

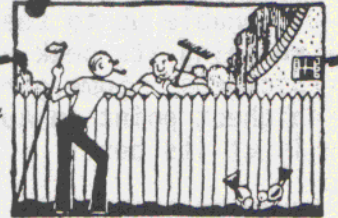


The Garden Spray

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HEY! LOOK! When have we had a talk on bonsai?

Never--At least not in the last ten years; yet bonsai is of growing interest in this country, so

MGCM PROUDLY PRESENTS AT IT'S MARCH MEETING

KEVIN OSHIMA with a talk ON BONSAI.

Mr. Oshima during his studies in biochemistry (in which he holds a degree) became fascinated with cell biology and plant retardation and turned to the family interest in bonsai. (His grandfather is a Japanese Master in bonsai.) After teaching bonsai at several universities and at the Gene Mills Creative Learning Center he started his own bonsai nursery at St. Mary's Point on the St. Croix river. There he sells his own products as well as imports from Japan.

MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH, 50th and Knox S., TUESDAY MARCH 8th, 1977.
DINNER at 6:00 PRICE \$3.00 PROGRAM at 7:00

SEND YOUR RESERVATION IN TODAY

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YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT

Once again we had a very good meeting in February and all of us are happy I'm sure and encouraged to see such good turnouts for winter meetings. We are well ahead of previous years in attendance and it looks as if the reservation system is the right answer to getting an accurate count of members planning to attend our dinner meetings. Our cooks are well pleased and that is of number one importance. "A happy cook is a good cook", so they say, and we have the very best. Not too many of us had only one serving of that great beef stew, did we?

It was interesting to see the many fine features of those unusual gesneriads in the pictures that Mel Sater, our speaker, showed. I know from my own experience with this many-specied family that gesneriads make outstanding indoor house plants and offer a great deal of variety. Perhaps not enough of us have tried these fascinating plants that certainly are among the most successful indoor plants that can be grown in Minnesota homes year around.

Most of our committees are set for this year. The name sheet reads like an action sheet since all the members who volunteered are filled with interest and enthusiasm. Committees have a responsibility to the members and also to themselves. Each group should meet to plan their project for the year.

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I hope I will be able to meet with each group and help them as much as I can along the way. We haven't heard from all of our members yet, but let's hope that everyone will want to join our committees. They are the real working arms of a good club.

I am especially excited about the photography group. Great plans are in the offing to enable us to see how and what everyone grows during the year. If your garden is reaching its peak of bloom, call our chairman, Chet Groger, who will arrange for pictures. Some gardens are at their best in the spring while others are at their highest point in August or September. Please let the committee know when your garden is at its best!

Garden planning is already underway for us. Let's try to keep the May auction sale in mind as we do our planning. This sale is our major fund raiser and we need to hit new highs in sales to meet the growing cost of running a large, effective organization. Our auction chairman this year is Dave Johnson. Let his committee know what things you would like to purchase, and which plants grow best for you. The quality of the plants at the sale has always been the best, and if you are a new member, let me assure you that it pays to buy at our auction. Quality, variety of choice and the direct help that we receive make the auction a highlight of our gardening year for all of us. See you there; help us plan!

--Fred Glasoe

INFORMATION RE VEGETABLE SEEDS

VEGETABLE	AVG. % GERMINATION 1 YR. SEED	AVG. YRS. VIABLE	DAYS REQ. FOR GERMINATION	AVG. DAYS SEED TO HARVEST
Beans, bush	90	3	7	50
Beets	80	5	10-14	78
Broccoli	85	5+	7	80
Brussels Sprouts	85	5	7	120*
Cabbage	85	5	7	120-150*
Carrots	75	3	14-21	65
Cauliflower	75	4	7	120*
Chard	80	5	10-14	60
Corn, Sweet	85	3	7-10	70-85
Cucumber	85	5+	10	60
Eggplant	75	5	10-14	130*
Kale	80	4	7-10	60-80
Kohlrabe	90	5	10	50-60
Lettuce, head	90	6	10-14	90
Lettuce, leaf	90	6	10-14	45
Melon, musk	85	5+	14	80-100
Melon, water	85	5+	14	90
Mustard	85	5	?	40
Okra	85	1	?	60
Onion	80	2	12	110
Parsnip	75	1	12-18	110
Parsley	80	2	21	75
Peas	90	3	10	65-80
Pepper	75	2	10-14	150*
Pumpkin	90	4	10	115
Radish	90	5	5	25
Rutabaga	85	5	?	90
Spinach	80	3	10	40-50
Squash, summer	90	3	10	60-70
Squash, winter	90	5	10	90-130
Tomato	85	3	10	110-130*

