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MENTER GARDENERS

Many of you volunteered to menter other gardeners in the club and were listed as such in the '89 roster. We would like to hear about your experiences--good or bad. We intend to continue the program for 1990 and if you were not listed last year, please contact Kent Petterson so your name can be listed in the 1990 Directory under your gardening specialty.

For those of you who are new to the club and this program, be sure to look for the listing in the new directory. The people listed have made themselves available for one on one work with someone in-

terested in learning about a new aspect of gardening.

THE NOVEMBER MEN'S GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Now that your gardening is over for 1989, it's time to turn your thoughts to indoors and some of the plant types you may want to plant in next years garden. Charlie King on old friend of the club and former President of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society will return to join us on Tuesday Novémber 14th at 6:00 PM. Charlie will discuss Cacti and Succulents for both indoor and outdoor planting.

Also joining us will be a representative of the Minneapolis Society for the Blind. You will have a chance to hear their view of the Fragrance Garden and where we're headed.

SEND YOUR RESERVATION TO GENE ACKLAND PROMPTLY and join us at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, Chowen Avenue South at 49th Street, for another \$6.00 dinner and interesting program.

NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

All members attending the Garden Club Christmas Party are asked to bring a wrapped gift to place under our Christmas tree. These gifts will be used as prizes in the drawings during the evening.

--Vinton Bouslaugh



Election Time!
November meeting is the time for electing new leadership.

Be a GOOD VOLUNTEER

Let a present board member know where you'd like to

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YO HO HO MERRY CHRISTMAS COME ALL YE FAITHFUL AND GUESTS

TO

THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

AT

LAKE HARRIET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4901 CHOWEN AV. S. MINNEAPOLIS, MN.

DATE
TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 1989

PRICE \$12.50 PER PERSON

SOCIAL 1/2 HOUR 6:00 P.M.

PARADE OF TURKEYS
DINNER
6:30 P.M.

AFTER DINNER ENTERTAINMENT, DOOR PRIZES AWARDS



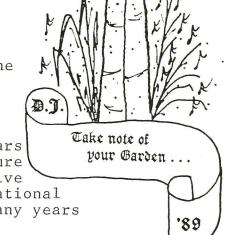
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Please reserve _	places for me and my guests for the			
annual Christmas Guests Names:	party. Signed			
I will Wil	l not be able to serve as a carver.			

Notes from the President . . .

Moving along with the musical term for November. The word for this month is Lento . slow. Oh, yes. Now the activity of the garden is at a slow pace.

NOVEMBER MGCM PERSON OF THE MONTH

of this Club and in horticulture in general. I'm sure you all will agree that you haven't seen a more active 90 year old. This Club newsletter has gotten him national attention. Thanks for helping the Club for these many years ED CULBERT.



November is election month for the Club. It is also time to sign up for the committees for 1990. In this issue we have descriptions of the activities of the Club committees. Please read them over carefully. Then make a commitment for next year. Send your Committee Preferance sheets to me or bring them to the November meeting. Let me tell you that by being more involved you'll learn more and have more fun in gardening.

REMEMBER DECEMBER 5TH

This date is special for a couple of reasons--First the Annual Christmas Party--AND This is the last day for dues registration for 1990.--We need to get the memberships to the Minnesota Horticultural Society. You may not receive your January issue of the Horticulturist if you register after the 5th.

MAKE IT! -- TAKE IT!

One of the most satisfying learning experiences I had last year was making a wreath for our home. Might I suggest that you try it, too? Howard Klier has opened up his Nursery for all the fun.

Who is Invited? -- Members, wives, and friends.

When? -- Friday, November 24th, 6:30 PM

Where? -- Klier's Nursery, 5901 Nicollet Ave. South, Mpls.

You'll Need--Gloves, wire cutters and pruners.

Greens and wire rings are available.

Come. Join us!

--Duane

p.s. Don't forget to pick up your MGCA 1990 calendars from Howard Berg at this meeting.

