

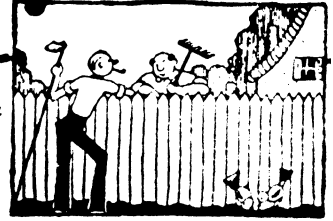


# The Garden Spray

BULLETIN OF THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS, INC.

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Do you have a pressing garden problem? If so, the NEXT MGCM MEETING, 5:45 PM TUESDAY APRIL 8th is designed especially for you. We've assembled a panel of MGCM experts to discuss (and solve?) EVERYBODY'S GARDEN PROBLEMS

Panelists will be: Fred Glasoe, Coordinator of the St. Paul School's Horticulture Center and Plant and Animal Learning Centers; Carl Holstrom, Horticulturist, Supervisor of Horticulture for the Minneapolis Park System; Glen Ray, Executive Secretary of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society; Bob Smith, expert vegetable grower and all-round gardener.

Everyone gets to participate. Bring a written question or jot one down when you arrive. Dwight Stone, moderator, will see that it gets answered if you arrive with your \$2.50 at Mount Olivet Church 50th and Knox South

### DINNER RESERVATIONS PROCEDURE and WHO TO CALL BEGINNING THIS MONTH

Telephone your caller by Saturday noon preceding each MGCM meeting. Let him know whether you will or will not attend the meeting and whether you will have guests.

If you know in advance you will be out of town or have to miss a meeting make sure to notify your caller so he won't be expecting a call.

Members (See Roster)	Contact Person	Home Tel.	Bus. Tel.
Anderson thru Bouslough	call Floyd Ashley	938-8311	
Brandt thru Day	call Jim Fishbaugher	445-2239	927-9752
Durst thru Haedecke	call Harold Sievers	926-2562	344-6135
Haley thru Johnstone	call Robert Haley	473-8729	
Klier thru Lowrie	call Richard Lange	866-6671	
MacGregor thru Proctor	call Sherm Pinkham	926-9848	
Ray thru Phil Smith	call Frank Vixo	922-2321	330-5914
Bob Smith thru Tornstrom	call Harry Sova	922-4755	
Turnquist thru Zats	call Paul Lindstedt	561-6574	

We sincerely request your cooperation in telephoning to make our club operation smoother and the task of determining the number of members who

MAY AUCTION'S A COMING

Put a circle around Tuesday, May 13th, on your calendar. That's th  
you can have a barrel of fun, have a good meal, and take home all t  
you will need to complete your spring planting. We plan to be at Pe  
Park again at Portland Avenue and Diamond Lake Road. Our professio  
auctioneers will have a good supply of annuals, perennials, bulbs a  
roses to offer you at your price. But the real success of the auct  
pends on the plants we members bring from our gardens, greenhouses  
under our basement lights. It's time to start thinking about what  
bring to the auction and get those extra seeds planted or list the  
which might be available in your garden in May. It takes a lot of  
bringing a lot of plants to make a successful auction. We're count  
you.

-- Chet G

THE MARCH MEETING

Don Wilson tried out the \$99 special week at Sun City and reported  
real, no dogs, no kids, no gum wrappers, everything meticulous" and  
ed contrast to Mexico, "kids all over, dogs all over, cattle with r  
sticking out" etc. He was fascinated with the saguaro cactus. ("I  
rains these plants will take in tons of water. The ridges expand."  
was struck by the tiny Mexican lime-like lemons which "they squeeze  
their soup, salad, everything".

Don showed two films; one, highlights of Arizona narrated by Barry  
no less; the other, a tour of Sun City. The Sun City film laid gre  
sis on the recreational opportunities and the recreational centers  
development. Does every resident wake up every morning asking, "Wh  
I play today?" or "Where shall I go to play today?". Come on you S  
MGCM members. Write that article we've been seeking on your garden  
tivities. Surely Del Webb didn't landscape all the homes we saw in  
film.

Upon Carl Holst's recommendation we voted to subsidize the purchase  
2-inch diameter bare root trees for the Arbor Day planting sponsore  
CUE instead of the one-inch trees originally proposed.

