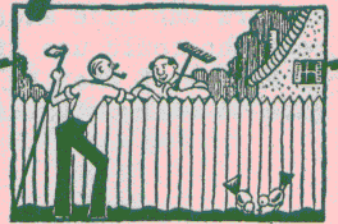




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Wm. H. Hull, Otto Nelson,
Neil Barry

February Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 1961
Place: Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church
Knox Ave. So., & W. 50th St.
Time: 5:45 P.M., Sharp
Price: \$1.75

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P R O G R A M

PROPAGATION OF SEEDLINGS - A panel discussion by Chris Christopherson, Archie Flack and P. W. Young.

A talk by Mr. John Lofgren, Extension Entomologist at the University of Minnesota, on the spray program for insect control during the gardening season.

EXCESS PLANT MATERIALS

An effort will be made this year, to set up some kind of a plan by which members who have excess plant materials can make it available to other members who could use it. If any member expects to have early planted seedlings in excess of what he will need for himself and which he would be willing to give to other members, please call P. W. Young before the February meeting.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

A photography special projects group will be formed of all those who are interested in learning more about photography and especially as it relates to horticultural subjects.

Eng Hoyme, who has a lot of experience and knowledge of flower photography, will head the group. Each member of the group will have a chance to learn the use of his own camera and equipment in taking pictures of different kinds, such as close-ups, larger specimens, and full borders or landscapes. You will learn about lighting, planning or choosing the right angles, and a lot more of the finer points that will help you to get better pictures.

All who are interested and willing to devote a minimum of four afternoons this summer and fall, please register your names with Eng Hoyme as soon as possible so that plans can be made for an early start.

1961 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Program Chairman	Bill Brooks
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Plant Exchange	P. W. Young
Horticulturist	Archie Flack
Historian	Fred Paul

Chairmen will enlist the members of their committees.

OVER THE GARDEN GATE

by Bill Hull

It's been some time since I've been able to write this brief chit-chat, but hope to do so more regularly now that my year of presidency has passed.

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Did you see the excellent stamp collection Paul Burt brought to the January meeting? Each stamp features a flower and is grouped within the album by type of flower. Collected from all over the world by Mrs. Burt, they make a very attractive display. Quite valuable, too.

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How did you like that fancy bromiliad Walt Menzel brought to the meeting? Each of us should follow this example so we never have a meeting without flowers. A newcomer might ask, "Where are the flowers?"

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The National Shade Tree Conference will hold its 37th annual convention at the Hotel Leamington, August 20 - 25. A large convention, mostly of professional arboriculturists, this meeting is directed by our Greg Lucking, general chairman. Five others from our club have major roles: Howard Moore, honorary chairman; Carl Holst, vice-chairman; Larry Bachman, trade exhibits chairman; Leon Snyder, educational exhibits chairman; and Felix Dhainen, transportation chairman. We know these fellows will want to tell us about the convention a little later on. They have already stated that we are all invited.

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Santa Claus brought a Telechron 24-hour timer which I've installed to turn my fluorescent lights off and on when desired. Sure saves the stair treads. The violets are doing well since I installed the battery of lights last fall. Have given away twenty-five blooming violet plants in three months. Anyone want on the list? Anyone want to trade varieties?

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How about hearing from some of you other fellows who brought lights at our special fall program?

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Have you seen the new air-suspension plastic greenhouse at the University? Very interesting. Ask Leon Snyder about it.

OVER THE GARDEN GATE (Cont'd)

Where is the snow? There's dust around my peonies. The weather bureau tells me our 1960 total rainfall of 21.46 inches was 3.29 below normal. At this writing, January 11, we've had .06 inches in January, which is .21 below the normal. Come on, snow. We need you. Wonder if normal rainfall statistics are revised every few years? If so, one would expect the normal to be decreasing here in recent five-year periods.

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Three unusual Christmas trees: Bill Swanson showed us slides of a tree decorated with annual blossoms which a friend had dried. Colors were well retained and the effect was most pleasing. Another tree is suspended upside down from the ceiling of an Edina home. Ornaments hang like pendants on a mobile. Very unusual and effective. Then the Hulls had an amusement room old-fashioned tree with popcorn and cranberry strings and candles which we dared to light under close supervision. Vic Lowrie had one wholly decorated with artificial fruit, including ornamental fruit lights.