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WE WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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FRAGRANCE GARDEN

Saturday October 14th was the annual cleanup at our community Fragrance Garden. We started work at 8:00 AM and by 9:45 all work had been completed including installation of the memorial plaque. The following members helped out--Vinton Bouslough, Phil Peterson, Don Powell, Merle Pulley, Howard Berg, Bill Hull, Dale Durst, John Mondati, Duane Johnson, Kent Petterson, John Moon, Dave Moenke, and new members from '89 Lee Gilligan, Bob Redmond, Eldon Hugelen and Chuck Carlson.

After our cleanup, we met with Mary Lerman, Joan Von Ohlen and others from the Elliot Park crew and made quick work of planting daffodils. Three separate areas within the park received a naturalized planting. John Mondati worked with Mary Lerman to select the sites. He has been given a letter of introduction from our President, Duane Johnson, to help solicit additional funds and support in the neighborhood for more work in the park.

NOTE: Lynn Steiner, Editor of the Minnesota Horticulturist plans on including our Fragrance Garden in next year's March issue which will have an article on public gardens to visit in the upper Midwest. This issue will have an expanded circulation of approximately 20,000 and will be excellent publicity for what we're doing at 19th and Aldrich. If anyone has color slides of the garden that would be suitable for publication I'd appreciate nearing from them. Please contact Kent Petterson before the November meeting.

--Kent Petterson for the FIGS

THIS, THAT and THE OTHER

Send your check for the Christmas party $\underline{\text{to}}$ $\underline{\text{Chet}}$ $\underline{\text{Groger}}$ at the address given on the tear-off strip reservation form. $\underline{\text{DO}}$ IT EARLY. Remember the turkeys came only half done? That had to have been because so many reservations came in $\underline{\text{after}}$ the last minute.

DO IT THIS MONTH. Pick up those MGCA calendars for 1990 you ordered and/or need. Howard Berg doesn't want his picture showing a lot of left over calendars on the table before him to grace the SPRAY.

There will be no review of Mary Maynard's talk at the October meeting. Andy Marlow and the editor couldn't figure out a way to adequately describe her slide-show talk to those who weren't there other than to say it was hilarious. You had to see her pictures to savor her remarks.

MORE ABOUT WOOD ASHES Amending the soil with wood ashes raises soil pH, but you must apply twice as much ash as limestone for the same effect. Spread it in a thin layer and incorporate it into the soil. Check pH yearly if you use wood ashes. Never use coal ashes or large amounts of wood ash (no more than 20 lbs. per 1000 square feet), as toxicity problems may occur.

The correct soil pH is essential for optimum plant growth. Lime and sulfur are common amendments used to balance soil pH. Dolomitic limestone adds calcium and magnesium as it increases pH, making the soil more alkaline. Elemental sulfur will acidify soil. The amount of amendment to add depends on the current and desired pH, one good reason to have garden soil checked periodically.

Everlasting flowers speak of steadfastness and endurance. A yellow tulip signifies hopelessness in love, as does the tasseled amaranthus.

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COMMITTEES

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

<u>Arbor Day Committee:</u>

To select and arrange the planting of a tree on Arbor Day in the metropolitan area.

Auditing Committee:

To annually audit all records of the club - guide record keeping procedure to Treasurer - give annual club audit.

Awards/Trophies Committee:

To monitor and account for all awards/trophies issued by the club - to establish criteria for awards/trophies - all engraving and to make presentations at the appropriate event and/or at designated award/trophy meetings.

Bronze Medal Committee:

Composed of the current recipient as chairman and the last previous four recipients. To award the Bronze Medal at the Christmas party to a member in recognition of outstanding service during the year.

Calendar Committee:

To work with membership in the sales of MGCA calendars and their distribution.

Christmas Party Committee:
To plan and make all arrangements for the club's annual gala event - the grand finale of the year the Christmas Party.

