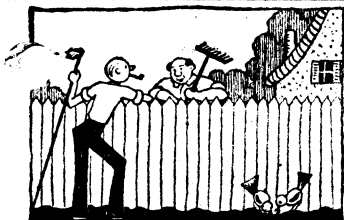


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THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

SEPTEMBER MEETING

FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

(The Big Event of the Year)

Date: September 15, 1945

Place: Park Board Greenhouse

Time Schedule:

Entries: 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(The earlier the better to avoid confusion)

All Exhibits Must Be In
Place: 4:30 p.m.

Judging: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
(No Admittance)

Picnic Dinner: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
(Coffee and dessert furnished @ 25¢ per person)

Awarding of prizes and
inspection of exhibits
by members, wives and
dinner guests: 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Open to other guests
to whom you have given
tickets: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Note: Provide your own picnic dinner and utensils for yourself and your dinner guests. Coffee and dessert will be furnished at 25¢ per person to cover cost and incidentals.

You may eat your own food separately if you wish.

Enclosed are 6 tickets for your friends who may be glad to see the flowers from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Send in your reservation card now indicating the number of guests (including your wife) who will picnic supper with us.

Plan your show entries now and be sure all of your exhibits are ready by the time the show opens.

GARDEN TOURS AND TREKS

July and August were good months to be out-of-doors and Herb Kahlert and his capable committee saw to it that we had a chance to see some of the gardens of our Club members and find out how they are getting along and what they are doing to get good results.

These tours are always successful for they compliment the garden owner and give us a chance to learn how the other fellow works; also, they tend to build good companionship among the Club members for you certainly get to know the other fellows when you are dashing in and out of gardens and cars.

With the elimination of gasoline rationing, every member has an opportunity to go back and visit the gardens he has already seen, as well as to visit those members' gardens that were not on the route.

The Editor has been on these tours since they started and it is his opinion that garden planning, care and selection of plants, has shown a decided improvement year after year.

The year 1946 should be the tops for excellence in gardening management. We can be proud of our members' gardens and feel that something has come out of the companionship of the members who have gained mental satisfaction in making progress in the development of their hobby.

THE VICTORY GARDEN FAIR

Another year rolls by and another Victory Garden Fair was held by the Victory Garden Committee of the City of Minneapolis. Our members on the committee this year were William Swain, Upsher Smith, Chris Mosberg, George Luxton, Harold Kaufmann, Herb Kahlert, Rene Duford, C. C. Cerney and Ralph Bachman.

PERSONALITIES

Harold Kaufmann's giant sweet peas and giant duster are the envy of his fellow Club members. His sweet peas did unusually well although in general it was a good year for them, and the dusting equipment he has is the most efficient, time-saving, foolproof garden tool that we have seen hereabouts.

Upsher Smith cares for the needs of the members by occasionally presenting them with seeds or seedlings of his own development. His last gifts to us were seedlings of Canterbury Bells.

Fred Paul has been thinking of trying to grow dwarf fruit trees but gave up because there are too many mischievous boys in his neighborhood. He feels that even if he could get them to bloom, there would be no fruit for his efforts.

A welcome recent tour visitor was Dr. John Zeleny, retired professor of physics at the University of Minnesota and a neighbor of Cerney. Dr. Zeleny has ample time to give to gardening now, and we understand that he is developing an atomic bomb to give a little faster growth to his plants and at the same time give off radiations continuously that will kill all pests. Good luck, Professor, and when your work is done, just hand us a little at-'em bomb or two.

Henry Bachman says fertilizer will always do the trick. Out west they grow giant gladiolus out of a mixture of sand and fertilizer.

Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis Fall Flower Show

Classifications and Rules

Class No.	Group A	Stems	Class No.	Group D	Stems
✓ 1	Aster (Annual)	3	35	Canna	1
✓ 2	Cosmos	3	36	Delphinium	1
3	Coreopsis	3	37	Gladiola	1
4	Gaillardia	3	38	Physostegia	3
5	Heliopsis	3	✓ 39	Snapdragon	3
6	Rudbeckia	3	40	Salvia	3
7	Miscellaneous	3	41	Funkia	1
			42	Tuberose	1
			43	Miscellaneous	1
	Group B			Group E	
✓ 10	Chrysanthemum	3	45	Begonia (Tuberous)	1
✓ 11	" (Azaleamum)	3	✓ 46	Rose Tea	1
✓ 12	Helianthus	3	✓ 47	" Floribunda	1
✓ 13	Marigold Small	3	✓ 48	" Polyantha	1
✓ 14	" Large	3			
15	Dahlia Cactus	1	✓ 50	Basket of Mixed Vegetables	
16	" Semi-Cactus	1	✓ 51	Bouquet, White predominating	
17	" Informal	1	52	" Yellow "	
18	" Formal	1	53	" Pink "	
19	" Miniature	5	54	" Red "	
20	" Pompom	5	55	" Blue & Purple "	
✓ 21	Scabiosa	3	✓ 56	Arrangement for Living Room	
✓ 22	Zinnia	3	✓ 57	" for Dining Room	
23	Miscellaneous	3	✓ 58	" - Miniature	
	Group C				
25	Aster (Perennial)	1			
26	Dianthus	5			
✓ 27	Geranium	1			
28	Helenium	1			
✓ 29	Phlox	3			
30	Petunia	3			
✓ 31	Verbena	3			
32	Miscellaneous	3			

