

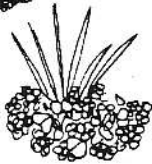
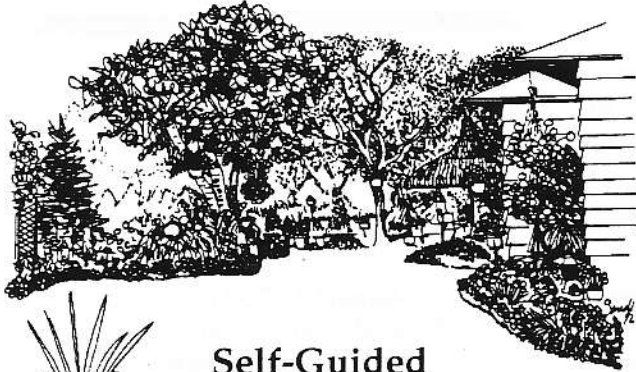
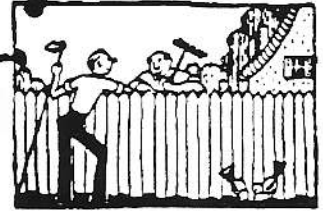


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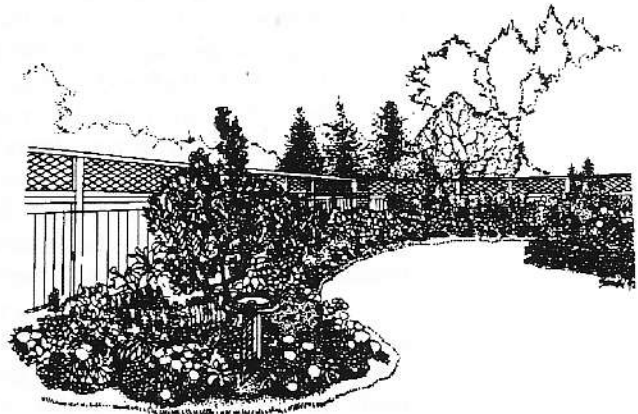
Self-Guided Driving Tour

Saturday & Sunday
July 9 & 10, 1994
noon to 5 p.m.

Bus Tour

Saturday
July 10, 1994
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Departs from the parking lot at
Calvary Lutheran Church
7520 Golden Valley Road
in Golden Valley

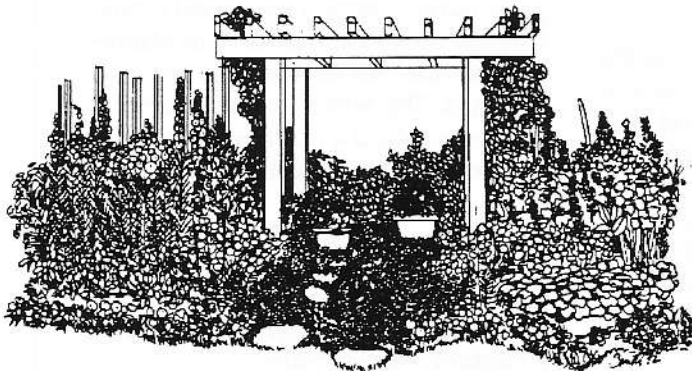
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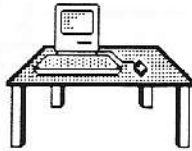


Tickets are still available for both tours.
For tickets and tour information call:
893-1878
or 922-6411

Proceeds from tours will be used for
horticulture and landscaping scholarships.

Be sure to send ticket sale funds
and unsold tickets as soon as possible to:
Mel Anderson, 5701 35th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55417





The Editor's Desk

Andy Marlow

This is the time of year when I should be retired—just to do my garden justice. There are so many things I want to grow, and so little time to plant and tend them. That's why my tomatoes and peppers finally moved from pot to vegetable bed about June 20. And why the bed with the astilbes in it has needed weeding since the weeds started to sprout in mid-May.

