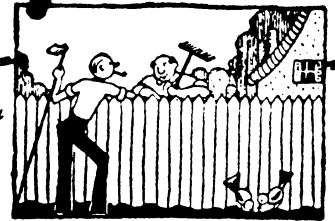




# The Garden Spray

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NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY  
MT. OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH, 50th Street at Knox Avenue South.  
Dinner \$2.25 at 5:45 P.M.

## SPEAKERS

Past President CARL J. HOLST....."New Roses for 1974"

Carl, Supervisor of Horticulture for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, an enthusiastic rosarian, for many years was in direct charge of the Lake Harriet Rose Garden. He knows roses!

New Member GLEN RAY....."The Minnesota State Horticultural Society"

Glen has recently been chosen to take over the post of executive secretary of the state horticultural society when long time secretary Eldred M. Hunt retires later this year.

PLAN TO STAY for the DISCUSSION GROUPS TO FOLLOW.

## OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

We started the year with a bang! At the January meeting attendance was 74. A great start for the new year. Many thanks to Bob Livingston for arranging a most interesting program. We've been aware that Bob and many others over the years have been especially fond of lilies and after viewing the film "LILIES OF JAPAN", learned they were enjoyed not only for their appearance and fragrance. Even the bovine population of Japan share Bob's fondness for this delicacy.

Our appreciation also to Bruce Johnstone and company for sharing their travels, domestic and abroad, with us and their knowledge, experience and judgments of new annuals on the market that can help us as we select materials for spring planting.

The pleasant break from our long cold spell seems to be a promise of spring and our thoughts easily turn to gardening plans. Now to some serious study and planning for changes and re-arrangements for the '74 season. As we peruse the catalogs and landscape design books our minds eye sometimes goes faster than reality permits but with the dreams little is accomplished.

A hearty welcome to LEE KNESS whose application for membership was approved at the January Board Meeting. Lee is sponsored by Bill and Bob Gage.

The Board also reviewed and approved the 1974 budget which will be presented to the membership at the February meeting for action. In addition to the speakers, we will try a new wrinkle of our old favorite round table bull session. It will be three concurrent discussion groups following different general subjects. In effect, a three ring circus. Should be fun.

--Jim Perrin

1973 IN RETROSPECT

(Major Items from the 1973 Officers' Report)

1973 was in every way a very good year for MGCM. We started out by inducting Franc Anderson, Rollie Anderson, Jim Bezat, Struan Complin, Marlin Gilhausen, Fred Glasoe Howard Klier, Richard Lange, Gardner Miller, Russ Perry, Lane Petterson, Darwin Pri Sam Reierson, Bob Schumacher, Milt Thomas, and Erle Tornstrom from the dissolved Richfield MGC and Jim Lowrie a former MGCM member.

New members to the club during the year were: Robert Haley, Thomas Warth, Robert [ Frederick Brandt, Glen Bartsch, Everett Trumble and Glen Ray.

Death claimed members Paul Burt and Sam Reierson.

The 1973 membership totaled 122 members. The addition of the former Richfield Clubbers accounted for this increase and this also accounted for our increased attendance generally approximately 65 at year end. 126 people attended our garden tour in Aug Our Christmas party was attended by 181 people which included 16 members and guests the North Suburban Mens' Garden Club.

Delegates sponsored by MGC to the National Convention in Dallas, Texas, were Henry son, Sherm Pinkham, Ed Culbert and Bill Hull. The Club gave each \$50 toward the tr

The Fragrance Garden continued to be the Club's special project and was maintained members throughout the year.

THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

<u>Receipts 1973</u>		<u>Expenses 1973</u>	
Dues.....	\$1806.00	The Garden Spray.....	\$ 512
Plant Auction.....	547.52	Christmas Party (1972).....	157
Interest on Savings.....	236.20	Christmas Party (1973).....	35
Misc. Sales.....	167.30	Convention Delegates.....	150
Carried Forward Conv. Fund...	643.08	Arboretum.....	300
TOTAL	<u>\$3400.10</u>	Flower Shows.....	213
		Tours.....	75
<u>Assets</u>		Memberships.....	
Checking Account.....	\$1521.62	Minn. Hort. Soc.....	345
Savings Account (includes		MGCA.....	627
conv. fund bal. \$493.08)....	4100.32	Cheer and Memorials.....	52
Inventory (est.).....	125.50	Dinner Shortages.....	56
TOTAL	<u>\$5747.44</u>	Honorariums.....	50
		Awards.....	23
<u>Liabilities</u>		Japanese Garden Contribution.	100
1974 Memberships Collected		Carried Fwd. Convention Fd...	493
in 1973.....	\$1275.00	Miscellaneous.....	19
Earned Surplus	4472.44	TOTAL	<u>\$3211</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5747.44</u>	Net to Surplus	<u>188</u>

