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MARK YOUR CALENDAR MAIL YOUR CHECK

MGCM SUMMER GARDEN VISITS START SUNDAY JULY 9th
(By Reservation Only. Use Form at Bottom of Page.)

MEET AT MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH PARKING LOT (50th St. & Knox Av. S.)

BUSES LEAVE AT 1:00 P.M.

WHAT YOU WILL SEE
by Bob Haley

The first of 1978's annual garden tours will be Sunday, July 9th. We will see seven beautiful gardens--each particularly planned to take advantage of it's terrain.

Leaving Mount Olivet Church at 1:00 P.M., we stop first at Donald O'Donnell's lakeside home at 5605 Melody Lane, Edina. His woodland garden has walking paths through flowers and vegetables. He says it is planned for the traveling workingman gardener. It is deceptively natural looking, though you will recognize the work and thought that has gone into it.

At Lyle Buchanan's, 5511 West Highwood Drive, Edina, you will see landscaping done with meticulous care. Lyle will introduce us to his unique Japanese garden. The well placed plantings emphasize a mood of serenity.

Struan Complin, 6102 Arctic Way, Edina, gardens on a lot with a steep
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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JULY 5, 1978!

RESERVATION(S) FOR MGCM GARDEN TOUR SUNDAY JULY 9.
(Return this form with your check to Richard Hulbert
3422 Xerxes Av. N., Mpls., Mn., 55412 by Wednesday July 5.)

Reserve _____ places for me on the July 9 tour.
(\$8.00 singles; \$15.00 couples)

Check for \$ _____ payable to Men's Garden Club of Mpls. enclosed.

Your Signature _____ (Add names of your guests at
bottom of page)

Address: _____

Zipcode _____



slope at the back bordering on a woody piece of park property. To avoid washouts on the slope from heavy rains his gardens are shielded in a variety of ways. He changes his garden three times each season-- first, masses of blooms from spring bulbs; then a colorful show of annuals; and finally, a fall show of chrysanthemums.

Our tour continues to the Lake Minnetonka area. Following the shoreline as closely as possible, you will glimpse the gardens of many estates on Ferndale Road as we go to our next stop on Crystal Bay. We will enjoy the Noerenberg Garden, long famous as a beautiful private estate. It was recently given by the family to the Hennepin County Park Reserve with the stipulation it be used for the enjoyment of the gardens, not the usual picnicing and camping activities. Mr. Forde, the family's gardener for over forty years, was designated to continue as manager until he retires. He will show us the gardens overlooking the bay and directly across from the Lafayette Club.

Continuing around the lake and through the scenic countryside, our final stop brings us to three adjoining gardens done by the well known horticulturists and rosarians, Bruce Johnstone, Leon Snyder, and Tom Jones. Each garden reflects the individual interests of its owner. It will be our privilege to see the many new varieties of vegetables, roses and other flowers. These three spacious gardens illustrate well what can be done with good management.

Before our 6 P.M. dinner at the Arboretum you will have time to freshen up, stroll into the nearby gardens and have a cool cup of punch. You will be seated for a specially planned dinner served by the famous Arboretum Tea Room staff. It will be a fitting conclusion for a delightful afternoon.

Because of the Fourth of July holiday reservations should be in the mail on July 3rd. Dining space is limited to 150 so reservations will be made on a "first come" basis. Total cost, bus and dinner, is \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple. RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 5, 1978!

OPEN HOUSE FOR LILY VIEWING

BORBOLITA GARDENS SATURDAY JULY 1

Member Julius Wadekamper invites you to get in shape for our July tour or to start your July 4th weekend with a visit to his display above. The location: Highway 10 between Anoka and Elk River at the Aksarben Garden Center.

MGCM members continue to be in the news. The Spring 1978 EBENEZER DIGEST on the topic "In-Home Help for Seniors" featured Bill Cowcill on seven of its 32 pages. Included were five photographs of Bill. One of them showing him working with his geraniums entitled "A prized possession of Bill's-- geranium cuttings from the garden of Prince Charles" we had hoped to reprint but found that it couldn't be picked up satisfactorily by the equipment used to print the SPRAY. A major portion of the material about Bill is reproduced on pages 5 and 6.

