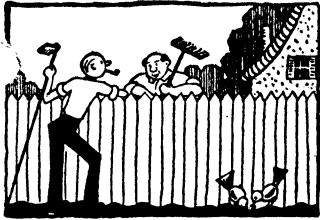


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JUNE FLOWER SHOW

Date: Saturday, June 17, 1950
Place: Park Board Greenhouses, 38th & Colfax So.
Time: Judging starts at 3 o'clock sharp
Dinner: Pack a family picnic

In place of our regular June meeting we will hold our Spring Flower Show over the weekend of June 17 and 18. True, it is a little early for the lateness of the season, but you'll be surprised how fast your garden will mature in two weeks of warm weather, mingled with some kindly rains.

Besides, an early show allows our Iris and Peony enthusiasts to really strut their stuff, which they haven't been able to do for a couple of years.

Plan now what classes you will enter and don't dismiss consideration of a single bloom until the night of the Show. Think back to previous shows and see if you can't recall the many entries you could not only have entered but placed in had you brought the material. This is your show - let's make it a good one!

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Dear Member: In recent years the weatherman has been most uncooperative in helping us prepare for our flower shows, but in spite of this the displays of bloom have been excellent. This spring has run true to form, so far as unfavorable growing conditions are concerned, so if history repeats itself, we should have an outstanding show - and we can if every member will enter as many lots as possible. This is our first Spring Show since 1948 and with everybody cooperating, it can be our best.

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FLOWER SHOW MUSTS

1. Watch the garden for 10 days before the Show.
 2. Cut late in the evening and harden off.
 3. Cut long stems and extra flowers.
 4. Use a sharp knife and cut on a slant.
 5. Remove excess foliage.
 6. Set in deep water immediately and place in a cool spot.
- but not past prime; individual blooms, no side buds.
5. Stems: Long, uniform in length, straight and strong without blemish. Flowers well set on stem, terminal flower looking at sky
 6. Foliage: Remove all below water line. Remove imperfect leaves.

Suggestions

Qualifications to Watch

1. Color: Clear, not muddy
 2. Size; Uniform, large
 3. Form: Typical of the variety, both the face and back of bloom.
 4. Substance: Mature and fully developed,
1. Remember the judging takes place the moment the judge sees the entry.
 2. Select specimens by comparison with a number of others and select best you have.
 3. Transport to show in plenty of water.
 4. Water exhibit plentifully on display.

PLACE YOUR EXHIBITS EARLY

The Park Board Greenhouses will be open early on Saturday morning, June 17, so bring your entries over early and get through arranging before the crowd arrives around noon and cramps your style. If your blooms are properly hardened off, they'll stay fresh for days.

IDENTIFY YOUR STUFF

Be sure to put your name on the bottom of each container used for arrangements as well as those for house plants and potted material. In this way confusion and loss will be avoided.

TESTERS! KEEP UP YOUR RECORDS

Will Special Interests Chairmen check the testers and make sure they have an ample supply of Test Record Sheets established by Harold Kaufmann? Our test records must reflect the complete history of that being tested from planting date to maturity. Contact George Germain or Harold Kaufmann for information and supply of record sheets.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

The Family Basket Picnic will be held at Park Board Paint Shop, Saturday, June 17, 5 to 6 P.M. Plan to bring the family and their friends. Coffee will be served.

A PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF ROSES

On Monday, June 26, the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis will sponsor a Rose Show (non-competitive) at the Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank of Minneapolis at 90 South Sixth Street. The display must be set up and ready for review by the public by 9 o'clock in the morning, which means the material has to be arranged on Sunday and from 6 o'clock Monday morning.

We would like to make this exhibit an outstanding event, one typical of the high standard upon which our Club has built a reputation. Therefore, we will need a lot of first-class material - roses of every variety grown and as many specimens of each variety as Club members can spare.

Stan Lund, Al Nelson and Herb Kahlert, as a committee of three, have full charge of this affair and will take over your blooms and see that they are properly exhibited. They have even offered to harden them off for you if you will get your blooms to them early Sunday evening, June 25. Make sure they are properly identified with correct name and specie. You will probably be contacted by phone by one of the three for further instructions - your whole-hearted cooperation is earnestly solicited.

OUR MAY AUCTION

Practically the whole Club - plus 12 guests - turned out for our plant auction which netted us approximately \$325.00. The committee are certainly entitled to a hearty vote of thanks for a job well done.

Selection of material was tops and the auctioneers, including George Titus, Frank Janes, Herb Kahlert and Bill Holmberg demonstrated that they had lost none of the art at selling most everything at good prices.

The outstanding sale went to Dr. Schaaf who paid \$4 for a Jumbo Passion Plant. Sales ranged from a high of \$4 to a low of 10¢. All in all, not only was the auction profitable, but we had a lot of fun besides and most members' gardens will profit as a consequence.

