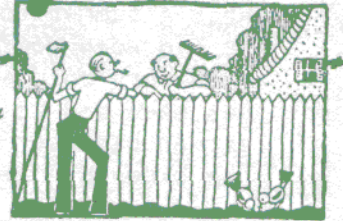




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JULY 8 MEETING

Second Tuesday comes quickly this month. Remember the date - July 8.

SEASON'S FIRST GARDEN TOUR ALSO OPEN TO WIVES AND FRIENDS

Not that your wife isn't your friend - but bring her along anyhow, with any other guests you wish to bring. It is a garden tour starting at Vic Lowrie's and going to Manly Jackson's, Dave Johnson's, Dick Hulbert's, and Bill Cowcill's. Sounds like a great tour, so be sure to get there.

Here are the vital facts:

Dinner: 6:00 PM, July 8, at Vic Lowrie's. \$2.50 per person.

If you are not reached by the telephone committee, call Cliff Brisco and tell him how many will be in your party. This size group could vary considerably and the officers need to know your plans.

Touring will be by buses, leaving Vic's at 6:45 PM promptly, and returning there for you to pick up your car.

Parking at Vic's should be on the right side of Glenhurst.

The Lowries live at 2107 Glenhurst Road. Directions: Go to the intersection of Highway #7 and France Avenue (near the original Lincoln Del). Go north on France to Cedar Lake Road (not Cedar Lake Blvd.). Turn left on Cedar Lake Road and quickly back right again on Glenhurst. Park on right side.

PRESIDENT NATE SAYS

May was a busy month for gardeners. It was the month of getting your plants from under the lights and from the cold frame into the garden, planting seeds and putting in bulbs. June usually sees your best laid plans come to accomplishment, but mine have always been short of my dreams. In the meantime, there is beauty to behold and next year to come.

Our plant auction, held in May, brought in the goodly sum of \$257.05. Although it was not as productive financially as last year, our own members did contribute more than in previous years. Our thanks to Jack Kolb and his committee for a job well done and to our professional members for their generous contributions.

Our bonus treat of a tour of the arboretum and a view of the flowering crabs and azaleas was enjoyed by many. Our thanks to Dr. Leon Snyder for his most gracious part in arranging the tour and his informative talks.

Now is the time to give Cliff Brisco a ring so he can let us know where to roam this summer. Let us know how your garden is coming and what you expect.

Bill Cowcill has for sale a thirteen volume set of "New Illustrated Encyclopedia of Gardening" issued by Greystone. See him for details.

Our delegates to the convention will be Nate Siegel and Dwight Stone with the alternates being Ed Culbert and Otto Erickson. Also Floyd Ashley and Sherm Pinkham will be going.

Thank you, Ed Montgomery, for your help at our June meeting with all of the work involved in incorporation complexities.

Don't forget - the July Garden Tour is also open to your wives and other guests. See the front cover of this issue for details.

..... Nate Siegel

YES, "SPRAY" IS SHORT THIS MONTH

The editor has been out of town, the staff is busy, and suddenly it's meeting time, with the second Tuesday rolling around quickly this month. And we believe, you'd agree, there is no point in filling up THE GARDEN SPRAY with junk. That has never been our policy.

OVER THE GARDEN GATE

by Bill Hull

What a summer to garden! If one can use the word "summer" that loosely. We had some scalding hot days--although only a few in May--and June has been very cold and unseasonable. Not as much rain as expected. Your editor has been and is on combination trips and vacation and returned to find his garden had been sitting still awaiting rain and warmth; the yard has seen the bluegrass dry up while the chickweed and clover flourishes. Discouraging.

We must always remember when we visit gardens how circumstances and weather can change a garden from year to year. Our national convention year saw many of us unusually proud of our gardens; others were not so good, due to a storm that hit before convention time and some health problems among some of the members. This year I've personally seen my early planted garden to be a waste of time. My petunias apparently froze out or dried up in a near freezing night in June. The roses need warmth which they haven't seen in June. Someone was complaining that his annual plants were just sitting awaiting warmth and sunshine, while another fellow says his is doing well--because he is retired and able to give them at least the watering they needed constantly in June. Let's see what happens in July and August.

Secretary Ed Culbert tells us to welcome new member Norman E. Johnson, which we do with pleasure. Norm lives at 2731 N. E. Benjamin Street, Minneapolis, 55418. Sponsored by Otto Erickson, Norm (or is it Norman?) is traffic manager at Electric Machinery Manufacturing Company. His telephone numbers are: Residence - 789-8987 and Business - 339-6751.

J. Robert Kelly who is also a new member and whom we welcomed recently was sponsored by Sherm Pinkham, a fact we weren't aware of at the time.

Jump in with both feet, fellows. We need your active participation in the club and welcome you most enthusiastically.

Thanks to Archie Flack for this "Old Chinese Proverb":

If you want to be happy for an hour, get drunk.

If you want to be happy for three days, get married.

If you want to be happy for eight days, kill your pig and eat it.

If you want to be happy forever, make a garden.

Richfield-Minneapolis MGC
Invitational Flower Show

The dates are August 9 and 10

The days are Saturday and Sunday

The place is Richfield Public Library

The address is 7000 Nicollet Avenue

The time is Saturday, August 9 - 6:00 to 9:00 PM

The time is Sunday, August 10 - 12:00 to 5:30 PM

The above tells you where and when but not what.

It is the big event of the year for the Richfield and Minneapolis MGC members, the annual flower and garden show.

This year members of the Minnetonka and Sioux Valley MGC have been invited to participate in the exhibiting.

Every garden has some flowers or vegetables that will win ribbons. This year do your part and enter at least one exhibit in the show. It would be nice if we could have 100 percent participation in this club event.

If you can't manage to enter an exhibit help publicize the show by telling your neighbors and friends about the show and encourage them to attend.

Remember, it isn't the blue ribbon entry that makes the show a success-- it is the red ribbon entry and the white ribbon entry and the entries that don't win any ribbons. It is your participation that helps to make an event such as this a success.

Again, the dates are August 9 and 10 so be there early on August 9 and enter your exhibits.

After you read this, go out into your garden and check out the items that you want to enter. The premium list was enclosed in the June "Spray." Decide now that this year you're going to do your part.