

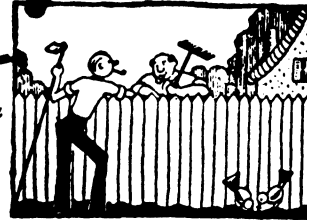


# The Garden Spray

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Back row: Groger, Livingston, Holst, Price  
Front row: N. Johnson, Perrin, Wilson

HAPPY NEW YEAR,  
FELLOWS

LET'S GO! LET'S GROW!  
EVEN MORE IN '74

MAKE 1974  
A REALLY ROUSING YEAR  
FOR GARDENING

YOUR BOARD IS READY  
ARE YOU WITH US?

What's new for 1974? You'll be finding out month after month. Why not bring several guests or potential members with you to Garden Club this year to enjoy the fun and fellowship?

## JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 50th Street at Knox Avenue South.  
Dinner at 5:45 P.M. \$2.25 this month.

We usher in 1974 with two timely talks after the business of receiving annual report (written) from 1973 officers.

## PROGRAM

Bruce Johnstone--"Newer Annuals and Vegetables for 1974"

Bruce not only knows his annuals, he grows them superbly, too. After the August 1 garden tour the *SPRAY* noted, "Bruce's huge garden of annual flowers was a skillful blend of many small squares and rectangles of different flowers. He must have taken a packet of every flower from one of the larger Northrup King seed display racks to plant."

A Film--"Lilies of Japan"

REMINDER: In case you are one of the few who haven't paid 1974 dues yet, get your \$

## OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

by Jim Perrin

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** As usual, our Christmas Party was a huge success with 181 member guests enjoying our traditional family style turkey dinner. We enjoyed the company of 16 members and guests from the North Suburban Men's Garden Club and noticed Chuck sporting chef's cap, apron and wielding the carving tools with speed and gusto. Metropolitan Boy's Choir was outstanding. We wish them luck and success on their European tour this summer. To the 1973 award winners who are identified elsewhere in this issue, congratulations on your well deserved recognition. The highlight of the evening was a reacquainting visit with our own P. W. Young, who came from California just with us for our holiday gathering. Thanks P. W. for honoring us.

Many thanks from the entire membership to Charlie Proctor and his committee for a terrific party. As Bill Hull remarked, it will be a difficult act to follow, a comment I would apply to Carl Holst's entire year. Thanks, Carl, for the terrific year ahead for this year. With the cooperation of committee members and the board we will do our best thing we can to continue in the tradition and spirit of this fine group of gardeners.

We missed the Lehman Trophy award this past year. Let us start now with our plan of improving our gardens and have some real competition this year for this beautiful trophy. The best thing about this competition is that everyone wins in the increased enjoyment of his own yard. Some seed catalogs are already here to whet our appetites.

To date we have received about 75% of 1974 dues. Please send any unpaid dues to the Treasurer promptly so we can make up the roster with a minimum of changes. We will need about 10 new memberships just to maintain zero growth so work on that friend or neighbor with the green thumb.

Bob Livingston, vice-president and program chairman, has some interesting ideas for this year's programs beginning with an award winning film entitled "Lilies of Japan", later in the year, an introduction to the new Secretary for the Minnesota Horticultural Society, the plant design for the new Zoo and an arboretum visit. We always welcome your suggestions on programs, flower shows, or what have you.

A hearty welcome to Howard Schuler whose application for membership was approved at the December Board Meeting. Howard, an employee of Northrup King, was sponsored by Bob Johnstone.

The mild fall gave us an unusual opportunity to get our fall clean up completed. It gave me a chance to work out the black dirt in my new flower border ready for Spring planting. We've been at this home two years now and progress seems slow and labored. The soil is very sandy, great for the neighboring potato farmers, but tree, shrub, and other plantings do not adapt to their new environment easily even though generous amounts of compost were added at planting.

Committees will be formed soon to perform the various necessary tasks of the club. Continued cooperation and willing help will be appreciated by all.

