

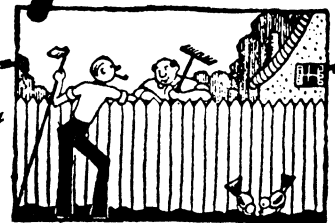
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The Garden Spray

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

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W A N T E D*

12 FORWARD LOOKING MEN
(Youth or age no handicap)

As Partners in the best known, oldest, exclusive male organization of its kind in the Twin Cities.

QUALIFICATIONS

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-Must have some garden know-how and/or desire to learn.
-Must have \$15 to invest for 1972
(with option to invest like amount in 1973 and ensuing years)

RETURNS GUARANTEED

-12 issues, The Garden Spray, published by M.G.C. Mpls.
- 6 issues, The Gardener, published by M.G.C. America.
- 8 issues, The Minnesota Horticulturist, published by the Minn. State Hort. Society.
-12 evenings devoted to stimulating garden topics.

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-Privilege of bringing a male guest at any time.
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-Chance go rub shoulders with some of the experts in the garden field as well as some other just plain dirt daubers like yourself.
-A good meal each month for a measly \$2.
(If you can't eat, the program is free)

APPLY TO

....Rog Anderson, president M.G.C. Mpls., or any member of the Board

A L S O W A N T E D

Sixty Members at Our Meeting Next Tuesday Evening.

Yes, 60, to hear Gordon Morrison, Environmental Ecologist for the Park Board ("He's good", says your editor) plus a "mystery speaker" promised by vice-president Holst.

Tuesday evening, February 9. 5:45 P.M. Men's Garden Club at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 50th and Knox South. Dinner \$2.

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Even the thought of giving an annual report must be a traumatic experience. Not one of the three from whom reports were expected was present in January. Cliff Brisco was in the hospital; Dave Johnson home with a high fever; and John Lillibridge in Kansas City. That left incoming president Roger Anderson and vice-president Carl Holst to invest themselves.

1970 In Retrospect

Major Items from the Secretary's Report

New members elected during the year were: Hi Berman, Bill Johnson, Bob Gage, Bill MacGregor, George Sweezy, Bob Livingston, J. Edwin Johnson, Norm Stewart, Jim Mielke, Anthony Wick, Roger Nelson and Dean Schneider. Death claimed members Cal Calendine and Archie Flack. Both were remembered by gifts to the Arboretum.

The 1971 membership totaled 110 members. Meeting attendance during the year ranged from 43 - 63. The Annual Garden Tour, held August 10, was a huge success with 59 members and 92 guests in attendance. The tour started at the Bachman's with a catered dinner and ended at the Community Garden which was in full bloom. The Christmas Party and Awards Dinner brought 194 members and guests to the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church.

Delegates sponsored by MGC to the National Convention in Roanoke, Virginia were Ed Culbert and Sherm Pinkham. Paul Linstedt was alternate.

The number one project (successful in all respects) was the construction of the Community Garden, chaired by Nate Siegel. Thanks to the cooperation of the entire Garden Club membership, the Minneapolis Park Board and others sympathetic with the purpose, this project became a reality when it was dedicated on June 27, 1971.

The Financial Picture

<u>Receipts 1970</u>		
Dues.....	\$ 1 416 00	Spray.....\$ 280
Plant Auction.....	457 53	Christmas Party..... 726
Interest on Savings.....	152 92	Frangrance Garden Donation. 500
Christmas Party.....	764 00	Convention Delegates..... 150
Dinner Overages &		Arboretum..... 300
Sales.....	186 17	Auction..... 74
TOTAL	\$ 2 976 62	Tours..... 170
		Memberships.....
		Minn. Hort. Soc..... 240
		MGCA 525
		Cheer and Memorials 49
		Miscellaneous 56
		TOTAL \$3 071

<u>Liabilities</u>	
1972 Memberships collected	
in 1971.....	\$ 960 00

ROG'S REFLECTIONS

Your new officers are well underway organizing the 1972 year. We are hopeful that we can bring you as successful a year as Past President, Dave Johnson, provided through his energetic leadership last year. A special thanks to Dave for the outstanding job in getting the Fragrance Garden completed. Also, to Phil Smith, who leaves the executive board this year, a sincere thanks for his fine contribution as an officer over the past years.

