



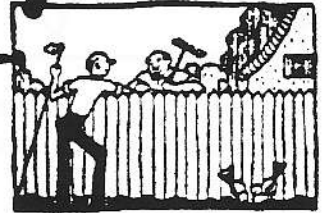
The Garden Spray



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Bring Family and Friends to....

The M&CM Sunday Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic

Sunday August 9, 1992

Buses leave from Gilligan's "Hidden Orchard"
6506 West Broadway, Brooklyn Park
at 11:00 a.m.

(Park in the big parking lot north of Gilligan's)

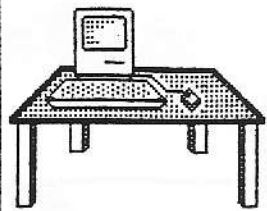
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	DALE DURST

Bring a salad or desert to share. Meat, plates and utensils will be provided for the potluck dinner at the end of the tour.

Buses will visit four members' gardens and the M&CM Flower and Vegetable Show and will return to Gilligan's for supper about 5:00 p.m.

Cost is \$6.50 per person - spouses and guests invited. Please return your reservation card to Edlon Hugelen as soon as possible!



The Editor's Desk

Andy Marlow

My party of six was able to cover just five of the six fabulous gardens on the drive-yourself 50th Anniversary Tour. We were scared into a late start because of the threatening weather early Sunday, but no one got wet and we had a wonderful afternoon. Every garden was groomed to perfection and boasting large and colorful blossoms despite the previous night's rain. As Bill Hull observes in his report on page 4, each garden was unique but stunning. Special thanks from my family to Carleton and Beth Nelson for letting us overstay the 5:00 p.m. closing time to get a last look at his vegetables and daylilies.

The financial bounty of the tour will be put to good use. I was a member of the committee that evaluated the scholarship applications. It was a truly outstanding group of young people and we wished we could give each of them an award. Thanks to the hard work of our members, and especially the tour subcommittee, we will be able to help more than one worthy applicant. We'll profile all three scholarship recipients in the October Spray.

As we anticipate moving from summer into fall, we can also anticipate lots of activity for MGCM. Bill Hull and his 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee are finalizing plans for our big banquet on October 6 at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, our meeting home for many years. And, less than 2 months later, another big dinner party is in the works - our annual holiday party. Walt Gustafson and his committee are already hard at work planning this traditional year-end event. Start counting those calories now in preparation for both of them.

Coming Attractions

August 4 – 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board Meeting
 Don Powell's House

August 8 & 9
MGCM Flower & Vegetable Show
 St. Anthony Main

August 9 – 11:00 a.m.
MGCM Sunday Garden Tour
 Hidden Orchard, 6506 West Broadway,
 Brooklyn Park

September 1 – 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board Meeting
 Bob Stepan's House

September 8 – 6:00 p.m.
MGCM Dinner Meeting
 Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

September 29 – 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board Meeting
 Merle Pulley's House

October 6 – Time to be announced
50th Anniversary Banquet
 Mount Olivet Lutheran Church

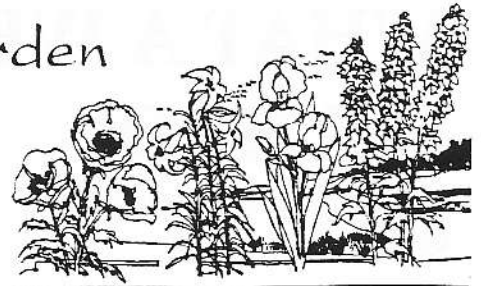
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The Freedom Garden

Gregory P. Smith
President, MGCM



The summer is now in full swing and it's a great time to visit friends' and neighbors' gardens. The 50th Anniversary Tour Division, headed by Dave Johnson, capitalized on that idea and, with great publicity, excellent gardens and many hours of hard work by many members, the tour was an outstanding success. The 50th Anniversary Committee will report the final numbers later, but it looks like the goal of funding two \$1,000 scholarships for horticulture students will be met — and then some! As a side benefit, the tours will likely result in several new members.

None of this is to take anything away from our August garden tour on Sunday, August 9. Tour Chair Lee Gilligan has planned tours of several outstanding gardens, plus a potluck dinner and a visit to the MGCM Flower and Vegetable Show at St. Anthony Main. It's not too early to start grooming your plants and making your plans to enter the Show.

The Fragrance Garden is also worth visiting this summer. Chuck Carlson and the Fra-

grance Garden Committee have done a solid job this year with several new trees and beautiful flowers. One problem with public gardens has been theft of plant material. Our only reported loss, though, were the large tree stumps which disappeared before the committee had time to take them to the dump. Apparently this person is as public spirited as the members of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis.

Two final points of interest:

- The Minnesota State Horticultural Society closed on their new home on Friday, July 17, thanks in part to contributions from MGCM members; and
- Our cook for many years, "Agnes," will retire at the end of the year due to her health. Her home-cooked meals and motherly wisdom will be sorely missed. Take a minute to thank her next time we meet.

See you all at the Flower and Vegetable Show and the August tour!



Hull Honored

Bill Hull's newest book, NURSE - Hearts and Hands, has recently received a special "Merit Award for Best All-Around Book Retailing for Under \$10." The award comes from the Midwest Book Achievement Awards contest for excellence in book publishing. It is a prestigious award open to all publishers and judged by out-of-state publishing executives, mainly based in New York.

Congratulations, Bill!

WHAT A WEEKEND WE HAD!

*Bill Hull, Chair, 50th Anniversary
Celebration Committee*

Yes, our weekend tours were great, due to the superb organizing leadership of Dave Johnson and to the seven couples who opened their glorious gardens to the public. They were Harold and Phyllis Gulde, Dave and Delores Johnson, Roger and Kak Koopmans, Carleton and Beth Nelson, Jerry and Lee Shannon and Bob and Nancy Stepan.