### NEW MEMBERS SINCE the LAST LISTING

James H. Fishbauger, 16880 Flying Cloud Drive, Eden Prairie, Mn. 55343

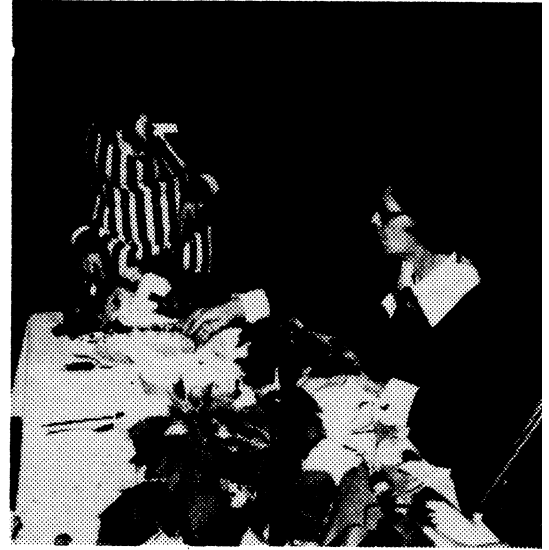
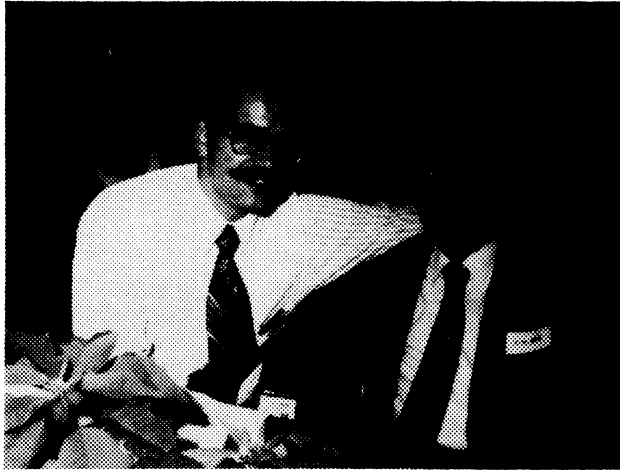
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Glenn H. Ray, 2507 Lake Place, Mpls. 55405 Phone: 374-4368

Howard W. Schuler, 16530 - 27 Ave. N., Wayzata, Mn. 55391 Phone: 546-1052

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Garden club prospects: Neighbors--there is one on each side of you and they each



### PICTURES

Above: Bill Hull carves as Carol watches.  
 Above Left: Phil Smith shows how we feel about P. W.

Left: P. W. Young in a characteristic pose after Charlie Proctor presents a glass of wine.

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### THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday December 3, the long awaited event assembled in the Mt. Olivet dining hall for a traditional turkey dinner. Ninety-four old member P. W. Young, complete with cello had flown in from California. Dave Goddard hospitalized for weeks but now looking as good as new was there. Henry Bachman with his cello and grandchildren--a tableful--was there. Fishbaugher, our newest member, was there. Most everyone, it seems, was there but we miss honorary members Harold Kaufmann and Quist.

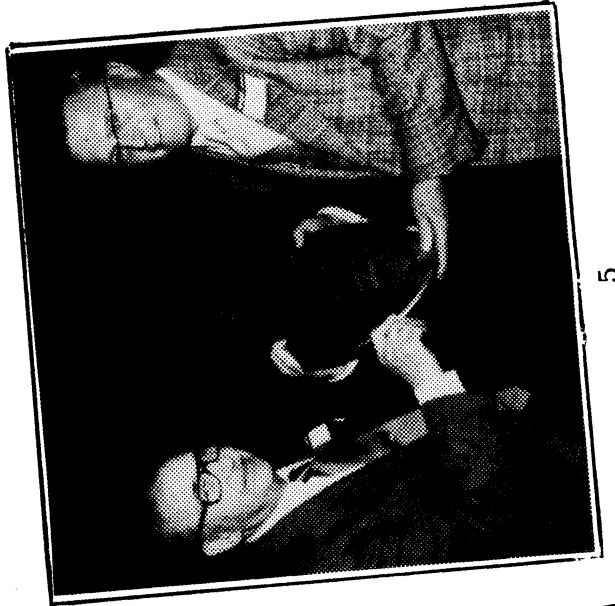
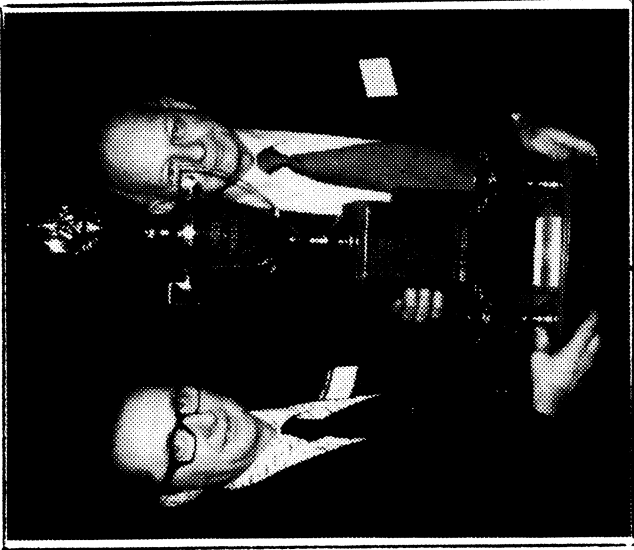


