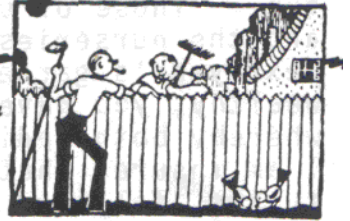




The Garden Spray

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TIME FOR PAUSE

These beautiful days bring to mind a letter received with an enclosure from Don Wilson months ago, "In regard to our Minnesota fall coloring, my next door neighbor, Mrs. George Rabe, came from Dallas last year and was so impressed that she wrote us a poem."

Red

Earth adorns herself in flaming color

Draping trees with crimson coats

And carpeting streets gold --

Flourishing a finale

Before frost's first breath.

Blustery and bountiful fall

The days

Swept by on fleeting warm winds

Rustling a poem of Autumn.

THERE'LL BE MORE THAN ONE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

You've been beseiged with information about the first, so, We've declined to even print the names of the candidates for the second.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB of MINNEAPOLIS DINNER MEETING

6 P.M., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1979 -- \$3.50 and, as usual

MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH, 50th STREET at KNOX AVENUE SOUTH.

(nominating committee to propose officers for 1979.)

PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION TO LIGHT* GARDENING

(*The electric not the effortless kind)

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara Gage, Accredited Federated Garden Clubs of America Judge.

Dorothy Johnson, Master Gardener.

Both ladies are members of and very active in the Twin Cities chapter of the Indoor Light Gardening Society.

RETURN THE ATTACHED RESERVATION CARD PROMPTLY

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Thanksgiving may be a bit more meaningful to gardeners than to those who don't produce the fruits of nature. In the fall gardeners along with farmers everywhere reflect on what the summer sun and rain combined with their skill and labor have contributed to their well-being and good fortune. Those of us who don't garden entirely out of the seed catalogue and the nurseries have brought in or safely bedded most of the start of next year's garden. If you want a fine yard and garden and you are not wealthy, you have to gather, store and protect. This is the law of nature whereby both individuals and nations survive and prosper. In my own case I am insured that come early spring we will enjoy scilla, daffodils, anemones, tulips, followed by perennials, roses of course, the luxuriant tuberous begonias, fibrous begonias from slips, dahlias, lilies, amaryllis and gloxinias. To think that all summer we have revelled in all this beauty and still have more to start with next spring than last. A feeling of great richness and thanksgiving quite naturally suffuses our whole being.

Those of us who grow vegetables have another somewhat different thanksgiving story to tell and other good reasons for celebrating from the heart of this national festival. Vegetable growers are even closer to our Pilgrim forefathers who started the whole thing. Incidentally, to those new in gardening, you should know that those folks aboard the Mayflower probably knew less than you about gardening since they were not agriculturists but craftsmen and trades-people. They may have praised the Lord they could grow anything at all. If you ever looked at the soil around Plymouth where they settled, you would agree it was a real miracle.

So we look back at our agricultural accomplishments over the past growing season and say, "Wasn't God good to us?" (or if you are an agnostic you will surely capitalize "Nature" and attribute to that less anthropomorphic deity your good fortune. In any case we all look back, reflect, and are glad. And looking ahead to another growing season with its prospects of beauty and bumper yield we have equal cause to raise our voices in grateful thanksgiving.

Two of our old-timers have passed on, Bob Bryant and P. W. Young. Many of our club members will want to contribute to their memorialization in the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. In which case, send in your contribution to our treasurer, Charles Robbins, 7112 Park Avenue South, Richfield 55423. Be sure to designate to which fund you are contributing.

--Dick Hulbe

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER NEWS and PLANS (per Chet Groger)

The two garden books used at Kenny Institute which were shown by Kent Canine are:

"Gardening and the Handicapped Child"
Reader's Digest, "Easy Path to Gardening". (for wheelchair patients)

The Bryants' entire orchid collection has been given to the Arboretum by Mrs. Bryant. The Arboretum staff (with help from members of the Orchid Society?) will select exemplar and individual specimens from the collection. These will be maintained in the new conservatory to be built just east of the Snyder building. The remainder will be sold at a public sale in the arboretum greenhouse sometime in November. The proceeds from the sale plus \$700 from Mrs. Bryant will be used as an endowment to maintain the "Bryant Orchid Collection".

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MGCM PRESIDENTS: ROBERT LIVINGSTON, 1975

Bob Livingston grew up, obtained his early schooling and graduated from high school in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. Like many other MGCM presidents, he isn't far removed from the farm. His father was raised on a farm and farmed for himself prior to World War I.

The Livingstons maintained a family garden at their Fort Atkinson home. Bob no doubt labored in it but apparently, like so many boys, not enthusiastically for when queried as to what led to his interest in gardening he replied, "I don't know."



Bob Livingston

After high school Livingston enrolled at the University of Wisconsin from which he graduated with a degree in economics. This finally led him into the insurance business. He has now been in this field for twenty years and currently divides his time between selling life insurance (he is a Certified Life Underwriter) and acting as Director of Marketing for the Jack Brown Agency.

Mrs. Livingston undoubtedly is entitled to some credit for her husband's current interest in gardening for in 1973 when Bob was MGCM secretary he commented, "Alice is a member of the Country View Garden Club. She has two garden plots plus plants on the patio. She certainly approves of her husband's gardening."

