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September Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 1960
Place: Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church
50th and Knox
Time: 5.45 P.M. Sharp
Price: \$1.75

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NEWER MEMBERS INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON FLUORESCENT GARDENING

- Frank Vix....."Why?" A discussion on the value of inside growing.
 - Bill Kelley...."What?" The range of possibilities of fluorescent culture. Starting seed, rooting cuttings, reviving house plants, carrying over material.
 - Dale Durst....."How?" To cover the equipment now in use by various members gardening under lights. Costs of such gardening, physical layouts.
 - Chas. Proctor.."Operation" Planting mediums, watering and humidity controls, heat, pests and diseases.
- Charlie Proctor is chairmaning this program. His committee consists of the men listed above, plus Louie Dorweiler and Neil Barry.
- Fluorescent fixtures, including lights, will be available at \$2.50 and \$1.50 each.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ABOUT THE FLOWER SHOW

People who visited our 1960 Flower Show were overheard expressing both delight and admiration for what they saw. Judging from this evidence, the show must have been what we on the committee had hoped and prayed for - another successful event in the club's long record of fine achievements.

As chairman of the Flower Show Committee I want to thank you all for your support and cooperation. The heartiest thanks must go to those members who bravely raided their gardens and brought entries of specimens and arrangements. Their help was of most vital importance. It is unbelievable what nightmares the fear of a flowerless flower show can produce.

Next, my special thanks to the officers of the club and to the chairmen and members of the sub-committees for their unhesitating willingness to assist in various capacities. Outstanding good work was performed by Frank Vixo, co-chairman; Charles Proctor, staging; Bill Hull, publicity; P. W. Young, decorations; Les Johnson, displays and "Grandma Luxton"; Al Nelson, preparation room; Stan Lund, judging; Glen Cerney, schedule and checking entries; Sherm Pinkham, registration; Maurice Lifson, telephone; and Eng Hoyme, advisor.

Perfection, it is said, is found nowhere and I suspect our flower show was no exception. However, the experience gained at the show may help us to effect future improvements. So let us be satisfied with the results achieved and devote our energies to other tasks until next year when it comes time again to say "on with the show."

Appreciatively yours,
Otto H. Erickson, Show Chairman

AND THANK YOU ALSO, OTTO AND FRANK

.....for a tremendously successful flower show! We want you to know we appreciate the many hours of work necessary to the completion of this event. Everyone will not know that when you two fellows accepted the chairmanship and co-chairmanship last January that the planning hours became so numerous that they totalled weeks. It was your supervision and leadership that spurred others on and we thank you.

Part of the praise must also go to previous show chairmen, because this didn't become the biggest show independent of past performances. It has been a gradually increasing production.

This year there were a total of 747 entries, including 69 arrangements, with 44 members participating by showing. This compares well with previous years and in most respects set new records. In 1959 there were 601 entries, including 56 arrangements, 38 participants. In 1958 there were 679 entries, including 79 arrangements, 40 participants. The tremendous crowds this year were in part due to the success of past shows. So, as I said, it is partly a cumulative effort.

Thanks again.

W. H. Hull, President

TOP HONORS IN THE AUGUST 13-14 SHOW WENT TO.....

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A) SPECIMENS

L. L. Stillman (1) - GRAND CHAMPION
N. W. Christopherson (3)
Jacob Durst (1)
Eng Hoyme (1)
Charlie Reif (1)
P. W. Young (1)

B) ARRANGEMENTS

Vic Lowrie (2) - GRAND CHAMPION
Eng Hoyme (1)

LEADERS IN SPECIMENS

*O. H. Erickson 58 points - SWEEPSTAKES
*F. P. Vixo 56
P. W. Young 44
N. W. Christopherson 37

*It was first thought an exact tie existed between Otto Erickson and Frank Vixo, but when the books were audited a two point error was discovered. Both gentlemen claimed the other was the rightful winner, but we went by the audited count (W.H.H.).

LEADERS IN ARRANGEMENTS

Eng Hoyme 54 points - SWEEPSTAKES
E. B. Haedecke 34
Vic Lowrie 26
L. A. Schoenleben 26

The North Star Region presented a special Sweepstakes ribbon to accompany our own Sweepstakes ribbons so Eng Hoyme and Otto Erickson also won those. Thank you Rollie Lindstrom, North Star President.

In order to show total participation results, specimen and arrangement points are here combined for a total score:

	<u>Specimens</u>	<u>Arrange.</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Specimens</u>	<u>Arrang.</u>
1. Hoyme	18	54	72	14. Johnson, L.	28	0
2. Erickson	58	6	64	15. Stillman	24	4
3. Vixo	56	0	56	16. Ashley	26	0
4. Young, P.W.	44	0	44	17. Lowrie	0	26
5. Kelley	30	8	38	18. Stone	26	0
6. Christopherson	37	0	37	19. Durst	25	0
7. Haedecke	3	34	37	20. Reif	21	4
8. Hull	28	8	36	21. Rodda	21	2
9. Lifson	34	4	36	22. Burt	0	22
10. Cerney	32	0	32	23. Germain	22	0
11. Paul	12	20	32	24. Pinkham	22	0
12. Schoenleben	6	26	32	25. Proctor	21	0

NOW IS THE TIME TO . . .

PLANT DAFFODILS . . .

Plant your daffodils as soon as you can get them. Although it is often difficult to obtain them so early, I prefer to plant mine in August, and if good results are expected they must be planted no later than September. These bulbs, unlike tulips, should have plenty of time to establish strong roots before the ground freezes.