By 6:15, the scheduled social hour, three-fourths of the group had arrived and all consumed half the punch. At 6:30, fifteen minutes before the official dinner hour there was a rush to find places at tables to admire the little poinsettia plants at each lady's place and to continue the chatter. What a hub bub! Carl Holst could hardly be heard over the P. A. system when he stood up at 6:45.

Following the invocation by Dick Hulbert the crowd sat in anticipatory silence as Lindstedt, Bill Hull, Lloyd Bachman, John Lillibridge, Vic Lowrie, Bob Smith, Bucktenson, Phil Smith, Jim Mielke, Chuck King, Dean Schneider and Falconer Thomas, cello knives whetted to razor edge, donned aprons and strode to the serving windows for turkeys. Those big aprons were strictly decorative and served no utilitarian purpose. Those fellows knew their jobs. They kept the plates full and not a single turkey caped to the floor.



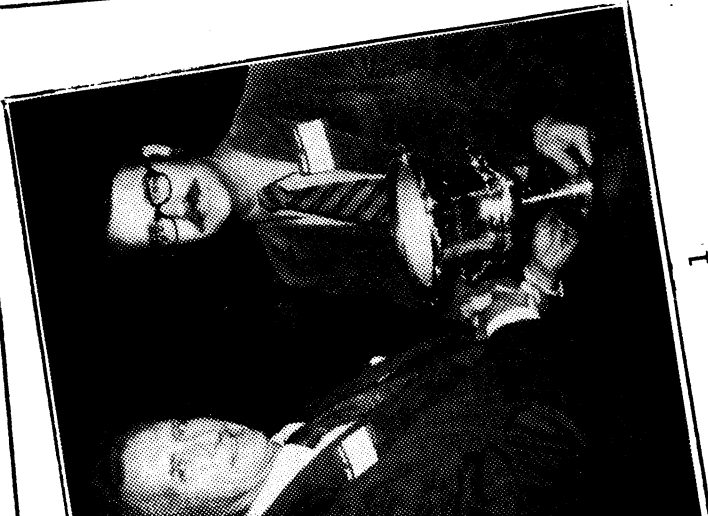
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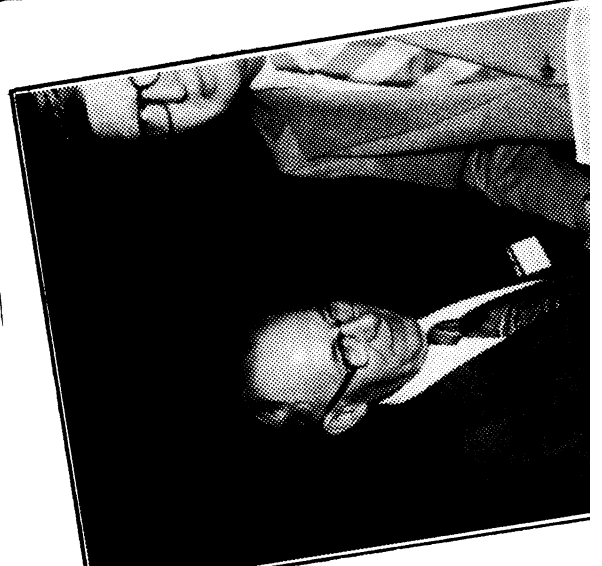
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AWARD PICTURES, page 4

1. Carl Holst, left, awards the President's Cup to John Lillibridge in appreciation his efforts and helpfulness in 1973.
2. Roger Anderson fastens the Past President's Pin on Carl Holst's lapel as he induc him into their ranks.
3. Verner Carlson, sweepstakes winner in the 1973 Flower Show, proudly displays the Blackbourn Trophy presented by Dale Durst, left, chairman of the show committee.
4. Evald Johnson, whose ten consecutive years of perfect attendance at MGCM meetings equals the record set by Bill Swanson, gazes at the Green Thumb Award Bill Hull i presenting.
5. Vic Lowrie and Walter Rasmussen, president of the Northeast State Bank of Minneap display the Industrial Beautification Award for 1973 presented to the bank by MGC
6. Charles Proctor tells of the outstanding service rendered to MGCM over the years Grant Christenson winner of the Bronze Medal Award.

