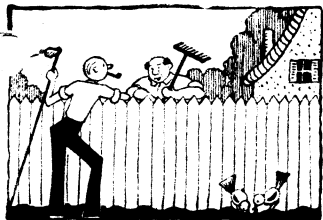


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The October Meeting  
will be on the  
University Farm Campus

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 1950

Time: As early before 6 o'clock as possible

Place: Cafeteria, University Farm Campus

Dinner: Cafeteria style - eat hearty

Price: According to what you eat

The October meeting is going to be one you'll remember for a long time! It will be a round table discussion about things we like to talk and learn about. We will have as our guests:

Professor W. H. Aldermann, Chief of the  
Division of Horticulture and his assistant

R. E. Widner

Eldred Hunt, Secretary, Minnesota Horticultural  
Society

Dr. A. E. Hutchins

Dr. I. C. Snyder

Bill Swain will act as moderator, and the Club's panel of experts will include Glen Cerney, Archie Flack and Cortis Rice, who will start the ball rolling. The whole procedure will be quite informal and it is hoped that almost everybody will partake in the discussions.

The principal theme of our talks will be along the lines of what kind of things we really need and expect from the Horticultural Department and Society, and what they in turn offer the amateur gardener, and how can we cooperate for our mutual benefit.

We are indebted to Bob Phillips for arranging this most interesting get-together and we hope the whole membership will attend.

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## OUR FALL FLOWER SHOW

It was a good show - good in many ways - but particularly good because so many members participated - 44 in all - the largest number of members ever to exhibit! We had more entries than ever before - 44 specimens and 76 arrangements, for a total of 523. The quality of the material was very good, a point mentioned many times by the judges. The general appearance and layout of the show was good; in fact, it far exceeded any previous show in interest and attractiveness.

We had a larger public attendance on Sunday than at any previous show. Close to 5,000 people streamed through the Park Board greenhouse. (Maybe we are building a reputation for the Club and its activities!)

To all those who assisted Bill Brooks in planning, managing and running the show go our highest praise and deepest thanks. The word "good" is not good enough - "magnificent" is more descriptive and deserving.

Herb Kahlert, with 48 entries, contributed the largest number; close on his heels was Morris Lifson with 47; and they dropped all the way down to a two-entry member.

Entries were made in each of the 88 lots listed on the schedule, and ribbons were awarded to each lot. The most popular entry was the chrysanthemum group with 59 exhibits, closely followed by the ever-enchanting rose with 51.

We are indeed indebted to Lehman Gardens for their lovely display of potted chrysanthemums; to Faribault Co-Operative Seed Company for a colorful array of gladiola; to Bob Bryant, Bill Holmberg and Andy Nyberg for their unusually interesting and showy dahlia displays; to the University Farm for its exhibition of named varieties of chrysanthemums; to Herb Kahlert for his wide range of named varieties of petunias; and to the Park Board, both for the use of their facilities and for their assistance in setting up the whole show.

And our many thanks to the judges, Messrs. Barnes and Bachman, who took time out of a busy day to lend a helping hand - and a good job they did!

## FALL FLOWER SHOW

Grand Champion - Group A: Jim Cristman

Grand Champion - Group B: Stan Lund

<u>Court of Honor</u>		<u>20 Points or More</u>	
M. M. Evans	Tuberous Begonia	Stan Lund	40 points
H. M. Stephens	Informal Dahlia	Jim Cristman	37 points
H. E. Nelson	Ball Dahlia	Frank Heschmeyer	33 points
S. F. Pinkham	Lg. Orange Marigold	Harold Stevens	33 points
L. E. Cristman	H.T. Red Rose	Morris Lifson	33 points
W. R. Menzel	Foliage	Ray Edlund	31 points
R. C. Edlund	Danish Asters	Charles Reif	31 points
R. J. Dufourd	Arrangement of fruit and vegetables	Harold Kaufmann	29 points
		Harold Nelson	27 points
G. V. Lowrie	Arrangement of foliage	Archie Flack	22 points

HERB KAHLERT CHAIRMAN

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY COURT OF HONOR 1950

Herb was recently appointed chairman of the Johnny Appleseed Commission. Good goind, Herb!

As rated by the 1950 "Proof of Pudding" reports conducted by the American Rose Society:

The Johnny Appleseed Medal and Award are given each year to those men who, outside of their professional and business life, have contributed something really worthwhile to the general welfare of horticulture.

Members of all local garden clubs are encouraged to submit candidates from their respective areas to the Commission for consideration of awards.

Variety	Hybrid Teas		Natl Ratg
	Rep Recd 1950	No Yrs Report	
Peace	269	5	9.4
Tallyho	175	3	8.3
Rubaiyat	189	3	8.2
Applause	101	3	8.1
Debonair	101	5	8.1
Rose of Freedom	115	2	8.1
New Yorker	138	2	7.9
Nocturne	208	3	7.9

ROSES VOTED THE MOST POPULAR

The following roses, voted the most popular according to the American Rose Society, are listed in order of rank:

Peace	McGredy's Ivory
Christopher Stone	Saturnia
Charlotte Armstrong	Crimson Glory
Mme. Henri Guillott	Picture
Etoile de Holland	Sam McGredy

Floribundas and Polyanthas			
Red Pinocchio	78	2	8.7
Pink Bountiful	68	5	8.2
Pinkie	75	3	7.6

Climbers			
City of York	30	5	8.7
Cl. Crimson Glory	59	4	8.4
Cl. Christopher Stone	25	3	8.3
High Noon	48	3	7.9

Miscellaneous			
Sweet Fairy	20	4	8.7
Autumn Bouquet	21	2	8.0

The most popular single, Dainty Bess;  
most popular floribunda, Floradora;  
most popular climber, High Noon.

A MIRACLE SHOW

The seventeenth annual Midwest Dahlia Show was held at the Northwestern National Bank on September 10 and 11 and was the largest and reported by many as the most successful such exhibition ever held. In his opening remarks as Master of Ceremonies at the annual banquet, Mr. George Currie, vice-president of the American Dahlia Society and editor of The Dahlia, published in Chicago, stated that a miracle had been performed in the staging of this show and that it had set many precedents in Midwest Dahlia history.

The Show was attended by visitors from 14 states and the Dominion of Canada. States represented were New York, Maryland, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin, and of course our own state of Minnesota.

Many of the members of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis won top awards including Bill Holmberg, Bob Bryant, Harold Stephens, Jim Cristman, Harold Nelson, Carl Nelson, Andy Nyberg and Charlie Reif. Three of our members placed in the Court of Honor: Bob Bryant, Jim Cristman and Carl Nelson. In the arrangement class, Mrs. Bob Bryant, Mrs. Carl Nelson and Mrs. Vic Lowrie took blue ribbons.

## OCTOBER CROPS

Narcissus, muscari, scillas, crocus and other small early spring flowering bulbs should be planted as soon as they are available.

Dutch iris and hyacinth are best planted later this month, and tulips can wait as late as the ground can be worked.

Pot up daffodils, tulips and crocuses for forcing indoors. They do better if in rich, loose soil and kept protected until they have made strong roots.

Gladiolus corms can be lifted as soon as leaves turn yellow. Take up your daffodil roots before the ground freezes. Be sure to label them and it is helpful to note the height and growing habits of the plant. Let them dry off a little before putting in a cool and fairly dry place, but do not allow them to dry out enough to shrivel.

Mulch your berries for the winter, but do not cover the crowns of strawberry plants.

Bands of tarpaper wrapped around young trees to a height of three feet will protect them against rabbits.

Remember to lift, before too heavy a frost, those plants you want to winter over in the house; also those from which you want to take cuttings.

Before the ground freezes hard, bring in the soil you'll need for potting and starting during the winter months.

This is the time to plant and move around hardy perennials. Watch pyrethrum, chrysanthemum and delphinium. Unless well established, you are in danger of losing them.

Young pansy plants may be planted where they are to flower if the beds are high and dry. Cover lightly with marsh hay after the first really hard frost, thus protecting them from wind and sunshine while frozen.

All young perennials should be given some protection, as well as those known to be less hardy in this area such as many chrysanthemums, dianthus, pentstemon, etc.

Keep spraying or dusting the garden until the first hard freeze. Every insect destroyed now will reduce the spring crop of pests by many thousands.

Remove seed pods from hybrid teas and other bedding plants. The plant needs to store all its food to increase cold resistance during the winter.

Remove canes of climbers and pillars from their support, pin to ground, and cover well just before a hard freeze.

Hybrid teas and floribundas should be filled with soil up to at least six inches; the higher the better in this part of the country.

Now is a good time to start next year's compost - save your falling leaves for your compost pile.

Parsley can be lifted and potted for growing indoors.

By pulling tomato plants with green fruit before frost and hanging them by the roots in the cellar, you can have ripe tomatoes until Thanksgiving.

Perennials which start late in the spring should be staked and labeled. It would be well to label all perennials. Remember Rene Dufourd has a large stock of unusually good markers.

Cut back ends of vines growing on the walls of your house which are hanging loose and thus keep them from being damaged by snow and ice.

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

Prepare deep trenches in which manure has been incorporated so that they will be ready for sweet peas next spring.

Bone meal applied to perennials now and lightly worked into the soil will give you better growth and bloom next year.

#### TESTIMONIALS

Dear Sir: I added a bottle of Sadacol to the solution used in my hydroponic tanks. The results have been amazing! The growth has become so luxuriant that the tanks are a jungle. How can I get rid of the lions and tigers that are eating all of the fruit?  
S. Ray Tillman

Dear Sir: Recently the leaves on my oak tree turned brown from a blight. I sprayed the tree with Sadacol and I believe that I can see evidence of the tree returning to life. Some of the spray got on me and I know I FEEL evidences of it.  
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Jack Zilisch

Dear Sir: I am an organic gardener, never using commercial fertilizers or insecticides. However, I accidentally spilled some Sadacol in the garden. Now all of my earthworms are on strike. They have come up out of the ground and are parading around carrying signs demanding more Sadacol. Should I give it to them?  
Sank Jones

Dear Sir: I used Sadacol around my snap dragons. The plants are huge and the flowers are vicious. Every time a pre-teen girl passes, they snap at her legs. What dosage would you recommend for me?  
Andy Anderson

(It's all in fun, wrote the editor of The Garden Gossip, Jackson, Miss.)

#### TWO MEMBERS WIN HORTICULTURE HONORS

George Luxton received an Honorary Life Membership award from the Minnesota State Horticultural Society in recognition of "outstanding work in horticulture."

As Garden Editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, over a period of many years, George has helped and encouraged thousands upon thousands of families in the Northwest to improve their home gardens, not only through his columns, but over the air, by telephone, by mail and by personal appearances before clubs, societies, P.T.A. organizations, and neighborhood groups.

Glen Cerney was given an award of merit for his work in horticulture, primarily in recognition of his study of hardy perennials in Minnesota. His years of study culminated with the issuance of an exceedingly useful manual of hardy perennials for Minnesota, including growing habits, cultural requirements, blooming periods and their most desirable location in the garden, submitted as an annual report to the club in his capacity as chairman of the special interest group on perennials.

The awards were made at the Society's annual banquet on Thursday night, September 28th, at the St. Paul Hotel. Many of our members were in at-