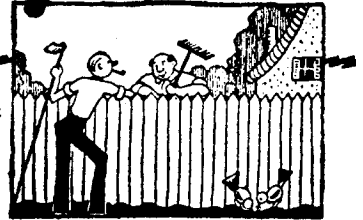




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Richfield & Tonka: Come June 13

We most cordially invite our Richfield and Minnetonka friends to join us at this meeting. It will be at the Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 50th and Knox Ave. S., at 6 P.M., June 13, dinner at \$2.00.

We will discuss various elements of the convention, answer any questions you care to ask, and have a special program consisting of a talk on Lilies by Marlin Gilhousen, editor of the Richfield MGC "The Garden Gate," the talk being the one Marlin will deliver at the convention this summer. Also we will initiate our summer flower shows starting this time. See below.

But we particularly look forward to meeting with the fellows from Richfield and Minnetonka.

Very Important to Minneapolis members:

1. This is also our first monthly flower show. Let's overwhelm Les Johnson with specimens at this June meeting, for a starter. Your season's schedule is attached for repeated use.
2. The convention is our July meeting. There will be no regular July Meeting. Register and participate in the convention.

One Month to go.

FIRST TIME - 1949 - SECOND TIME - 1967

Dwight Stone, Convention Chairman

Yes, it is the second time in a quarter of a century that the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis is hosting the national convention of MGCA.

The most important people in Minneapolis on July 12, 13 and 14 will be the members of the Minnetonka, Richfield and Minneapolis men's garden clubs. I say this because it will be up to you whether the 400 or more people who are here for the convention have an enjoyable and memorable time while in our midst.

Perhaps you wonder what you can do. Well, we will need 15 or 20 people available at all times with private cars or as guides for people here with their own cars to take them on unscheduled garden tours. The main time periods here are Wednesday morning, July 12, and Friday morning, July 14. If you and your wife will be available with a car let someone know - Les Johnson, Ron Twite, Otto Nelson, Bob Smith. We need cars and drivers.

Another need is girls to pin flowers on the ladies and put boutonnieres on the men. Do any of you men have daughters 16-18 years old that may enjoy doing this Wednesday morning, July 12, Thursday morning, July 13 or Friday, July 14 about noon? If you do, let me know or tell Bill Brooks or Otto Nelson.

Another way you can help is to pay the balance of your registration fee for you and your wife if you plan to take in all of the convention. Right now about 30 of you have indicated you plan to take in all three days and several have indicated the wife will be along. Remember if you have paid your \$5.00 another \$45.00 will take care of three full days, per couple.

Thursday night is the Minnesota Dinner at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. We are reviving the "Parade of Turkeys" for this dinner. We may call on you to do some carving. Here is one function where we will need your attendance. After the dinner we will visit the rose garden and go on a lighted tour of home gardens. Some members have put in extensive lighting in time for the convention.

Do you have a special hobby such as Harold Kaufmann's violets growing under lights that you would like to show off during convention? If you do, let us know and we will post these items at the information or reception desk at the convention. These are the things gardeners like to see. Why not make them known. How about you fellows who start your plants under lights or in greenhouses? Now is the time to show these things off.

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Our Local Officers Meet MGCA Officers

The first official function of the convention will be an informal picnic at the Hulls for national MGCA officers and their wives and for Minnesota MGC officers and their wives, giving them a chance to get acquainted, since they will be working together for the days following this July 10 event.

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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Frank Vixo

Welcome members of the Men's Garden Club of Richfield and Minnetonka Men's Garden Club to our regular June meeting. It is hoped that this period of fellowship will help get us all in the right spirit for the convention.

Don't forget that this is the first flower show meeting of this year! Les Johnson is making the necessary arrangements. The rules are the same as last year and are included with the "Schedule of Entries" which accompany this Spray. You should enter each time to be a contender for the cup as Les and others found out last year.

The reason for the big grin on Nate's face is the \$275 which the plant auction netted for our treasury. In addition, there were some good plants for our gardens and a great evening of fun and fellowship. Special thanks to the co-chairmen, Al Nelson and Bob Smith, for a job well done.

