

# MEN'S GARDEN CLUB of MINNEAPOLIS FLOWER SHOW



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To the Flower Show - Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>  
at the Park Board Green Houses -  
38<sup>th</sup> St. and Bryant Ave. So. Bring all of  
the Best from your Garden - Individual  
Specimens and Flower Arrangements  
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FALL FLOWER SHOW  
(In place of our regular September meeting)

Date: Saturday, September 8, 1956

Place: Park Board Greenhouses  
38th St. & Bryant Ave. So.

Time: Entries in place by 3:00 P.M.

Dinner: 5:30 P.M. Provided by the Grill  
& Grub Committee for members,  
their wives, and guests.

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IMPORTANT - PLEASE COOPERATE

On the evening of our Flower Show, Saturday, September 8, the Grill and Grub Committee will serve dinner to members, their wives, and guests but in order to provide sufficient food, it is imperative that you mail immediately the reservation card enclosed with the Spray, stating whether or not you will partake and the number in your party. It will be a sumptuous meal, the price \$1.50 per person.

SPECIMENS AND ARRANGEMENTS

It's flower show time again. And how nice it is to look forward to a good show this year, one not hampered by the terrible heat and drought we experienced last summer, nor the uncertain May-June weather that is always a question with our spring show.

This year everyone should be able to show something, and most of us can show more than usual. Let's load those tables with specimens and arrangements. There are many activities besides the flower show this year, so let's not forget we are first a garden club and this show is our way of exhibiting our best to each other and to our friends.

## SPECIMENS AND ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)

Just a word to our new members. You have a good chance to win ribbons. Last spring one of our newer members, exhibiting for the first time, rushed up to the committee and asked why a certain specimen had been removed from the table. There it was, as fine a specimen as you would care to see, on the Court of Honor table. It's a great feeling, especially that first time. Don't come after the show is judged and say that you have a better specimen at home. We need your entries before that closing hour of 3:00 P.M., and ribbons can't be won unless you bring the entries.

We would like to see a full table of arrangements. The schedule is simple and there are no complicated themes that call for creative genius. Our schedule simply asks you to make your own arrangements featuring certain types of flowers or those suitable for certain locations. We would like to see more of our men entering their arrangements.

See you at the flower show!

Eng. Hoyme,  
Show Chairman

### SHOW SUGGESTIONS

Remember the judging takes place the moment the judge sees your entry, therefore, it must be well hardened to withstand heat of the room and deeply immersed in water.

When more than one bloom is required, be sure your entry has the exact number of blooms specified in the schedule. A bud showing color is considered a bloom. Select the best you have but strive for uniformity if possible.

Identify your material. Be sure to put your entry number on the entry tag, as well as your name folded in at the bottom. Also place your name on the bottom of each container used for arrangements, house plants and potted material.

Place your exhibit early. If your entries are well hardened, you've no need to worry about how many hours before judging time they are placed. They will keep for days.

The Park Board Greenhouses will be open early on Saturday morning, September 8, so bring entries over and get them arranged before the crowd arrives about noon.

### Flower Show Musts

1. Watch the garden carefully until time.
2. Cut late the previous 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. Crush woody stems.
7. Sear, or dip in boiling water, the ends of milky stems.
8. Set in deep, lukewarm water; place in cool spot out of drafts.

### Qualifications to Watch

1. Color: clear, not muddy.
2. Size: uniform, large.
3. Form: typical of the variety.
4. Substance: mature and fully developed but not past prime.
5. Individual blooms: side buds showing color count as additional blooms.
6. Stems: long, uniform in length, straight and strong without blemish.
7. Formation: flowers well set on stem terminal flower looking at the sky.
8. Foliage: remove all below water line. Remove imperfect leaves.
9. Condition: all entries should be free of disease and pests.

OUR CLUB AND THE 1956  
MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND GARDEN FORUM

When our Club voted unanimously to extend an invitation to the Horticultural Society to hold its 1956 Garden Forum in Minneapolis, we undertook a serious obligation involving each and every member.