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Archie Flack has already started some of his spring seeds. Perhaps others too. It's that time of year, fellows. Notice that the sun is getting higher in the sky. But don't start them this early, unless you have a hot and cold frame to carry them outdoors for maturity before planting time.

MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
GARDEN QUIZ

"Bittersweet" is a common name sometimes applied to two different plants. What are they?

ANS ... Celastrus scandens, a woody, shrubby vine, bearing waxy orange color berries; and ... Solanum dulcamara, a smaller, semi-woody vine of the tomato-potato family. It has clusters of soft red berries, which incidentally, are said to be poisonous.

Is it necessary to have two Bittersweet vines (Celastrus scandens) in order to have berries produced on either?

ANS ... Two vines are usually recommended because some have only male, and some only female flowers. However, some vines have both kinds, so it is possible, if you are lucky, to have berries when the planting consists of a single vine.

Are all evergreen trees conifers?

ANS ... No. Our most common Minnesota evergreens -- pines and spruces, have cones; however junipers and yews do not. Seeds of junipers and yews are produced in small berry-like fruits.

RETIRING PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1960

When we established our 1960 goals a year ago tonight, we emphasized that we wanted to have gardening fun and wanted the club to be run increasingly by the membership. The need for wide participation in committees was emphasized as my personal philosophy of club opportunity.

To attempt this goal we placed in responsible positions, members who had not previously, or recently, accepted such roles. We tried to balance this newer hidden talent with experienced leadership in those committees wherein the chairmen should not be rotated annually. I speak of Publications (Vic Lowrie), Industrial Awards (Joe Witmer) and Food (Bob Adams). These men have performed ably.

The "Spring Fun Auction", as we labeled it this year, was successful because it reverted to the old idea of members bringing plants they had grown themselves. With Bruce Warner heading it, assisted by Ev Haedecke as co-chairman, we did not push for a big profit but emphasized having fun; yet we made over \$275.

The flower show is another example. Otto Erickson assembled a group of newer members like Frank Vixo and Charlie Proctor who accepted the major positions of co-chairman and staging chairman. This trio was backed up by men like Al Nelson, Stan Lund, Glen Cerney, Les Johnson and P. W. Young. Each man was assigned a job and expected to do it without constant double checking. The result was a very good show with more actual entries than we had ever had before.

Dwight Stone chaired the Christmas party and thus brought fresh new ideas and application of proven old ideas, resulting in a fine dinner and program. The very fact that we avoided having a speaker helped the evening immeasurably, as perhaps did the abolition of a head table and the change of menu and location. These were not accidents.

Programs were divided into two basic committees with Bill Thorne heading the indoor programs and Norm Christopherson the outdoor tours. Both men performed admirably and Chris led us to gardens we had not visited before.

Another example of this fresh-talent approach was the special program on fluorescent lighting presented in September by members Proctor, Vixo, Kelley, Durst, Dorweiller, Barry and Sicora. The result - a stimulating evening was prepared, after much work by these men, who admitted their dependence upon other members for the facts of their presentations.

In no way should you assume I am neglecting the daily efforts of men who have worked for years to make our club successful. I hope I am one of that group myself. An example of the appreciation and respect we tried to show was the OLD TIMERS NIGHT in March.

The only point I am making is that we must continue to train our newer members in the technics of our club management; at the same time let them use and test some of their own ideas. We cannot simply say, "We tried that once and it didn't work," because it might work now.

By William H. Hull

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS
SECRETARY'S REPORT
YEAR 1960

This, the nineteenth year of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, was another successful and eventful year. During the year we held our twelve regular meetings, which included a Shrub and Fun Auction, and a Christmas Party to which wives and friends were invited. The Christmas Party was attended by 157 members and guests. Average attendance at the meetings during 1960 was 55.

The Executive Committee met 14 times during the year. At the regular January meeting of the membership the constitution was amended to give professional members the right to vote.

