

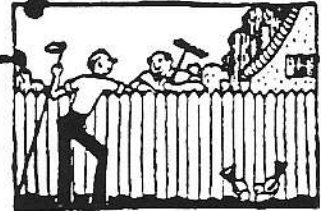


The Garden Spray

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MGCM June Dinner Meeting and Program

Speaker: Dr. Harold Pellett

Coordinator, Center for Hardy Landscape Plants in Chanhassen, Minnesota

Dr. Pellett is best known for developing of the "Lights" series of winter hardy azaleas. The Center represents a coordinated effort involving many institutions and individuals throughout the United States and Canada. Its mission is to support and encourage the breeding and development of quality landscape plants tolerant of environmental and biological stresses. The Center has recently supported research trips to China and Russia to acquire seeds of plants to be used in future breeding efforts.

Dr. Pellett will talk about some current successes and projects that are now going on at the Center. A number of "new" plants developed through the efforts of Dr. Pellett and his colleagues were made available to MGCM members at our annual Plant Sale and Auction on May 10th.

Date: Tuesday June 14

Time: 6:00 p.m. – Dinner

Business meeting and program to follow

Place: Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

49th and Chowen Avenue South

Minneapolis

Cost: \$7.00 by advance reservation

\$8.00 at the door

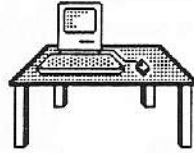
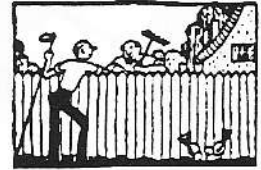
If your *Garden Spray* has a dinner reservation card attached, mail to Secretary Eldon Hugelen as soon as possible to assure your dinner reservation.

Membership Special!

Join the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis for the rest of 1994 for only \$12! And, a second member in the same family only costs \$8 for the rest of this year! The Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis and the Minnesota State Horticultural Society have reduced membership dues by one-half for the remainder of 1994. Now is a good time to recruit new members at this special rate. A membership form is printed on pages 5 and 6. Have the new member fill out the form and mail it to Treasurer Mel Anderson at 5701 35th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55417. Call Mel with any questions at 727-3015.

The dues are:	<u>Yearly</u>	<u>Now</u>
TGOA/MGCM	\$15	*
MSHS	\$14	\$7
MGCM	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$5</u>
TOTAL	\$39	\$12

* Since The Gardeners of America/ Men's Garden Clubs of America has only calendar year dues, we will not require new members to join TGOA/ MGCM until 1995 dues are due.



The Editor's Desk

Andy Marlow

I had not been to an Arbor Day planting for a couple of years until April 30. I joined a crew of 15 or so to plant 20 clumps of Heritage River Birch along the west shore of Birch Pond in Theodore Wirth Park. It was a bit wet, but fortified with hot chocolate and high rubber boots supplied by Mary Lerman of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, we made short work of it.

After the planting, Mary led us along a path west from the parking lot nearest Birch Pond to the Quaking Bog. The bog features a floating tamarack island, called Mariana's Isle, from which Eloise Butler gathered a number of the acid-loving plants for her Wildflower Garden.

The island is surrounded by a moat. Nearly 200 tamarack trees make their home on the island, along with sphagnum moss and carnivorous plants such as Pitcher Plants and Sundews. Normally you would have to travel quite a ways north to experience this unique environment. It's a real treat to have it so near by.

Access to the bog and island is being improved. On April 22, Earth Day, students from Lake Country Montessori School began installing a boardwalk onto and around the floating island. This follows a major effort by Park Board staff to eliminate European Buckthorn from the area and restore the native flora. Incidentally, funds for the boardwalk project come from a grant by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, which is funded by proceeds from the Minnesota State Lottery. So all those dollars you've been investing in Gopher 5 are doing some good after all.

Coming Attractions

June 7 - 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board of Directors
Chuck Carlson's House

June 14 - 6:00 p.m.
MGCM Dinner Meeting
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church
49th and Chowen Avenue South

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

July 9 & 10
MGCM Public Garden Tours

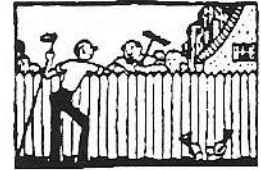
August 2 - 7:30 p.m.
MGCM Board of Directors
Don Powell's House

August 14
MGCM Member's Garden Tour

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

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The President's Report

Clyde Thompson, President, MGCM

There should be a spring moratorium on reports, considering all the interesting activities and events occurring this time of year, including the MGCM Plant Sale and Auction, which not only takes time to set up, but results in a carload of plants to get into the garden. The committee did a great job of providing a good selection for the sale. Congratulations to Bob Stepan and his group for another successful MGCM event!