The Club was prompted in its action to thus recognize the great contributions that have been made to the horticultural development of Minnesota through the Society by many members of our Club and particularly those currently active, namely, Cortis Rice, its President, Vic Lowrie and Charlie Okken on its Executive Board, Joe Witmer, Director of Publicity, Archie Flack, Prime Mover and Chairman of the Arboretum Committee, and many others.

The high repute of our Club necessitates planning an outstanding two-day Garden Forum. Four months of careful planning, based on results of 105 questionnaires returned by garden club presidents throughout the State, have produced a completed program of panel presentation of every conceivable subject of interest to gardeners by outstanding authorities in each subject. Sixteen of our own members will participate on the program.

The Forum was prepared with the interests of all gardeners, men and women, in mind. To mention but a few of the highlights:

Frontiers in Minnesota Horticulture -- our own Leon Snyder.

Flower Arranging -- a Multiple Demonstration (such as was so successful at one of our Christmas parties several years ago), with Edward Peterson and Mrs. Stanley Lund as commentators, assisted by four outstanding amateur arrangers.

Peggy Schulz, well known author and lecturer, will conduct a session on indoor gardening, including house plants, propagation under fluorescent lights and forcing bulbs for indoor blooms.

The Friday night dinner with the subject, "You and Your Garden Club", is open to all and should appeal to all members as some may undoubtedly become our future officers and committee chairmen. This often requested meeting will have Vic Lowrie describing the purpose, program, finances, qualifications of officers and chairmen in organizing and operating a garden club. Walter Quist speaking on "The Club and Community", Rene Dufourd on "The Member and The Club", and Eldred Hunt on "The Member, The Club, and The Society."

Highlights of Saturday morning will be a panel discussion and questions from the floor on Pest Control with Orin Turnquist, Soil Fertility and Improvement with Lloyd Bachman, Winter Protection of Roses and Other Woody Plants by Carl Holst, and Perennials by Glen Cerney.

Saturday afternoon the highlights are the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum with Mrs. Edmund Phelps of the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club and Robert Provost participating.

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And the almost unanimous request for a panel discussion on The Home, Its Landscaping, moderated by Doctor Gustav Hard, with a panel consisting of Felix Dhainen, Gordon Bailey, President Minnesota Nurserymen's Association, Dick Stadther, and Archie Flack.

We were extremely fortunate in securing for our banquet speaker Saturday evening Doctor Sam Emsweller, Head Horticulture Plant Industry Station, Floriculture Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Doctor Emsweller is probably the outstanding horticulturist active today and we refer you to the September issue of the "Horticulture Magazine" for his background.

This sketchy outline of some highlights does not do justice to the complete program, but certainly should indicate to our members the importance of attending all possible sessions, (even without the obligation each of us has to do so) and by our activity and attendance make this Forum a success and the outstanding event it can and shall be.

Although Vic Lowrie, P. W. Young, and Rene Dufourd, chairmen of our respective committees, have been involved in our planning to date, the time has now come when all committee chairmen must activate their committees to which every active member of our Club has been assigned. You will be notified shortly, by your chairman, of a time of meeting and we are sure that everyone will enthusiastically participate in his assigned work. In the meantime, every member of our Club even those few who may not be able to attend, is expected to register (fee \$1.00) and to act as a host and his wife as a hostess.

Our members will wear our new club badge, which will be available at the registration desk at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church on Friday and Saturday mornings, but advance registration would be very helpful to the registration committee. (At our August meeting, 37 members attending, made 66 registrations for which they received receipts). Possibly a hint here that those who do not register may have to pay \$1.00 for their permanent club badge anyway would indicate to you that you have nothing to lose by registering, but be sure to include your wife (also at \$1.00 registration fee) if she is at all interested in gardening, as she will get many times its value returned in helpful inspiration and information.

This is our Club's major undertaking for 1956. It must be another outstanding success for which our Club has become noted. It will be so with your help.

