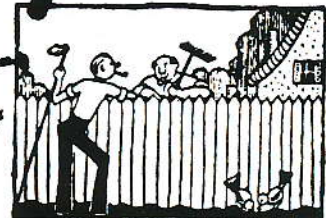




# The Garden Spray

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The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis June meeting  
will be held at the  
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 49th Street at Chowen Avenue South  
6:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 11th Dinner \$6.50

GET YOUR RESERVATION CARD BACK TO ELDON HAGELEN AT ONCE

The PROGRAM conducted by DUANE REYNOLDS a certified flower and vegetable show judge who is also a past president of MGCM will feature a slide presentation on HOW TO DISPLAY FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES. It will be followed by a discussion in which you will get your questions answered.

Bring a plant you have in your home or a flower or vegetable you expect to have in your garden this summer. Learn how to prepare it for show; how to label it; how to arrange it.

No. We aren't kidding. We know your carrots, beets and what not are just emerging. Get a vegetable from the supermarket or your cellar to bring to the meeting. Who cares who grew it or where. THIS IS TO BE A LEARNING SESSION not a show.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANGE . . . .

To have your picture taken, for inclusion in the forthcoming pictorial directory of MGCM. On June 11th Ted Olson will be setting up his camera for the last time before the directory is printed. If Ted has not taken your picture--or if you aren't sure whether he has taken it--contact him at our June meeting.

ANOTHER LAST CHANCE: If you are going to Raleigh let Merle Pulley know. Delegates must be named before June 15.

URGENT! RECORD THIS DATE RIGHT NOW?

We will be observing our club's 50th anniversary with a dinner on Thursday (note - not Tuesday) October 1, 1992 (note - not 1991). So write it on the last day of this year's calendar and move it up when you get a 1992 calendar. It will be a dinner with wives and other guests - but plan for it now.

Get it right! Thursday, October 1, 1992.

-- 50th Anniversary Committee

IN SHORT - THE VERSATILE ROSE

by Jerry Olson

The Miniature Rose is the most versatile and useful of all rose types. One can use the very small microminis or the regular size minis in beds or pots. There are plant forms of minis available to please everyone. You can grow them as bushes, climbers, trees or even hanging baskets.

Today miniatures are available in every conceivable color or combination of colors. The flower form of these little gems runs the gamut from the exhibition hybrid-tea type form to the plain decorative form. Now we even have some with the blossom of the Old Garden Rose.

Their use and possibilities in rose shows far surpasses that of any other rose type. Just check your local rose show schedule and you will be amazed to learn how many different classes are available for miniature roses in both the horticultural and the arrangement sections.

Most importantly, they are easy to grow. All one needs is a sunny location with good friable soil with adequate drainage. Always plant the miniature rose a little lower in the soil than you find it in the pot you purchased. Miniatures grow on their own roots and will develop more new roots and shoots this way.

Water and fertilize them regularly for good growth. They develop and respond to regular feedings of liquid fertilizer alternated with liquid fish. Of course, one must spray regularly to maintain them free of insects or fungus damage. For winter protection outdoors use the Minnesota Tip method or variations thereof.

Miniatures are the one rose for everyone. They are for the very young, the very old and all ages in between. They are the perfect plant for those who are handicapped since they can be potted, fertilized, watered and pruned at a table or on a bench. This allows the handicapped to fully enjoy the pleasure of growing roses.

Miniatures can be used in pots anywhere--On apartment balconies, on patios, or in window boxes. The list of uses for miniature roses is very long. They can be in formal or informal beds; in border plantings; around lamp posts, bird baths, doorsteps; or, in tubs. They may be used in narrow areas, as ground covers, even as climbers. For decorative purposes they are lovely as hanging basket specimens.

One can use micro-minis as rock garden plantings. Bonsai enthusiasts will find the micro-mini rose to be very useful and beautiful. Even dried miniature rose flowers can be used--In arrangements, in plaques, in collages, even in jewelry such as lockets.

For real pleasure try growing some miniature roses this year.

IN SHORT -- MINIATURES ARE THE VERSATILE ROSE.

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Thousands of years ago watermelons had spread to China, southern Russia and Europe, and watermelon beer is made in Russia.

Lettuce hails from the Near East and romaine variety is of Roman origin.



