

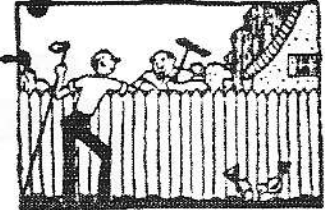


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August is a Dual Event Month

August Member's Tour

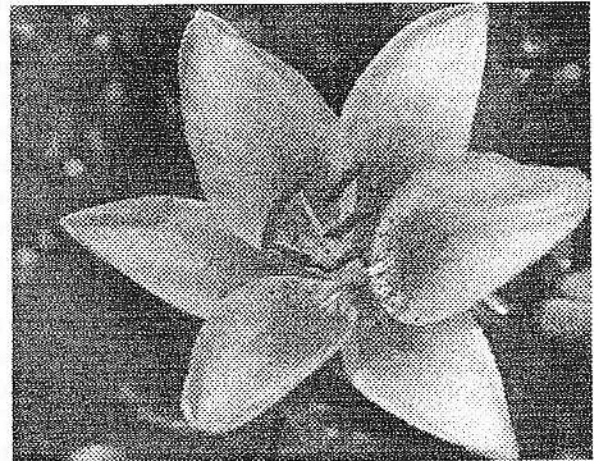
The Northern Tour, Sunday, August 8

Garden's on Tour

- Kathleen and Jack LoSapio, 17025 32nd Ave N, Plymouth
- Chuck and Marion Carlson, 1001 Hackmann Circle, Fridley
- Patti and Lloyd Weber, 7635 Alden Way NE, Fridley

Details

- Busses will leave Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1:00 PM. Redeemer is at 61 NE Mississippi Way in Fridley. (map on page 11).
- Guests of members welcome but not open to the public.
- Limited bus space. First 80 reservations received will be accepted.
- Eat a catered meal by Famous Daves at Redeemer Lutheran Church (Fellowship Hall) about 4:00PM or when the busses return.
- Reservations must be received by August 5th.
- Cost is \$18.00, includes bus, meal and tour.
- Reservation form form on page 11, mail it today.



Food Flower and Foto Show

August 14 & 15

Come and exhibit your flowers, fruits, vegetables, herbs, potted plants, educational exhibits and artistic arrangements. If you don't exhibit (heaven forbid) come and view the show. Winners of the photo contest will also be displayed. It's fun, it's educational and it's enjoyable. While you are there you can also tour the arboratum grounds and have lunch. It is a nice outing. Come and enjoy!

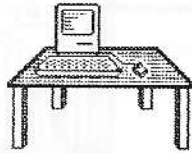
Saturday, August 14

- 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Preparation of exhibits
- 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Judging (closed to public and exhibitors)
- 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open to the Public

Sunday, August 15

- 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open to the Public
- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tear down and clean-up

Permanent Reservation list not in effect. You must send in your reservations and checks. See page 11



The Editor's Desk

Chuck Carlson
Managing Editor

Ten Minnesota souls among a sea of gardeners from all over the USA and Canada intermingled with each other at Green Bay. Four days were spent on conversation, eating, garden seminars, the photo contest slide show, tours, giving of awards and of course business meetings.

If you ask any one that went; we all had fun, enjoyed the experience and learned more about the national organization and gardening. I think both Howard Berg and myself, being new at attending conventions, came away with a better appreciation for our national organization. It was also apparent by the awards handed out that those clubs that participated received the most awards but benefited individually. Those that gave of themselves also received knowledge, understanding, a good feeling of self-worth and a touch of brotherly love.

If there is anyone in our club who likes to work with our youth or people with disabilities, there is information and programs available via the Youth Gardening Program and Gardening from the Heart.

The Green Bay club though not large did a tremendous job hosting this convention and should be congratulated. The Greater Kansas City Clubs were there touting the 2000 convention. All who have the time and money should consider going to KC, to have fun, learn and get a feeling of what we have to do in 2001. It is a vacation, even my non-gardening partner, Marion, said she had a good time. I believe Ruth Berg, Vivian Anderson and Lee Shannon also enjoyed themselves. So you can see spouses can also have fun at the convention. Try it you may like it.