Today she must applaud for he has a major interest in roses, lilies and container gardening and has now expanded into viticulture. He is growing several varieties of grapes and plans to plant more. Table, or wine?... "Well,...Wine maybe."

Bob says, "The Men's Garden Club is my favorite organization and I look forward to the meeting every month"... "Perhaps a little more than ever now that I don't have to meet that monthly presidential letter deadline," he add.

At the end of his term as president Livingston set forth several continuing goals for MGCM:

- . Greater participation in the maintenance of our club's garden. ("Too few help in the project", he said.)
- . To contribute more to the beautification of this area. ("We are financially solvent and have the ability but need ideas on how to accomplish this objective", he said.)
- . To work harder to make new members and guests welcome. (We naturally tend to mix with our old friends.)

NEW ADDRESS and PHONE

Nick Haddad 935-4443
6104 Jeffrey Lane, Edina 55436

(NEWS-PLANS from page 1)

MGCM will donate a tree to the Arboretum in memory of P. W. Young one of the original advocates of an arboretum. The cost, in the neighborhood of \$250, will be covered by donations from members together with a supplement from club funds.

MGCM members are invited to contribute to the memorials of Bob Bryant and P. W. Young either by mail as suggested by President Hulbert in this month's OVER THE GARDEN FENCE or at the November meeting as announced in October. Memorial contributions should indicate to which fund(s) they apply and should give the donor's name so that proper credit may be given. Checks should be made payable to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

As announced at the October meeting 1979 dues (\$22.50) are payable December 1, 1978. Individual billings will be sent out separate from The SPG. This is a departure from previous practice.

THE OCTOBER PROGRAM: REPORTED BY PAUL LINDSTEDT

JERRY OLSON -- Roses: Jerry explained how he wintered roses. Bob Churni showed a series of slides on steps taken. They were beautiful slides, but with lights out, it was difficult to take notes. Clear the dirt under the root before tipping. If the canes are broken, they can be mended with tape and wrapping wax. Rose trees can be wintered in the vegetable garden. It is helpful to make out a sheet noting where the roses are tipped. The roses are first tied up with twine, drenched with water and given a dorm spray. Avoid pruning in the fall. This should be done in the spring.

DICK LEHMAN -- Chrysanthemums: Mums should be planted in full sun in good rich soil. They should be pinched back a couple of times before July. Soil should be well drained. High temperatures in July and August can set the blooms back. Mums can be wintered by covering with loose materials such as oak leaves, excelsior and boughs for a 75-90% survival. In the spring cuttings can be taken, but do not keep over two years.

BOB SMITH -- Vegetables: Bob dwelt on the pleasures in the fall: picking Regent apples and making cider; making sauerkraut from the cabbage; enjoying the latest sweet corn; and, picking everbearing raspberries. In the fall he prunes back the berries and grapes. Strawberries can be covered with hay. Tomato vines should be removed to disrupt the insect cycle. The soil is built up by lots of manure and composted leaves. He tills in a rye cover crop and adds rock minerals in the spring. He raises huge Sweet Spanish onions: a fifty foot row, three rows wide, set six inches apart yields six bushels. He likes Red Burgundy onions.

JULIUS WADEKAMPER -- Iris and Lilies: Lilies can be grown successfully in pots and wintered by putting the pot in soil and digging it up in the spring. In the fall, the stalks should be pulled up straight out. Cover with hay, straw, marshgrass or oak leaves. Leave covered late in the spring. Dig and replant lilies now (October) six inches deep or three times the width of the bulb. Lilies like to be rotated. The leaves of the Iris should be cut back and sprayed for borers. Eliminate debris and cover with 5-6 inches of hay.

WANTED - Several couples interested in African violets to help form a new Mr. and Mrs. African Violet Club in Minneapolis. Call Chet Groger - 825-6416.

WANTED by Ed Culbert 823-7853; Craig Prestegard's current address. His

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	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice-Pres.</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Bronze Medal Winner</u>
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1962	N. Christopherson	E.B. Haedecke	D. Stone	C.R. Proctor	R.C. Adams
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William H. Hull
Historian

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SUNNY MIAMI
MAY 4-7

TRY EUONYMUS
by Raymond D. Marshall

Over the years one of my favorite shrubs has been the winged euonymus. I suppose I have some romantic attachment to the plant because of the one that sat at the corner of the house where my wife lived while we were in college. In the fall when the winged euonymus was displaying its most brilliant red fall color, the spotlight from the house would shine on the plant. It was a gorgeous sight to see and to look forward to each fall.

The winged euonymus can get to be about ten to fifteen feet tall and quite spindly if it is not managed properly. Normally it is a tall shrub of about six to eight feet. There is a dwarf variety that grows only to six feet. Carl Holst has a beautiful winged euonymus with a spreading form outside of his summer porch.

The plant gets its name from the corky membranes that are on four sides of the branches. These wings give the plant excellent winter interest. The fruit is interesting because it opens to show a combination of magenta and orange--one of Mother Nature's raciest displays of natural color.

Besides the winged euonymus, I have in my yard a Red Cap euonymus, which is a variety of the European Spindle Tree (I ordered my plant from Jung seed catalog); a Turk's Cap euonymus, a smaller plant with narrow leaves and an Aldenham euonymus which is like the winged euonymus without the wings. The arboretum has several more varieties, one of which has a pin and orange fruit.

The only problem with the winged euonymus is with the rabbits which seem to love its flavor. My best advice is to plant it away from natural areas and enjoy its beauty as it changes with the seasons.

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