The insert sheet re the Photograph committee between pages 4 and 5 of this issue was supplied by Chet Groger.

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE MARGARET

We are incorporated as a service club which means that we ought to be making continuous contributions to our community horticulturally. Not that we are not doing so now. We have created and maintained the Scent Garden with the needs of the blind in mind. We make an annual contribution of \$300 to the Arboretum. We recognize exemplary landscaping by business organizations. These are fine contributions but many think that such a growing organization as ours with thousands of dollars in reserve easily able to carry its operating expenses and with a membership of so many horticulturally expert people should be doing even more to maintain its reputation of service.

I raised this question at the May Board Meeting. The members readily agreed that we should be doing more and we began advancing some general ideas.

Some organizations are underwriting the cost of colored illustrations in an issue of the Horticulturist--at about six or seven hundred dollars.

The whole community is in a tree crisis with the loss of a huge number of elms, oaks, etc. from disease. There must be areas where even a few dollars would help meet the needs for replanting.

Most of us wish that we could find means to encourage and help educational agencies in developing horticultural interests, knowledge, and skills among our children and youth.

Another area of great need is among our senior citizens. A surprisingly large proportion of them are of rural background and sorely miss the opportunity of working with growing things. There is an elderly lady at the Walker Residence so lame that she has to sit on a bench to tend to her little plot of flowers in the Home's garth. But how wonderful for her therapeutically that she has even this limited opportunity to garden and how wonderful for her spiritually to know that she can still help make her world more beautiful for others. And, of course, everyone stops to talk to her about her gardening and ask questions. I am sure Senior Citizen institutions and agencies would welcome our interest and support of programs along this line.

I would be happy to receive your response to these suggestions and others that you might have. I would like to have some concrete proposals to present to the entire membership.

--Richard Hulbert

Seven members of the St. Paul Men's? (Now co-ed, they said.) Garden Club attended our June meeting. Their president described their program.

Mike Zinz then followed with a slide-lecture presentation on "Pruning", emphasizing: 1) Prune at the right time; 2) Use the proper tools; 3) Use the right techniques. Unfortunately, it was too dark to take notes.

SCALE: Start to examine ornamentals in early June for scale crawlers on foliage and wood. Spray infested plants with malathion. Spray narrow leaved evergreens, such as pine and spruce, with malathion or Sevin. Spray junipers with a fungicide containing ferbam if rust galls are present.

FRAGRANCE GARDEN AGAIN TAKES FORM

On Tuesday, June 6, our Community Fragrance Garden at 19th and Aldrich South was planted for the eighth consecutive year. Larry Corbett and Carl Holst obtained the over 1100 plants through Mary Maguire of the Park Board. A crew composed of Vern Carlson, Larry Corbett, Ed. Culbertson, Don Hardesty, Paul Lindstedt, Charley Proctor and Maury Moorman then set them out.

Planted were ageratum, fibrous rooted begonias, dusty miller, lobelias, geraniums in variety, pansies, petunias, salvia and divisions of the mums and chrysanthemums which had lived over from 1977. One oddity cropped up among the geraniums--a red geranium with one light green variegated leaf and a mutant branch. The potted tomato plants beside the flats of flowers turned out to be Italian tomatoes raised by Vern Carlson and brought to work by the workers.

The garden is used by the neighborhood. As evidence: Two birdfeeders, filled with seed, were hanging in the background shrubbery. Nearby on the ground was a pan of water shallow enough for a bird bath and containing a rock for a perch. Three adults came with bag lunches and sat on a bench under a tree while we were planting.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES AND/OR TREATMENTS

CUTWORMS: These pests are difficult to control since they feed at night and most often only on the lower part of the plant....Spray around the base of your transplants with a mixture of Sevin or Diazinon. The soil must be wet to a depth of one inch or more with the insecticide mixture.