The North Star Region of Men's Garden Clubs elected our own P. W. Young as president for year 1961, and at the National Convention in June, W. H. Hull was elected third vice president of Men's Garden Clubs of America.

The Club was saddened by the death of three of its staunch members, Herb Kahlert, Tony Koester and Bill Ost.

Four of our members received honors from Men's Garden Clubs of America for outstanding contributions to horticulture for their work in establishing the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum; namely, Archie Flack, Vic Lowrie, Curtis Rice, and deceased member, Harold Wright. The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis was also so honored for its leadership and substantial contributions toward the establishment of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. E. C. Lehman was the recipient of the Bronze Medal for the year 1960.

New members elected to active membership during 1960 are as follows: Jim Nolan, T. C. Solem, Dolph Bezoier, Bill Swanson. At December 31, 1960 our roster included 73 active members, 20 associate members, 2 honorary members and 23 professional members. Five applications for membership are on file with the secretary.

Seven members had perfect attendance during the year and received Green Thumb Awards - they are: N. W. Christopherson, E. A. Hoyme, L. W. Johnson, P. W. Young and W. D. Stone, active members: Fred Paul, Honorary member, and Roger Koopmans, professional member.

The highlight of the year was the Flower Show in August at American Hardware Mutual Insurance Company, chaired by Otto Erickson and assisted by Frank Vixo. Forty-four members entered a total of 740 exhibits.

Submitted by M. D. Stone, Secretary

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

	<u>1960</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>1960</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>1961</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Income:			
Dues	\$1,150.00	\$1,110.00	\$1,150.00
Auction	-	298.92	-
Interest on Savings	85.00	91.99	85.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,335.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.91</u>	<u>\$1,335.00</u>
Expenses:			
Spray	\$ 275.00	\$ 274.61	\$ 275.00
Programs and Shows	250.00	325.28	325.00
Christmas Party	100.00	116.25	100.00
Minnesota Hort. Society, Dues	180.00	165.00	180.00
Men's Gard. Club of Am., Dues	180.00	169.50	180.00
North Star Region	12.50	12.30	12.50
Industrial Awards	75.00	83.45	75.00
Cheer	75.00	56.35	75.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>48.53</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,247.50</u>	<u>\$1,251.27</u>	<u>\$1,322.50</u>
Surplus	<u>\$ 87.50</u>	<u>\$ 249.64</u>	<u>\$ 12.50</u>

January 2, 1961

Board of Directors
Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request and pursuant to the By-Laws of the Men's Garden Club, we have made an audit of the books and records for the year 1960. All income appears to be properly accounted for and expenditures supported by vouchers or other appropriate evidence. The books were well kept and the bank accounts were reconciled with the bank records.

Very truly yours,

Auditing Committee

R. C. Adams

N. W. Christopherson

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1960

ASSETS

Cash on Hand:		
Northwestern National Bank, Lincoln Office	\$ 913.92	
Twin City Federal Savings & Loan Association	<u>2,358.24</u>	\$3,272.16
Inventory of Supplies		<u>100.00</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$3,372.16</u>

NET WORTH

Deferred Income - 1961 Dues Paid in 1960		\$ 775.00
Surplus:		
Balance January 1, 1960	\$2,347.52	
Net Income for 1960	<u>249.64</u>	<u>2,597.16</u>
Total Net Worth		<u>\$3,372.16</u>

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1960

Income:		
Dues		\$1,110.00
Auction		298.92
Interest on Savings		91.99
Arboretum Auction		237.50
Christmas Party		<u>521.50</u>
Total Income		\$2,259.91

Expense:		
Spray	\$ 274.61	
Programs and Shows	325.28	
Christmas Party	637.75	
Minnesota Horticultural Society - Dues	165.00	
Men's Garden Club of America - Dues	169.50	
North Star Region - Dues	11.30	
Industrial Awards	83.45	
Cheer	56.35	
Arboretum	237.50	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>48.55</u>	<u>2,010.27</u>
Net Income for Year		<u>\$ 249.64</u>

E. B. Haedecke, Treasurer