Then there were the Arbor Day planting, the Fragrance Garden cleanup and planting and the Stevens' House garden maintenance.

The Stevens' House Committee plans to have a student intern this summer to research which plants would have been in vogue in the 1850s. If you have any resources on this subject, let me know. My Grandma's garden started about 1900, when Peonies, Iris and Oriental Poppies were popular. Of course, Bloodroot grew wild in the apple orchard and the field of Blue Flax was a real sight, followed by the white Buckwheat blossoms, which provided the best dark honey. It amazes me how much work I go to just to duplicate some of the memories of the colors that all were a part of the environment in which I grew up.

SPECIAL EVENT

PUBLIC
Garden
TOUR

July 9 and 10, 1994

A Hearty "Thank You"

The annual MGCM Plant Sale and Auction is a perennially successful event, thanks in part to generous donations from friend of MGCM. Contributors to this year's event on May 10 included:

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Nursery stock

Bachman's

Plant material

Bloomington Garden Center

Gift certificate

Edina Hardware

Wildflower seeds

Franks Nursery and Crafts, Burnsville

New Guinea Impatiens

Hennepin Cooperative

Flower box

Jerry's Nursery, Burnsville

Weed Whip

Klier's Nursery

Fertilizers

Malmberg's Nursery

Gift certificates

Kent Petterson

Garden books

Savory's Gardens

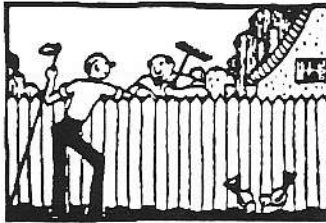
Hostas

Clyde Thompson

Bird house

New Member

David C. McKeen
5041 Aldrich Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55430



Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, Inc.

Membership Application

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
 (Last) (First) (Initial)

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
 _____ Zipcode: _____
 (City) (State)

Employer: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
 _____ Zipcode: _____
 (City) (State)

Occupation/Position: _____

My horticultural activities and interests are:

Currently active	Interested in	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Container gardening
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental projects
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flowers _____ annual _____ perennial
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fruits _____ trees _____ bushes _____ vines
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenhouse _____ gardening _____ propagation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Growing under lights _____ gardening _____ propagation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	House plants _____ foliage _____ flowering
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydroponics
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lawns
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trees and shrubs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetables
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

If accepted as a member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, I will serve on the following committees (minimum of two):

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arbor Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Calendar sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Bulletin | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Food, Flower and Foto Show | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Tours | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Auction | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On committees as needed | | | |

If accepted as a member of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, I will to the best of my abilities:

- Faithfully attend the scheduled monthly meetings.
- Participate with Club committees as indicated above.
- Pursue horticultural activities to improve my gardening skills.
- Willingly make available my horticultural skills and knowledge to Club members and others in the community.

My reasons for wanting to join the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis are: _____

Date: _____ Signature of applicant: _____

Other horticultural affiliations: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

I have reviewed this membership application and believe that the applicant has an interest in horticulture as indicated, and I will assist this applicant in being an active Club member.

Sponsor's signature: _____ Board action: _____ Date: _____

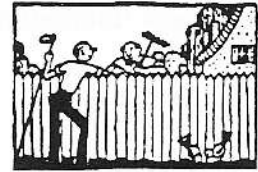
A check for the appropriate dues amount must accompany this application.

Full dues per year payable by one or two people at the same address includes membership in the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis (MGCM), the Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) and The Gaardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America (TGOA/MGCA). 1st Membership: \$39.00 2nd Membership: additional \$19.00* Couple \$58.00

Members who join between May 1 and September 30 may pay discounted dues for the balance of the calendar year.
First Membership: \$12.00 Second Membership: additional \$8.00*

*Multiple membership include one mailing to each address.

First member applicants who are already members of MSHS deduct \$14.00 from full year dues; of MGCA deduct \$15.00.
Second member applicants who are already members of MSHS deduct \$4.00 from full year dues; of MGCA deduct \$10.00.



Fragrance Garden Report

By Chuck Carlson

The garden has been in bloom during May, with Lilacs, Boltana and flowering crabs making the biggest show.

Spring cleaning, plus the addition of a load of compost to one of the beds, was accomplished on April 23. Planting day on May 21 was perfect. All the flowers were planted on a nice sunny day and we had a little rain in the evening to settle them in.

