

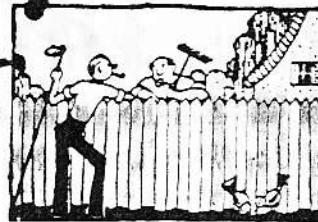


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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please Read This Immediately

Due to the inattentiveness of this month's substitute editor of the Garden Spray, you are getting this issue very late. The Garden Tour and Flower and Vegetable Show are this coming weekend - August 10 and 11.

You have already gotten information on the Flower and Vegetable Show, but this is your **FIRST** and **ONLY** notice of the Garden Tour (details on page two). You must act quickly if you would like to go on the Tour:

- If you receive this on Monday, August 5, fill out the form below and mail it to Mel Anderson **TODAY!**
- If this issue arrives on Tuesday, call my office at 625-2856 before 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday to reserve a place on the tour. Then mail a check to Mel right away!

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Andy Marlow

August Garden Tour and Potluck Dinner

Date: Sunday, August 11, 1991

Location: Boom Island Park Shelter A
(See map on page 5)

Time: Buses will leave Boom Island
Parking Lot at 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

The tour will go to the following locations:

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| (1) | Chuck Carlson | 1001 Hackman Circle | Fridley |
| (2) | Robert Stepan | 7717 Riverdale Drive | Brooklyn Park |
| (3) | Dick Arnevig | 3706 Urban Avenue North | Brooklyn Center |
| (4) | Don Nybo | 7700 64th Avenue North | Brooklyn Park |
| (5) | MGCM Flower and Vegetable Show | Riverplace | Mpls. |

We will return to Boom Island Park for our potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m. The Garden Club will furnish utensils and beverages. Your food contribution will have to be kept in your car at Boom Island Park until we return from the tour.

We must have reservations and payment in advance. Permanent Reservations do NOT apply. Use the clip out coupon on page 4 to mail your check to Treasurer Mel Anderson prior to August 7.



Grow With Us

Did you notice a touch of color on this month's Garden Spray? The 50th Anniversary Committee members are busy planning for the celebration next year. Some of the ideas and concepts are, of course, just beginning to take shape, and this "50 Years Of Service" label is to let you know that we have a good start. Two thousand of these stickers have been purchased for use on such things as promotional materials, correspondence, calendars, newsletters and recruitment and show programs.

Bill Hull, the 50th Anniversary Committee Chair had the foresight to begin the process early enough so that steady progress can be made. Bill has expressed the importance of working with and through the standing committees in these special efforts. Clearly, all MGCM members will be involved in the year long activities, so some "give and take" will be necessary. For example, the committees for Tours, Arbor Day, Publicity and Garden Spray may be called upon to put forth special effort and programs for 1992. The theme "50 Ways to Turn 50" is being considered along with several logo proposals. We'll keep you posted.

How about those gardens on the July tour? Dave Johnson's garden described in a word? Breathtaking. Bob Smith's garden in a word? Incredible. Clyde Thompson's yard is beautiful. Harold Gulde's immaculate garden is sure to entice follow-up trespassing during dahlia days. Great work folks, and a good job done by the tour committee members and chair, Bob Redmond.

Finally, here's looking forward to the Flower and Vegetable Show this month and special thanks this month to Terry Robertson for his professional work on the Show Schedule. See you at the show on August 10 and 11 at Riverplace. Good luck.

Cordially,



M.T. Pulley, President

We Need Your Help!

Recycle Those Ribbons!

The prices for Flower and Vegetable Show Ribbons has risen dramatically. First, second and third place ribbons now cost \$1.25 each if we want the club name printed on them. We do have some left from previous years - and, if you would please recycle the ribbons you have won at previous shows, we will have enough for the 1991 Riverplace Show.

Give your old ribbons to the show committee members at Riverplace, or call Kent Petterson (332-1821) or Duane Reynolds (537-6512) with a count of the ribbons you are able to recycle.

