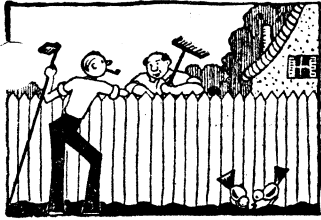


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## JULY MEETING

Place: Jack Cohen's Garden  
4725 E. Lake Harriet Blvd.  
Date: Tuesday, July 15, 1947  
Time: 5:15 P.M. sharp  
Dinner: Buffet Supper  
(reasonably priced)

## PROGRAM

6:15 P. M. We start on our Garden Tour of some selected gardens of old and new members. These will be, in the committee's opinion, outstanding July gardens. We've been waiting for our first garden tour. Here it is! Remember last year's meeting at Jack's? This year he will be home. DON'T MISS IT.

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## GARDENS WORTH SEEING

Herb Kahlert for roses and delphiniums  
Ed Montgomery's rock garden  
Cerney's for most everything  
Dufourd for vegetables and flowers  
Swain for still more vegetables  
Edlund for roses and peonies  
Bishop for delphiniums  
Cristman for begonias  
Holmberg for delphiniums and roses  
Kaufmann for everything  
Lund for a really charming garden  
Lowrie for rockery and roses  
Jack Cohen for tree roses

THE 1947 FLOWER SHOW

The 1947 Flower Show of the Men's Garden Club was one of our most ambitious and successful efforts. To some it was an extraordinary experience to see what they could exhibit against the competition of some of the other members. Those who did not exhibit must have a feeling of regret, for the show was a good one - excellently handled under the auspices of Bill Holmberg, assisted by Archie Flack, Herb Kahlert, Bill Block, Harold Kaufmann, G. G. Cerney and others of this committee. Arrangements were most excellent and efficient and showed that experienced folk were in charge.

The Committee itself deserves great commendation for the fine job of putting on the whole show, which was professional in atmosphere, and those who did not show missed the fun of competition and missed the chance of walking away with one or more ribbons. Competition was not as tough as it would seem and some of the newcomers in the Club took home ribbons just as did some of the old experts we have with us.

It is a sad commentary on things, however, that only 26 of our 70 members saw fit to have entries in the show. It is difficult to understand the attitude of the 40-odd members who did not have any entries or anything they were willing to show.

Belonging to the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis and coming to its meetings for

information and sound advice also brings an obligation to each member of exhibiting at the shows when they are announced. Such exhibiting is just a fulfillment of their reason for being a club member; if they do not have any entries, then it is like taking a course at the University and not coming in for the final examination. Part of the job isn't done until results of the study and work and effort are shown.

It should be an obligation of every member to feel a responsibility of showing at these flower shows, and we trust that action will be taken on this at the next meeting. Competition is the spice of life, and competition in the flower shows means that we are going to have better shows and will be more proud of the fine work of our members.

TOTAL SCORES FOR THE 22 SCORING EXHIBITS

Bill Holmberg . . . . . 25	Vic Lowrie . . . . . 9	Bill Vehe . . . . . 4
G. G. Cerney . . . . . 20	Ray Edlund . . . . . 8	Harold Kaufmann . . . . 3
Jim Cristman . . . . . 14	Fred Stephens . . . . . 8	Herbert Spencer . . . . 3
Jack Cohen . . . . . 11	Herb Kahlert . . . . . 7	Wally Rowell . . . . . 3
Russ Bechtel . . . . . 11	Thurber Day . . . . . 7	R. Edwards . . . . . 3
Stan Lund . . . . . 10	Charlie Comings . . . . . 6	George Titus . . . . . 3
Ralph Sherman . . . . . 9	Harold Stephens . . . . . 6	Walter Quist . . . . . 3
	C. N. Rice . . . . . 5	

ODDS AND ENDS

Don't forget to spray carnations with lime water.

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Farmers used to be guided in their plantings by appearance and development or stage of growth of wildflowers.

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Grandpa says that when the leaves on an oak tree are as large as a mouse's ear, it's time to plant corn.

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Think twice before employing commercial companies to spray your garden every two weeks with D. D. T. Insects to their re-

KEEP A CALENDER

Cerney recommends keeping a garden calendar. He says keeping records is a lot of fun (if you have time and not too bad a hand at writing).

Blooming dates of perennials and shrubs are always fun to compare; they pretty well tell how far the season is advanced and how far behind the preceding year. It also helps to tell when to expect blooms; when to plant annuals; when to cover perennials. When forcing bulbs, it helps control bloom for the period or

## WHY I LIKE ANNUALS

By Archie Flack

(Pinch-hitting for George Luxton who isn't particularly fond of annuals anyway)

Annuals have a place in the garden to pick up where many perennials leave off, particularly those which can be sown in gardens rather than in greenhouses. It is not too late even now to sow seeds for blooms through the summer until frost. Plant them where you want them to grow.

Larkspur, zinnia, caleopsis, Shirley poppies can all be sown now - even cosmos and marigolds.

You don't have to winter over annuals, which means you can start from scratch each year and give your garden a fresh touch of color and a new appearance.

Balsam (called by Grandma "Touch-Me-Not") can be sown late; and it's not too late for sowing nasturtiums and allysum.

Greg Lucking reported that there are over 90,000 annuals and perennials in borders and regular beds in the city parks: petunias, verbenas, nasturtiums, allysum, etc. All parts are planted with annuals that give color all through the summer until frost.

### A Few Words on Lawn Care

G. G. Cerney read an article from the June issue of Better Homes and Gardens entitled "Elimination of Crab Grass with 2-4-D." Dr. Hutchins seemed to feel that the attempt was a little dangerous; his advice being to enrich the soil and thus thicken the turf, which is a better and safer cure for the crab grass. Then it won't have a chance to come through.