COMMUNITY GARDEN FUND

1973 Donations Received.....	\$ 5.00	1973 Disbursements.....	\$ 14
1973 Interest Earned.....	78.87	Net to Surplus	<u>\$ 69</u>
	<u>\$ 83.87</u>	(At Year's End Fund Totalled \$1621.78	

THE CHRYSANTHEMUM, PART I, HISTORY  
by Dick Lehman

The name Chrysanthemum was derived from the Greek - Chrysos (Gold) - and Anthos (Flower) because the original wild species Chrysanthemum Indicum was yellow-flowered. Apparently all the modern Chrysanthemums, from the lowly cushions to the lofty giant exhibit types, were developed from two small, insignificant species found growing wild in China and Japan. In comparison, our lowly Dandelion would be a glorious flower. Our Shasta Daisy and Pyrethrum are close relatives of the Chrysanthemum; there are some known hybrids between them.

The history of the Chrysanthemum can definitely be traced back to more than 2500 years ago. Confucius, who was born in 550 BC wrote in his book "Ninth Moon"--"The Chrysanthemum has its' golden glory". Porcelains and tapestries, over 2500 years old, show unmistakably that the Chrysanthemum was highly developed at that early date. The Japanese, primarily, were responsible for the hybridization and improvement of this grand flower in early times and they still are today. It is over a thousand years ago that the Emperor of Japan instituted the Imperial Chrysanthemum Show in his palace in Tokio and adopted the Mum as the national flower of Japan.

The first records of Chrysanthemums in Europe date back about 200 years. These early introductions did not create any interest in Mums. It was not until 1842, when Hong Kong was opened to trade, that the improved types of Mums were imported to England and the craze began.

Plants were first brought to America in 1847 and these were used as hot house plants entirely. It took nearly a hundred years before much progress was made toward the development of early-blooming garden Mums. With the discovery of the hardy native Korean Mum about the time of World War I a new avenue was opened for the American plant breeder. This remarkable, hardy, wild species, with white daisy-like flowers was mated with the best known greenhouse types, as well as those found in grandmothers' gardens, and a new race of plants was developed.

A generation ago it was almost impossible to flower the then-known hardy Chrysanthemum outside and have them bloom before frost in Minnesota. At about the time of the Chicago World's Fair the first early flowering, hardy variety appeared, known as the Azaleum Pink Cushion or Blazemum--all one and the same thing.

At about this same time two men did some very constructive hybridizing. Alex Cumming of the Bristol Nurseries, working in Connecticut and Dr. Mulford of the USDA, working in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The ground work of these two men gave the foundation for much of the stock used in breeding by two of our most successful hybridizers who produced most of our worthwhile new varieties of Mums--Dr. Longley of our own University and Dr. E. J. Kraus of the Botany Department of the University of Chicago.

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THE JANUARY MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS Bob Smith will work with Charlie Proctor in reactivating the vegetable special interest group. Charles writes, "We feel this is a good opportunity for those who are interested in the growing of vegetables to get together, discuss their plans, seed selections, special ideas, etc. We will try to get in a couple of trips related to vegetable gardening and one or two to visit our own gardens to see how we are all doing." If you are interested in joining the group, contact Charles Proctor, 926-9400

The April meeting has been moved up one week. We plan to visit the Bachman growing area on April 2. Mark your calendar.

Phil Smith will order delphinium seeds from England soon. Contact him if you want. Phil says, "P. W. Young gave me Hell at the Christmas party because I omitted the project last year".

The International Lily Show will be held at the arboretum on July 11, 12, 13, 1974.

Wouldn't you know it? Frank Vixto found upon audit that our finances are in good shape.

Honorary members Walter Quist and Walter Menzel have both been hospitalized recently. Walter Menzel's hospitalization kept him from the Christmas party for the first time in years.