Community (Fragrance) Garden Committee:
To plan and organize planting, rework (as authorized) projects and maintenance of the garden area and to supervise actual work of planting and maintenance to maintain photographic exhibits of committee activities.

Flower/Vegetable Show Committee:

To plan, promote, supervise and make all necessary arrangements for the club's annual flower/vegetable show.

Garden Spray Committee:

To accumulate reports, news of club members, garden articles, etc., and to assist the Editor in the publishing and distribution of the monthly bulletin of the club.

Historian:

To write, maintain records of all events, activites, functions of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, to include community activities, functions and events worthy of recording.

Hospitality Committee:

To greet new and old members at each club meeting - making everyone welcome - to issue and collect name tags - special handling of guests - assist treasurer in collection and tallies of dinner and other monies - is suance of meal tickets, maintain reservations/attendance roster - to offer/arrange assistance in the form of transportation of members with those problems - coordinate functions with the Membership Committee - maintain a telephone committee to inform members of meetings and special events.

Membership Committee:

To assist new members in attendance at the meetings, introduction, hosting. To assist club board to gain and maintain membership - promote the club and all its activities.

Nominating Committee:

Composed of the present club President and the past five club Presidents who will solicit and select from within the club membership individuals to fill the offices of President, Vice President (program chairman), Secretary, Treasurer and four Directors. Every attempt will be made to upgrade the current membership of the Board and replace two directors each year.

Photography Committee:

To plan, promote and solicit progressional photos of member's flower and vegetable gardess, landscape projects, decks and patios and other gardening interests - to include club projects and special tours as to have available for presentation to club membership in the course of monthly scheduled meetings.

Raffle Committee:

Conduct raffles at monthly meeting - awarding garden oriented prizes.

Spring Plant Auction Committee:

To plan, solicit and obtain plants and materials; select the site and stage the production of the annual spring plant sale and auction as a fund raising activity for club projects and obligations.

Sunshine Committee:

To keep in touch with members who are hospitalized or ill - send appropriate get well cards signed by members - sending of plants/flowers as directed - to use hospitality calling committee for emergency notifications.

Tour Committee:

To select gardens for summer tours; visit ahead of time the gardens to be toured; to make arrangements for transportation and all special requirements for the tour.

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

Committee Preference

To All Members:

The vitality of MGCM is directly proportional to how actively you participate on the club committees. All members are urged to serve on at least one committee and to volunteer to chair a committee of special interest to them.

To get involved is to get to know your fellow club members. And getting to know your fellow club members is an important part of feeling a part of the club. Please check the committees on which you would be willing to serve and indicate any committee you would be willing to chair.

		Would Chair	Would	<u>Co-chair</u>
	Arbor Day Committee			-
	Auditing Committee			
	Awards/Trophies Committee			
-	Calendar Committee '			-
	Christmas Party Committee			
	Community Garden Committee			
	Flower & Vegetable Show			
	Garden Spray Publication	-		
	Hospitality Committee			
	Membership Committee			-
	Photography Committee			¥ .
-	Plant Auction/Sale Committe	e		
	Raffle			
	_ Sunshine Committee			-
	_ Tour Committee			
	_ Telephone			

Member's Name

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME		MGCM DUES	7.00
ADDRESS		Minn. Hort Society dues	10.00
	•	MGCA dues	15.00
Home Phone			32.00
Business Phone		Send form with p	payment to:
Wife's Name	-	Joe Stenger 5421 Girard Aver Minneapolis, Mir	
MGCA LIFE Member (Do not pay these if a life member)	er)		
Are you interested in being a mentor gar	dener?	O yes	no
GARDENING INTEREST: Roses, Dahlias, Ho	sta, G	ladiolus, Irises	, Vegetables,
Perennial flowers, Annual flowers, Marig	olds,	Organic gardening	g, Lawns,
Composting, Shrubs, Fruits, Landscaping,	Herbs	,	Other.
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