SQUASH VINE BORERS: The adult of the squash vine borer is a small metallic moth that lays its eggs in the crown of the plant. The caterpillar works its way through the vine to the inside where it feeds and grows. Soon, it injures the vine to the point where it will not be able to feed the plant. Treat the plant about the time of first bloom and every week until the danger is passed. Use Sevin or malathion spray or dust. Start the control program by applying Sevin or Rotenone around the base of the stalk.

APHIDS: Aphids cause more problems than just their sucking on the plant. Aphids transmit several plant viruses. Squash mosaic virus is most common. The Squash produced from an infected plant will have green spots and red spots on ripe squash fruit. If you aren't going to eat the part sprayed, the old nicotine sulphate or pyrethrum sprays are good on a lot of plants.

SPIDER MITES: If spider mites are causing you trouble on your marigolds etc., spray with kelthane once a week for three weeks being careful to spray the underside of the leaves.

SOD WEDWORMS: Apply dieldrin or a phosphate insecticide, such as diazinon during mid-May to mid-June or if sod webworms are eating leaves now or if grubs are cutting roots, treat promptly. Controlling grubs helps to eliminate many problems with moles, for grubs are a prime food source of moles.

BAGWORMS: Spray infected plants with malathion, diazinon, or toxaphene in early June. Pick off and burn any established bags.

M.G.C.M. PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM FOR 1978

This current list of members is grouped by areas and includes a group leader for each area. He has offered to take slide pictures of your garden with your approval and help. If you would like to take pictures of your own garden, please let him know and he will count on you to do so.

One benefit of being the group photographer is the chance to visit the neighboring members' gardens and get better acquainted with members. Why not make a mini-tour of the gardens in each group and get to know each other better. When fall comes, each group should have a good selection of slides for viewing at our winter meetings. Our first showing will be at the October meeting and I will welcome some slides before that time.

Chet Groger

GROUP 1 - Tom Somers - 922-0190 - S. W. Minneapolis

Bachman, Henry	Nelson, Otto	Stehly, Dick
Bachman, Larry	Rutherford, Si	Wilson, Don
Bouslough, Vinton	Shaur, Ken	
Moorman, Maury	Siegel, Nate	

GROUP 2 - Chet Groger - 825-6416 - South Minneapolis, Marine, Hastings

Fischer, Louis	Mondati, John	Shefland, Juel
Johnson, Les	Perry, Russ	Thomas, Milt
MacGregor, Bill	Peterson, Jack	Warth, Thomas

GROUP 3 - Wally Carlson - 729-1235 - South Minneapolis

Carlson, Vern	Knoblauch, Clarence	Trumble, Ev
Culbert, Ed	Lang, Fred	
Glaoe, Fred	Olson, Jerry	

GROUP 4 - Erle Tornstrom - 922-8988 - Edina, S. W. Minneapolis

Bergstrom, Warren	Hart, Don	Pinkham, Sherm
Durst, Dale	Hillstrom, Jerry	Sova, Harry
Flumerfelt, Walt	Nelson, Len	
Haddad, Nick	Newton, Newt	

GROUP 5 - Frank Vixo - 922-2321 - Edina

Complin, Struan	Hull, Bill	Savory, Bob
Denn, Paul	Johnson, Howard	Sievers, Harold
Gage, Bill	Lowrie, Vic	Stewart, Norm
Haedecke, Ev	O'Donnel, Don	Livingston, Bob

GROUP 6 - Archie Caple - 869-3437 - Richfield

Bachman, Paul	Friberg, Buster	Price, Darwin
Bezot, Jim	Johnson, Art	Solem, Thor
Brown, Frank	Lange, Dick	Witter, Harold
Christenson, Bud	Peterson, Phil	

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GROUP 7 - Charles Robbins - 861-3131 - Bloomington, Burnsville, Lakeville

Bachman, Lloyd King, Chuck Rahn, Ray
Bachman, Todd Klier, Howard Turnquist, Orrin

GROUP 8 - Cameron Smith - 881-2824 - Bloomington, Eagan

Bogart, Bill Kolb, Jack Victor, Dick
Dock, Jim Lampert, Len
Hardesty, Don Rosin, Marlin