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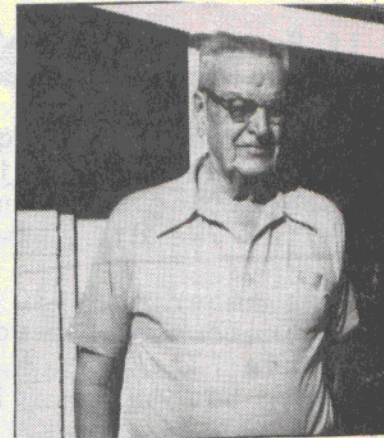
SUNSHINE. (Chairman and more members needed.)
Members: Sherm Pinkham, Sv Rutherford

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MGCM PRESIDENTS: NORMAN W. CHRISTOPHERSON, 1962

Gardeners can be transplanted as well as plants. When the roar of the Crosstown Freeway and the lure of Arizona combined to prompt the Christophersons to move to Sun City in 1962, Norm (better known as Chris) took his gardening interests with him. As he puts it, "It took me a couple of years to find out what plants were best suited for this climate and what period of the year was best for them."



Chris had just retired in 1962 after many years with Northern States Power Company as an accountant. He was born and raised in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and had worked there as an accountant for John Morell Packing Company, a creamery and an auto company before joining NSP here. His work was interrupted during World War I by service in the Navy.

Chris and his wife, Verna, who is an excellent artist, raised a daughter and a son. Chris' hobbies always included gardening, especially perennials, annuals and raising his own seedlings under lights in the basement. His other hobbies are golf and photography. All three hobbies were easily transplanted to Sun City.

Chris served the MGCM for four years as secretary, one year as Vice President and then as President in 1962. He was always an active and contributing member and he says now from Arizona, "My best memories of the Men's Garden Club are of the wonderful friendships of all the members."
--Chet Groger

WHY NOT A LIFE MEMBERSHIP

I am sure that most members know that Men's Garden Clubs of America is building a solid financial foundation through Life Memberships and Endowments. All monies received are kept in a separate fund. Only the interest therefrom may be used by the National office. The Fund has grown to over \$30,000.00 in two years.

Currently Life Memberships are \$100.00 which equals 7½% on your money. After a comparatively few years, one rides free for life. There is also a considerable savings in income taxes if one claims deductions. Memberships may also be payable \$25.00 per year for four years.

There are now 232 Life Members. The Stow, Ohio, club has 40 and Akron is not far behind. Our Minneapolis Club has seven, - Albert Nelson, Paul Lindstedt, Dwight Stone, Bill Hull, Bob Livingston, Dr. Leon Snyder and Sherm Pinkham. Please think the matter over carefully. Send check to our Treasurer, payable to the Men's Garden Clubs of America. Deduct \$7.50 if you have paid your 1977 dues. Call me for any further details.
--Sherm Pinkham, National Director

NEW MEMBER

Lawrence Catron 926-4124
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BACKWARD, TURN BACKWARD, OH TIME....

If Rene' Dufourd's contributions below stir memories then you qualify a genuine MGCM old-timer. Have you other memories to contribute?

"I remember one program we had in the Fountain Terrace in the Medical Art Building. The topic, "Should We Dust or Spray", developed into a very interesting argument between our two Englishmen, Archie Flack and Upshe Smith. We did not learn what to do but we had a good time.

"I remember that 30 years ago few of us could afford a greenhouse so we began to start seeds indoors under fluorescent lights. Harold Kaufmann Archie Flack, P. W. Young and others built beautiful starter cabinets in their basements. I wonder what the boys use today.

"I remember the time when a feature writer for BETTER HOMES and GARDENS magazine came to Minneapolis to write an article on our club. Almost every member showed up at the garden of Mr. Blackburn in Edina behind the Episcopal Church. It was a big day for the club with a big self catered roast of beef, etc.--including "sauce" for the pudding. Pictures were published in BETTER HOMES and GARDENS in January of the following year.

"I remember when for several successive meetings we had a blackboard in front of our group and Ed Culbert taught us the meaning of the Latin words in the seed and flower catalogs--"alba", "rubrum", "erecta", "officinalis", etc. etc."

Some neighbor might like to join MGCMpls.

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