Coming Attractions

Tuesday, August 3, 7:30 PM

Board of Directors meeting
Dave Johnson's house

Sunday August 8, 1:00 PM

MGCM Club Tour
(See page 1 for details)

Saturday & Sunday, August 14 & 15

MGCM Flower Food and Foto Show
Minnesota Arboratum

Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 PM

Board of Directors meeting
Kay Wolfe's house

Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 PM

MGCM Dinner Meeting
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church
49th and Chowen Avenue South

Saturday October 2, 8:30 AM

TGOA/MGCA
Mid America Regional Seminar
Minnesota State Horticulture Society
1755 Prior Ave North
Falcon Height Mn

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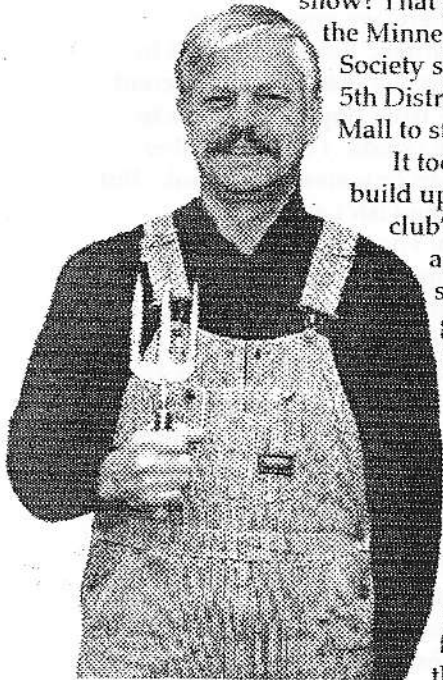


Overall In The Garden

by Eldon Hugelen, President MCCM

I'm looking up in my small office to a fancy ribbon reading "Sweepstakes 1990, Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis". Can it be almost ten years since I first entered the club's Flower & Vegetable show? That year our club joined the Minnesota State Horticulture Society state conference and the 5th District at the Eden Prairie Mall to stage the show in July.

It took a couple of years to build up courage to enter the club's show. It was courage to think I had something in my garden better than Bob Churilla, Dave Johnson or Russ Smith. But I grabbed the few stalks of Blazing Star and the judges thought they were the best perennial brought to the show. The fact that few people entered that year doesn't seem



too important now.

The following year Kent Petterson stepped up to organize and save this club event from being dropped. He staged it at the Riverplace in Minneapolis. The following year he took us to St Anthony Main Shopping Center. I always remember Lloyd Mikkelson telling me he thought they had thrown out his Marigolds as he checked his winnings. He found them with the other grand champions on a special awards table.

The show went back to the Minne-

sota Landscape Arboretum in 1993. The duo of Mel Anderson and Duane Johnson, chairmen, pumped more life into the show. That year garden photography was also added to the show and it then became known as the Food Flower and Foto Show (FFF).

This show is fun. Are your hosta leaves bigger and less eaten by slugs than Andy Marlow's? Is your Black-eyed Susan the one the judges liked the best? Bob Voigt needs same competition in the vegetable department.

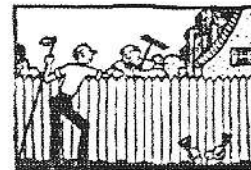
Bring those beautifully grown potted plants on your patio. One of our oldest members, Ted Olson and his wife, Grace, have often brought competing container plants. Will Harold Gulde show his dahlias or will they all peek for the American Dahlia Society show at Mystic Lake later this August?

All these questions will be answered. So, if you wake-up early Saturday, August 14th, grab a bucket and go to your garden and pick everything that looks good. (Leave the rest for the deer and the rabbits). Point your car to the arboretum and join your club members in the game of "hide and seek" with the judges. You too may just win the Sweepstakes or the Best of Show. No experience necessary.

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What man, who developed the system of scientific classification of plants, changed his name?

Linnaea or Twin Flower
Flowers of Sweden named after him, the
Sweden he also has one of the favorite
Latin names on your plants. Born in
Linnaeus. You can thank him for all those
Latin he became known as Carolus
Karl von Linné after writing his books on
plant classification which he wrote in

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Monthly Program Report

The July Tour

by Mary Maynard

Another Successful Tour. The July tour featured four new (to us) gardens. If you missed this tour, you missed a treat. We started at Jackie and Tim Overom's place in Burnsville. We had Kentucky Fried Chicken (my favorite) box lunches around the fabulous swimming pool in the back yard (wish I'd known — I could have brought my swimsuit). The pool is surrounded by lush perennials, with a shade garden on one side and attractive structures on the other side — and a brand new fence (probably installed just for the tour!). A lovely setting.