MGCM 1975 BUDGET

(Adopted at the March meeting as recommended by President and Direc

<u>Income Anticipated</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expenditures Foreseen</u>	<u>Am</u>
Dues . . . . .	\$2,101.50	Garden Spray. . . . .	\$
Plant Auction. . . . .	750.00	Auction . . . . .	
Interest on Savings. . . . .	235.00	Flower Show . . . . .	
Miscellaneous. . . . .	125.00	Christmas Party . . . . .	
Carried Fwd. Conv. Fd.	293.08	Arboretum . . . . .	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,504.58</b>	Minn. Hort. Soc. Dues . . . . .	
		M G C A Dues. . . . .	
		Project Fund. . . . .	
		Awards Programs . . . . .	
		Remembrances . . . . .	
		Bal. 1967 Conv. Fd. . . . .	
		1975 MGCA Conv. Del. . . . .	

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS, INC., MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA

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Immediate Past President: JAMES E. PERRIN  
Directors: DARWIN PRICE and NORMAN E. STEWART

\* = Chairman

1975 COMMITTEES

AUDITING: To audit the financial records and reports of the club.  
FRANK VIXO.

CHEER: To keep in touch with members who are hospitalized or ill; to s  
information from other club members concerning such members; and, to in  
the club concerning their progress.  
JOHN LILLIBRIDGE\*, WALTER MENZEL.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: To plan and organize planting and maintenance of the  
garden.  
CARL HOLST\*, VERN CARLSON, PAUL LINDSTEDT.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: To plan and make all arrangements for the club's annu  
Christmas party, in consultation with the Board of the club.  
BOB GAGE\*, DAVE JOHNSON.

FLOWER SHOW: To plan, supervise and make arrangements for the club's f  
er show activities for the year.  
DARWIN PRICE\*, DALE DURST.

GARDEN SPRAY: To publish the monthly bulletin of the club.  
ED CULBERT.

HISTORIAN: To maintain and update historical records of the club.  
BILL HULL.

INDUSTRIAL AWARD: To receive nominations; to handle the judging and pr  
sentation of this award.  
VIC LOWRIE, NATE SIEGEL, BOB SMITH.

LEHMAN TROPHY: To determine any revisions in the rules for competition  
to publicize and record entries for the award; to handle the actual jud  
ing; and, to make the presentation of the award.  
DWIGHT STONE, ROGER ANDERSON, PHIL SMITH.

MAY AUCTION: To plan, promote, and obtain plants for auction for fund  
raising for club projects.  
CHET GROGER\*, RICHARD VICTOR, STRUAN COMPLIN, BUD CHRISTENSON.

MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL AND DEVELOPMENT: To visit the gardens or homes of  
who have applied for membership and determine their interest in gardeni  
and desirability as members prior to making a recommendation to the Boa  
for membership approval; to develop means for attracting good new membe  
as vacancies become available; and, to prepare guidelines for membershi  
qualification to be followed by the Board in approving applicants for m  
bership.  
SHERM PINKHAM.

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MINI-TOURS: To arrange informal visits to members' gardens in 1975.  
JIM PERRIN.

NOMINATING: To make nominations for the club's officers and directors the following year and to fill any vacancies during the current year.  
JIM PERRIN.

PROGRAM: To plan and arrange for programs for meetings and to determine or judge the desires of members concerning program topics.  
DON WILSON.

ROSTER: To plan and supervise preparation of the annual club roster.  
JOHN LILLIBRIDGE.

TELEPHONE: To supervise a system to provide the most accurate attendance estimate for our meetings.  
WATT MYERS.

TOURS: To determine means for selecting the gardens to be toured during our summer meetings; to select and visit ahead of time the gardens to be toured; to make arrangements for bus transportation and other special requirements for our tour meetings.  
DICK HULBERT, NORM STEWART.

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#### THE PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Our club members always enjoy the excitement and spirited bidding of our auctions. At our last meeting auctioneer Dwight Stone exacted top dollar for the books donated by Walter Menzel and the choice delphinium seedling from Phil Smith. Along with the fun our club's treasury was fattened by the process.

If all of you refer to the club roster as often as I do then you were happy to receive a new updated copy enclosed with the last GARDEN SPRAY. Compiling the roster is an ambitious and tedious task. For the second consecutive year John and Nancy Lillibridge did the complete job for us. Thanks from all of us, John and Nancy.

Think back to the first MGCM meeting you attended. For some of our members it was a long time ago. For me attending that first meeting got me involved with a group of men in a most enjoyable hobby. Most of us attended that first time as the guest of a club member. Let's all try to bring a guest to the April meeting. Perhaps he will enjoy our club as much as we have. With our program of club experts answering gardening questions asked by the audience our guests can join the rest of us and get their garden questions answered.