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PARTY (continued from page 3)

After dinner we listened to and sang along with the Metropolitan Boys Choir (We'd lik to have sung along more). This polished and proficient group of boys ages 8 through was organized by and is conducted by Mrs. Bea Speed. Bill Swanson's twin boys were i troduced as members of the choir.

While the choir risers were being cleared away, Bill Hull summoned 13 MGCM members to appear before him and, hand upraised, repeat the Pledge to the Spade,

"I PLEDGE MY LIFE TO THE SPADE  
AS LONG AS I CAN SPADE IN THE SHADE  
WITH A MIND THAT IS CLEAN  
AND A THUMB THAT IS GREEN  
YES, THAT IS THE LIFE THAT I CRAVE."

Recipients of Green Thumb Certificates were: Verner Carlson, Edwin Culbert, Paul Lind stedt, Robert Livingston, James Perrin, Sherman Pinkham and Nathan Siegel--one year; Donald Jepson--two years; Dale Durst, Carl Holst and Harry Sova--four years; Jack Pet son--seven years; and, Evald Johnson--ten years.

The Industrial Landscape Award was given to the Northeast State Bank of Minneapolis f the way in which its parking lot has been landscaped and the attention given toward p vision for a play area for children. Mr. Walter Rasmussen, president of the bank, re ceived the plaque following a description of the project by Vic Lowrie, chairman of t awards committee.

Other awards (see picture captions for descriptive statement) were as follows: the President's Cup to John Lillibridge, the Bronze Medal to Grant Christenson, the Black bourn Trophy to Verner Carlson, the Past President's Pin to Carl Holst.

The evening concluded with a showing of memory provoking garden slides collected from MGCM members by Les Johnson.

WHEN THE CATALOGS COME...

REMEMBER when choosing that there can be a good deal of color in the vegetable garden as well as in the flower garden. Consider, for example alternating Ruby lettuce, whi has red leaves, with the green variety. And red and green cabbage. Royalty snap bea are purple-podded. The common ones are green or yellow.

The best color schemes allow one color to dominate. You can get a good idea of a veg table on flower colors from the seed catalogs. Think of modern painting. Just hold a

## MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

by Don Wilson

The *Garden Spray* asked each of the officers the following questions: (1) Approximat when did you join the Club? (2) What offices have you held? (3) What is your occup tion? (4) Why did you join the Club and who was your sponsor? (5) What do you hope the Club will accomplish in the coming year?

Jim Perrin, President - (1) 1965; (2) Director, '72, Treasurer, '73, President, '74; ( Distributor of theater films; (4) I worked for Walter Quist a few years ago. We a similar love of gardening. He brought me to a few meetings and I liked what I s so I joined; (5) I'd like to see both new and old members working on the Fragranc Garden and perhaps a few new projects.

Bob Livingston, Vice President - (1) 1970; (2) Secretary, '73; (3) Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Company; (4) I was interested in gardening, so I looked around for best outlet for that interest. Dwight Stone sponsored me. (5) I would like to se lot of new members. I would like to see the novices helped and to have a broad pr for everyone.

Don Wilson, Secretary - (1) 1969; (2) Director, '73; (3) U. S. Treasury Department; I joined the Club because I wanted something to keep me busy and interested as I g older. I was sponsored by Vern Carlson and appreciate the friendship of all the m bers; (5) I hope the Club will keep up the good work on the Fragrance Garden, perl help the Oriental Garden Project at Normandale, and even help out the core city wi other beautification projects.

Chet Groger, Treasurer - (1) 1971; (2) None; (3) Saleman for Midway Ford Tractor Co (4) Otto Nelson and I garden on the hillside near each other, so he got me interes in the Club; (5) I read in the National Garden Club publication about having semir or small group meetings for the newcomers. I would like to see some emphasis on he ing those about to join or even outsiders on the basics of gardening.

