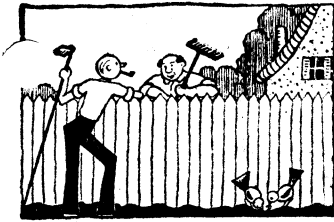


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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday Evening
February 7, 1945. 5:30 P.M.
Fountain Terrace
Medical Arts Building

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PROGRAM

5:30 P.M. Dinner, \$1.15 - Fountain Terrace
6:30 "Greenhouses for Amateurs"
G. G. Cerney
7:15 "Division and Propagating"
William Holmberg
7:45 "Growing Seedling Plants"
F. A. Upsher-Smith
8:00 "Musts for February"
H. W. Bishop
8:15 Questions and Answers
G. G. Cerney
8:30 Preview of March Program

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION CARD IMMEDIATELY!

These are war times! Accommodations, service and supplies are limited and restricted. Guarantees well in advance are required.

The Garden Spray will come to you monthly, five days before the scheduled meeting, with complete program details. We hope you will attend each and every meeting, but whether you do or not, mail your reservation card so that it reaches your Secretary at least two days before any meeting date.

PRESIDENT HERB KAHLERT ANNOUNCES OUR 1945 COMMITTEES

According to our Constitution (Article 2), the purpose of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis is "to promote home gardening as a hobby among kindred spirits and to offer an opportunity for co-operation and mutual help in raising standards in the home garden." Each of our past three capable administrations has achieved progressively towards our objectives. This administration, to which you have honored me with the responsible office of President, will, I assure you, work seriously and diligently for an even more complete fulfillment of our purpose.

But no administration - no matter how zealous; no committee - no matter how active; no program or project however well devised and planned, can succeed without the full support, the enthusiastic and interested attendance, and the participation of each and every member.

We do not have on our roster an oracle who knows all the answers; each of us has a lot to learn, a lot to remember. We must learn and improve through experience, from our own and our fellow-member's successes and failures. Each monthly meeting on your 1945 Program Calendar has been thoughtfully planned, but it cannot be fully successful without full attendance and active participation in the discussions. May I therefore ask your indulgence in the plans and efforts of this administration and your support and co-operation with these fellow-members who, through accepting certain responsibilities, will try to make you and me better gardeners in 1945 by serving on the following committees:

GARDEN SPRAY	CLUB PROJECTS	PROGRAM & CONTESTS
Jack Cohen	F. A. Upsher-Smith	J. T. Hansen
E. T. Montgomery	H. W. Bishop	A. W. Erickson
Andrew S. Nyberg	CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS	W. C. Addy
GARDEN SHOWS	George Luxton	H. E. Kahlert
William Holmberg	George S. Titus	MEMBERSHIP
H. E. Nelson	William Block	Fred T. Paul
Charles Doell	COMMISSARY	Charles L. Comings
GARDEN CONSULTANTS	C. W. Marrs	Walter R. Menzel
A. W. Flack	L. E. Cristman	ROSARIANS
William Holmberg	J. T. Hansen	Charles Doell
F. A. Upsher-Smith	GARDEN MUSTS	Upsher-Smith
George Luxton	H. W. Bishop	MUMARIANS
	A. W. Flack	Walter Menzel
	J. T. Hansen	Harold Kaufmann

THE 1945 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AND PROGRAM CALENDAR

We hope you will find the printed Roster and Calendar both interesting and useful. Study the Calendar and look forward enthusiastically to each informative and helpful meeting that has been carefully planned for you. (The Spray will bring you monthly details as to date, time and place, and any possible changes as to subject matter or speakers.)

The purpose of the Roster is to let you know conveniently who and where your fellow-members are so that you can: (1) Phone a fellow-member for information; (2) Informally inspect or visit his gardens; (3) pool rides. (Phone members in your zone, either inviting them or asking them for a ride home from a meeting or for the Garden Tours.)

A very limited number of these Rosters and Calendars were printed. Keep yours in a convenient place - and use it!

Harold R. Kaufmann. Secretary

OUR ROYAL ROSARIANS

Among royalty in gardening are the Rosarians. In our group they are F. A. Upsher Smith and Charles Doell. They have been testing the newer roses over a two-year period and here's what they have to say about them: Keep this as a guide when you order your roses this spring.

Mirandy, a deep red rose, shows the greatest promise for hardiness in this plant. It is a strong bush about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, has excellent foliage and gives large double blooms profusely. Its only drawback is a tendency towards a weak stem a few inches from the bloom.

Other roses that show promise but do not appear to be quite so hardy are:

Sweet Sixteen: yellow and pink bi-color which has the same stem weakness as Mirandy.

Douglas MacArthur: pink.

Pearl Harbor: dark pink inside, light pink outside.

Commando: a yellowish-pink.

No. 3440 Conrad Pyle: a floribunda of an unusual deep pink shade.