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15th ANNUAL M.G.C.A. CONVENTION

Herb Kahlert has in mind writing a more complete report of the convention in Oakland, Calif. for an early issue of The Spray. Although Herb didn't tell us, we found out he was elected second vice-president of the M.G.C.A. for the coming year. Congratulations, Herb!

WEDDING BELLS

As this month's Spray is being put to bed, its most illustrious co-editor, Jack Cohen, is giving the hand of his daughter, Ruth, in wedlock. May blessings pour upon the newlyweds to whom we extend a wish for much joy and happiness.

WHO HAS THE AVOCADO?

A specimen plant was brought to the meeting and shown around. Somebody liked it so well he put it up for auction and sure enough, somebody bought it! We can sell anything at these auctions, but then where could one find better auctioneers?

We are certainly indebted to Harold Pederson for the very interesting and enlightening talk which he gave at our May meeting on plant chromosomes. Harold did a masterful job of interpreting an extremely scientific subject in language that the layman could understand.

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Why don't you drop in and see Joe Hradecky or Tom Foley who are at home somewhat under the weather? They would thoroughly enjoy seeing you and it would do them good to be able to talk their favorite hobby with their Club friends.

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Our good Secretary is still screaming for more slides of general garden views, roses, narcissus and wild flowers - a bit late for the latter two, but please keep our slide library in mind every time you pick up your camera this summer or fall.

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New Member. We welcome our new member, P. W. Young, of 4544 Beard Ave So. and we are all looking forward to his joining with us and extend our warmest greetings. Res. phone Wh 0035; Bus. At 6624.

LAKE MINNETONKA GARDEN TOUR INVITATION

Members of the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club are sponsoring a tour of the country estates at Lake Minnetonka on July 7, 8 and 9. Tickets are available at the downtown ticket office, at \$1.50 per person. The tour starts at Wayzata Town Hall at 1:00 P.M. through to 6:00 P.M.

Unusual arrangements of table and flower displays are being set up around the James F. Bell pool which is bulletined as a most unique treatment in modern art.

WEED KILLER KILLS LAWN OF CLOVER. If White Dutch clover is a nuisance in your lawn the new weed killer, 2,4,5-T (close relative of 2,4-D) has been found to be deadly to clover. One manufacturer now includes 2,4,5-T in his 2,4-D weed killer and has had excellent kill on all broad-leaved weeds that ordinarily infest the lawn. But if you like White Dutch clover in your lawn, be careful to check the weed killer ya

JUNE REMINDERS

Watch your newly set out plants and seedlings on these very hot days that come upon us unexpected like and shade them until they have become well established.

Don't remove the leaves from your tulips and daffodils until they have ripened off completely. They may be moved if in the way and transplanted elsewhere, but do not disturb the tops. This is true of all bulbs.

Ever try thinning the flower buds on hollyhock? The remaining flowers will develop better and last longer.

Iris blooms should be cut as soon as they wither and not left to go to seed; your grape hyacinth will self sow if you permit them to go to seed.

It is best to leave some foliage on the base of the stalk from which your peony bloom was cut or cut only a few blooms from each plant.

Might help to mark those peonies and irises you wish to divide or remove in the fall

Your house plants will do better next winter if set outdoors in a shaded spot and, better still, if you place the pots in the ground.

Remember sweet peas like their roots moist, so mulch with lawn clippings or peat moss

Keep up your spraying and you'll have healthy plants with an abundance of bloom. There are many all-in-one sprays or dusts on the market which include DDT, rotenone, nicotine, pyrethrum, sulphur and what have you.

The iris borer cannot be reached with spray, so cut and burn all leaves where found.

Since cutworms feed at night, apply poison bait at night; it will be fresher and more attractive to the worms.

Dusting sulphur is recommended for red spider and mildew, but apply it to both the upper and under surfaces.

Weed killers do their best if used during the heat of the day in temperatures over 75 degrees.

Sweet corn can be planted late in June for a later crop. Same for beans, beets, carrots and turnips.

During very hot weather, give lettuce an abundance of water and shade from hot sun.

Asparagus should not be cut after late June. A liberal top dressing of well-rotted manure should be applied to the bed as soon as the cutting season is over.

All newly planted trees and shrubs should be kept well watered until established.

Stake your plants as they grow - don't wait until they get tall enough to tremble in the breeze. You'll have better tomatoes if you stake them.

June is a good month to sow perennial seeds, either in cold frame or open seed bed.

Feed your roses liquid manure now and you'll enjoy better blooms this year and next. Spray or dust every ten days.

Tuberous begonias may be moved into a shaded place in your garden. Water them con-