RULES

Entries may be brought in at 2 o'clock and thereafter but must be set up for display not later than 4 o'clock.

All cut flowers entered in Class 1 to Class 48 are to be exhibited in milk bottles provided by the Club. These flowers to be judged for quality of bloom for the variety or varieties in display.

All exhibits are to have been grown by the member displaying same.

Exhibit is limited to one entry per class.

Exhibits may not be removed unless with permission of the Show Committee.

Judges will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and ribbons will be awarded.

Cash or merchandise prizes are offered for the best entry in each of Group A through E.

The Grand Champion award will be selected from the 1st place winners of Group A through E and prize awarded. A sweepstakes prize will be awarded to the winner of the highest number of points, for all classes, on the basis of 3 points for 1st place; 2 points for 2nd place; and 1 point for 3rd place. Classes 51 to 55, inclusive to be judged for quality of blooms and artistry of arrangement. Classes 56, 57, and 58 to be judged for the over-all artistic effect of flowers and container combined. Container to be provided by exhibitor.

NEWS AND REVIEWS OF MEMBERS' GARDENS

L. B. Cristman was the chef de luxe and our delightful host at the July meeting. His barbecued hot dogs and all the trimmings that go with them, topped off with the famous Cristman cake (adv.), made a delightful start and a well-fed one for the first tour of the year.

Cristman's garden itself is a honey. He keeps it neat and spick and span and everything in it is growing ahead of schedule. He handles his tuberous begonias cleverly by putting them in pots supported by T-angles. His little Johnny-Jump-Ups were magnificent; his roses were free of black spot and the state of his dahlias was a delight to Bill Holmberg, their proud daddy. Cristman does an excellent job in making good use of every bit of space in his garden. Not a weed was showing anywhere in the place and we expect Mrs. Cristman had a little finger in the good housekeeping of the garden.

Russ Bechtel lost an elderberry bush on the advice of Chris Mosberg. It was an unknown plant to Russ and seemed out of place in his charming annual garden; since it looked like a weed, he pulled it out even before he had a chance to absorb all of Chris' advice on the plant. Russ has unusual plants, among them the Primulina Gladiolus, which carries on year after year as a perennial without being taken up and stored. The entire garden is a new one but it offers great possibilities.

The Manley Callendar garden out on Meadowbrook Road is a good example of a well-planned garden that has 10 years of intelligent effort put into it. The large variety of herbs the family grows is a beautiful show in itself, but it was too early in the season to see the famous climbing gourds which cover the side of his house in September. Snapdragons and alyssum were unusually early and his garden was as clean and well kept as ever.

Ed Montgomery was taken by surprise when the group decided to visit his place.

Ed, as usual, does the unusual. He now starts his lilies from seed, has a beautiful pear tree and an excellent strawberry and vegetable garden. While no tobacco or sweet potatoes are grown this year, Ed is a venturesome soul and is willing to try anything that is new.

A. W. Erickson, another Edina member, also has in his garden great possibilities. His roses, lobelia and clematis make a fine showing.

Stanley Lund has gone almost 100% for roses and his place looks like a miniature reproduction of Charlie Doell's rose garden at Lake Harriet. Lund is particularly strong for Brownell roses. He does have floribundas and the usual group of standard roses that come thru year after year. This is the first good year of roses he has had and next year they should be even more glamorous and exotic. Other flowers were doing fine, particularly his nasturtium and oxalis.

The garden of E. O. Lyders, 5140 Chowen, a non-member but a prolific gardener, shows how you can spend your time if you want to retire from business or have an annuity coming in every month (adv. for Bill Addy and Harold Kaufmann). Lyders decided to take life easy some years ago and built up an outstanding bed of dahlias. He concentrates most of his energy on that and the perfection of growth and the care he gives them with continuous spraying and fertilizing shows itself in a half-block long row of dahlias three abreast. He has gone only into the large-sized plants and has done an excellent job. For color around the dahlia bed he has a border of alyssum and a fine hedge for a background.