Bill Holmberg brought a word of caution on cutting the lawn too short. He uses an extra heavy large roller on his mower and doesn't cut less than 2½" long. Try cutting just before rain if you can't sprinkle heavily when you get through mowing, he says. It keeps the grass healthy and heavy.

Stan Lund suggests cutting lawns without a grass catcher and says you take more away from the grass than you can ever put back; cut grass acts as a mulch. A new whirlwind mower on sale at Nagell's powders the cuttings and spreads them back on the lawn while cutting the grass.

Dr. Lindquist mentioned finding centipede-like grubs in his lawn, but Dr. Hutchins didn't think they were any more harmful than worms.

Someone asked if Milorganite was harmful if used on lawns. Dr. Hutchins reported that he has been using it for years on his lawn and it never did any harm.

"Buyer of Gadgets," President Harold Kaufmann, suggested trying the new killer-feeder for lawns just announced by the Scott Seed Company and distributed locally by Dayton's.

Note: Vic Lowrie is co-editor of this issue of the Spray.

FLOWER SHOW SCORES BY CLASSES

GRAND CHAMPION - Ray C. Edlund  
SWEEPSTAKES - William Holmberg, 25 points  
G. G. Cerney 20 points  
EXHIBITORS 26

COURT OF HONOR

C. L. Comings, Rose Nels Paulson                      Thurber Day, Philadelphus in vase  
Herbert Spencer, Peace Rose                      Harold Stephens, Tuberous Begonia Plant  
Harold Stephens, Blue African Violet              Ray C. Edlund, Bouquet Pink Princess Roses

CLASSES

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| 1. <u>Hybrid Tea Rose, Red</u><br>1. Victor Lowrie<br>2. William Holmberg<br>3. Ray Edlund    | 8. <u>Peony, Variegated</u><br>1. Walter Quist<br>2. Russ Bechtel<br>3. G. G. Cerney               | 17. <u>Columbine</u><br>1. Victor Lowrie<br>2. Thurber Day<br>3. Charlie Comings                 |
| 1. <u>Hybrid Tea Rose, Pink</u><br>1. William Holmberg<br>2. Stanley Lund<br>3. Victor Lowrie | 9. <u>Tuberous Begonia</u><br>1. Harold Stephens<br>2. William Holmberg<br>3. Jim Cristman         | 18. <u>Lilies &amp; Hemerocalis</u><br>1. Russ Bechtel<br>2. Ralph Sherman<br>3. Charlie Comings |
| 1. <u>Hybrid Tea Rose, Yellow</u><br>1. Herb Spencer<br>2. Jack Cohen<br>3. Herb Kahlert      | 10. <u>Tuber. Begonia (Camelia)</u><br>1. Jim Cristman<br>2. William Holmberg<br>3. G. G. Cerney   | 19. <u>Pansy or Viola</u><br>1. C. N. Rice<br>2. Thurber Day<br>3. Ralph Sherman                 |
| 1. <u>Hybrid Tea Rose, Bicolor</u><br>1. Jim Cristman<br>2. Victor Lowrie                     | 11. <u>Tuber. Begonia, Other</u><br>1. G. G. Cerney<br>2. Jim Cristman<br>3. Harold Kaufmann       | 21. <u>Oriental Poppy</u><br>1. Stanley Lund   |
| 2. <u>Roses, Floribunda</u><br>1. Charlie Comings<br>2. Wallace Rowell<br>3. Russell Bechtel  | 12. <u>Delphinium, White</u><br>1. William Holmberg<br>2. Ray Edlund<br>3. G. G. Cerney            | 22. <u>Iris - Dark Shades</u><br>1. G. G. Cerney   |
| 3. <u>Roses, Rugosa</u><br>1. G. G. Cerney  | 13. <u>Delphinium, Lavender Sp.</u><br>1. William Holmberg<br>2. Herb Kahlert<br>3. Dr. W. D. Vehe | 23. <u>Iris - Light Shades</u><br>1. Fred Stephens<br>2. G. G. Cerney<br>3. Stanley Lund         |
| 4. <u>Roses, Climbing</u><br>1. Stanley Lund<br>2. William Holmberg<br>3. Jack Cohen          | 14. <u>Delphinium, Purple</u><br>1. William Holmberg   | 24. <u>Iris - Mixed Shades</u><br>1. Herb Kahlert<br>2. George Titus                             |
| 5. <u>Peony, White</u><br>1. R. Edwards<br>2. Jack Cohen<br>3. George Titus                   | 15. <u>African Violet, Pink</u><br>1. Ralph Sherman<br>2. Fred Stephens<br>3. C. N. Rice           | 25. <u>Carnation or Dianthus</u><br>1. Russ Bechtel<br>2. Ray Edlund<br>3. Ralph Sherman         |
| 6. <u>Peony, Pink</u><br>1. Jack Cohen<br>2. G. G. Cerney<br>3. Charlie Comings               | 15. <u>African Violet, Blue</u><br>1. Harold Stephens<br>2. Ralph Sherman<br>3. William Holmberg   | 26. <u>Petunia</u><br>1. Jim Cristman<br>2. G. G. Cerney<br>3. Herb Kahlert                      |
| 7. <u>Peony, Red</u><br>1. Jack Cohen<br>2. G. G. Cerney<br>3. William Holmberg               | 16. <u>Potted House Plants</u><br>1. Fred Stephens<br>2. Jim Cristman                              | 27. <u>Lupines</u> W. D. Vehe  |
|   |  | 28. <u>Miscellaneous</u> Thurber Day; Russ Bechtel; Wallace Rowell                               |