# Grow With Us

The 1991 Plant Auction and Country Store sale was a great success thanks to the many MGCM members who volunteered their time and energy. A special thanks to Dave Johnson, Chair of the Plant Auction Committee for overseeing the entire operation, buying good products at the right price and bringing them to members and friends at a fair price. This event is the major money maker for the club and we all owe gratitude to Dave Johnson and crew for the fine work.

Lynhurst Community Center, location of the annual plant auction for several years now, would be an excellent place for some MGCM members to start a Youth Gardening project. Several Youth Gardening sessions could be planned prior to the auction to prepare and clean up the area. Our club could donate some items each year from the "after auction" inventory to help spruce up the Community Center gardens. Additional training sessions on care and maintenance of the gardens would follow. This would benefit the youth of the area, the community center and our club with respect to long term recruitment. (It is ironic that eighty gardeners and guests ate their meal in a lovely courtyard surrounded by foot tall dandelions).

On another topic, the Club has limited funds bugeted for delegates to the Men's Garden Clubs of America Convention, June 23-26, 1991 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Members planning to attend this event as a delegate should notify me ASAP at 822-0172 (no later than June 10, 1991) so official action can be taken on this matter at the June 11 meeting.

Finally, from The Newsletter of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, The Garden Club Dispatch, SPECIAL PRESENTATION PLANNED: Dr. Jacobs, a graduate of the U of M, will share a few of his adventures in research and collecting native, endangered and exotic plants. Saturday, June 22 - 1:30 p.m. (Advance Registration Required.)

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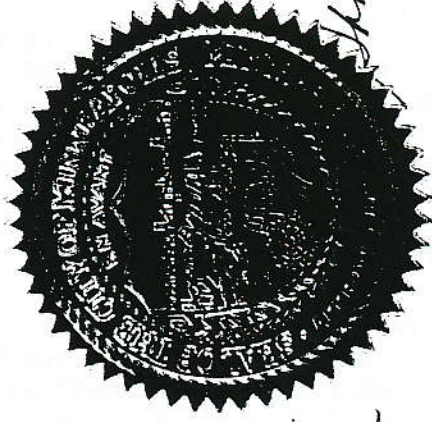


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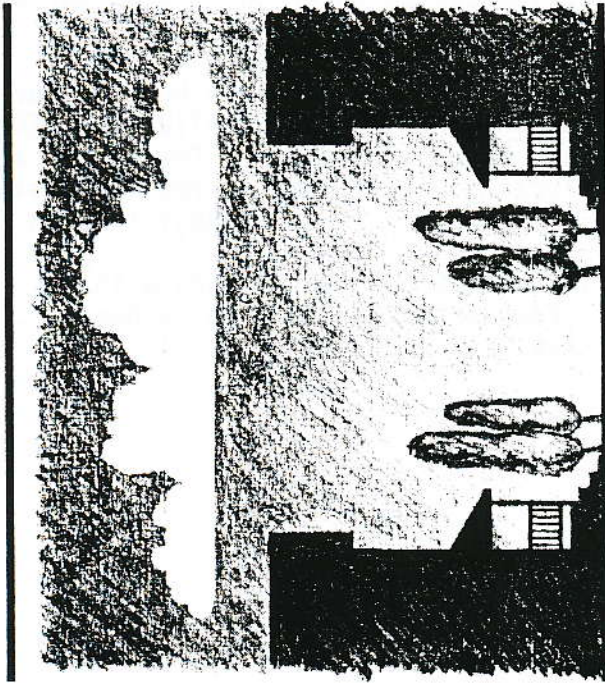
**Men's Garden Club  
Community Fragrance Garden**

**April 27, 1991**



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## FRAGRANCE GARDEN

The summer maintenance schedule of the Fragrance Garden is included as part of this issue of the "Spray". Make a note on your calendar for your scheduled dates. We hope this year will bring another garden of distinction. This year we know of at least one tour which will be coming to the garden. The American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta is having their annual meeting in Minneapolis and have included our garden on their Horticulture in Action Tour. This will be Saturday June 22nd. The three weeks prior to this tour, we will be scheduling three people for maintenance in order to present a well kept garden.

Our weekly maintenance consists of weeding, watering, removal of dead plant material, dead heading of spent flowers, hoeing, trimming, hand grass clipping around the fence etc. and general maintenance.