Dale Durst and I felt that the odds for taking a successful group picture at our March meeting were poor. Our equipment seemed barely adequate for the task and, speaking for myself, I've taken lots of poor pictures in the past. All of you who were herded into the picture taking area will be surprised to learn that we succeeded. According to the photographer who developed the negative, we have a good group picture that I can bring to the next meeting. If any of you want to order a copy, we can arrange for it at that time.

--Bob Livingston

P.S. Telephone your telephone (calling) committee member by Saturday to

"To All Members...A mis-interpretation appears in The Gardener magazine for January, 1975, on Page 25 regarding MGCA dues for 1976.

"Cost of operating the organization, possible sources of funds, including dues as a source were discussed at length at the Miami meeting of the Board of Directors in November but NO action was taken or recommendation made by the Board of Directors.

"Secondly, on the same page in the same edition, the article notes that "cost of life MGCA memberships was increased to \$150.00 from \$100.00 effective January 1, 1975". This is an error--Life Memberships remain \$100.00.

"By effecting certain changes in the format of The Gardener, enough budget has been provided to print the regular six issues, rather than just five issues as indicated in the January issue. The next issue will be the March-April which we hope will be on schedule and reach your members March 1st.  
Lyman E. Duncan, Executive Secretary

#### FEBRUARY 1975 WEATHER SUMMARY

(For those who file weather records with their garden notes)

The February average temperature was 15.5 degrees, one degree below normal. The highest temperature was 36 on the 21st, the lowest -22 on the 9th. So far it has been a rather mild winter. Temperatures for December 1974 and January and February 1975 have averaged out to 18.1 degrees compared to a normal 15.7 degrees for the 3 months.

Precipitation in the form of snow melted down was .79 inches, .05 inches below normal.

Snowfall for the month was 9 inches. Normal is 8.3 inches. Total snowfall November thru February was 43.7 inches. Normal is 32 inches.

There were 5 clear, 8 partly cloudy and 15 cloudy days.

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KEEP A RECORD If you are not already doing so, begin now to keep a garden record book. Record the dates of sowing seeds, planting, and transplanting for each variety. Note the time of bloom of each annual, perennial, and shrub. Keep a record of where and when plants and seeds were purchased and the results obtained. Add other information to round out your particular needs. Such a record book, kept over a period of years is invaluable.

Chet Groger says, "Want to have a couple of conversation plants in your garden? Buy one papaya and one kiwi fruit at the market and save the seeds. Plant a half dozen of each under lights in January and transplant the best two of each for the garden. The papaya is a fast growing small tree and the seedling should be 4" to 6" high by set out time in May. It should grow to 3' to 4' by fall. It needs about 2' of space for its branches. The kiwi is a New Zealand vine which can grow to 30'. Seedlings should be 3" to 4" by set out time and will twine around a stake to a height of 5' to 6' by fall. You'll have some inexpensive curiosities in your garden."

Stan Crist really digs his carrots late. We quote from his March Mini

DRIFT:

CERTAIN PLANTS can grow in a bottle of water year-round. All you need to start a bottle garden is a bottle or container, water and cuttings or stems from the selected herbaceous plant. Plant scientists in the Agricultural Research Service advise that any waterproof container can be used-- an old canning jar, aquarium, beverage bottle or vase. Plants that adapt well to bottle gardening include geranium, peperomia, impatiens, wax begonia, hibiscus, coleus, aucuba, ivy, aglaonema and gladiolus. These plants are well suited because many of them already have embryonic root systems at each point where a leaf originates. These pre-formed roots develop rapidly when placed in water.

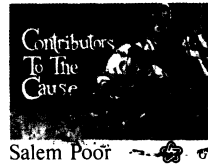
"NEW IDEA - Open your six ounce cans of Minute Maid Orange Juice from the bottom of the can, leaving the peel off top intact. (Any cut-off can opener will do the job.) Perforate the lift off lid, (which is now the bottom of the can) to allow drainage.

Transplant your seedlings in the can, the same as you have always done with peat pots. When it is time to plant the seedling in the garden you just zip off the peel off strip that was the original opener, and push leaves, stem, dirt, roots all into position in the garden.

It seems that these cans will be easier to handle (or at least hard to damage) than peat pots. The big plus on this new procedure is the vitamin C you get during the winter while you are accumulating enough cans for all your plants."

--The MANURE SPREADER, MGC of Greater Kansas City

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