Harold R. Kaufmann, Chairman  
Club Committee for Staging the Horticultural  
Society's Annual Meeting and Garden Forum

## FROM MEAT LOAF TO CUCUMBERS

Almost fifty of us enjoyed the August meeting which started with Rene's meat loaf and concluded with Tony's cukes growing behind the garage. Rene and his Grill and Grub Chefs provided a wonderful meal; we certainly owe those boys a big thank you for feeding us for four consecutive months.

Four gardens were visited. Rene's was in its usual fine condition with a great deal of bloom and much variety, which makes his garden very appealing.

At Tom Krumm's we saw scores of beautiful dahlias which easily explains his reputation as a leading dahlia grower. His "Big Boy" tomatoes staked alongside prize dahlias were superb and illustrated the homogeneous growing needs of both plants.

Charlie Reif's garden features a wide expanse of backyard, with a back-stop of trees over which can be seen the exotically designed Washburn water tower. The combination gives a far eastern atmosphere. Many attractive flowers all in bloom. Viewing the adjoining yards and gardens, someone remarked how gardening spreads from yard to yard.

Tony Koester's place was again very impressive. Tony probably grows more plants per square foot than anyone in the Club. Everything was gorgeous, especially the many varieties of clematis, the unique display of petunias growing between low fences for support, the plum tree loaded almost to breaking, and the gigantic "Big Boys".

The gardens were inspiring, the comradeship delightful - and the mosquitoes not too bad.

If you weren't there, our sympathies to you!

## BUSY DAYS AHEAD

It's daffodil time again. If you haven't already placed your order - better get busy - the earlier they are planted the better. Prepare the soil well and deep. Add plenty of bonemeal and to improve drainage, place a handful of sand in the bottom of the hole.

Daffodils can be planted deep. They will do better at twelve inches than if planted shallower; in any event as a protection against severe frost set bulbs so that the crown is not less than six inches below the surface. Try growing them in drifts, they make a much more pleasing effect, or in groups of six or more.

Later this fall you'll want to dress up your garden for next spring with hyacinth, crocus, scilla, galanthus, muscari and some of the other colorful spring bulbs. Don't overlook mertensia nor the showy trillium (grandiflorum) - a fern here and there will enhance any shady place.

## BUSY DAYS AHEAD (Continued)

Next month will be tulip and lily planting time. They both add so much color to the garden and with a well-chosen selection of lilies you can have bloom from early June until October. Here again a well-dug bed, heavily enriched with compost or manure, will pay big dividends in healthy plants and luxurious bloom next year — just keep the manure away from direct contact with the bulbs.

Keep feeding your mums right up to blooming time and do not allow the soil to get too dry. Remember they can be moved at any time, even while in bloom. Best, however, to transplant on a dull day or after sundown — then give them a shot of transplanting solution (Rapidgro, Instant Vigoro, or the like) and shade them from the hot rays of the sun for a day to two.

Give your dahlias plenty of water; check the staking and dust or spray regularly until frost. For larger blooms and longer stems, disbud consistently.

Watch your roses from now on to make sure they get hardened well before going into winter. No more feeding and go easy with the water. Spray and dust right up to the time frost makes them shed their leaves. This management also applies to flowering shrubs — do nothing that will encourage new growth this late in the season.

When gladiolus are through blooming and the leaves turn yellow, the corms are ready to be taken up. Cut the tops off flush with the corms and place in a shallow box to dry. Keep them out of the hot sun and protect against even the lightest frost. Dust with 5% DDT and after allowing them to dry for four to five weeks, remove old corms from the new, dust a second time, and store in a cool, dry place in the basement.

## YOU SHOULD KNOW

by Bill Hull

HENRY A. (HANK) ELIEFF, joined the Club about 1950 upon the sponsorship of Stan Lund and Charlie LaCrosse. He lives at 4009 Park Avenue where he says he has a small garden, his specialty being gladiolus, as most people know. (Hank is very active in the North American Gladiolus Council, of which he is a member of the Judging Standards Committee, and in the Minnesota Gladiolus Society, of which he is a Director). Hank likes to make arrangements, collects guns and coins (we hope not the latter through the influence of the former) and is a hunter. He is a cost estimator for Minneapolis Honeywell.