The Minneapolis Society for the Blind will supply water and and weekly mowing of the grass. Those doing weekly maintenance must bring their own tools and watering attachments. A hose will be at the site. Also bring plastic bags or other containers for weeds and plant material. This plant material shall be disposed of by us and not put into the trash barrel. Remember the area outside of the fence, a messy area will detract from the beauty of the garden.

If some special need is noted during the summer and it cannot be taken care of during the general weekly maintenance, please make it known to one of the next weeks volunteers.

LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR THE BEST EVER FOR THE GARDEN.

Have a good year gardening \*\*\*\*\*

### WE COULD USE HIM

Albert Wilson, will be one of the featured speakers at Raleigh on June 24th just as he was here in 1988 and has been at MGCA convention year after year. Wilson's talk (and aside comments) on pruning is a delight to hear--Ask Russ Smith or your editor if you doubt.--Small wonder the Gardener queried, "What would a convention be without the venerable Albert Wilson?"

Wilson of Palo Alto, California, a long time MGCA member is currently MGCA director for the Northern California region. A graduate of Stanford University he is an author, salesman, humorist, television personality. Recognized a few years ago while on an Alaska cruise he was asked if he would be willing to give some talks to the passengers. He replied, "Why not? I love to talk." There was one obstacle. Cruise line rules required that he be an employee. So they signed him up--"and paid him" off (his words) --as an able bodied seaman. (At 80+ years!)

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A pound of white ants or termites is one of the highest known sources of energy says Gene DeFoliart, a University of Wisconsin professor and editor of The Food Insects Newsletter. Insects can be quite tasty when properly cooked, DeFoliart insists. As a food source, they should not be overlooked.

1991 FRAGRANCE GARDEN SUMMER MAINTENCE SCHEDULE

WEEKLY SATURDAY TO FRIDAY

DATE	NAME	PHONE #	NAME	PHONE #
May 18-24	Bob Redmann	822-4109	Chuck Carlson	571-0463
25-31	Jim Ellis	926-0705	Kent Petterson Marlene Roggow	332-1821 871-2188
June 1-7	Walt Gustafson	926-3124	Burton Dean	933-1903
8-14	Keith Monjak	724-8774	John Gross John Moon	823-8620 861-5754
15-21	Mary Maynard	926-7506	Terry Robertson	521-0703
22-28	Maury Lindblom	935-6913	Kevin Gormley	724-9203
Jun29-Jul5	Dick Arnevik	561-3944		
July 6-12	Chuck Carlson	571-0463	Joe Stenger	822-5305
13-19	Henry Orfield	920-7018	Bob Churilla	788-8958
20-26	Robert Kean	827-7216		
Jul27-Aug2	Keith Monjak	724-8774	Ed Culbert	823-7853
Aug 3-9	Duane Johnson	824-0295	Norman TerSteege	822-0371
10-16	Maury Lindblom	935-6913		
17-23	Jim Ellis	926-0705		
24-30	Eldon Hugelen	431-4334	R. Livingston	343-2505Day
Aug31-Sep6	Mel Anderson	727-3015	Chet Groger	922-6411
Sept 7-13	Merle T Pulley	822-0172	M. Thomas	822-0172
14-20	Terry Robertson	521-0703		
21-27	Lee Gilligan	536-9858	Donald Nybo	537-7676
Sep28-Oct4	Walt Gustafson	926-3124		
Oct 5-11				
12-18				
19-25				

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PROGRAMS AT MGCM MEETINGS WAY BACK WHEN

Feb. 8, 1944 At the invitation of Henry Bachman, 33 members and guests met at the Bachman greenhouses with Henry and his family acting as very gracious hosts. Herb Kahlert and his committee served the dinner, topped off with dessert by the Bachmans. The trip through the greenhouse and Henry's demonstration of seeding and transplanting was much enjoyed.

April 10, 1945 After the dinner (at the Fountain Terrace) the several special interest groups presented short reports with instructions for their guidance during the year. Walter Menzel described the best methods in the forcing of annuals and Walter Quist gave instructions for soil testing. The main speaker of the evening was F. Elmer Hallberg, landscape architect from St. Paul, and his subject was "Perennial Arrangement In the Garden". He pointed out many of the planning mistakes we are making in our garden layouts.

Feb. 12, 1946 Ed Montgomery presented "What's New in the Catalogs" and brought out an interesting discussion led by Quist who warned us not to neglect the older and well tried varieties in favor of some of the newer novelties. He mentioned especially two plants he recommended for the larger garden Tithonia and the perennial sunflower, Helianthus Orgyalis.