An unusual feature of this garden was the Dr. Van Fleet climbing rose, which is one of the most magnificent climbers it has been our pleasure to see. Another feature is the underground sprinkler system which works in sections and turns off automatically when a certain amount of moisture is absorbed by the ground.

The Van Fleet rose brought a little discussion from our rosarian-neighbor, Mr. Wilcox. He told us that New Dawn is a good climber and gives a good bloom in the fall. It is a sport of Dr. Van Fleet.

It would be well for us some time to spend an evening with Harold Kaufmann so as to learn how he keeps his garden so clean and well organized. His garden shop has every can labeled and every tool in its place, and with a tool for every garden task. It is indeed a sight to us birds who misplace our garden equipment and never put back the insecticide and fertilizer in the same place in the garage or basement when we are through using them.

Harold's garden, as you know by now, won first prize in the Victory Garden contest conducted by the Consumer's Division of Civilian Defense. Last year, his first year in gardening, brought him into second place in the contest, and this year he has gone right to the top. We looked over his vegetable garden and enjoyed the clean rows of carrots, peas, beans, etc., all neatly labeled and fenced in and one can readily understand why he came out on top this year.

Space doesn't permit listing all the interesting things that can be found in Harold's garden; only a visit to his home where he is a most pleasant host will show you what can be done with limited space, shade, and a tough soil to work with. Some of the highlights of his garden are the sweet peas which bloom bountifully all summer, the complete herb garden, gorgeous geraniums and prize white phlox, burgundy galliardia, the many roses that bloom all summer long, and his Liatris.

Chris Mosberg has a fine demonstration garden that he started last year and which will be a knockout in a few years. It is an ambitious effort, taking in a lot of space. Chris figures fertilizer generously applied will bring good results from the poor soil and the first year's efforts are certainly a good omen of the garden that is to come.

Among the outstanding plants in his place are Verbena Arenoides, which is a beautiful and self-seeding plant. His Statice and Branching Stock are also good, as was the picturesque Kale. Chris has a true white double hollyhock which he raised from a seed of the annual Indian Chief.

Brother Tiedman Mosberg has a dahlia show of his own, and his place is tops with giant-sized dahlias. His specialty is the dahlia and his plants show the results of continuous effort and hard work.

Bill Block had some bad breaks this year. His sweet peas, on which he put a lot of attention, got caught in the early frosts and were frozen. His dahlias seem to be late in blooming and may be too late for the annual dahlia show. However, his dahlia garden was just as impressive as ever. He has a good showing of tuberous begonias and is doing well with his first year's growth of roses.

Andy Nyberg's place is really a dahlia show all in itself. His blooms are magnificent and unusual; if you want to see rare, exotic dahlias, be sure to visit Andy's place. His rose garden too looks healthy and well nourished, while his miniature vegetable garden seems to have a little of everything in it that is needed in the kitchen.

What a grand view Nels Welander gets from his garden! Placed on a high spot, his home overlooks both his garden and the lake in front of it, and it must be a pleasure and a joy to work in such a delightful environment. Unusual in his garden is his Tithonia, the flower of the Incas, which is in bloom during August. He has nice buddleia and a fine garden of annuals featuring calendula and a large bed of marigolds.

Wallace Rowell's spot is a good example of massed planting for clumps of color. His place is well organized, beautiful and well kept up, but the mystery is why the garden planned by an outstanding lily expert didn't have a lily in the place! Mr. Rowell was on vacation so we couldn't question him to get the answer. This was the garden of the famous gazania.

Umbrellaed dahlias are the piece de resistance in the garden of Harold Nelson. The unusual blooms that he wants protected from the sun are protected with individual, child-size umbrellas tied onto the dahlia stakes. Harold's place is one of the surprise gardens of the city. With a limited amount of space to work with, he certainly has developed an unusual display of gorgeous blooms. His dahlias are perfectly shaped and look mighty strong and healthy, and he has a fine collection of tuberous begonias on the north side of his house which are covered with a screen to give shade and yet get sufficient light in to the plants. Some of his begonias are in pots and some are put directly into the ground. He gives them no feeding but starts out the season with the soil loaded with fertilizer.

Among dahlias, he favors the bi-colors, but his favorite among the hundred prize dahlias he has is his Rosy Dawn. Harold has a nice little supplementary greenhouse in which he gets his plants started, and in this work as well as the activities around the garden, he has much wise counsel and help from his good wife.

The home of George Filbert was the starting-point for the August tour. George was a genial host and the feed that he and the hospitality committee worked out offered an excellent repast. His vegetable garden is an excellent one, although his corn crop wasn't anything to brag about.