It was a real pleasure to see our three charter members at the January meeting and to recognize their presence. Hats off to Henry Bachman, Walter Quist and Walter Menzel for your active participation in the club over the years.

Carl Holst, program chairman, got the new year started with two excellent presentations. There were many favorable comments on Todd Bachman's talk, "Care of your Christmas Plants". As a third generation Bachman, Todd is certainly in keeping with past family traditions, as exhibited by his knowledge of horticulture and expertise in presenting his subject. Carl gave us a discussion and slide showing of new roses and he, too, was the master of his subject, as usual.

By popular request, we printed the wives names on the 1972 club roster sheet, which you have received with this Spray. We hope this will be helpful to you in your contacts with fellow gardeners and their wives, and that we haven't got you mated for the year with the wrong gal.

Due to the increasing interest and number attending MCG national conventions in past years, the board is formalizing the procedure for selecting delegates. This year we would like to have anyone interested in attending the convention as our club delegate so indicate in writing. Please make this request to Secretary, John Lillibridge, before February 15th. The convention will be held in Tucson, Arizona, April 10 through 12. The club subsidizes a part of the trip for two delegates.

Some of you might be interested in the short course, "Green Holiday", offered by the Agriculture Extension Service, on Saturday, February 12, 1972 at North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Campus, University of Minnesota. The program looks very interesting and well worth the \$5.00 registration fee. Check below for additional information.

Welcome to Chet Groger, the first new member approved in 1972; sponsored by Otto Nelson. Glad to have you with us, Chet.

Get things prepared for starting those annual seeds soon. Spring is just around the corner. See you on February 8th.

Roger Anderson

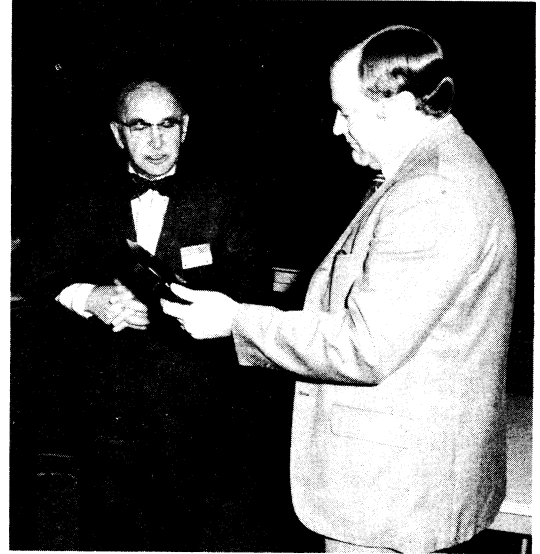
Green Holiday, February 12, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Student Center, St. Paul U of M Campus. Morning topics are: What Makes Plants Grow? - House Plants, How do you choose them and Where do you put them? -

Six Afternoon Workshops. Your Choice of Three. The six are: African Violets - Plant Hospital - Plant Nursery - Bonsai - Gardening Without Sunshine - Home Greenhouses, Window Gardens and Sun Porches.

At 2:30 open house in Cold Hardiness, South American Potato Protein research, Quality Evaluation, Plant Breeding, and Landscape Design laboratories.



Rog Anderson presents Foley Cup
to Henry Halvorson



John Dow accepts Industrial Award
from Vic Lowrie

DEFERRED AWARDS PRESENTED

Two more 1971 awards were presented at our January meeting. Henry Halvorson received the Foley cup for his prize winning dahlia rated Queen of the Shows for the entire summer series of flower shows conducted at MGC Mpls. meetings. Roger Anderson made the presentation.

Vic Lowrie presented the Industrial Landscape Award won by North Central Airlines to John Dow, Vice President and Secretary of the Company. Two professional photographers appeared to get the story behind this presentation. Pictures of the award winning planting and of the presentation appeared in the Business News section of the Minneapolis Star on January 12. Pictures taken by the photographer for the airline will be used in their publicity.