The program highlight was a talk on "Soils and Their Improvement" by John M. MacGregor (SIC) from the University of Minnesota. Upsher Smith presented the report of his Special Interest committee on sweet peas. Very few of the members were raising sweet peas due largely to the mistaken idea that they could not be raised successfully in this area. The report showed the fallacy of this notion and pointed out the best methods to follow to obtain the prized blooms so much desired by lovers of this flower.

Apr. 8, 1947 Dr. J. M. McGregor, acting professor of soils at the University spoke on "What Your Plants Have a Right to Expect of Your Garden Soil". Lloyd Bachman discussed his experience with vermiculite-sphagnum moss and peat in the greenhouse. Lloyd demonstrated a number of interesting things not the least of which was the fact that he no longer was just a nice young salesman for the Bachmans but was fully able to hold his own in the top rank of plant scientists.

It was now that the two brave old gladiators Upsher (Smith) and Archie (Flack), were led into the arena and the fight was on. [A debate on "Dusting and Spraying"] After the dust of battle had settled and tempers were cooled sufficiently, it was announced that the fight was a draw much to the disgust of both men. After the Smith-Flack debate Bob Bryant discussed the new catalogs and some of the newer things advertised therein and Ed Culbert again treated us to one of his witty lessons on plant names.

Oct. 12, 1948 Our principal speaker for the evening was Horace W. Barnes of Wayzata, a real entertainer as well as a good horticulturist. His topic was "Fall Work in Your Garden." He said that fall work was the penalty for the work we should have done last summer. He also said that after you pass forty the only pleasant activity open to a man which is not illegal, immoral or fattening is gardening.

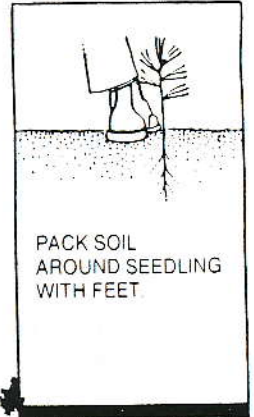
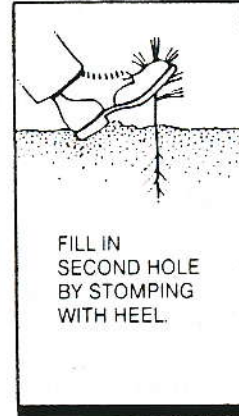
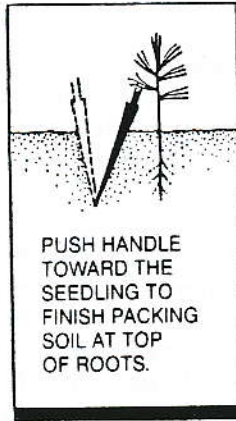
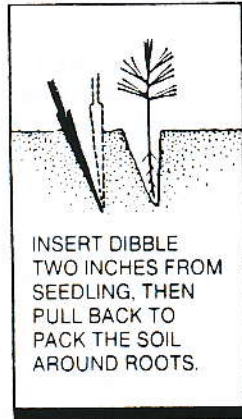
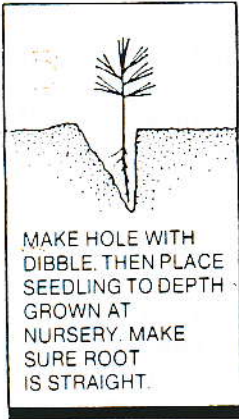
Following the program Archie Flack and others presented various methods of raising money for the national convention next year (1949). The plan finally agreed upon called for the sale of special subscriptions at \$35 each to our members, the money to be placed in a special fund in our treasury and to be used to underwrite the cost of the convention. It was estimated that we would need at least \$3000 in this fund before the convention could start. Before the meeting closed we had \$1250 in the fund.

Source: History of Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis

In spring hasten your rhubarb with nitrate of soda, half a handful to a clump. Scatter in an 18" to 24" circle. Hoe in lightly. Other high nitrogen fertilizers act more slowly.

A good many years ago I helped plant DNR seedling conifers in the sand barrens near Zimmerman, Minnesota. Our instructions were to plant as shown in the diagrams below save that we were using shovels not dibbles. Incidentally, if one uses a putty knife the first three sketches below show how to transplant almost any seedling.

## How to Plant Your Seedlings



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