Some things are doing well, including hostas. A 'Golden Tiara' was doing so well, in fact, I dug it up to give to a friend who needs something to grow under an increasingly large maple tree. He'll get 15 to 20 plants from it after dividing.

The code of the hosta lover says you must share plants with your friends. Many of the special ones in my yard were gifts, a number of them from Dr. Bob Olson, now President of the American Hosta Society, and my hosta mentor.

Actually, unless you have a very slow growing rare plant, sharing hostas is not a particular hardship. They grow fairly quickly and divide readily at any time in the growing season. Besides, I've found that you usually get at least one new plant for each one you give away. It's the Golden Rule of Gardening come to life (you know, give plants unto others as you would have them give unto you) and at least as much fun as my 12-year-old's hobby of trading baseball cards.

Hostas are good photography subjects, too. The various shades of green, from near blue to near gold, and rich textures make wonderful photographs. Consider them for the "Foto" contest that Lloyd Wittstock writes about on page 4.

Coming Attractions

July 5 - 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board of Directors
Mary Maynard's House

July 9 & 10
MGCM Public Garden Tours

August 2 - 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board of Directors
Don Powell's House

August 14
MGCM Member's Garden Tour

August 20 & 21
Flower, Food and Foto Show
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

September 6 - 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board of Directors
Bob Stepan's House

September 13 - 6:00 p.m.
MGCM Dinner Meeting
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

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The President's Report

Clyde Thompson, President, MGCM

What a summer! It's only June as I write this, and we've already had more summer than all of last year.

The 90 degree, 30 mile per hour weather brought the pink shrub roses and white peonies into instant bloom, making the best picture of the year.

Which reminds me—get those garden photos in by July 15 for the judges to select the winners before the August 20-21 Flower, Food and Foto Show. Get your photos to Lloyd Wittstock by the deadline. Rules for the competition appeared in the April and May *Garden Spray*.

Summertime is hard on my reading schedule, much less the writing. I assume it's the same for all erstwhile gardeners. So, I end early and only remind you to sell your tickets for the July 9 and 10 Public Garden Tours, and to keep August 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. open for the MGCM picnic and garden visits.



Learn something about hosta nomenclature in Chuck's Chestnuts on page 5

Board Meeting Notes



At their May meeting, the MGCM Board of Directors:

- asked Merle Pulley, MGCM representative to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, to report on MSHS activities at the June Board meeting.
- voted to buy a slide projector for showing TGOA/MGCA slide shows. This activity has

generated considerable income in the past, as well as new members and calendar sales. Chuck Carlson volunteered to head up a group of volunteers to present the shows to groups requesting this service.

- discussed a "half-price dues" membership drive for the balance of 1994.

At their June meeting, the MGCM Board of Directors:

- learned that the annual Plant Sale and Auction brought an excess of income over expenses of \$3,183.
- approved giving a copy of the MGCM member mailing list to the Arboretum so they could invite MGCM members to a special event in the Home Demonstration Garden on July 21.
- decided to ask the membership to approve the purchase of the slide projector discussed at the May meeting, as this purchase was not part of the 1994 budget approved by the membership



Snapshots

by Lloyd Wittstock
Chair, MGCM Photography

The rose show at the Arboretum, the fragrance garden, the plant auction, the July 9 and 10 public garden tours, your backyard. What do these have in common? Well, plants, of course, but also photo opportunities.

These garden photo opportunities offer subjects which hold (fairly) still, don't charge a fee, are unaware of subject release forms and don't sue the photographer if the result is unflattering.

Some of these events and places were represented by prints displayed at the June MGCM meeting and, if members continue to bring them in, will be seen at the September and subsequent meetings as well. Share the wealth!

The contest deadline for the "Foto" portion of the August 20 and 21 show is July 15. Details on entering and on the sections and classes are to be found in the April and May issues of the *Spray*. Classes which were under represented last year in both photos and

slides were vegetables, club activities, landscapes, wildflowers and miscellaneous, educational, or a series.