I'm convinced that no group in this area could put together a better collection of seven gardens than did MGCM that weekend. We heard many fine complements, such as "I can't believe that each garden is so uniquely different, yet really breathtaking." Or "These people must have big staffs to care for these places" to which we could say "No, each garden is cared for by both husband and wife, each of whom gives a lot of time and hard work to it." And repeatedly I heard people say "That was the best one of all." Yet, when I asked to which garden they referred, it was almost always a different one. These seven gardens surely showed the world how to do it!

This great effort was wildly received by the 75 people on the bus tour and 860 on the drive-yourself tour. I've been trying to write individual letters thanking those people who worked so hard. I am up to 30 letters and hope I haven't missed anyone. That's 30 units, some including spouses like my own wife, Carol, who made 50 calls one night trying to find one more person to serve as a greeter in a garden. It wasn't easy.

We are not yet ready to announce bottom line results, but here's an indication. We budgeted for one \$1,000 horticulture scholarship and have now authorized the committee to make it three at \$1,000 each. There may be enough for

another or so, depending on the bottom line. We have a big October banquet coming up for which we will have expenses, so we can't move too soon on using up all the income. It has been suggested that if we have any surplus operating funds (from this year's celebration) that we consider holding it over for another scholarship next year.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee thanks those of you who were able to support the activity and feels sorry for you who missed out on this golden occasion.



Fragrance Garden Update

Chuck Carlson, Chair, Fragrance
Garden Committee

Thanks to the Mysterious Stump Remover (MSR)! On one of my trips to the garden I was surprised to find the four Amur Maple stumps gone. Leo Grebner had graciously volunteered to take them, but some other benefactor had removed them first. We thank the MSR for their removal and Leo for the kind offer. THANKS!

I also want to thank all those providing a week of maintenance. Special thanks go to Jim Nelson, a non-member, for putting in two weeks work in the garden. In sending out reminder cards, I inadvertently sent him cards two weeks in a row, but rather than calling to complain he spent time at the garden both weeks. THANKS! I suppose someone else who was scheduled didn't get a reminder. For that I apologize.

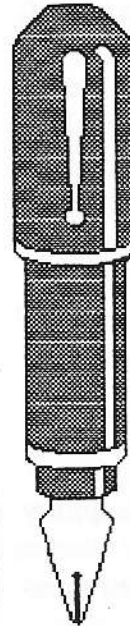
This spring the various apple trees had some excellent bloom, and the new Fringe trees showed a bit of bloom, which gave us a taste of what is to come. Things have been slow in starting, but are now showing signs of a growth spurt. Some warm weather should help that continue. The roses, which were heavily pruned this spring, had their first glorious bloom a few weeks back. During the first week in July, we were provided blossoms of two varieties of orange-colored lilies, a beautiful sight.

On a visit on the 6th of July I noticed a *Statice* was just starting to bloom. It looked interesting enough that I returned in a few days just to see it again. I also noted that the *Astilbe* was just coming into flower.

The only week spot in the garden is the planting of *Cannas*. Plans are to fill in around them with some *Impatiens*. If the *Cannas* show a revival, they can provide shade for the *Impatiens*. Maybe we can have the best of both worlds. *(continued next column)*

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Board Notes



At their July 7, 1992, meeting the MGCM Board of Directors:

- Heard Russ Smith, North Star Regional Director for Gardeners of America, report that our region no longer has enough clubs to continue as a separate region.
- Voted to request a merger with the North Iowa region.
- Received notice from Russ Smith that he is retiring as regional director.
- Were asked for input by the August meeting for changes in the MGCM by-laws, under review now by a committee chaired by Kent Petterson. They will be voted on at the November meeting.
- Postponed any review of membership in Gardeners of America until April 1993, after our by-laws have been revised and when we discuss changing our own club name.

Fragrance Garden Update (continued)

If you haven't visited the garden, give it a look. I think it would be worth your time, and maybe you could give the Committee some suggestions or constructive criticism. Happy gardening.

(editor's note: The Fragrance Garden is located between Aldrich and Bryant Avenues South, just a scant block north of Franklin, near the Hennepin Avenue entrance to eastbound I-94. Don't take the freeway ramp, though, as you'll end up in St. Paul before you know it. You must make your turn north off of Franklin on to either Aldrich or Bryant.)

Your Would Have Liked...

DALE DURST

by Bill Hull, MGCM Historian

All but the newest members had an opportunity to know Dale Durst — and liked him. It hasn't been that long ago that he died.

Dale was the personification of an ideal member for a club. He was always there when needed. All one needed to do was ask and Dale would respond. Remember how he maintained the milk bottles we use for the Flower and Vegetable Show? How he conveyed other people's entries to the Show at the Arboretum? How pleased he was to receive the Club's Bronze Medal for his many years of service?

Dale, wife Lorraine and their sons were close friends to Carol and me. We lived in adjoining houses where we gardened helpfully and competitively. I sponsored him for membership in MGCM. His adult sons and their fami-



50th Anniversary Feature

lies are still our treasured friends.

Little memories flood my thinking. How his outdoors gardening spilled indoors, where he was probably the best African violet grower in the Club; shelves of blue ribbon plants filled his den. How we both had green ash trees and his male tree sneaked over at night to visit my female tree and I had the millions of seeds. How Lorraine fought cancer for years, during a period when Dale's heart was giving him trouble. How they shared visits with us to the Florida Keys.

Eventually they both succumbed, and are missed in MGCM and at the Arboretum, where Lorraine volunteered in children's education.

They were the salt of the earth. Fine people.

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