Plant them about seven or eight inches deep in friable and well drained soil with a generous amount of bone meal added. Water them after planting and occasionally during dry spells until cold weather arrives. Plant them either in full sunlight or dappled shade in a location where, after blooming, the foliage may be permitted to grow until it withers and disappears in late summer. They will do very well around shrubs and under trees.

If desired for cutting, plant some of the larger trumpet varieties such as King Alfred, Lord Nelson, Duke of Windsor and Diatima. For garden display and multiplications into naturalized areas there are many small cupped varieties of several color combinations which are likely to be more hardy than the large trumpets. Plant several varieties and mix them, for a month or more of beauty starting toward the end of the tulip season.

Curtis N. Rice, Jr.

DIVIDE OR REPLACE DAYLILIES

Large, overgrown clumps of daylilies need dividing to produce larger and better bloom. Now is the time to divide these clumps. This can be done anytime after blooming, but before October 1.

Dig the clump, shake out all soil and separate into two or three good divisions. Cut the foliage back to six or eight inches above crown. If desired, spade fertilizer (bone meal) into the ground and reset, spreading roots and covering one inch above the crown with soil. Avoid planting too deeply. Water well. Be sure to chart your new planting.

Daylilies have been greatly improved the past ten years and if you are growing older varieties, dig them out. Chances are they are obsolete because recent hybridizing has produced many beautiful new shades and colors.

I would suggest the following varieties:

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| Atlas | yellow | Evelyn Claar | pink |
| Aten | orange | Chetco | primrose |
| Primula | yellow | Howdy | bicolor |
| Mabel Fuller | red | Mrs. David Hall | bi-tone |
| Nina Rebmen | melon | Modoc | gold |

Roger F. Koopmans

THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE

Dr. Fred Rodda has a very beautiful garden. Have you seen it? One member said he has over 60 different kinds of bloom therein, mostly annuals, effecting a very attractive garden that blooms continuously. I enjoyed my visit there immensely.

How many of you have ever heard of a heated bathtub? Ask Dwight Stone, who owns one of these ultra-modern conveniences.

As far as that goes, who ever heard of an oriental rug on the kitchen floor? Ask Tom Krumm to tell you about his. We're not sure whether this is in Tom's new home but, if not, he had one on the kitchen floor once before.

A very inspiring and interesting conversation recently with Archie Flack who told a group of us some of the background story of the formation of the Minnesota State Arboretum. What a good talk his story would make for the entire club.

Dick Lehman grows thousands of seedling hemerocallis just to get a very few - (1 in 1,000) worth introducing commercially. Dick's garden is its usual breathtaking sight this year, as is Rog Koopman's, which we visited for the first time recently.

Maurice Lifson's garden is certainly very attractive again this year. Morrie has several unusual plants which add dignity and flair to the area. You should see them.

I haven't seen Vic Lowrie's garden recently but one observer uses the words "inspirational" and "grandeur" in describing it. We know it must be beautiful and plan to see it soon.

Dale Durst's garden, pretty enough last year, is a riot of color this year. A Tremendous thrill to see those beautiful flowers you raised inside from seed, isn't it, Dale?

All of these beautiful gardens, and how can we ever get around to see them all? Easy, follow Norm Christopherson's example. Get a few fellows together on an afternoon and tour a few gardens. Who will volunteer to spearhead a few such groups? Of course it's late now, but not so late that we still couldn't enjoy the other fellows work.

Can someone help us locate Mrs. Harld Wright? We'd like to present to her the Certificate given Harold posthumously by MGCA, but cannot locate her.

MY POCKET HANDKERCHIEF GARDEN

by Maurice Lifson

To illustrate how succession of bloom from Spring until frost can be achieved even in a very small garden, I have made myself what I call "my pocket handkerchief garden." Its dimensions are approximately 5 feet by 3½ feet.

The backbones of this garden are: two miniature roses, three Aurelian Hybrid lilies, Hearts Desire, three Speciosum Rubrum lilies and one Chrysanthemum Adnabile. Their companion plants are: six blue petunias, four white petunias, six verbenas (3 blue and 3 red), eight pansies, the large Ruggles Hybrids and last but not least, two geraniums - one red and one white that wintered over for me along with seven others on my unheated patio - call it a porch.

The pansies and the petunias started to perform May 18. On May 25th the two geraniums joined the show. Not much later the Verbenas and the miniature roses came into the picture. Later in June the Aurelian Hybrid lilies headlined the show for over two weeks. They had to be staked as they were over 6 feet tall. At the present time the Rubrums are the headliners. In fact, they are stealing the show.

One can readily see that by choosing the right plants one can have a colorful garden, no matter how small, from Spring until frost.

HOLLY HARDINESS STUDY

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The department of horticulture, University of Maryland, is conducting a hardiness study of the various species of hollies plus their varieties in the United States and Canada in cooperation with the Research Committee, Holly Society of America, Inc.

Results of this study should prove most useful to nurserymen, landscape architects and home owners in determining what hollies are dependably satisfactory in their localities. AHS members growing any named varieties or species of holly are urged to participate in the survey. A card addressed to Harry Wm. Dengler, Holly Society of America, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, will bring a simple, easy-to-fill-out questionnaire. Any cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.

Mr. Dengler was the guest editor of the Society's very popular and useful 200 page Handbook of Hollies, January 1957, a special issue of the National Horticultural Magazine which has greatly stimulated interest in these very versatile plants.