From Jackie's, we walked down the street to Warren and Beverly Nordley's house on the lake. In the front yard, Warren converted an old brick driveway to a unique terrace with LARGE rocks and a dry stream bed running through it. It is very cool! The back yard runs down to the lake and is beautifully planted with annuals and perennials. We hated to leave such a restful place, but the buses were waiting, so we drove on to Dave and Renada Moehnke's place in Lakeville.

Dave and Renada have only lived there for three years, and they developed all of their gardens in that three years. The front yard has extensive plantings, and includes a pond and unique fountain that Dave installed a week before the tour. (Remember the 4th of July weekend, with all the heat advisories?) The back yard slopes uphill dramatically to a golf course. The slope has been made into a garden (with BIG ROCKS — I forget how many tons of them). Above this garden, the golf course has been very grateful for the plantings Dave and Renada have done on

golf course property near the third tee. The gardens have a lot of interesting artifacts and personal touches that make the garden unique. The plantings are so mature and healthy that it's hard to believe that they haven't been there forever.

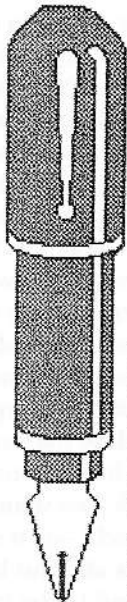
From there, we went to Suni Forsman's garden. Suni specializes in water gardens, and has a lot of different renditions — from tiny tub gardens to huge holding ponds. I can remember three fountains or waterfalls, I think. But water gardening isn't all that the Forsmans do. There were extensive plantings of annuals and perennials throughout their property. And the whole yard (which is BIG) slopes down to a larger natural pond. A fascinating feature at the Forsman's was an authentic Finnish log home that was moved to their property. It is fitted up as a guest house and open for touring. Those of you who went on this tour will know that my description of the gardens is extremely inadequate. It's much better to be there.

I was so impressed with the gardens I can't wait for August and another chance to see more new gardens. See you on the August tour



Dave Moehnke getting ready for the July Tour

Photo by Chuck Carlson



Board Meeting Summary

Margaret Hibberd, Secretary
Substituting is Mary Maynard

Meeting Date July, 6 1999
Members present: Howard Berg, Chuck Carlson, Eldon Hugelen, Mary Maynard, Tim McCauley, Ritchie Miller, Kay Wolfe.
Members absent: Margaret Hibberd, Dave Johnson, Kay Wolfe.

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports
The reports were submitted, corrected and approved. The final plant auction report indicates a profit of \$3,972, which is the highest profit ever. There will be a meeting of auction clerks at Howard's to discuss improvements to the mechanics of keeping track of payments by bidders.

Vice-president's Report

Ritchie Miller reported that the September program will be presented by Jackie Overom on pruning. October will feature Dr. Harold Pellett. November is open, and January is filled.

Committee Reports:

Calendars. We can go in with other clubs in the region to get a lower price on calendars if the quantity is high enough. MGCM has two photos in the 2000 calendar.

FFF. The second planning meeting is scheduled for July 8 at Bob Voigt's house.

Perennial garden: Tiller has been purchased. We are thinking about flyers or handouts to be made available at garden.

Old Business

Proposed changes to Bylaws.

The board reviewed proposed changes to Article IV. On a motion by Ritchie, seconded by Mary, the board decided to leave Article IV as is. Next month we will review Article V.

Club dues.

The club will be assessed \$2 per member for regional dues in 2000. Following extensive discussion on local dues, the Board decided to not increase local dues at this time. (motion by Chuck, second by Tim).

New Business

Contribution to Mid America Region.

The Mid America Region has requested a contribution for 1999 from MGCM. A figure of \$200 has been suggested, this was approved.

Contributions.

The board approved the following contributions: MSHS - \$300; Arboretum \$300; Arboretum Research: \$300. All are budgeted items

Convention delegate:

The board approved \$400 to Director Russ Smith for partial coverage of convention and travel expenses. This is also a budgeted items

Regional newsletter distribution.

Chuck will check to see how it is being distributed.

Next Board Meeting

The August 3rd meeting will be in Fridley at Dave Johnson's home.

