives direct sunlight all day and where a day temperature of 70 to 75 degrees may be obtained. Small pots give best results and geraniums should not be overwatered.

Examine the potted bulbs in the cellar or cold frame. If they are found full of roots, they are ready for forcing in the living room.

Never apply water to house plants late in the afternoon. The foliage should not be wet when night comes on.

Clean the garden tools and cover them with grease or oil before they are stored for winter. This treatment will keep them from rusting.

After a frost, give all evergreens, especially those transplanted late in the fall, a heavy mulch of straw or well-rotted manure. This applies to woody ornamentals too.

Make a fresh cut at the bottom of Christmas trees and then insert the tree into a bucket of sand saturated with a ten percent sugar solution. This will keep the needles from falling.

Garden seeds you are saving keep particularly well in stout paper envelopes. If uniform envelopes are used, they may easily be marked and arranged alphabetically.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. PAUL GARDEN CLUB

Our sister city, St. Paul, has an enthusiastic group of members if one is to judge by the goings-on that are described in their little publication, "The Weeder's Digest." It is a young organization as yet and a lot of enthusiasm is put back of their programs with worthwhile doings at every one of their meetings.

Congratulations on the monthly bulletin and good luck to you, St. Paul, for future growth!

### DUES ARE NOW DUE

The end of the year will soon be here and the dues for 1947 will be payable. Our treasurer reports that a few of our members are in arrears for this year's dues. The bylaws are strict in this regard, although they have not been followed literally, which means that paying members are

### BULBS TO VETERANS

The Club donated a case of Holland bulbs to the Veterans Hospital this fall. They were planted by some of the patients at the hospital.

### HOW TO ORDER PREMIUMS

The Minnesota Horticultural Society has announced a change in its method of distribution of free plants in the November issue of its magazine. It will be necessary that the selection by members of the Garden Club be made through the Club Secretary by March 1st.

### CLUB'S PRIZE-WINNERS

In reviewing the achievements of our members for the past year, we find many outstanding accomplishments, including winning of first prize by Bill Holmberg and third prize by Bob Bryant in the Commercial Class at the Minnesota Public Garden

### THE 23 BEST CHRYSANTHEMUMS FOR MINNESOTA

Mr. Lehman recommends the following group of chrysanthemums as particularly good for growing in the Minnesota area. (D indicates double; SD, semi-double.)

Autumn Greetings. SD. A mass of bright copper and gold flowers excellent for mass planting.

Autumnsong. D. Entirely new color. A large wine-rose shading to carmine. One of the most outstanding of the Chicago strain.

Autumn Sunlight. D. A grand, new early pure golden-yellow.

Avalanche. D. The world's best large creamy white. Everyone's favorite.

Candlelight. D. Well formed flowers of creamy ivory-white. Prolific bloomer. Excellent plant habit and foliage.

Charles Nye. D. The mum of the year. Large 3-inch fully double, rounded flowers of rich buttercup yellow and firm substance.

Chippewa. D. Giant, bright aster-purple slightly incurved. Does especially well in the North.

Drifted Snow. D. A mound of large, double, white flowers, shaded yellow at center.

Early Harvest. D. A mass of glowing mahogany-orange flowers for two months. One of the very best early mums and far superior to any cushion variety.

Eugene Wander. D. Without a doubt the largest and finest bright early yellow. Blooms 4 inches across.

Glacier. D. Dwarf, very early, absolutely pure white. Fine for bordering or pots.

Glowing Coals. D. Bright, deep, cherry-red with orange reverse. Nice habits with branched sprays.

Harbinger. D. A glorious, early bronze with coloring of fall maples. Good.

Hearthfire. D. Bright red flowers showing a small yellow center when fully open. Ideal for cutting.

Maroon n' Gold. D. New 1945. Professor Longley's best since Chippewa. Immense 4-inch flowers of bright mahogany-shaded maroon with golden reverse. Outstandingly good.

My Lady. D. A lovely combination of gold with bronze-red shadings. In bloom practically all summer.

Olive Longland. D. The mum of the year 1945. 3-inch, apricot-toned, salmon-pink flowers. Best of the so-called pastel colors.

Red Gold. D. The brightest of all pom-poms. A lively combination of red and orange-gold. A honey!

Redwood. SD. A beautiful, dwarf, bright red. Hundreds of bright flowers on dwarf mounds. Excellent edging plant. Very free flowering. Very early.

Simba. D. Profuse masses of soft orange bronze flowers. Splendid for cutting.

Violet. D. Dr. Longley's newest purple. Full, double dahlia-like bloom of good color and substance.

Zantha. D. A new perpetual, blooming clear, canary-yellow with ball-shaped flowers. Outstandingly good.

December being the last meeting of the year and one when ladies are particularly invited, we hope to see you and your lady next Tuesday.