Roses that do not do too well here in Minnesota are:

Katherine T. Marshall: pink

Panorama: pink

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek: pink

Shangri-la: pink

Horace McFarland

Lowell Thomas: creamy yellow

Fred Edmunds: a striking orange

The first-year plants tried out by Mr. Smith were not all named yet and hence will have little significance except as to the following:

"V" for Victory: a satisfactory producer of a larger number of pleasing yellow flowers.

Break O'Day: a climber that has made good this year, but, of course, will not bloom until next year.

Fantasia: yellow. Satisfactory where a lot of pleasing blooms are desired, regardless of size.

Mrs. Miniver: carmine red. An unusually good rose having striking flowers with a

THE ANNUAL MEETING

A good attendance came out on this cold blustery evening to enjoy both the program and the excellent roast pork dinner. The treasurer reported that the finances of the Club were in good shape except for a deficit of \$14 for the year's work. Ways and means have been developed to reduce our expenses for 1945 and catch up on this deficit.

New officers elected at this meeting were as follows:

President: Herb Kahlert

Vice-President: G. G. Cerney

Secretary: Harold Kaufmann

Treasurer: Walter Menzel

Director: Ed Montgomery

In his acceptance speech, Herb announced the program for the year's meeting, a copy of which is enclosed with this issue of the Spray. It is an ambitious program, but knowing Herb as we do, we know it is going to be carried on in an excellent manner.

FIRST LESSONS IN BOTANY

We were fortunate in having with us at our January 9th meeting Dr. A. O. Dahl of the Botany Department of the University of Minnesota. He gave us a compact, interesting story of flowers from seed to seed through their life cycles, and the chalk talk that accompanied it made it both vital and easily understood.

PRIZE WINNERS OF 1944 PROJECT

The Harold Kaufmann project initiated by Herb Kahlert was indeed a success. There were many entries in the contest and the following were the prize-winners, according to Henry Bachman, the judge: Walter Menzel, first prize, Garden Encyclopedia; Herb Kahlert, second prize, sack of Milorganite; Christman, third prize, year's membership in the Garden Club.

Since there is a deficit in the treasury Herb Kahlert raffled off his Milorganite prize to get additional funds to help

ROSE NOTES BY AN EXPERT

"Roving" Wilcox was a guest speaker at the December 15th meeting and gave a nice talk on "Roses are My Specialty and Why". Here are some of the things he told us:

The floribundas are the preferred rose if one wants bouquets. They are smaller, much easier to grow, hardier and more disease-resistant. Floribundas give more consistent bloom with less effort - from June 10 to frost - than any other type of rose.

To grow good roses, get them off to a good start. Dig a hole about three feet deep and mix the topsoil with manure and fertilizer, put mixture back in far enough so that the rose roots do not touch the manure the first year. It is important to have good soil at the bottom -- not at the top.

If roots go deep, they need less water. Roots of trees, not their shade, hurt roses. Do not uncover your roses too early in the spring - about May 20th is right for Minnesota. Take everything off but the dirt after the first warm spell in April.

A good liquid fertilizer can be made out of sulfate of ammonia and nitrate of soda - 1 tablespoon to one gallon of water. Give a half cup of this fertilizer to each plant in the spring and twice in the late summer to encourage fall blooms of vigor and more brilliant hue.

The best roses in the U. S. are grown in Minnesota during September and October.

SWEET PEA RESEARCH PROJECT

Sweet peas are difficult to raise in Minnesota, so Upsher Smith determined to find out why. Only Andy Nyberg seems to be able to grow them. A committee from the Club consisting of Nyberg, Cerney, Kaufmann, Flack, Dr. J. T. Cohen, Doell and Kahlert, with Upsher Smith as chairman, is going to tackle the problem in a scientific manner and then report results to us in the Fall. The committee had its first meeting last Thursday.

ON FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Edward Peterson of Baker-Peters Florists, out on Emerson Avenue, was kind enough to show us how to handle flowers in the best manner of arrangement. He gave us an inspiring talk on the sentiment in flowers and of the love and affection that they spread. A few highlights of his talk were:

Have containers not ornate but simple. The vase should be one-third the total height or width.

Get depth and solidity by building up the center.

He was most generous to the Club in his time and flowers and used gorgeous call lilies, chrysanthemums, sweet peas, roses, etc., in order to demonstrate three basic flower arrangements.

When through with his talk, he donated the bouquets to the members' wives and their guests. Chances were taken at the following won: Mrs. E. R. White, corsage; Mrs. William Brooks, rose arrangement; Mrs. S. E. Law, a Christmas tree.

The sincere thanks of the Club go to Mr. Peterson for his excellent talk and the generosity of his time and flower arrangement material. It is an inspiration to listen to such an enthusiast who is on the subject of flowers and their arrangement.

1945 VICTORY GARDENS

Upsher Smith reported on the need for more Victory Gardens in 1945. He received instructions from the Victory Garden Committee at Washington that we are to "go ahead as in 1944", and the goal for the coming year is 20,000,000 Victory Gardens. For food will be a major consideration towards the quick ending of the war.

BILL BLOCK - PHOTOGRAPHER

It was a treat to see the 60 slides which represented views of Bill Block's garden. The garden, of course, was to be seen and so was the photography, and we c