Just a reminder that the national convention will be our regular meeting for July. I'm sure that we will all spend enough time and energy in this event to justify this action which was approved by your board earlier.

The other day I received an announcement in the mail from the Twin City Iris Society of its 15th annual iris show to be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11 at the Southdale Center. You may wish to attend.

Yesterday (May 17) Einar Johnson and I represented your club at a hearing before a committee of the Minneapolis Park Board called for the purpose of airing complaints by property owners near the Lyndale Rose Gardens objecting to lighting the gardens. Almost an hour of discussion took place at which not a single unqualified support of the project was voiced by anyone other than Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis representatives. The hearing concluded with the passing of a motion that two representatives each of the men's garden club, the Park Board staff and concerned homeowners get together and work out a satisfactory compromise for presentation to the Park Board.

If you have some full or partly full packets of flowers or garden seeds, Al Hubbard would like them to send to needy peasants on the Caribbean island of Nevis. Bring them to the meeting and Al will carry on from there.

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Who are the Delegates from the different North Star clubs?

Cliff Brisco and Otto Erickson will represent Minneapolis, with Floyd Ashley and Walter Menzel being alternates. Marlin Gilhousen and Gardner Miller will represent Richfield with Lehan Hamlin and Charlie King the alternates. George Larson is one of the delegates from Minnetonka and Edgar Graupmann is the other. Each club is entitled to two delegates, regardless of size. Most important: the club secretary must send to George Spader the names of these people unless already done so, so they can be accredited. Their job: to carry your thoughts to the convention and vote on matters, Wednesday and Friday mornings, when only authorized delegates will be permitted to vote. National directors, Ed Graupmann and Bill Hull will be around to assist in any way these fellows desire.

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MORE CONVENTION THOUGHTS

by Bill Hull
Convention Vice Chairman

I am personally disappointed that I will probably be out of town at the joint meeting of our three clubs on June 13, but my thoughts will be with you. I know it will be a good meeting. Here are a few thoughts.

Finance is being directed by Frank Vixo who is convention treasurer. We have attempted to analyze and plan for all possible contingencies and believe we are on safe ground. Frank particularly points out that, with basics paid for, we can handle additional people at a declining per capita cost, so we hope we will have the huge crowd some of us have been predicting. As it now stands, full registrants will receive transportation to all events, admission to all hotel events, two big luncheons at the hotel, a fine luncheon at the Northrup King trial gardens, a banquet-type Minnesota dinner at the church, and a big banquet at the hotel on Friday night. The meals alone are more than worth the total registration costs and there is a possibility we may be able to add a breakfast or two. The goal is not to make money, but to return to the registrants every cent of service possible. Please do register.

Ladies activities is the responsibility of Les Johnson and Carol Hull. The girls will get to attend any activity of the men, providing they are fully registered, of course, plus two or more extras for just them. There will be the tour of the famed Betty Crocker kitchens and a fine program at the lovely new Northern States Power building. We know there will be many informal walking tours downtown, since the ladies will particularly want to see our city.

Publicity. St. Clair Beeman has already obtained more national publicity than I've seen for other conventions, mainly because he's observed the deadlines of THE GARDENER and THE NEWSLETTER. The editors have cooperated with us beautifully. Every registrant at Portland and Amarillo, the two more recent MGCA conventions, has received a personal letter of invitation to Minneapolis over Dwight's name and the same to all national officers and directors, who received at least one invitation in recent months. Many clubs are trying to charter busses, although it takes a lot of people to fill a bus. We know there is a tremendous amount of interest and expect a big crowd, perhaps a record crowd. We hope so.

