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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by Grant Christenson

My congratulations to our new 1969 officers and directors: President - Nate Siegel, Vice President - Phil Smith, Secretary - Ed Culbert, Treasurer - Dave Johnson, and Directors - Roger Anderson and Otto Nelson. With your continued support and cooperation as you have so willingly given me this year, with these officers I predict a grand year for MGCM in 1969. My thanks to the nominating committee of Bob Smith, Chairman: P. W. Young, Dwight Stone, Sherm Pinkham, and Frank Vixo.

Sherm Pinkham has planned a very fine Christmas party to begin at 6:45 P.M. in Navajo room of the Thunderbird Motel with a social hour anytime after 6:00 P.M. adjacent to the Navajo room. Just a reminder, reservations, including wives and guests, must be in to Evald Johnson no later than Sunday, December 8.

I just learned today, November 20, that our very good friend and faithful member, Fritz Holzman, is critically ill in St. Mary's Hospital. I know you all join with me in wishing Fritz a very speedy recovery and hope that he is back home prior to your reading this news.

The Men's Garden Club of Sarasota, Florida, sent me a copy of their November monthly bulletin whose editor is none other than our friend and past president of our club, Cortis Rice. I also note Cortis is vice president. Did you know that one of the "hemerocallis" (day lily) in the group of ten granted an Award of Merit for 1968 by the American Hemerocallis society was named after Cortis. One of these ten will be granted the Stout Medal, the highest honor a "hemerocallis" can receive.

Thanks for the bulletin, Cortis, if you will keep them coming, I'll take them to our meetings for all to read.

Congratulations to our director, Al Nelson, on receiving the Minnesota Rose society's highest award - "The Past President's Gold Award." Al is a very active member in the Rose Society as he is in our club.

It was a very gloomy day on November 12, when I received Bill Hull's letter advising of his resignation as editor of "The Garden Spray." His is a tremendous job as editor and publisher. "The Garden Spray" is a very important part of our club. I know your new officers will appreciate all offers of help and suggestions in order to continue publication. I'm betting that we can get help from Bill as a consultant and photographer. It is hard to believe that after his sixteen years of working with the "Spray," he can give it up altogether.

Congratulations to Phil Smith for the swell job he did in his attempt to win election to the Board of Directors of Minnesota Horticultural society. Hope he will pursue this position again.

If you have not remitted your 1969 dues yet, please forward your check to Evald Johnson. Our goal is to have all 1969 dues paid no later than December 15. Thank you to all who have now paid. The cooperation of the few with outstanding dues will be greatly appreciated to help us achieve this goal.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes in the Coming New Year from your President.





M A N      O F      T H E      M O N T H

We congratulate Dale Durst, 1968 winner of the Blackbourn Trophy, which means Dale has won this revolving trophy three of the seven years it has been offered - for flower show sweepstakes. Dale has played a very active role in our club, for years chairing the Big Pumpkin committee, is now a Director, has worked hard wherever asked - on such activities as the auction (remember all of those Faribault trips) to the flower show. We thank you, Dale Durst, and express our appreciation of your years of unselfish friendship.

VP-ELECT PHIL SMITH PLANS TENTATIVE 1969 PROGRAMS

- January 14th - Evergreens for Minn. - Lawrence Bachman  
How I grow Carnations - Bill Cowcill
- February 11th - Insect Control for the Home Garden - New Materials and  
Practices - U. of M. Entomology Dept.  
Garden Design and Plant Arrangement - Flack
- March 11th - New Varieties for Your '69 Garden Roses; Annuals; Clematis
- April 8th - Peonies - Planting, Care and Varieties  
Dianthus - Leroy Peterson (?)
- May 13th - At Arboretum - Dinner, Tour and Combined Plant & Shrub Auction -  
Ladies Invited
- June 10th - Preparation of Specimens for Show - A Symposium  
Lilies for the Border
- July 8th and August 12th - Tours of Home Gardens
- Sept. 9th - U. of M. Mum Breeding Program - Dr. Witmer or Dr. Mullin (?)  
Apples - Varieties for Minn. & their Qualities
- October 14th - Dwarf Evergreens - U. of M. Research - Al Johnson (?)  
Bonzai - Talk and Demonstration
- November 11th - Hostas - Planting, Care and Varieties  
Experiences with a Home Greenhouse
- December 9th - Christmas Party

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Thank you, Joe Howland .....

November 13, 1968

Dear Bill,

Your November issue is the best single MGC bulletin I have ever seen. You really give the members what I wish MGCA would give in its magazine.

Please add my compliments to Les Johnson next time you talk with him.

And may I congratulate the entire club once again on their convention. What was the final amount paid to MGCA?

My best.

Sincerely,

J.E.  
(signed)



OVER THE GARDEN GATE

by Bill Hull

Nate Siegel Heads Up Club for 1969

Congratulations to Nate Siegel and his board for next year! Nate was elected our 1969 President after having been an excellent Vice-President this year as well as a Past President of the North Star Region. We know Nate will make us another fine president and we will all do what we can to assist him.

Also congratulations to the other new officers: Phil Smith as Vice President and Dave Johnson as Treasurer. Both good men and they will bring us their excellent talents. And thanks and congratulations too to Ed Culbert, who continues in 1969 as Secretary, after having already done a fine job.

New directors are Otto Nelson and Roger Anderson, whom we are glad to see on the board because of their knowledge and experience.

Of course the seventh member of the board is Grant Christenson, who stays on as immediate past president.

And HOW DO WE SAY "THANK YOU" TO BUD?

It's simple. "Thank you, Bud Christenson, for your fine year as president, for the many things you have done for our club, for the leadership you inspire in our members. Only those of us who have gone through the job realize it is both fun and difficult.

And "THANK YOU" TO DALE DURST AND AL NELSON

Who have been directors for the past year and have done such an excellent job. I've heard how the officers have found them excellent sounding boards and good sources of counsel on matters of import. How right we were in going to a larger board. Not only does it assist the officers, it gives membership two more voices on the board, two more people to whom we can and should voice our thoughts.

TAKE OVER IN JANUARY.....NOT AT CHRISTMAS MEETING

It has been traditional in our club that the new officers take over at the conclusion of the January reading of budgets and reports. That is when we push Nate, Phil and the gang out in midsteam...and at times it will seem like we forgot to give them a paddle.