*Respectfully submitted, Mary Maynard
(substituting for Secretary Margaret Hibberd)*



August Tour

The Northern Tour – August 8

By Bob Olson

Being on the garden tour committee carries with it a very special bonus: you get to go on the tours twice—once when the gardens are selected/previewed and again on the day of the tour. This year it was an especially good treat. The South Tour was great and now the North Tour promises to be every bit as good.

Three fine but different gardens and three different gardening philosophies are exhibited on our North Tour: The Scientist, The Master Craftsman and The Artist.

Carlsons

Chuck Carlson is a retired Honeywell engineer whose inquiring mind and expansive interests never stop. His property is a cornucopia of plant materials, a place of experiments and trials and an expression of Chuck himself. In full sun exposure he has a dynamic (constantly changing) rock garden with the Full Monte of rock garden plants thriving in a bed of carefully selected grit and pea rock (coarse sand/gravel to us neophytes), including a killer collection of hens and chicks—he called them *Sempervivums*, but we knew what they were. Along side the house was a potpourri of plants Eldon Hugelen and others said he must have. Remarkable plants reside behind the house—where there is a gazebo for a grill, a screened porch and a little house for the grandchildren. Finally, a series of cold frames complete with internal sprinkling systems are on the far side of the house. Chuck has some new idea, or bizarre plant around every corner. It will be exciting.

LoSapios

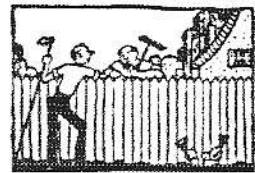
Kathleen and Jack LoSapio have a

wonderful setting for a garden and a have used it well. One of Jack's passions is fences—especially East Coast fences, where it is considered an art form. Jack makes them in the design of classic fences he has seen on his trips to Virginia and the Potomac Basin; he does it in his wood-working shop which is bigger than his garage (be sure to peek in the windows). There are three different styles of fences lining the heavily shaded woodland garden behind the house. From this sylvan setting, magnificent pergolas (one with a swing set) outline the sun drenched front yard. They are built around a two-hundred-year-old oak tree which dominates the entire grounds—as it should. Sun loving perennials abound by the lake front. Carrying around to the front are additional examples of the artisan: for example, unique hand crafted wooden towers for Clematis, which, unfortunately will be past their peak bloom. The grounds are replete with combinations of nature and loving craftsmanship.

Webers

The Webers (Patti and Lloyd) have a more traditional garden—but this one you would kill for. There is not a blade of grass bent, a weed within earshot, nor a mislabeled plant. They are serious aficionados of hybrid irises, and literally all of rare and glorious cultivars are here. But they are not mere collectors of irises; their interests are wide, their expertise and plantsmanship legendary, and their enthusiasm and energy boundless. The best of everything is here: the best peonies, the best ornamental grasses, the best groundcovers and yes, even the best Hostas. Better still, the Webers grow them superbly. You would swear there are no insects nor hot drying winds here and it appears there is always ample rain plus just the right amount of fertilizer and compost. But best of all, Lloyd and Patti

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1999 Flower, Food and Foto Show (FFF)

This year's Flower, Food and Foto Show will be held at the Minnesota Landscape Auditorium on August 14 and 15. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, August 14

- 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Preparation of exhibits
- 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Judging (closed to public and exhibitors)
- 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Open to the Public

Sunday, August 15

- 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Open to the Public
- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tear down and clean-up

Anyone may enter the flower and vegetable show. If you've never entered before, don't be shy: It's a lot of fun!

In case you need them, here are a few tips or reminders about exhibiting:

1. Fill out your entry tags in advance. Call Margaret Hibberd (651-644-8149) or Bob Voigt (612-82304934) to arrange to get some if you didn't pick them up at the July tour.
2. Study the schedule so you know how many of each specimen you'll need. When you're selecting these from your garden, get a few extra, in case something unexpected happens to one of them.
3. Arrive early at the exhibition area. Give yourself enough time to get things ready.
4. Don't hesitate to ask questions of other exhibitors. If possible, ask someone who looks like he/she is

almost done preparing their own exhibits.

5. If you have a flair for floral design and arrangements, please consider entering in the design categories. There's always room for more design exhibits, and good arrangements add a lot to the quality of the show.
6. Make sure foliage is free of dirt, insects or other extraneous material.
7. When in doubt, bring it in! Some award-winner exhibits had been almost left in the garden

No Plant Sale at FFF

The FFF Committee decided that it would not have a plant sale in conjunction with the show this year. If you have potted some up, give them away or bring them to the September dinner meeting. You will be appreciated either way.