A entry form was circulated at the June meeting, but if you don't have one, just follow the rules. Besides marking the prints and slides as required, please write on a page or pages the description and class of each item. Also, please indicate with an asterisk which items we can keep for the Club album or slide show.

Although the deadline is early, we

don't restrict the time during which the slides or prints have been taken, so you may enter a print of last year's mums, for example. The print size is limited to 5" by 7", so we don't keep out those of us who don't do our own prints nor have the funds for larger, professional printing.

People enter at many levels of experience and proficiency, so don't hold back for fear of losing your claim on amateur status—the prizes won't affect that, for certain. This is about sharing an experience, after all.

Community Garden Report

By Chuck Carlson

The annuals are have been blooming their buds out. The petunias and pansies really make a colorful show. The roses, sweet william and cosmos also are going strong, and the helianthus are just starting. All in all, it has been going well in the garden. Weeding will now be the prime concern for the maintenance volunteers. By the time you read this, we will have had a bus load tour the garden. Other tours are scheduled for July 14 and August 4, so the garden will be busy.

Here is the list of maintenance volunteers for July and August:

- July 2-8 Bob Harrie & Chuck Carlson
- July 9-15 L. Wittstock & M. Maynard
- July 16-22 D. Powell & M. Lindblom
- July 23-29 Phil Peterson & E. Hugelen
- July 30-Aug 5 Jim Tuff & Chuck Benson

Thanks for your work.





Chuck's Chestnuts

by Chuck Carlson

The Chestnut

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose. By any other name would smell as sweet." Those words from William Shakespeare came forward from the recesses of my mind when I read *The Hosta Book* by Paul Aden. Why should this come to my mind when reading about hostas? It is because of the difficulties in assigning a name for this group of plants.

The history of hostas nomenclature began when the Swedish botanist Peter Thunberg applied the name Aletris. Four years later Thunberg realized they should not be placed in the genus Hemerocallis, but, it remained there for many years until plant taxonomists recognized the difference.

In 1812, Austrian botanist Leopold Trattinick published the name Hosta to honor Austrian botanist Nicholas Host. This was short lived though, since the name Hosta was once used to identify a group in the Verbena family, but was later invalidated. However, the rules of botanical nomenclature say that a previously used name can not be used even if it was used incorrectly. In 1817 Kurt Sprengel corrected the situation by publishing the name Funkia. Funkia was used throughout the 19th. century, and sometimes used even today. In 1905 the International Botanical Congress voted to conserve the name Hosta, thus making it the legal name 83 years after it was first proposed.

Today Hosta is used and cultivars are named by the rules found in the International Code of Nomenclature for cultivated plants. The University of

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum jointly with the Hosta Society serves as the official registrar.

The US Department of Agriculture is attempting to make intergeneric crosses between Hostas and Daylilies. Hopefully this would lead to a shade tolerant daylily, or a Hosta with daylily type flowers.

The Hosta is a wonderful addition to any garden, particularly if shade predominates. My guess is that most members in the club have at least one cultivar in their garden. The club is fortunate to have members which are experts on this plant: Robert Savoy of Savoy Gardens; Robert Olson, President of the American Hosta Society; Fred Pearson, Vice President of the Minnesota Hosta Society; Tim McCauley and *Spray* editor Andy Marlow. I am sure they would be happy to answer any questions on the Hosta.

The Tip

If you don't have any Hostas in your garden try some . If you have some, try a new one. Here is a list from the AHS 1993 popularity poll. The ranking is by total points.

1. 'Sum & Substance'
2. Hosta, fluctuans 'Variegated'
3. 'Great Expectations'
4. 'Gold Standard'
5. H. Montana 'Aureomarginata'
6. 'Golden Tiara'
7. 'Love Pat'
8. 'Krossa Regal'
9. 'Sun Power'
10. 'Tokudama Aureomarginata'
11. H. ventricosa 'Aureomarginata'
12. 'Francis Williams'
13. 'Regal Splendor'
14. 'Whirlwind'

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