You Are Welcomed at the Board of Directors Sessions ...

to be held all day Tuesday at the hotel. These are public meetings although only directors vote, of course. Big problems: national headquarters; several sites have been under intensive study for about a year, with a few late-comers also running. A committee is supposed to make an advance recommendation of the site chosen and this could or could not be a stormy discussion. Many feel it is time we act with George Spader at retirement, and time to act is now. I believe the Board will select Rockford or Des Moines. THE GARDENER will also come up for discussion. A special committee is studying it. In 1964 our membership, by special survey, overwhelmingly approved it, but every act needs constant re-evaluation. Future conventions will be discussed, as well as many other matters.

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LITTLE DETAILS WILL MAKE OUR CONVENTION SUCCESSFUL

Bob Smith, Convention Vice Chairman

A successful convention requires, not only the enthusiasm of the hosts, but careful planning to anticipate and provide for the needs of those attending to make their stay enjoyable. Many of the little insignificant details are the things that are remembered - a friendly greeting, a flower in the guests' lapel, going out of our way as individuals to provide a little extra hospitality, a bouquet of flowers on the table, a little memento, and, above all, friendliness and interest in people. Let's not overlook the little details that will help to make this convention a memorable occasion.

The garden tours should be one of the highlights of our convention. The emphasis of our tours will be on displaying typical home gardens, with the Lyndale gardens, Northrup King trial gardens, and the arboretum included to show public gardens and the work being done to develop and display plant materials available to home gardeners of our area. Two afternoon tours will include home gardens, Northrup King trial gardens and the arboretum, and the Lyndale gardens and several lighted home gardens will be viewed on an evening tour. Buses will be routed so that the scenic beauty of our city parks and lakes will be viewed also. Ron and Les have the preliminary planning well in hand but equally important in making the tours a highlight will be a good staff of hosts to see that the tours are well organized, to aid in loading and unloading buses, and provide information and hospitality. We may call on you soon to be a host. If we do, consider it to be a real honor because this will be a most important function to the success of our garden tours.

Phil Smith has the transportation function well in hand. Transportation in a comfortable, orderly manner is a very important detail which, if not done properly, will be long remembered. School buses will be used on the shorter tours and city buses for longer distances where more comfort is desired.

The properties function which often goes unobserved by most people will be a very important function to the smooth running of our convention. It will be impossible for Chairman Charlie Wasley to anticipate all of your equipment needs. He is trying to do this but it is also up to you to make your requests known to him so he doesn't overlook anything.

The Emphasis of our decorations committee will be flowers in profusion. Decorations are important in providing a gardening atmosphere at all occasions. If they are not present, they are missed but, if they are present in profusion, the effect is much greater in the opposite direction. This will be the aim of Bill Brook's decorations committee at each meeting. Bill is searching out commercial sources to supply cut flowers, knowing that with the late spring, the many gardens on tour, and the flower show, there may not be a sufficient supply of flowers available from members. However, any cut flowers that you will be able to supply from your garden will be that many more to help provide the profusion that will be long remembered after the convention is over.

Our entertainment will be mainly of a garden-oriented nature, in keeping with the purpose of the convention. However, to provide a little break in the program, there will be several occasions at which a little diversion will be provided in the form of Aqua Jesters and the Little German Band from the Men's Garden Club of Belvedere, Illinois.

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REMEMBER THIS SPECIAL PRE-CONVENTION INDUSTRIAL TOUR TUESDAY, JULY 11

by G. R. "Bud" Christenson
Convention Secretary and Industrial Tour Chairman

For eleven years the MGC of Minneapolis has annually awarded plaques to firms in the Minneapolis area in recognition and appreciation of outstanding beautification of their properties. Not a competitive award in that the recipient generally has no knowledge of the recognition until notified by the Industrial Awards committee, it naturally hoped that other firms will thus be encouraged to beautify their grounds.

We wanted a tour of these firms during the convention but couldn't fit it into the schedule. Then it was determined that an excellent time would be on Tuesday evening after the national board meeting and for early arrivals. Actually, this is just the night before the convention formally starts.