Henry Orfield created the layout for this year's garden. Around 1500 annuals were planted. It looks like a real winner. Now all we need is some good weather and our maintenance volunteers.

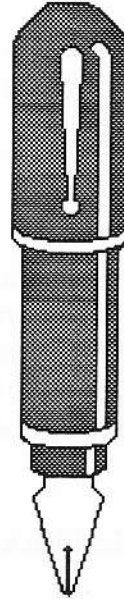
Here is the list of maintenance volunteers for the May-June time frame:

May 28 – June 3	D. Powell & C. Carlson
June 4 – 10	J. Groos & J. Moon
June 11 – 17	Nancy & Bill Jepson
June 18 – 24	R. Kean & V. Bouslough
June 25 – July 1	J. Shannon & B. Stepan
July 2 – 8	B. Harrie & ???

We need two more volunteers; one for July 2 – 8 and one for September 10 – 16. It's an easy task; watering, weeding and general clean up. You don't have to go every day. See Chuck if you can take one of these weeks.

Thanks to all who have worked to date. It is much appreciated by me and the community using the garden. The Garden really is used and appreciated. We have two tours coming to the garden this year. We had a wedding scheduled in the garden during September, but love

Board Meeting Notes



At their April meeting, the MGCM Board of Directors:

- decided to publicize the Plant Sale and Auction, Food, Flower and Foto Show and our July and August Garden Tours in the *Calendar of Events* in the *Minnesota Horticulturist*
- approved an application for membership from

David McKeen bringing the membership total to 108

• learned that 103 members and guests attended the dinner meeting at the Dayton's-Bachman's Flower Show on March 22.

• approved a motion to purchase short term liability insurance for the public garden tours in July, the expense to be paid by proceeds from the tour

• reported that the membership, at the March meeting, approved a motion to advance \$1,000 for tour expenses to be reimbursed from the proceeds

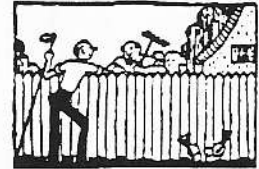
Fragrance Garden

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couldn't wait—they got married early.

It really looks like another good year for the garden. Pull those weeds, pick up the trash, deadhead the flowers, water the plants and have another good year at the Garden. Come just for a visit, you may enjoy the view.

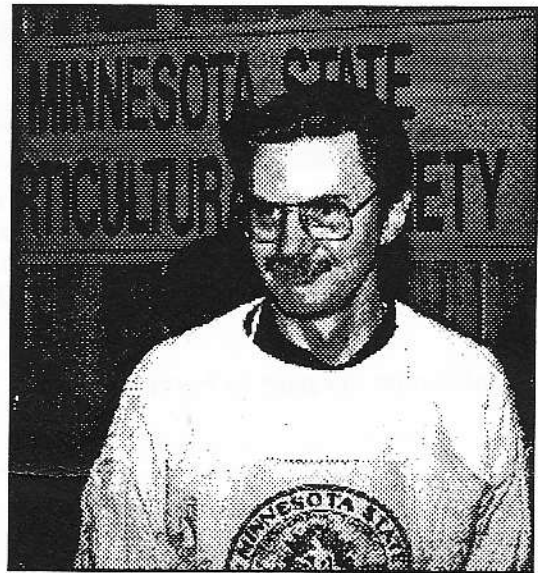
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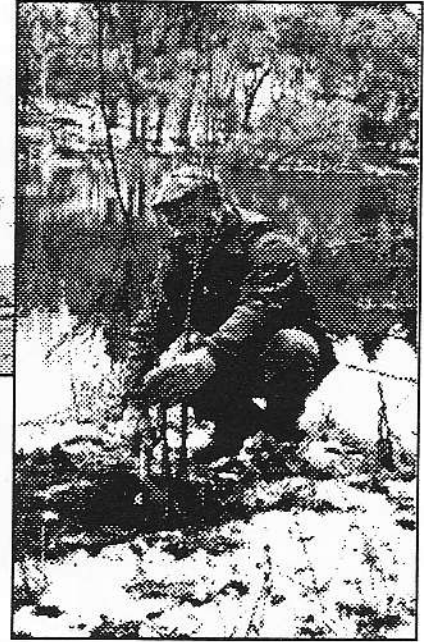
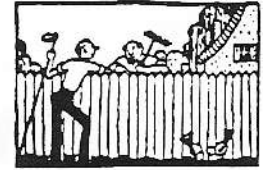
Dave Johnson gives visitors a big smile as he helps out in the Minnesota State Horticultural Society booth at the Minneapolis Home and Garden Show