The modest garden of A. P. Brown reflects his modest personality. He showed us a fine bed of azaleas, an excellent bed of perennials. What is outstanding in his garden, as Herb Kahlert says, is the nice surroundings of his neighbors for all three have gardens fenced in with white fencing and the same general planting program.

John Peterson out in Golf Terrace has an unusual group of climbing clematis. He has a new garden with great possibilities and probably will develop it with

Agape with amazement were Wilcox, Kahlert, Kaufmann and other rose fanciers when they observed the gorgeous roses growing in the garden of Joe Hradecky. They were the largest, healthiest blooms that we have seen on any of our tours and they seem to grow easily for Joe, since everything seemed to be under control and he and his wife were on vacation!

His secret, we found out, is to give the plants "loads" of fertilizer. Outstanding roses in his collection were Crimson Glory, Ann Vanderbilt, and the largest bloom of Charlotte Armstrong we have ever seen. The rose garden wasn't large, but was certainly tops in performance. Another unusual plant that Joe has in his garden is the Thermopylis, a tall, yellow plant that looks like a lupine.

The garden of that grand old master of amateur gardening, Herb Kahlert, was better than ever this year. As George Titus says about it, "You don't get this kind of a garden sitting around on your fanny!" The garden is well organized and from spring to fall he manages continual masses of bloom which reflect his enthusiasm for gardening and show that he practices what he talks about for he does get results. His garden is tops in appearance, freedom from bugs, color and floral arrangement. Herb's place has always been a worthwhile spot to visit, but this year it has reached the climax of perfection.

Among the many unusual features, we can recount only a few. His beautiful rose of Crimson Glory, rows of nicotiana, his fine, stately phlox, the gorgeous zinnias, tall salpiglossis and fine borders of alyssum surrounding his bed of lima beans all give stateliness to the place. Unusual in planning was his bird fountain which was surrounded with marigolds with an outer row of alyssum. His Bounty tomato plants were loaded with fruit and he was carefully nursing four strawberry plants for his granddaughter.

This was our third annual visit to Bishop's garden. We have seen it grow from a large space with scattered plants here and there to a complete garden with ev-

greens, etc. For his ambitious efforts in his extensive gardening program and for the excellent job he has done with limited hours, he deserves a medal of distinction.

He has developed a gorgeous estate out of a few acres of farmland, and brains,

thought, hard work and sweat show the result in the beautiful place he now has. Unusual in his garden are the Baptisia or false indigo, delphinium, nice pinks and a vegetable garden finer than ever. Bishop evidently puts into practice all the good ideas he tells us about in his regular reports on what to do each month.

GAZANIA - WHAT IS IT?

"Gazania - whoever finds it will get a \$2.00 prize," was the announcement made at the last meeting by Herb Kahlert. It looked like a gag and no one paid much attention to the idea. When we reached the Rowell home, the last stop on the last tour, Herb again gave us the tip saying that the gazania was worth \$2.00. Everybody looked and the lucky winner was Cristman. We hope he has put those \$2.00 to good use. Here is what the good book says about the Gazania: It belongs to the daisy family; flowers range from white through orange and yellow to scarlet and are beautifully spotted at the base of the petal. Like many South African flowers, they close at night.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Bill Block is sold on the Harco Sprayer, while Jay Addy is a great user of Trio-gen on his roses.

As Russ Bechtel says: "It's good to have visitors so as to know what weeds to pull up!"

Bill Swain uses a tablespoonful of Epsom salts mixed with the soil when planting tomatoes to prevent blight - and it works. For the gorgeous fruit he has, he applies superphosphate regularly to his tomato plants.

Bill Addy is a feeder for Halsey Hall in his "Do You Remember?" column. One of his items was: "Remember when all street sprinklers were horse-drawn? It made it more fun running behind!"

Did you know that Dr. Bill Vehe is an authority on the recognition of birds by their calls as well as by their plumage? In a little test at Cristman's home, he was able to distinguish every bird call and whirr that occurred during the barbecue hours, much to our edification and amazement.

Russ Lund's youngsters - two of them - are certainly well trained. When we went to look over the garden, they followed the crowd and told everyone, "Don't touch the flowers!"

Cristman says that if you nip off the dead blooms of Canterbury Bells, the blooms will continue coming right through until fall and frost.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLES DOELL!

We extend our congratulations to Charlie Doell, our active and enthusiastic member, on his appointment as Superintendent for the Minneapolis Park Board. It is a definite recognition of his executive ability and his friendly manner, of his lifetime interest in park activities, and of his love of mankind and growing things. We feel that Minneapolis is indeed fortunate in having a man with the natural gifts of Doell, one who has grown up on the job and has prepared for it with years of training and study. Best wishes to you, Charlie, on your new activity, from all the members of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis.