

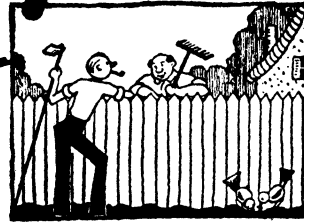


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OCTOBER MEETING

Date: October 14, 1958
Place: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church
Knox Ave. So. & W. 50th St.
Time: 5:45 P.M. Sharp
Price: \$1.50

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PROGRAM

"Springtime in Holland" -- a 21 minute two reel, sound and color film, sponsored by the Associated Bulb Growers of Holland.

"Miracle of the Bulb" -- New tulip film-time lapse -- color and sound.

The Delegates Report on Men's Garden Club of America's Annual Convention by Messrs. Hull, Snyder and Kahlert. Questions after these three reports have been made.

NEWS AND VIEWS

The hottest news concerns our flower show and what a show it was! question the largest, the best staged, the most thoroughly organized and far the heaviest patronized by the public. Had the weather been better likely would have attracted many more.

P. W. Young and Les Johnson, co-chairmen, are to be congratulated staging such a successful event, and our thanks goes to every club member served on the flower show committee as well as to those members who participated in the show itself.

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Congratulations Carl Holst on being elected a director of the American Society. It couldn't have happened to a more able rosarian or a nicer

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It saddened us to hear that the Tom Krumms are losing their fine the modern motoring public. The new national highway is to run right through their lovely property, through that beautiful garden of theirs.

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Missed a lot of you fellows at the Minnesota State Horticultural Garden Forum, and you all lost out on a very interesting and constructive program not to mention the opportunity of meeting so many fine amateurs from all parts of the state.

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Roses Unlimited (Unknown to your editors), 1814 Conlin Avenue, Evansville, Indiana, dropped us a card with the following information with the request to publish it in the SPRAY -- here's the pitch: "Start and grow your own roses each. Positive, new scientific method. Roots and new wood on slips included. Send \$1.00 for complete system. Also new special rose hormones for 10¢ \$1.00 prepaid. Proven in 48 states and Alaska. Both sent prepaid for

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Bill Holmberg certainly hasn't lost any of the green from his thumb when it comes to growing dahlias. Take a bow, Bill. You added a lot to the show and we were mighty pleased to have you in there pitching.

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Too bad Bill Hull had to be away on business. He wanted so much to participate in the show instead of which he was baking under an above 100° in southern California. Strange things this working for a living does to

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However, there were many members in town who did not show, even though in times past they used to win many blue ribbons. We missed their competition but more importantly, we missed their fellowship.

Which upon reflection brings up a fair question. Why all the ballihoo by the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis for public attention? Smacks a little of self aggrandizement.

Had we been trying to sell the idea of better home landscaping or interesting the citizens, who we invited to look us over, to become better gardeners, seems we should have said something to that effect in our printed program rather than simply patting ourselves on the back for the things we've done.

Or had we been promoting or even raising money for the building of a garden center, better still had we been out after new members this extra work and hard sell on the accomplishments of the club could have been better understood.

Outside of the satisfaction gained from having put on a successful show, what did we accomplish? Maybe a greater interest among our membership in the activities of the club, with a determination to improve our horticultural practices. That in itself is to the good. What of the general public who were invited to attend? Why, we didn't even try to sell them the advantages of taking up gardening as a healthful, relaxing, enjoyable and absorbing hobby. We could also have sparked the idea of forming a men's garden club in communities where the opportunity for one exists and offered to help get it started.

If it is desirable to put on a big flower show to attract the public, then it would seem we should present them with an idea, a project or a helpful plan and not use it primarily to display our laurels.

It was a lot more fun and not nearly as much work when we displayed our horticultural successes among ourselves, our friends and immediate neighbors.

Your editors would be glad to publish your comments, pro and con, on this the club's new flower show policy.

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We have wanted to thank each one of you personally, but it would have required contacting over 90% of the membership. Will you please accept this as our sincere "THANKS" for your help in making the September Flower Show the best show this club has ever made and we have been told the "Best Flower Show Ever Held in the Twin Cities."

More entries by more members than ever before, with the quality something to talk about. The "workingest" gang that ever put a project over. Your handling of the break-up of the show -- an hour and five minutes to clear the rooms and put everything back in place was something that would make an old circus hand envious.

Our special thanks to those members who produced the displays that beautified the entrance to the show and to Mr. Peick of the Hardware Mutual Insurance Company who helped us meet every problem.

YOU put on a great show!

An Appreciative Note from the
Board of Park Commissioners

August 8, 1958

A. W. Koester
Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis
6145 Clinton Avenue South
Minneapolis 19, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Koester:

The Board of Park Commissioners has directed that I communicate to you their sincere appreciation for the planting of Coleus in the Lyndale Park Gardens.

This planting as well as previous contributions of your organization are greatly appreciated by this Board and I am sure by the many visitors to this garden area.

Yours very truly,
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

S/H

Howard I. Moore
Secretary

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WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP

Jacob Durst and Lawrence Johnson became members as of July 31. We are glad to have you join with us. Make yourselves known and feel free to enter into every activity of the club.

Members be sure to add their names to your copy of the roster. So that you may know them better, here's how they look through the eyes of the membership committee.

Jacob D. Durst

6108 Oaklawn Avenue, Minneapolis 24
Works at Tourangeau Printing Ink Co.
2223 Snelling Avenue, Minneapolis.
Home phone: WA 2-6658
Business phone: PA 1-3386
Sponsored by William H. Hull
Wife's name: Lorraine
Gardening interest: flowers,
vegetables & fruit
Interested in photography,
outdoor cooking & landscaping

Lawrence E. (Duke) Johnson

1317 W. Minnehaha Pkwy., Minneapolis
Works at Northern States Power Co.
15 S. 5th St., Minneapolis.
Home phone: WA 6-8588
Business phone: FE 2-6251, Ext. 404
Sponsored by Archie Flack
Wife's name: Virgene
Gardening interest: flowers & landsc
Other hobbies: Travel & golf
Member of: Univ. of Minn. Alumni Ass
Treasurer
Univ. of Minn. "M" Club

GRAND CHAMPION SPECIMENS * J. Durst

ARRANGEMENTS - A. G. Koester

COURT OF HONOR * A. G. Koester - 3
Wm. Holmberg - 3

J. Durst Vic Lowrie
Al Nelson Sherm Pinkham

SWEEPSTAKES - SPECIMENS * Wm. Holmberg ARRANGEMENTS * A. G. Koester

POINT AWARDS

	<u>SPECIMENS</u>		<u>ARRANGEMENTS</u>		<u>Combined Points</u>
	<u>No. of Entries</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>	<u>Points</u>	
A. G. Koester	41	55	19	96	151
Wm. Holmberg	14	58			58
Wm. Ost	30	55			55
Al Nelson	32	50			50
P. W. Young	44	47			47
Wm. Thorne	37	36	1		36
M. K. Lifson	23	24	5	10	34
Vic Lowrie	4	7	5	26	33
Eng. Hoyme	5	3	6	28	31
Stan Lund	15	15	3	16	31
A. H. Flack	19	24	1	4	28
Jerry Olson	16	28			28
A. R. Blackburn	10	11	4	16	27
S. F. Pinkham	21	27			27
Otto Erickson	21	26	4		26
Geo. Germaine	21	26	1		26
L. W. Johnson	32	25			25
H. H. Stevens	10	18			18
A. W. Kelly	7	11	2	4	15
Wally Carlson	9	8	8	8	16
Ev. Haedecke	5		4	14	14
E. P. Vixo	23	14			14
A. P. Brastad	2		4	14	14
Bruce Warner	14	12			12
Chas. Proctor	10	6	1	4	10
N. W. Christopherson	13	10			10
Paul Burt	6		3	10	10
Fred Paul	8	2	2	8	10
Paul Kroeger	17	9			9
Herb. Kahlert	5	8			8
D. Stone	15	5	4	2	7
Fred Holzman	8	6			6
Vern Roufs	10	5			5
W. H. Hull	6	5			5
Joe Witmer	14	5			5
Don Young	2	4	1		4
J. Durst	3	4			4
Bill Brooks	7	1	1	2	3
Clyde Chamberlain	10	1			1
E. C. Culbert	3	1			1

Total number of entries - Specimens - 600. Arrangements - 79.

SWEEPSTAKES - Note change in name of the Winner . Check of figures showed an error in original addition.

COURT OF HONOR - Note name of one winner missing. If you are the person, please call either of the chairmen so the records can be completed.

GARDEN TIPS

It is best to store dahlia clumps in a dry cellar upside down. The ordinary vegetable cellar has a satisfactory temperature for storing dahlias. If kept stored in a furnace cellar, the tubers should be packed in boxes of sand, peat moss or vermiculite and checked occasionally for excessive dryness. Varieties which usually keep poorly should be dusted with sulphur.

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Gladiolus corms 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. Many place them in paper bags, tie the bags at the top and hang them from the ceiling in the basement. They will be free from thrips if dusted with DDT after they are put into the bags.

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Amaryllis plants which have been growing outside in the summer should be allowed to dry off and then kept in a dark place until new growth starts. New bulbs should be potted-up with one to a pot and only half of the neck covered.

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Tulip planting may continue as long as the soil can be worked. Bulbs to be left in one spot several years should be planted 10 to 12 inches deep.

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Bulbs planted this month should be mulched lightly but not until after the ground freezes.

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The greatest danger in the fall planting of bulbs is poor drainage. Use raised beds if water does not drain away readily.

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Unpack lily bulbs and all other early spring flowering bulbs as soon as they

open air is detrimental to the bulbs. Handle them carefully. Use sand under and over when planting them if the soil is heavy.

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All roots and bulbs requiring winter storage, such as gladioli, tuberoses, tuberous-rooted begonias, caladiums, and cannas, need to be taken in when frost has cut down the tops.

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Some of the newer cannas are very difficult to winter, and many gardeners make no attempt to carry them over. However, some will go through the winter well if left with a clump of earth upon them. They should be packed in boxes of earth or close together on a cellar floor. If the floor is cement, put earth around them.

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Ismenes (Peruvian daffodils) often fail to bloom the second year because the bulbs have been wintered in a cold place. Store them at a temperature of 60 or over.

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Remove the leaves from iris plants the last thing in the fall. The eggs which produce Iris borers are laid on the leaves.

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Clumps of chrysanthemums in flower may be dug and potted for house or porch decoration or they may be moved to some other part of the garden for fall color effects.

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Beets, carrots and turnips should be lifted when danger of severe freezing is at hand and stored in a temperature of 33 to 40 degrees. They keep well in boxes with sand around them.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

October 2, 1958

Committee Appointments for The Remainder of 1958

Auditing Committee

Sherm Pinkham, Chairman
Floyd Ashley

Nominating Committee

Tony Koester, Chairman
Bob Adams
Harold Kaufmann

Special Committee to Study Club Financing

Harold Wright, Chairman
Dan Chabot
Ev Haedecke
Bill Hull
Tony Koester
Ed Willson

At its last meeting your executive committee devoted some time to a discussion of the financing of our club. It was noted that our present financial condition is sound and healthy, just as it has been for years. However, it was felt desirable to ask a representative group of our members to study this important phase of our activities so that any recommendations they may have will be available for the guidance of the club and the executive committee, both now and in the future.

The suggestion for appointing such a committee was not made because of any pessimism over our financial future, but rather to follow good business practice in making a careful study of this fundamental matter.

We appreciate the willingness of these members to serve the club in this capacity and our executive committee will look forward to receiving their report later this year.

Bill Brooks, President