GROUP 9 - Jim Mayerle - 448-2120 - Eden Prairie, Excelsior, Chanhassen

Fishbaugher, Jim Johnstone, Bruce Prestegord, Craig
Gage, Bob Mielke, Jim Smith, G. W.
Hamilton, Tom Papermaster, Ralph Snyder, Leon

GROUP 10 - Bob Haley - 473-8729 - Hopkins, Minnetonka

Ashley, Floyd Crist, Stan Smith, Bob
Backes, Russ Proetz, Bill
Bryant, Bob Ray, Glenn

GROUP 11 - Burton Deane - 933-1903 - St. Louis Park, South Minneapolis

Anderson, Roger Frederick, Bill Stevens, John
Bartsch, Glen Holst, Carl Zats, Bert
Cattron, Larry Menzel, Walter
Corbett, Larry Proctor, Pete

GROUP 12 - Ray Marshall - 425-9896 - Golden Valley, Osseo, Brooklyn Park

Bergstrand, Roger Johnson, Carl Smith, Phil
Brandt, Fred Perrin, Jim Stone, Dwight
Cowcill, Bill Schmidt, Walt Wadekamper, Julius
Halverson, Henry Schneider, Dean

GROUP 13 - Churilla, Bob - 788-8958 - North and N. E. Mpls., St. Paul

Denesuk, Michael Johnson, Evald Quist, Walter
Hulbert, Dick LeBoutillier, Ted Shannon, Jerry
Johnson, Dave Lindstedt, Paul

What's important to Bill at 82?

by Evelyn Schafer

"Aye, I've seen more dinnertimes than dinners," the feisty Englishman declared, chuckling at his own remark to tell you with good humor that he has seen more bad times than good.

Bill C. came from Yorkshire, England, in 1928 and "learned to be an American the hard way—during the Depression." He related his life story in a charming, clipped British accent that remains even after fifty years.

Bill will be 82 in October of this year. He's still able to live in the home he and his wife, Elsie, bought in north Minneapolis in 1940. Elsie had to go to a nursing home last year, but Bill drives his 1963 Plymouth Belvedere over there to visit her every evening.

Most of his life he made a living as a chauffeur or bus driver and treats the vehicle with the respect and care of an artisan preserving the tools of his trade. The car's nearly as good as new, with only 54,000 miles on it.

Keeping active is important to Bill. It means being an avid gardener, for one thing. He built a greenhouse onto his home, but this winter the heating system in the greenhouse failed and he couldn't afford to have it repaired because of the medical expenses for him and his wife. The few plants and flowers he was able to salvage from the freezing temperatures are temporarily under a Gro-Lite on a bench in the basement, waiting for the Spring warmup, to be planted outdoors.

Bill's a gregarious fellow, a joiner. He belongs to the Minneapolis Men's Garden Club (has been a member for 22 years), the Arboretum, North Suburban Men's Garden Club, Minnesota Horticultural Society and the Delphinium Society of England. He has won awards for his gardens over the years, but right now is especially proud of the geraniums that were started from clippings he brought back from England last year—from Prince Charles' gardens. Several years ago he taught an evening gardening class at North Hennepin State Junior College and has a certificate of award from the college.

"Everybody should prepare for retirement before they retire—everybody should have hobbies, too," Bill preaches. He doesn't care if it's gardening, or writing, or woodworking, or poetry, he says, but it should be something special in your life.

Bill's story really began in the coal mines of England. His father was killed in a mine disaster when Bill was 11 years old. By the time he was 13 he was already working in the mines. "And I've worked to earn a living ever since, until I retired," he reminisced.

Other memories flooded back. During World War I, he served in the "King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry" for four years and was taken prisoner in Germany with the British troops. In 1921 he met his wife, Elsie, on a blind date, introduced by a friend of his. The two young couples were to go to a dance. In England at that time the ballrooms were large and grand, with floors big enough for 1000 couples to dance, Bill recalled with pride. Huge crystal chandeliers hung from the ceiling and there were tiers upon tiers of red velvet-covered seats in the balcony for spectators. Special dancing shoes were required before one could dance on the magnificent polished floor. He had no dancing shoes, so they all went to the movies instead, for that first date.