The tour is being financed through the assistance of some of the award recipients, and will begin at the Northwestern Life Insurance Company building, adjacent to the Pick-Nicollet hotel, at 4:15 P.M., July 11, and will include the Minneapolis Brewery Company's Bavarian Park, another recipient, for a light buffet and a glass of beer. We hope to be back at the hotel by 7:15 p.m. All registered members in attendance at the convention are invited to participate in this event.

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CONVENTION SPEAKERS SNYDER AND OTT KNOWN WIDELY

Both of these men hold Ph.D. degrees, both are gardeners, and both are members of MGCA affiliated clubs. Dr. Leon Snyder will speak on Thursday noon during luncheon at the Northrup King trial gardens, giving him a chance to alert guests about what they will see at the arboretum. The awkwardness of speaking outdoors will be offset by the timeliness of the situation. Dr. John Ott achieved national recognition through time-lapse photography, for many years having a television program on this subject. Since then his studies of the effect of light on the human being, the human eye, has gained him even greater attention. Dr. Ott speaks Friday night. If you miss these two speeches, you will later regret it.

JUST BECAUSE IT'S HERE AT HOME, DON'T MISS IT

Frequently home town people fail to attend local conventions, whether MGCA conventions or their professional groups. Attorneys, doctors, others will travel far to another city for the same purpose but pass up the low cost local meeting. Why not take off three days from work and spend fifty dollars or so for you and your wife to relax and live it up? Perhaps you should even move into the hotel to get the full illusion of being at a convention!

IF YOU HAVE NO OTHER JOB, HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Simply by being there. As a host. As a driver for those who want a quickie tour. To advise people on dinner spots Tuesday and Wednesday eves. You can reveal the warmth and friendliness of Minnesota people. You can talk gardening to anybody there. You can look around for the lonely soul who needs companionship. You can serve just by being yourself.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS
FLOWER SHOWS - SEASON OF 1967

SECTION A

- Schedule of Entries -

<u>Class#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Class #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1	Achillea, Pearl Type	3 branches	45	Clematis, small	1 branch
2	" Plate Type	1 head	46	Cleome	1 stalk
3	Aconitum "Monkshood"	1 raceme	47	Coleus, foliage	1 stalk
4	Ageratum	1 stalk	48	Coreopsis	3 blooms
5	Allium	1 blossom	49	Cosmos	3 blooms
6	Althea	1 spike	50	Cynoglossum	3 branches
7	Alyssum	open	51	Cypripedium "lady slipper"	1 stalk
8	Amaranthus "love lies bleeding"	1 stem	52	Dahlia, A, any type	1 bloom
9	Amsonia	1 stalk	53	" , B, " "	1 bloom
10	Anthemis	1 stalk	54	" , Pompon	3 blooms
11	Aquilegia	1 stalk	55	" , Miniature	3 blooms
12	Arctotis Grandis	3 flowers	56	" , Unwin-Coltress	5 blooms
13	Arisaema "jack in the pulpit"	1 scape	57	Delphinium, any type	1 raceme
14	Artemisia	1 branch	59	Dianthus, "Pinks"	5 blooms
15	Asclepia "butterfly bush"	1 stem	60	" "Sweet Williams"	3 heads
16	Aster, annual	3 blooms	61	" "Carnation" garden	3 blooms
17	Aster, Frikarti	1 branch	62	" greenhouse type	3 blooms
18	Astilbe	1 stem	63	Dicentra	3 stems
19	Baptisia	1 stem	64	Dictamnus	1 branch
20	Begonia, tuberous rooted, Cam., rose or ruffled	1 bloom	65	Digitalis "foxglove"	1 raceme
21	Begonia, Pictoree type	1 bloom	66	Echinacea "Coneflower"	3 blooms
22	Begonia, hanging basket	1 branch	67	Echinops "globe thistle"	3 heads
23	Begonia, fibrous	1 branch	69	Erigeron	1 stalk
24	Belamcanda "blackberry lilly"	1 branch	70	Escholtzia "California poppy"	3 blooms
25	Brachycome "swan river daisy"	5 blooms	71	Filipendula	1 stalk
26	Brodiaea "wild hyacinth"	3 scapes	72	Fuschia	1 branch
27	Browalia	1 branch	75	Gaillardia	3 blooms
28	Calliopsis	5 blooms	76	Gentiana	1 stalk
29	Campanula, carpatica	5 blooms	77	Geranium (Pelargonium)	1 branch
30	Campanula, other	1 spike	78	Geum	1 stem
31	Catanache "Cupid Dart"	1 stem	79	Gladiola, large	1 spike
32	Celosia, plumed	1 stalk	79A	" , miniature	1 spike
33	Celosia, crested	1 stalk	80	Gypsophilia "baby's breath"	1 branch
34	Centaurea	3 blooms	81	Helenium	1 branch
35	Cerastium "snow in summer"	3 stems	82	Helianthus	1 branch
36	Chelone "turtle head"	1 stalk	83	Heliotrope	1 branch
37	Chrysanthemum, double	1 stalk	84	Hemerocallis "Day Lilly"	1 scape
38	" , single	1 stalk	85	Hesperis "Sweet Rocket"	1 branch
39	" , Azaleamum	1 stalk	86	Heuchera	1 scape
40	" , "feverfew"	1 stalk	87	Hibiscus	open
41	" "Painted Daisy"	5 blooms	88	Hosta "Plantain Lilly"	3 scapes
42	" "Shasta Daisy"	3 blooms	89	Hunnemania "Tulip Poppy"	3 blooms
43	Cimicifuga	1 branch	90	Iberis	open
44	Clematis, large	1 branch	91	Impatiens, "Balsamina"	1 stalk
			92	" , swarf	3 branches
			93	Iris	3 scapes