PROGRAM The film, "Lilies of Japan", was as Bob Livingston promised artistic. It showed lilies not only as food but also as food for contemplation. It showed lilies in borders, lilies growing wild over the mountainsides. It touched upon the development of lily varieties and the lily's position in trade. For good measure Japanese characters were superimposed upon the film from time to time. If they had any relation to what the narrator was saying we'll never know.

Bruce Johnstone not looking the least bit tired despite having been retired for a few weeks discussed various facets of flower seed production. His talk which was illustrated with slides taken in California by Kermit Erickson and in Europe by Jim Lowrie will appear in the March issue of the *Garden Spray*.

Let's digress a moment. It never got in print but we're still thinking of Mrs. Kline's presentation at the November meeting. She made construction of decorative pieces look so simple. Just punch a hole here, staple an item there, pin (florist style hairpin) something else on top and, voilá, you have a pleasing display. Quoting prices of component parts she proved the decorations could be inexpensive. And who hasn't the basic tools: sidecutting pliers, ice pick, cheap scissors, and some old copper wire?

#### THE EDITOR'S CORNER

In the January issue, we noted that less than half of the MGCA units appear to have editors and speculated that finding editors might be a problem. This month we'd like to take a different approach. We note that the smaller bulletins in particular seem to present the efforts of the same one or two men year after year. Can it be that editors are hard to find because contributors are few and far between? Clippings won't suffice for a bulletin.

And, how does one make sure articles are contributed? Is it a matter of naming a staff member whose responsibility it then is to write or secure the articles? Would this be just another committee whose chairman did all the work? And how does one know whom to but hole for articles if there is not a large cadre of professional or semi professional writers?

The *Garden Spray* has, to date, been fortunate. Staff has contributed regularly. We have successfully solicited some fine articles. Requests have been graciously received. They haven't been turned aside too often. Bill Hull, Art Johnson, and Julius Wadekamper sent in articles on their own initiative. But, even we, favorably situated as we are, have no steady flow of material--no backlog to draw upon for a full issue in an emergency at the last minute.

Nationally are club editors shy because there is no flow of material? Is the potential editor discouraged by the need to prod, prod, prod? Can we say, "IT WON'T HAPPEN HERE"?

From the bulletin announcing the Christmas smorgasbord of another MGCA unit--"Make your own table service. We are not permitted to use any of the church utensils."

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

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: JAMES E. PERRIN

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Directors: NORMAN C. JOHNSON and DARWIN PRICE

Vice President: ROBERT C. LIVINGSTON

Treasurer: CHET H. GROGER

1974 COMMITTEES

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

Chrmn: FRANK VIXO.

CHEER: 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.

Co. Chrmn: JOHN LILLIBRIDGE, BILL SWANSON.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: To plan and organize planting and maintenance of the garden.

Co. Chrmn: CARL HOLST, JOHN LILLIBRIDGE.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: To plan and make all arrangements for the club's annual Christmas party, in consultation with the board of the club.

Co. Chrmn: DAVE JOHNSON, DEAN SCHNEIDER.

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

Co. Chrmn: DALE DURST, MARLIN GILHAUSEN.

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

Chrmn and Editor: ED CULBERT.

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

Co. Chrmn: BILL HULL, ART JOHNSON.

INDUSTRIAL AWARD: To receive nominations; to handle the judging and presentation of this award.

Co. Chrmn: VIC LOWRIE, NATE SEIGEL.

LEHMAN TROPHY: 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 presentation of the award.

Co. Chrmn: HENRY HALVORSON, PHIL SMITH, DWIGHT STONE.

MAY AUCTION: To plan, promote and obtain plants for auction for fund raising for club projects.

Co. Chrmn: BUD CHRISTENSEN, BRUCE JOHNSTONE, DARWIN PRICE.

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

Co. Chrmn: LARRY CORBETT, SHERM PINKHAM, BRUCE WARNER.

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

Chrmn: CARL HOLST.

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

Chrmn: BOB LIVINGSTON.

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

Chrmn: JOHN LILLIBRIDGE.

TELEPHONE: To phone all members of the club regarding meeting attendance or upon occasions as authorized by the Board.

Chrmn: LEN BRENNY, PAUL LINDSTEDT.

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.

Co. Chrmn: ROGER ANDERSON, JAMES MEILKE.

LOST

When I walked into the January meeting I wore a pair of Tingley rubbers size "extra large". I apparently left with a pair of "large", so someone else must have an over pair. Please check. If you find you have the wrong rubbers call me at 926-9408.

--Charlie Procter

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