The Raisin Story

Raisins, the most widely enjoyed dried fruit of all came into being because of a calamity of nature. Though man has grown grapes almost since he settled to farm. Raisins have been known for slightly more than 100 years. In the 1860's after the gold fever subsided in California, miners began farming the barren wastelands in central California and grapes became their mainstays. In 1873 an unusual heat wave dried up the grapes on the vines. Disaster seemed at hand. One owner unwilling to give up, shipped his dried grapes to San Francisco, promoting them as "Peruvian Delicacies." They were a hit and the raisin industry was founded. Today the San Joaquin Valley produces a half billion pounds annually. It takes four and a half pounds of grapes to make one pound of raisins.

(from the Dallas MGC bulletin).



American Botanists

By Chuck Carlson

The U.S. Postal Service just issued a stamp honoring American botanists, John and William Bartram. Most people (including myself) do not know the Bartrams.

John, 300 years ago, established Bartram's Garden in Philadelphia. It is the oldest existing botanical garden in America.

His journals and his son William's drawings provide a record of the early American botanical environment. Now you know a little about the Bartrams and when you see the stamp you won't have to wonder who they are..

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What experimenter of garden heredity was an abbot of a monestary? Hint--He also worked with peas.

Answer Gregor Mendel



Howard & Ruth Berg & Marion Carlson at one of the 1999 convention dinners (above)

Convention Recognition

Yes, some of our members were recognized at the convention. Come to the September meeting to find out who and how.

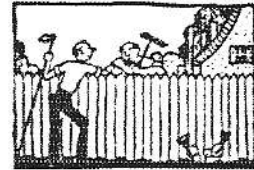
TGOA/MGCA Web Site

TGOA / MGCA now has a web site on the internet. I will say more about this via our e-mail net. But for those none e-mailers, if you want information from and about other clubs or our national organization let one of our computer literates find it for you via the web site.



At 1999 Convention Russ & Janet Smith (left) Mel & Vivian Anderson (below) Others attending but not pictured Lee & Jerry Shannon & Chuck Carlson





Photos

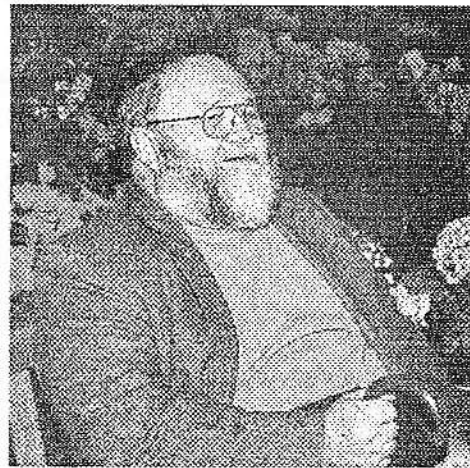
By Chuck Carlson



Dave and Delores Johnson
Enjoying dinner at the June Dinner Meeting

Fred Glasoe

KSTP radio's Freddy the Gardener and Mens Garden Club member. Fred will be a featured speaker at the Gardeners of America / Mens Garden Club of America Mid-America Region Fall Seminar hosted by Mens Garden Club of Minneapolis. It will be held at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society building on October 2nd.



Jim Evans and Robert Livingston
Enjoying a laugh with the photographer prior to the June dinner meeting.



August Tour

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display their plant material with artistry. The plants are perfectly spaced, grouped in pleasing combinations, and little surprises await you as you come round each corner. Yes, this is the type of garden we all dream of having one day.

This is going to be one terrific Sunday afternoon.

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We know gin is flavored with juniper berries, why then is it called gin?

Gin is the French word for juniper

Sloe gin is flavored with the sloe berry, what plant does it come from?

The Blackthorn Tree

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Perennial Garden Update

By Bob Redmond

Here is a little history for the year.

June 5 Good crew working. More than 10 people. Planted 250 perennials, 40 bushes, and 200 grasses.

June 19 Small crew working - only 6 people. Planted additional perennials and did weeding.

July 2 Howard Berg and I cultivated garden areas not planted.

July 3 Met with Mary Lerman from the

Park Board. She brought about 300 annuals to plant. Howard Berg, Mary Maynard, Daryl Lamon, Chuck Benson and I were the only workers. With only 5 of us there, it took over 3 hours to plant and do some weeding.

