

OUR SECOND ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

The second annual Flower Show of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis was held on September 15th at the Park Board Greenhouses. It was the most successful of all the flower shows that we have had, and one of which we can be proud.

The entire committee which sponsored the show worked hard on the many minute details in arranging rules, exhibits and food, and did a splendid job of it. This represented a lot of hard work and effort, but some satisfaction must come to the members of the committee because of the large attendance of members and their friends and because of the largest number of exhibits that has ever been entered in one of our shows.

To Herb Kahlert, the spark plug and energizer of the committee, go the thanks of the membership for the beautiful job he did in creating interest and enthusiasm for the show before it took place and seeing that everything went off on schedule and was perfectly organized before the day of the show. The committee itself worked harmoniously and well. Each member had his own assignment and each did it well. It is such interested effort, such energy and hard work which leads to success not only in the flower show but in all the activities of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis.

The committee under Herb Kahlert was a large one but we can mention only a few who seem to be always up in front as far as work is concerned, and we want to give special mention to C. C. Cerney, Harold Kaufmann, Walter Menzel, George Titus, Ed White and Charlie Doell.

The Prize-Winners

The winners in the second annual Flower Show were as follows:

Harold Nelson won the Grand Champion Award, which was selected from the First Place winners of the first five groups.

The Sweepstakes winner was L. E. Cristman, who came through with 28 points, closely followed by Harold Kaufmann with 25 points, C. C. Cerney with 24 points, and Herb Kahlert with 23 points. This is what you might call a neck-and-neck finish.

The Group Winners were as follows - and each walked away with a nice prize:

Group A - Bill Vehe	Group D - Harold Nelson
Group B - Herb Kahlert	Group E - Harold Nelson
Group C - Walter Menzel	Bouquet Group - Russ Bechtel

Point winners for the entire Flower Show were as follows:

Cristman - 28 points	Addy - 7 points
Kaufmann - 25 "	Hradecky - 7 "
Cerney - 24 "	Bechtel - 6 "
Kahlert - 23 "	Janes - 5 "
Nyberg - 19 "	Montgomery - 4 "
Nelson - 15 "	Vehe - 4 "
Block - 13 "	Mosberg - 3 "
Menzel - 13 "	Welandar - 3 "
Smith - 13 "	Cohen - 2 "
Lund - 12 "	Filbert - 2 "

NEWS OF MEMBERS

At the Victory Garden Fair, Rene Dufourd came off with three first and four second prizes.

Bill Swain, whose application is pending in the Club, won nine first prizes, four seconds, one third and one fifth and captured the Class A Sweepstakes Award. Bill is a good gardener and he must be tops in his class and will be a valuable asset to us when his application can be accepted by the membership.

At the annual dahlia show, members did pretty well. Harold Nelson won seven firsts, nine seconds and four thirds for a total of 43 points; Andy Nyberg won three firsts, five seconds and eight thirds for a total of 27 points; and Bill Block won two seconds and two thirds for a total of six points. (Bill Holmberg came in first in the Court of Honor.) Pardon our mistake - Bill Holmberg came in second in commercial displays.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Our business department as usual is on the job. There were no raffles or drawings at this meeting but the committee did put on a straw hat sale. They had picked up a lot of new straw hats - the kind used on the farm and wonderful for gardening or fishing - and retailed them at 10¢ each.

PRIZE-WINNER

I guess the only man in the world who ever got a blue ribbon for coffee-making at a flower show is Eric Erickson. A blue ribbon was awarded to him for the generous amounts of good, strong coffee that he prepared for the membership.

LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT

Oliver Powell reports the loss of a vase which is a prized family possession. It contained his prize bouquet and someone might have accidentally taken home both the vase and flowers. If anyone did pick up the vase, will he please phone Mr.

GARDEN FAIR COMMITTEE

For the information of our members, we want to say that we have taken a civic interest in the Victory Gardens that were encouraged during the year. A committee from our Club was on the all-city committee and consisted of the following: Upsher Smith, chairman, C. C. Cerney, Herb Kahlert, Harold Kaufmann and Bill Swain.

EXHIBITORS

Bill Vehe put on a small fruit show all by himself. His Dolga crabapples and Everbearing strawberries were indeed prize-winners.

Bill Holmberg's bowl of Ming dahlias was striking in appearance and received many comments of praise.

FLOWER SHOW NOTES

Did you notice the tuberous begonia that Cristman used as a flower for his button-hole? He said this was the smallest of his blooms yet it looked big enough to win a prize. What Cristman did proudly show were some Autumn Crocus, which were indeed gorgeous specimens.

The pansies of Upsher Smith were a successful crop this year and they bloomed from early spring until the frost came along to deaden their tender blossoms.

Tom Hughes reports that his magic barrel gives his plants so much food and nourishment that he does not have to spray them during the year. He goes on the theory that plants are like people in resisting disease when their physical condition is above par by being well fed. He still offers a prize of one dozen doughnuts for anyone who finds a weed in his garden.

HOT STUFF

The spirit was warm and competition hot, but the air and floors of Charlie Doell's greenhouse were cold so coats and hats be-

GARDEN WORK FOR OCTOBER

Continue to plant peonies and hardy bulbs. The regal lily can be used effectively between peonies and other large-growing perennials.

Mark bulbs and roots dug up for Winter storage and also the spot where Spring bulbs and perennials are being planted.

Give evergreens and newly set perennials a thorough soaking with water. Do not water the newly-planted bulbs.

Gladiolus bulbs should be allowed to cure in shallow flats or boxes for two or three weeks. Then they can be put away for the Winter, preferably in a cold place but above freezing. If stored in paper bags with one ounce of naphthalene flakes for each 100 corms, thrips will be overcome. Or store below 40 degrees.

Dahlias should be dug and not pulled up by the stem. Tubers having their necks broken will not grow.

Tulip planting may be started as soon as the bulbs arrive, although mid-October is early enough.

Slow-acting fertilizers should be used with bulbs planted in the Autumn, as growth will be started early in the Spring. Well-rotted barnyard manure is excellent, but bone meal is a very satisfactory fertilizer for Autumn use, because it is slow-acting.

Dig up a few parsley plants to be grown in boxes in the kitchen window for garnish purposes.

Burn gladiolus and dahlia tops and any other vegetation which is likely to harbor pests.

All trees and shrubs, especially evergreens, should receive plenty of water before the ground freezes.

There are differences of opinion about fertilizers to use on roses at this season, but no mistake can be made in buying well-rotted barnyard manure or bone meal. It is better to use bone meal at this season than in the Spring.

Fill boxes with leaf mold, good garden soil, and sand to store for use next Spring when planting seeds in flats and boxes.

WHAT IS IT? DEPARTMENT

Nels Welander brought in an entry for a "What Is It?" department and we don't know how many guessed it but if you have racked your brain and couldn't get an answer, the plant was a Ticonia, which, according to Nels, grows 8 feet high!

Nels, incidentally, had a gorgeous bowl of large chrysanthemums as his entry in the arrangements division.

EDITORIAL CORRECTION

The Editor reported in the last issue of The Spray that the garden of the lily expert, Wallie Rowell, contained no lilies during August. To which statement Mrs. Rowell strenuously objected with the fact that "we did have some lilies in the garden, and don't you know that the finest of lilies are through blooming in July?" Suppressed and contrite are we.