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Class#	Description	Quantity	Class#	Description	Quantity
94	Jacobia "Purple Groundsel"	1 stalk	141	Rose, miniature	1 branch
95	Knopfia "Red Hot Poker"	1 spike	142	Rudbeckia, Glo.Dsy.	3 blooms
96	Kochia Scoparia "Summer Cypress"	1 branch	143	Rudbeckia, "Golden Glow"	3 blooms
97	Lathyrus "Sweet Pea"	5 stems	144	Rudbeckia "Goldsturm" type	3 blooms
98	Lathyrus, perennial	5 stems	145	Rudbeckia "B.E.Susan"	1 branch
99	Lavatera	3 blooms	146	Rudbeckia Pupera, see Echinacea	
100	Lavendula	1 stalk	147	Salvia, annual	3 stalks
101	Liatris	1 raceme	148	Salvia, perennial	3 stalks
102	Lily, any type	1 stalk	149	Salpiglossis	1 stalk
103	Limonium "Statice"	1 stalk	150	Scabiosa, annual	3 blooms
104	Linum	open	151	Scabiosa, perennial	3 blooms
105	Lobelia Cardinalis	1 raceme	152	Schizanthus "Futterfly flower"	3 stems
106	Lobelia, other	open			
107	Lupinus	1 spike	153	Silene "Catchfly"	open
108	Lychnis	1 stem	154	Sedum	3 branch
109	Lysimachia "Loosestrife"	1 stalk	155	Snapdragon, Sgle Lge	3 spikes
110	Lythrum	1 branch	156	Snapdragon, Dbl Lge	3 spikes
111	Marigold, 2½" or over	3 blooms	157	Snapdragon, dwarf	3 spikes
112	" under 2½"	3 blooms	158	Stock, 10 week	3 stalks
113	Marabilis Jalapa "Four o'clocks"	3 stalks	159	Stock, Imperial Swan River Daisy see Brachycome	1 spike
114	Monarda	1 stalk			
115	Muscari	3 scapes	160	Thalictrum	1 stalk
116	Myosotis "Forget-me-nots"	open	161	Thermopsis	1 stem
117	Nemesia	3 stalks	162	Tithonia "Mexican sunflower"	3 flowers
118	Nepeta	1 branch			
119	Nicotiana	1 stalk	163	Torenia	1 stem
120	Nigella	3 flowers	164	Trollius	1 stalk
121	Oenothera, Painted Daisy, see Chrysanthemums	3 stalks	165	Tulip	1 bloom
122	Papaver "Shirley Poppy"	3 flowers	166	Tunica	1 branch
123	Pansy (not viola)	3 blooms	167	Verbascum	1 stalk
124	Passiflora "Passion Vine"	1 branch	168	Verbena	3 branch
125	Peony	1 bloom	169	Veronica	1 stalk
126	Petunia, double	3 blooms	170	Vinca	3 branch
127	Petunia, single	3 blooms	171	Viola "Pansy" (not Johnny J.Up)	5 blooms
128	Petunia, single ruffled	3 blooms			
129	Penstemon	3 spikes	172	Jucca	1 scape
130	Phlox, annual	3 branch	173	Zinnia, large	3 blooms
131	Phlox, perennial	1 stalk	174	Zinnia, pompom	5 blooms
132	Physostegia	1 stalk	175	Zinnia, miniature	5 blooms
133	Platycodon	1 stalk	176	Ornamental grass	open
134	Potentilla	1 branch	177	Begonia, any	potted
135	Primula	3 stems	178	Chrysanthemum	potted
136	Ranunculus "Buttercup"	3 stems	179	Fuschia	potted
137	Rose, Hybrid Tea	1 bloom	180	Geranium	potted
138	Rose, Floribunda	1 branch	181	House plant, blooming	potted
139	Rose, Grandiflora	1 branch	182	House plant, foliage	potted
140	Rose, Pillar or climbing	1 branch	183	Violet, African	potted
			184	Patio plants	potted
			185	Arrangements	open
			186	Collections	open