Norm Johnson, Director - (1) 1970; (2) None; (3) Traffic Manager of the Electric Mery Manufacturing Co.; (4) I was introduced by Otto Erickson of the Club. He late went out to Sun City, Arizona. I went to see his garden and decided to join. (5) think the Club has been run well, and I would like to see the Fragrance Garden kep and perhaps some more work done for the underprivileged.

Darwin Price, Director - (1) 1973; (2) None; (3) Land Surveyor for C. E. Coulter an Associates; (4) I was a member of the Richfield Men's Garden Club. I was Sectetar for two years and a Director for one year. When the Club disbanded I, along with others, was delighted to join MGC; (5) I think we should stress helping new member by having part of our program basically informational--sort of a split type prograr Something for everybody.

Carl Holst, Immediate Past President - (1) 1953; (2) Board of Directors '69-'70, Vic President, '72, President, '73; (3) Supervisor of Horticulture, Mpls. Park and Re-creation Board; (4) Joe Witmer and I had been friends for some time. The Club had been at the Rose Garden that I was in charge of, and it just seemed that the right thing to do was to join; (5) I think we should increase membership. Then we coul effectively work with some of the downtown committees on urban environment and help develop some of the vacant parcels of land.

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LET'S GET BEHIND THEM 100 PERCENT.

LET'S MAKE MINNESOTA BLOSSOM WITH MUMS  
by Dick Lehman

If you are one who likes the feel of a good smell you'll like Chrysanthemums. No other flower that has ever come to my attention has the range of colors, the range of flower form and the diversified plant habit, beauty, and general usefulness of the garden Chrysanthemum.

If you prefer small flowers you can have Mums about the size of a dime in all colors. If you like large flowers, you can have Mums in all colors and shapes as large as you hat. If you like them low, you can have Mums in all colors and forms on plants that do not grow over 8 to 10 inches tall. If you like flowers tall, you can have Mums 5 to 6 feet tall. If you like them bushy, you can grow the Cushion types which spread out wider than they grow high.

If you like erect growing plants that will give you armsful of cut flowers for your home you can have those. If you like them blooming early, you can have all colors blooming as early as August. If you like them late, you can have them blooming at Christmas time.

It is perhaps unfortunate that some of the latest blooming kinds are also some of the most beautiful and cannot be successfully grown outside of Minnesota. But, these varieties can be grown in rows in the vegetable garden, or some other out-of-the-way place during the summer and then as killing frost threatens, they can be dug up, planted in a pail or 7 to 8 inch flower pot and brought inside to flower, thus lengthening the season by a month or more. A Mum is one of the few flowering plants that will tolerate being transplanted in full bud and bloom with very little set back or shock from moving. I have seen some glorious specimens that gardeners have handled this way, in full bloom Thanksgiving time in the home.

The modern Chrysanthemum can be had in every color and shade of the spectrum, except blue--a color that the Creator kept for small flowers, such as the Forget-me-not and the Violet.

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Editor's Note: The article above is the first of a series on chrysanthemums by MGCM member Edgar ("Dick") Lehman nationally known for his hybridizing and sales of chrysanthemum plants. To follow are articles on the history of the chrysanthemum, the culture of the chrysanthemum, and, we hope, still other articles.

DRIFT FROM THE SPRAYER

The 1972 Directory showed neither bulletin nor editor for 68 units. 43 more sent no copies to the national. The Sioux Valley MGC has had no bulletin since spring because no one else was willing to take over when Bob Waldoch became too involved with his work. The Toledo Ohio MGC had no bulletin for 4 months because Bill Bahrs was hospitalized. He had "written, edited, folded, stapled, and mailed *Green Fingers* almost single handed" and there was no one to step in."

What is the answer to this apparently widespread problem? Should different individuals be assigned responsibility for editing and putting out each issue, or every other issue each quarter's issues? What about continuity of style and who would insure that the job got done? Should MGC groups abandon informative bulletins? (This might make more editors available.) Would single pages suffice? Should postcard announcements be substituted? Would a folder listing meeting dates, topics, and speakers be feasible?

Running flower shows, editing bulletins isn't quite like pulling weeds or cutting grass. Some members might find the job beyond them. But if the club is successful, it has members who are able, men who are willing. Still, they don't volunteer. Who then, knowing their capabilities, will "volunteer" them?