Bill and Elsie were married and both continued working. He was a bus driver, of the huge double-decker buses so familiar in England. Drivers' licenses then had space on a foldout section for policemen to record violations or accidents. If three accidents were recorded in one year, a new license could be refused. Bill proudly shows his English license from half a century ago, explaining he has driven nearly 60 years, both in England and America, with an accident-free record.

In 1928 Bill and Elsie came to

America where she had relatives living. Bill worked as chauffeur and gardener for a millionaire in Jackson Michigan, for a time. When he lost his job, as well as his savings, during the Depression, they came to Minneapolis. For a while he tried his hand at selling vacuum cleaners door-to-door. "The trouble was," Bill recalls with a twinkle in his eye, "they were Hoover vacuum cleaners and I had many doors slammed in my face because people associated it with the President and blamed the Depression on Hoover."

When he was finally able to get a job as a bus driver, he and Elsie worked to save money for a home. Elsie traveled each day by bus out to Lake Minnetonka to do housework in people's homes. They paid off their 20-year mortgage in six years and Bill declares he never went into debt again. That is, until their problems in the last few years—what with the hospital expenses and the cost of Elsie's living in a nursing home.

Since his 80th birthday Bill has made two trips back to England to visit. He and Elsie had no children and there are no relatives left in America. On one trip he took his wife along, although she was already blind and had difficulty walking. Bill had fallen on the ice earlier in the year and fractured two vertebrae. After returning home from the hospital he suffered constant pain, but the desire and longing to return to England for a visit was so intense he took Elsie and went back in 1975.

"That's when God gave me a miracle," Bill testifies. "I was in such pain during the trip on the plane, with helping Elsie and handling all the luggage. But then there was a miraculous moment when all the pain was cured. It happened the instant I got off the plane in England. I really do feel it was a miracle from God."

This past year Bill spent 32 days in the hospital for injuries resulting from an attempt to help lift his wife at home when she was unable to help herself. He then had surgery for a double hernia. Elsie had to go to a nursing home as Bill was unable to

Bill at 82
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care for her and she was becoming confused. He was told that he should go into a nursing home too, but says, "I fought like a tiger to go back home."

Then Community Services from Ebenezer became involved to help make it possible for Bill to live at home. A staff coordinator came to talk to Bill to determine what services would be most appropriate and needed. Now Homemaker/Home Health Aide Cappie W. comes in once a week to do the cleaning, ironing, washing and vacuuming. Bill used to be able to keep up the house and

still helps with small chores, but admits his energy level isn't what it used to be. He also receives a nourishing noon meal through 'Dinner at Your Door.' A Public Health Nurse is available when needed. His "best friend," Earl P., an Ebenezer Senior Companion, who had visited him regularly at the hospital, comes to the house for visiting and assisting with errands. But most importantly, he offers friendship when it's needed. Bill's life is in better order now, though he says he's anxious to get out in the flower garden again soon. "It's good exercise, provides fresh air, and beautifies the world, all at the

same time," he acknowledges with flourish.

"But the time I feel lonely is at holidays and I see cars around of people's houses and I'm alone. TI I think to myself—anybody can sit around and feel sorry for themselves. That's for the canaries—that's no me! I've got to get out and help make others happy too. That's what makes me happy.

"It's very important to me to keep on living at home. With Earl's help, Cappie's help, and other good people from Ebenezer, I can do it. I'm not dependent. I just couldn't stand it another way."

Vegetable growing is not so simple as growing flowers. Some vegetables are picky about where they will flourish. Vegetables must have consistent moisture around their roots. Weeds should not be allowed to compete with them for nourishment. Vegetables need full sun all day long. They all need excellent, quick drainage. Avoid trees that throw afternoon shadows or in any place where water stands after a heavy rain. Swap your vegetables around. Never plant tomatoes in the same spot. Don't use chemical controls near edible foods. For caterpillars on the cabbage family, dust with flour sprinkled over the expanding heads. Pick the huge tomato caterpillars off. Use a shallow saucer of beer to attract slugs. Marigolds, garlic, onions planted among your vegetables control nematodes.

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