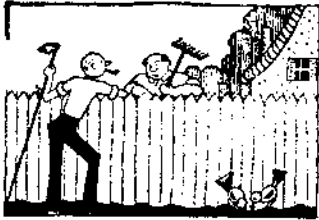


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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Evening
November 14, 1944. 5:30 PM.
Fountain Terrace
Medical Arts Building

Directors

W. C. Addy
William Block
Chas. Comings
J. T. Hanson
Upsher Smith

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The biggest shows of the year for the fortunate members of the Men's Garden Club were the August 22nd and September 15th meetings. The direction and management of these two meetings under the super-duper guidance of Herb Kahlert, gave us two afternoons and evenings of entertainment and education that alone were worth more than our annual membership dues.

Fortunate were those who attended; despondent, unhappy and full of woe is the lot of those who did not attend both of these meetings.

In this issue of the Spray, we can give

You only the highlights of these two meetings; read these items over as just a zestful reminder of happy days if you were present, and as a report of some of the things that went on if you did not attend. Like a black-and-white photograph of a flower, we cannot give you the color, the life and the joy that was had at these meetings. We can only put down in black and white mundane facts about what happened.

Members of the Men's Garden Club are indeed lucky to have workers like Walter Menzel, Upsher Smith, Bill Addy and Herb Kahlert to turn out for us such worthwhile affairs. And so now on with the show!

THE FALL MEETING - September 15, 1944

The Fall meeting was held in the Minneapolis Park Board Greenhouse and was our first effort to put on a garden show on a large scale. The greenhouse offered a perfect setting for both the display of flowers and the excellent simple dinner and the meeting after the show in the evening.

The show part of the meeting ran from 2 until 8:30 in the evening and was handled in a professional manner by Bill Holmberg. This shows what experience with dahlia shows will do for one.

Prize-Winners

Bill Holmberg with his dazzling dahlias, won first prize with 31 points. He, however, gives all the credit for the prize-winning to his good wife, Dorothy.

J. T. Hanson came second with 13 points. Mrs. Herb Kahlert won the prize for the best bouquet, a crate of peaches.

THIRD ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

The third annual garden tour this year took place on August 22nd. We started at 5 P.M. as we had many stops to make before dark. We met at Cerney's place and had a delicious barbecue supper in his back yard. Barbecued hot dogs, salad, ice cream and that delicious cake that only Chrisman can bake, topped off with lots of coffee made the stomach satisfied before our soul-satisfying walk.

Cerney has an excellent garden and he should have for he is a real gardener himself. He has two small greenhouses to give him an early start on plants. He is a conscientious guy also who really knows all the answers when it comes to recognition of flower and plant species.

"A Dream Setting"

Here is what Herb Kahlert says about Harold Kaufman's place:

"A dream setting and a lot to see in a small place and a well-planned and attractive Victory Garden. See the model of the entire place in the basement workshop and amusement room. See the well-placed rose bed in the front yard."

Kahlert was modest in his comments on Kaufman's place and every member should try to visit this some time during the year.

The Mystery Garden

There is an unusual and interesting garden over in St. Paul cared for by a Professor McGraw at St. Thomas College. He has a perfect green-bent lawn and a garden full of new and old-fashioned flowers. There were 45 different types of flowers, many rare and unusual, and the following were the three prize-winners in the contest to determine who could recognize the largest number. Here's how they came out:

Ed Montgomery recognized 42 out of 45.
G. G. Cerney recognized 38 out of 45.
Walter Menzel recognized 31 out of 45.

The prizes were as follows: 1st, 100 lbs. of Miloromite; 2nd, two phlox for fall

Blanks were furnished by Ed White and the committee of judges was Bachman, Bofferding and Mosberg, a trio who know the answers to all the questions that ever come up when gardening is discussed.

Andy's Dahlias

Andy Nyberg's dahlia garden was a dahlia show in itself. It was marvelous to behold, considering it was his first year in his new home. We can probably see the reason for it in the Magic Barrels that he has scattered around the place. Dahlias in all size ranges and all color effects were present, and great credit goes to Andy for the fine job he has done. His outstanding dahlia was "Fassel", a Holmberg special.

Welanders's Cleome

The outstanding feature of N. O. Welanders's place was the fine bed of cleome, both pink and red that he had. His vegetable garden was particularly outstanding as were his dahlias and a large variety of flowers. Just who cuts the lawn was the worry of the members.

Block's Begonias

The last stop of the garden tour was at Bill Block's. There we saw prize-winning dahlias under a cloth house where they have a better temperature regulation. We saw his prize-winning tuberous rooted begonias and his fine electric lighting system for when he wants to enjoy his garden after dark.

Refreshments were on tap in the hobby room after hours of hiking from garden to garden, and the liquid refreshments and the seats were both welcome. An informal meeting was then held; good-fellowship reigned.