LETTER FROM TUCSON

December 24, 1971. "Pat is the gardener and unspeakably unorthodox about it all. Last spring he threw a few things together in a plot outside - some sand, a little peat, a few boys with tools, a few seeds and lots of water - and, voila', our tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, black beans and lettuce were the envy of all who ate them. We have a second crop of tomatoes ripening now, our last pepper came in this week and our second crop of lettuce, which we're growing in pots, is affording us many a delicious salad. Two weeks ago we woke up to 7" of snow that didn't last the day, but we had freezing temperatures every night until yesterday, so each night we've had to cover the tomatoes with paper and plastic and heat them with light bulbs. So much cold is very unusual here. With luck, though, we'll have a nice crop of tomatoes.

Some things weren't so productive. We had only one strawberry and only one carrot zig-zagged and mis-shapen because our soil is mostly rock. Most everything suffered in the heat of July and August, ripening before being full grown, but when it got cold again, we had another whole crop of many things. We planted in early March so we are literally gardening effortlessly for 9 months of the year.

1972 COMMITTEES
MENS GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE - Purpose: To phone all the members of the club regarding meeting attendance or upon special occasions as authorized by the President.
Chrmn: JACK PETERSON.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Purpose: To make nominations for the club's officers and directors for the following year and to fill any vacancies during the current year.
Chrmn: PHIL SMITH. Members: Bob Smith, Bud Christenson, Les Johnson

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Purpose: To plant and arrange for programs for meetings and to determine or judge the desires of members concerning program topics.
Chrmn: CARL HOLST. Members: Cliff Brisco, Rog Anderson, Dave Johnson

MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL COMMITTEE - Purpose: To visit the gardens or homes of men who have applied for membership and determine his interest in gardening and desirability as a member prior to making a recommendation to the Board for membership approval.
Chrmn: SHERM PINKHAM.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Purpose: To develop means for attracting good new members as vacancies become available and to prepare guidelines for membership qualification to be followed by the Membership Approval Committee and the Board in approving applicants for membership.
Members: Past-Pres., Advisory Committee and the Board of the Club.

THE GARDEN SPRAY - Purpose: To publish the monthly bulletin of the club.
Editor: ED CULBERT.

CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE - Purpose: To plan and make all arrangements for the club's annual Christmas party, in consultation with the Board of the club.
Chrmn: BOB VOIGT.

CHEER OR CONCERN COMMITTEE - Purpose: To keep in touch with members who are hospitalized or ill; to seek information from other club members concerning such members; and to inform the club concerning their progress.
Chrmn: BILL SWANSON.

AUCTION COMMITTEE - Purpose: To plan, promote and obtain plants for auction for fund raising for club projects.
Co-Chrmn: CHARLES PROCTOR - BOB SMITH. Members: Al Nelson, Ev Haedecke, Sherm Pinkham, Bruce Warner.

LEHMAN TROPHY JUDGES COMMITTEE - Purpose: To determine any revisions in the rules for competition; to publicize and record entries for the award; to handle the actual judging; and to make the award.
Chrmn: PHIL SMITH.

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS COMMITTEE - Purpose: To determine rules for competition for an award(s) to be given to business, industrial or civic organizations for landscaping projects of extraordinary merit; to organize the development and promotion of entries; to arrange for the judging of the entries; and to publicize the entry procedures and awards to winners so as to gain publicity for the club as well as the entrants.

Chrmn: VIC LOWRIE.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE - Purpose: To develop and promote an atmosphere and opportunities for fellowship among all club members and at all club functions and to develop means for insuring that new members and old members become acquainted and are active in club activities.

Chrmn: DWIGHT STONE.

Name Tags - John Lillibridge.

TOURS COMMITTEE - Purpose: To determine means for selection of the gardens to be toured during our summer meetings; to select and visit ahead of time the gardens to be toured; and to make arrangements for bus transportation and other special requirements for our tour meetings.

Chrmn: BUD CHRISTENSON.

FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE - Purpose: To plan, supervise and make arrangements for the club's flower show activities for the year.

Chrmn: AL NELSON. Members: Carl Holst, Phil Smith.

NORTH STAR REGION DELEGATE - Purpose: To represent our club in regional activities or planning with other area clubs.

Delegate: NATE SIEGEL.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE - Purpose: To publicize club meetings, activities and projects and to work with other committees in writing and obtaining publicity which may be desired.

Chrmn: DON WILSON.

FRAGRANCE GARDEN - Purpose: To continue the plans for the development of the Fragrance Garden providing for permanent improvements, garden plantings and the maintenance of gardens and lawn.

Chrmn: DAVE JOHNSON.