It's clear from both the banner and his sweat short where this photo of Roger Sefelt was snapped



Speaker Dale Bachman(left) and Vice President Bob Voigt enjoy dinner at the March MGCM meeting at the Dayton's-Bachman's Flower Show



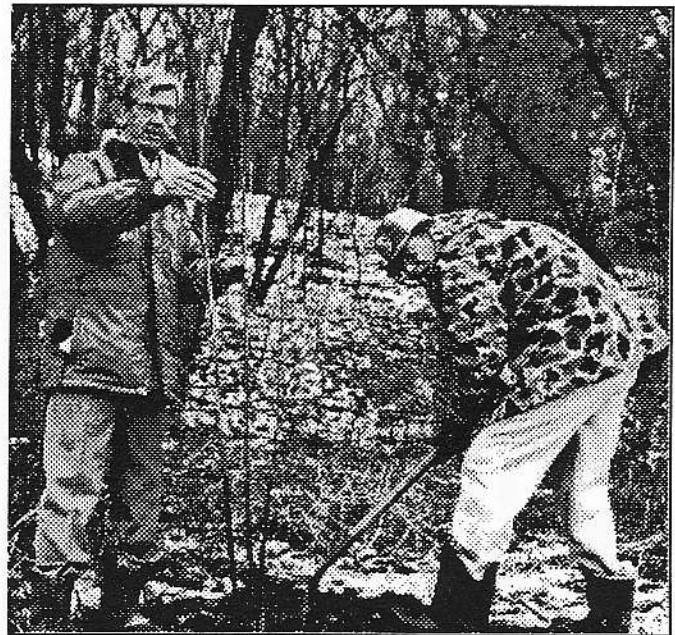
Before they even get their shovels dirty, Merle Pulley, Jerry Shannon, Andy Marlow and Chuck Carlson are swilling hot chocolate dispensed from the back of Mary Lerman's Park and Recreation Board pickup truck during the MGCM Arbor Day planting April 30 at Wirth Park

All photos on this page by Henry Orfield

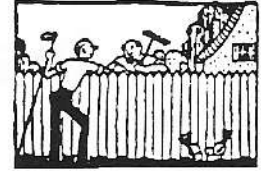
Merle Pulley goes it alone, planting one of 20 clumps of Heritage River Birch



Eldon Hugelen reaches high for pruning during the Fragrance Garden clean up on April 23



Bob Voigt steadies while Andy Marlow wields the spade along the shore of Birch Pond in Wirth Park



Chuck's Chestnuts

by Chuck Carlson

The Chestnut.

Some of you must think some of the past Chestnuts have been mundane, a rehash of another person's material or just plain bad. This one may go over the edge.

I always look for new or interesting gardening classes or seminars, but I have noticed that they are starting to repeat the same old themes. So I have taken it upon myself to come up with some new ones. I don't plan on teaching any of them but if anyone wishes, they may use these titles for the basis of an avant-garde horticultural seminar. They should benefit either the serious or the slothful gardener.

FOR BUSINESS OR PROFIT

1. Tax shelters for your garden
2. Repair & maintenance of tomato cages
3. How to profit from crab grass
4. 1001 uses for Creeping Charlie
5. Packaging and selling slugs
6. How to convert your greenhouse into a family room.
7. The under achievers guide to operating roadside stands
8. Winter moisture conservation for Minnesota.
9. The art of selling snow mulches in Florida

FOR WELL BEING

1. Self destruction via garden expansion
2. Digging and hoeing for regularity
3. High fiber flowers
4. Creative suffering through weeding

5. Mowing grass and your sinuses
6. Protein content of ants and grasshoppers
7. Pollen, molds and dust for your sensitive neighbors.

FOR LEISURE TIME

1. How to macrame a compost container
2. Bonsai your old tools
3. Creative insect and fungus art
4. Looters guide to apple varieties
5. Upgrade your wheel barrow to a fishing boat
6. How to make mole skin pillows
7. Kitchen taxidermy for deer and rabbits
8. Photographing flowers at 40 below

The Tip

Laugh! It's good for you. It may help you live longer and allow you to see all your garden dreams come true.

Correction

In last month's article on exhibiting vegetables, the late Dr. Orrin Turnquist advised removing the stems from beans before exhibiting. That article was written a number of years ago and Mel Anderson, one of MGCM's certified flower and vegetable judges, called to inform your editor (who should actually have known better) that a 1/2 inch or so of stem should be left on each bean. The stems should be trimmed so they are of uniform length.

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