Upsher Smith made a short address commending Herb Kahlert for the originality of the work done by his Program Committee and expressed the sentiment that their work this year has reached a high-water mark. Bill Block was thanked for the entertainment part of the program, and late in the evening all went their respective ways after having enjoyed a won-

There were sixty-eight members and their guests, a pretty large group to fill Charlie Doell's bailiwick. Of this crowd, 31 were members of the Club. At the end of the meeting, the flowers were generously distributed to the guests of the Club members.

The Food

Since the meeting was on a Saturday night, the Committee decided to have a New England baked bean dinner. The richly-flavored beans, Boston brown bread, the generous helpings of cake, ice cream and coffee made the eats as good as the mental stimulus we got from the meeting and the show.

An expert battery of waitresses gave us prompt service. One of the prettiest of all was Miss Kahlert, a chip off the old block, for her friendliness, geniality and "hostessing".

We eat well at our meetings - thanks to the bon vivants and gourmets on our committee.

Flack on English Gardening Methods

We were fortunate in having ^A H. Flack, a member of the Club, give us a talk on herbaceous borders at this September 15th meeting. His education and graduation from the London Botanical Gardens, and his early work as a professional gardener makes him the father-adviser to all of us. It is our good fortune that he came to Minneapolis by way of Canada, and we trust that his business is so good that he will remain with us for the next 25 years at least.

Here are a few highlights of his talk:

In England, some of the greenhouses have seven miles of steam pipe and they grow such exotic fruits as pineapples, strawberries, peaches, etc.

He says that herbaceous borders should be trenched, then the soil dug 12 inches, and than manure added. Plant in clumps, four feet between the clumps, then until the border gets thicker, put annuals between the plants.

In the Fall the annuals are cut down and covered with manure.

Put bonemeal on roses in the Fall.

For light soils, use cow and sheep manure.

For heavy soils, use horse manure.

But the important thing to do always, says Flack, is dig deep, and then dig some more. That seems to be the lesson of good gardening, and the reason that English gardens are so superior to our own.

Flack was head gardener in British Columbia quite some years ago. He started developing a nursery based on native plants in B.C. His laborers were all Hindus who worked in their bare feet. He started with many native species of plants, which he used for starting the nursery, then later ordered plants and trees from all over the world and developed a good-sized nursery there before he came to Minneapolis. Then, as

HELP HAROLD KAUFMAN

Are you taking part in the new Club activity worked out by Harold Kahlert and Harold Kaufman? Harold has many problems in connection with his garden and he wants the advice and help of his fellow-members to help solve them.

The five persistent problems that bother him have already been mailed out to you on a blue sheet. Please answer as soon as you can and get them back to the Board of Experts who will pass judgment and award prizes for the best suggestions as to flower, type, color, height, blooming season, soil and drainage.

The prizes aren't bad either, for they consist of (1) a garden encyclopedia; (2) 100 lbs. of Milorganite; and (3) 1945 dues for the Men's Garden Club.

YOUR GARDEN

By F. A. Upsher Smith

The perennial garden was hard hit last winter. If you had covered the plants, they were smothered, and if left bare, they froze. Iris was badly rotted. It is fortunate, in a way, that Dame Nature takes a hand occasionally in the wholesale destruction of our perennials, because many of them in the course of time become matted by multiplication and poorer in quality. Many perennials, like phlox, need to be divided every few years, and iris soon deteriorates, if left to multiply. Then again, winter killing forces us to fill the spaces and enables us to freshen up our perennial beds with other and newer kinds.

ROAMING WITH WILCOX

Pointers on roses from an expert.

New roses for 1945 are:

Mrs. Minniver.

Fantasia - the best yellow.

Floradora Polyantha that is taller than Pinocchio.

The best white rose is the Frau Karl von Druschki.

The next best white is Lily Fons.

The best yellow is King Boreas, although the blooms are small in size. It is hardy and colorful.

Another good yellow is V for Victory.

The best single hybrid tearose is "Nearly Wild"; it is a Brownell rose that is never out of bloom.

MEMBER WINS SECOND PRIZE

A certificate of second place winner in the Victory Garden Contest Defense Council competition was awarded Harold Kaufman for his outstanding vegetable garden which we saw, not at its best, late in the season.

Duly signed by the Mayor and other high officials, it is satisfying recognition for the many hours of labor put into it to gain perfection.

DUES NOW DUE FOR 1945

Please take this as a formal notice that your 1945 dues are now due and payable. Save the club postage and stationery expense and Secretary Menzel a lot of extra work by remitting promptly.

Just to refresh your memory and to avoid confusion with dues of other affiliations, the cost is \$3.00 for active members.

As has been said before, "Where can you get so much for so little cost?"