Thank you very much,

The Flower and Vegetable Show Committee

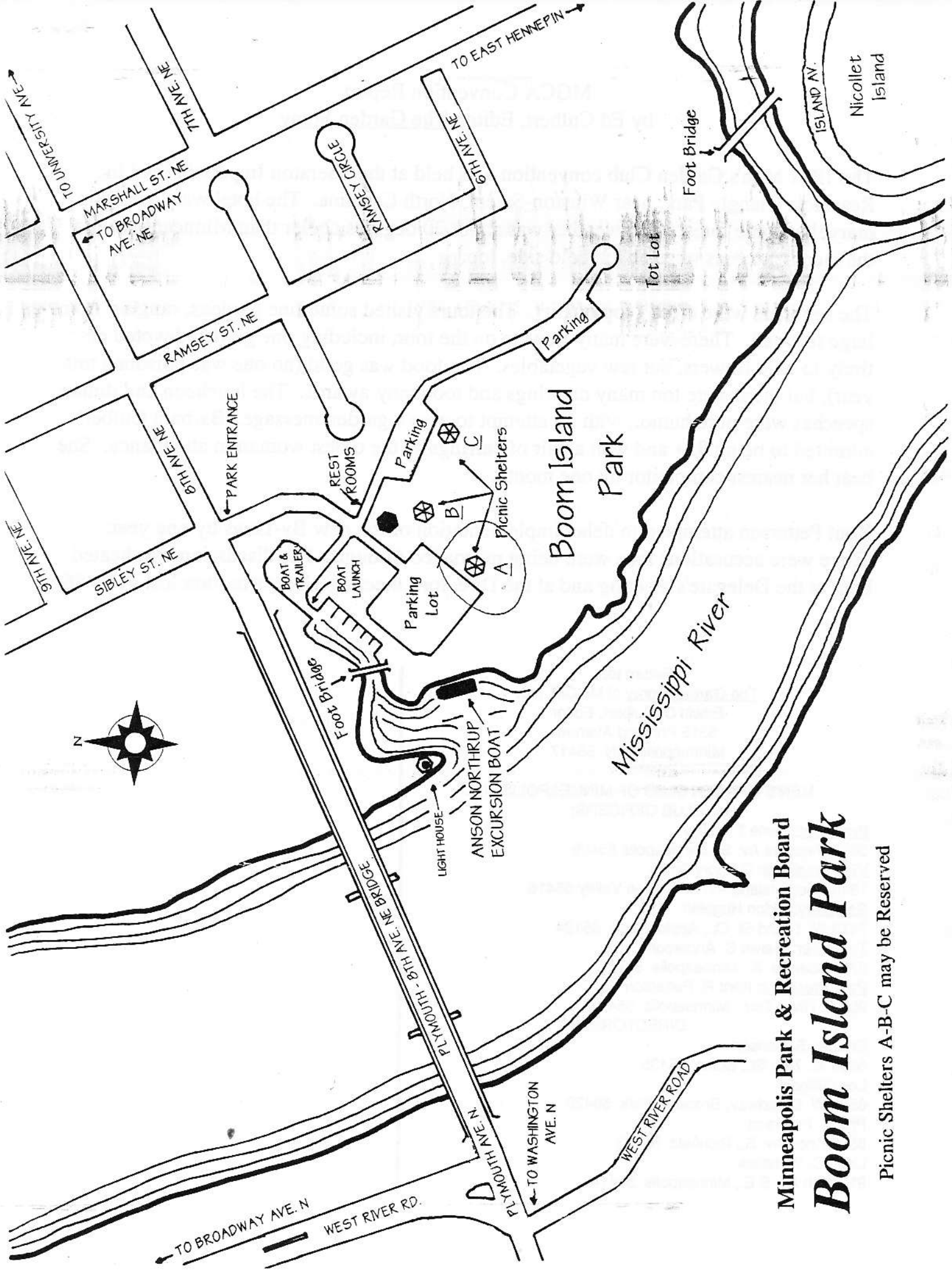
Garden Tour Reservation Form

Mail prior to August 7 to:
Mel Anderson
5701 35th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Name: _____ No. of Guests: _____

Names of Guests: _____

Enclose a check payable to MGCM for \$5.00 for each person attending the tour.



Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
Boom Island Park

Picnic Shelters A-B-C may be Reserved

MGCA Convention Report
by Ed Culbert, Editor, The Garden Spray

The 1991 Men's Garden Club convention was held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park, near Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The hotel was located in a marvelous pine forest. The weather was about 20 degrees cooler than Minneapolis, and the meeting rooms were on the cold side, too.

The seminars were mostly top quality. The tours visited some fine gardens, ranging from large to small. There were many flowers on the tour, including one garden devoted entirely to wild flowers, but few vegetables. The food was good (no one was poisoned this year), but there were too many drawings and too many awards. The luncheon and dinner speeches were pure humor, with no attempt to give a garden message. Barbara Culbert admitted to being 85+ and won a pair of earrings as the oldest woman in attendance. She beat her nearest competitor by one month.

Kent Petterson attempted to delay implementation of the new By-Laws by one year. There were accusations they were being railroaded through. The discussion was heated both at the Delegate's meeting and at the Director's meeting. Kent's motion lost 41 to 86.

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