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SECTION B

- Schedule of Entries -

<u>Class #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
190	Green Beans, in pod	12
191	Yello Beans, in pod	12
192	Lima Beans, in pod	12
193	Beets, table	5
194	Cabbage, round	1
195	Cabbage, red	1
196	Carrot	5
197	Celery (stalk)	3
198	Corn, sweet (ears)	3
199	Cucumber, slicing	3
200	Cucumber, dill	3
201	Cauliflower	1
202	Eggplant	1
203	Muskmellon	1
204	Onion, red	3
205	Onion, white	3
206	Onion, yellow	3
207	Parsnip	3
208	Pepper, hot	5
209	Pepper, sweet	3
210	Potato, any red	6
211	Potato, any white	6
212	Pumpkin	1
213	Squash, summer	1
214	Squash, winter	1
215	Gourds, mixed	6
216	Tomato, red	3
217	Tomato, yellow	3
218	Turnip	3
219	Watermellon	1
220	Any not listed	open

GENERAL RULES FOR EXHIBITORS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- 1) Bring your exhibits to the meetings at least 15 minutes before the dinner-hour announced for the meeting. THE EARLIER THE BETTER.
- 2) Exhibitors will supply their own containers; milk cartons, milk bottles, fruit jars, coffee cans, etc.
- 3) Judging will be strictly on the merits of the entry and without regard to the container used.
- 4) Arrangements may be entered in the miscellaneous class and containers will be considered in judging arrangements.
- 5) Secure registration tag for each exhibit from committee member at the meeting.
- 6) Species and varieties may be shown at the meeting of the exhibitor's choice, but exhibitors will be limited to one entry for each named variety or species per class per meeting.
- 7) Exhibitors will be limited to a total of three entries per meeting.
- 8) All entries, including specimens as well as flowers and foliage used in arrangements, must have been grown by the exhibitor. No artificial foliage, flower, or fruit may be used in arrangements. Arrangements must have been made by the exhibitor.
- 9) Awards will be made on the merits of the entries only, and if in any class or division thereof, in the opinion of the judges, there are no entries worthy of any awards, the judges may withhold any or all awards.
- 10) A Season's Sweepstake Award will be made at the Christmas party to the exhibitor winning the greatest number of points for the season, based on three points for first place, two for second, and one for third.