July 16 Kay Wolfe, Eldon Hugelen, and I met with Mary Lerman about additional perennials, soaker hose and the spraying of weeds. Soaker hose will be installed and additional perennials are set for July 31.

July 17 Robert Kean, Bob Livingston, Eldon Hugelen, Andy Marlow, John Gross, Lloyd Wittstock, Kay Wolfe and I cultivated and weeded most of the garden. Even with 8 of us, it took over 2-1/2 hours to complete the work.

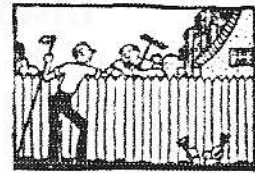
With over 50 members on the Perennial and Arbor Committees, we should be able to have a good crew available to work. We need a minimum of 8 to 10 workers at each session to maintain this garden. Upcoming Saturday work dates are: July 31; August 14, 28; September 11, 25 and October 9. Work begins between 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Please let me know when you can help! (612) 822-4109 robred3@aol.com

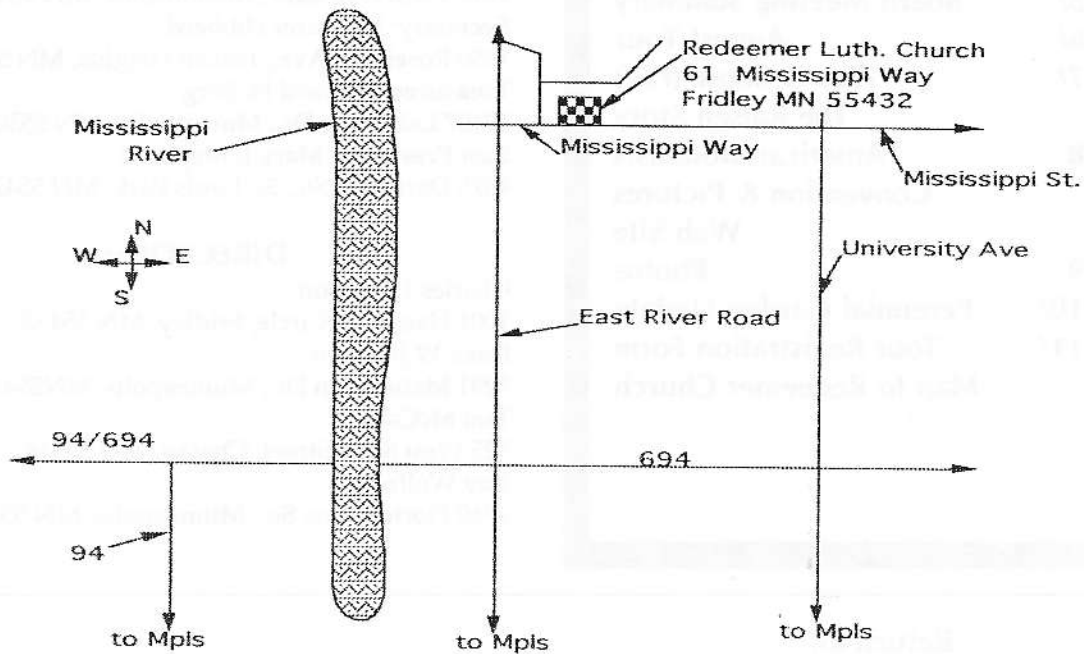
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Calendars for Year 2K

Yes, the 2000 calendars are here. We have two Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis members featured with pictures. Tally up how many you need. Someone will be asking you for your order. Buy a few extra to give away for Christmas.



Map to Redeemer Lutheran Church



Mississippi Way is about one and a quarter miles north of 694 traveling East River Road
 Parking at the church is in the rear lot. This is also where the busses will pick you up

AUGUST 8 GARDEN TOUR REGISTRATION

Members Name: _____

Guests Names(s) _____

Number attending _____ \$18.00 Per Person, Amount Included _____

I will take the bus: From Redeemer Church _____ or I will drive _____

Mail reservation and Check to : Renada Moehnke
 16385 Interlaxhen Blvd
 Lakeville, MN 55044

For information Phone Renada at: Day----- (612) 701-6130
 Evenings--- (612) 891-2939

Reservations must be received by August 4.
 Limited Bus space available(80)

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