PARK BOARD PLANNING COMMITTEE - Purpose: Assist Park Board in planning improvements and maintenance of park board gardens and long range planning of same.

Chrmn: DWIGHT STONE. Members: Roger Anderson, Cliff Brisco, Jack Kolb, Dr. Leon Snyder, Bob Voigt and Dave Johnson.

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Officers and Directors for 1972

President: Roger J. Anderson

Vice President: Carl J. Holst

Secretary: John E. Lillibridge

Treasurer: Clifton Brisco

Immediate Past President: David W. Johnson

Directors: Henry Halvorson and James E. Perrin

WINTER WONDERLAND

By Art Johnson

The winter is young and it looks as though there will be many a bout with snow before the pussy-willows come again or the blue eye of the crocus winks at us.

Let us pause a moment to consider the miracle of the snow. It is frozen water which is about 800 times as heavy as the air all around us. How does it overcome the force of gravity and stay aloft where it is cold, then eventually fall so gently and so silently? The water ascends as in invisible vapor composed of molecules that rise and float above us as fleecy clouds. Now the question is, "What makes it come down again?" The psalmist tells us, "He makes lightnings for the rain". Scientists tell us that electrical discharges in the air cause the water molecules to unite until little drops form which get too heavy to remain aloft and that these come down as rain or snow.

It has been scientifically calculated that in the average large snowstorm about 15,000,000 tons of snow fall to the ground every second. Each crystal is an example of perfect hexagonal symmetry. No two of the same exact size, pattern or weight have been known to have been found. That which we may consider a nuisance is one of God's great miracles of beauty and usefulness.

In my back yard under the cover of leaves and about a ten inch blanket of snow which insulates from the severe cold, rest the flowers of last summer. Here they will awake next spring to bring gladness to the earth again. Let us be glad that God has planned all things for our good, even the snow.

THE JANUARY TALKS

Carl Holst after noting that catalog houses are reducing the number of roses they carry and advising that we would have more roses to select from if we patronized our local nurserymen, went on to show slides of some roses new on the market. A feature of his presentation was a series of slides showing the development of Portrait, one of the two AARS selections for 1972. This rose is remarkable in that it was developed by an amateur.

Todd Bachman in his discourse on Christmas plants emphasized the importance of good soil when growing in a confined space, that plant soil requirements vary, that soil compaction can become a problem and that proper use of the watering can needs more attention than it gets. He touched upon the problems of insects and disease and the use of fertilizer. Regarding certain specific plant he had the following to say:

Poinsettia: Requires bright light and temperature of 65-75°. Keep away from draft do not over water. If you wish to try to carry it over (not recommended) when bracts fade and drop, cut plant back to 5 or 6 inches, store in basement at 55-60° and water sparingly. When danger of frost has passed, place outside in partial shade. Bring indoors before frost in fall and start short day treatment.

Azalea: Requires bright (not hot) sun, 60° temperature, acid fertilizer and constant moisture. To carry over plunge in shady garden spot and keep well watered. Bring indoors in fall and give cold treatment (35°-40°) force about mid-December

Christmas Cactus: Requires ample moisture, good light and 65° temperature. Can be carried over indoors or outdoors if brought in before frost. Flower buds will form all winter at 55°; at 65° they form only during short days; at 70° no buds at all will form.

Cyclamen: Requires full sun and temperature of 50°-60°. Plants do not carry over well. If you want to try let the plant die back and replant the corm in early summer.

Amaryllis: Requires full sunlight and a temperature of 60° to 65°. Keep the plant actively growing after blooming. Plunge in the garden during summer. Store in basement in fall. Cover roots and force in January

Jerusalem Cherry: Grown at 55° to 60°; sets fruit in summer. Do not over fertilize.

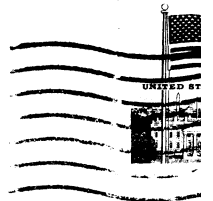
Kalanchoe: 65° best temperature for this short day plant. Take cuttings January to March.

African Violet: Water with warm water. If growing under lights, cool white or gro-lux work best.

Terraria: Keep at a 65° to 75° temperature, water sparingly, prune the plants frequently.

Foliage Plants: Require 65° to 70° temperature and care against overwatering. Light intensity requirements to vary so check. Be careful about foliage polishes.

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