HAROLD A. WRIGHT resides at 441 Oak Street, Excelsior, and is an active member of the Club. His garden features a mixed border with perennials predominating. He has one rectangular area with a path in the center with both perennials and annuals. Flowering shrubs border the lawn; also, he has a vegetable garden and a few fruit trees. His gardening speciality is fragrant roses, a hobby which he should tell us about sometime. He works with fluorescent propagation and house blooming plants, and is an amateur photographer. Harold is an attorney.

YOU SHOULD KNOW (Continued)

GEORGE B. GERMAIN is an electrical sales engineer with Westinghouse. He lives at 209 Natchez Avenue South and has been in the Club several years, having been sponsored by Allen DeWars of Northern States; he was a Director one year. George particularly likes roses and mums which dominate his garden, with phlox, iris and peonies next in order. He is also interested in photographing flowers.

LEON C. SNYDER is a professional member of the Club and is associated with the University of Minnesota. Leon lives in St. Paul at 2128 Knapp Street. He entered MGC in 1951 with Archie Flack's blessing and, like Archie, is a real horticulturalist. Leon says his home garden is the usual thing, 50 x 130' and, since we've never seen it, we'll have to leave it at that. But we do know his gardening specialty is woody plants. He is another photographer.

J. M. (JOE) WITMER is a Hopkins man (225 Oakwood Road) who has been in MGC since 1944 when he was sponsored by Ed Montgomery. Joe is a past president of MGC (1955) and, among other things, a member of the Royal Horticultural Society of England. His garden is a combination of rock and shade plants, a large sunny border combining perennials and annuals, vegetables and small fruit. His garden interests are broad, but he particularly works for continuous color masses in the shade and does a lot of research in this direction. With splendid results, we should add too. Joe is also active in writing, color photography, and golf. He is retired - Joe says "Not employed and don't try to put me to work." How could you work any harder, Joe?

BURT CLARK is a realist. We understand he has a better than average garden, yet he makes the understatement of describing it as "punk." Burt lives at 4638 South Fremont and entered the Club in 1955 upon Tony Koester's recommendation. (Compared with Tony, Burt, a lot of our gardens are "punk"). Burt is retired and is actively interested in music.

KERMIT A. OLSON is a professional member of the Club (Grandview Seed and Garden Supplies) and lives at 5017 Vernon Avenue South. He is a comparatively new member, joining last year upon the sponsorship of Al Blackburn. Kermit gives garden talks for a hobby and is very interested in gladioli. He is also a Lion Club member.

FRANK JANES entered MGC in 1946 and is now an associate member of the Club because of so many activities that keep him hopping. Frank is perhaps better known to older members of the Club, but newer ones get acquainted with him as a club auctioneer. He fishes and hunts and likes the outdoors. Frank is an attorney.

CHARLES R. OKKEN is another of our professional members, living in Faribault at 317 St. Paul Avenue and operating the Farmer Seed and Nursery Company. Charlie is another of our many experts in horticulture, but we'll bet you didn't know he is a barbershop singer! He's a board member of the Minnesota Horticultural Society and a member of the American Society of Horticultural Science. He has just newly constructed his garden with roses, a shrub border, testing area for fruits and flowers, perennial and annual plantings, with emphasis on roses and tuberous begonias. He entered MGC in 1953.

SHERMAN F. (SHERM OR PINK) PINKHAM lives at 5410 Abbott Place where he has an attractive garden with a white picket fence as a background and lots of nice bloom. Sherm entered MGC in 1950 with the help of M. M. Evans and has been very active: Chairman of auction committee, flower show committee, and program committee. He's another good photographer and particularly likes tuberous begonias, which he raises into beautiful specimens. Sherm is a national bank examiner with the U.S. Treasury Department.