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VIRTUAL GARDEN TOURS



The first program of the new year will feature Virtual Garden Tours. Club members Linda and Mike Thompson, Bill and Susan Clark, Andy Marlow and Katherine Schafer will present highlights of gardens they have visited.

Meeting location:

Lake Harriet Methodist Church, 4901 Chowen Ave. S., Minneapolis

Menu

6:00 Social Time
6:15 Dinner
7:00 Business Meeting
7:30 Program

**Ham with Cheesy Potatoes
Pineapple Upside-down Cake**

- Permanent reservations are in effect.
- Dinner is \$13.00.
- Reservations or cancellations are required no later than Friday, January 5.
- Email Sharla Aasang at resmwgcm@juno.com, or call (612) 623-9341 and leave a message.
- Note: for last-minute cancellations, contact Sharla. If she can sell it, you won't be billed.

2019 has arrived, along with the snow (and rain) that blankets our gardens. If you are like me, you often look for quiet reflection at this time of year after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. January is the beginning of the new year, and most things that grow outside are renewing and gaining energy for spring. The quiet season allows us to start planning our gardens and planning our lives.

Having the chance to be vice president of the MWGCM has been a blessing. I have met so many new people and have been involved in the club in a way that I may not have been otherwise. By accepting the opportunity to represent you, I appreciate the hard work and effort of many positional leaders and the many leaders I see that maybe do not have a title. Without every one of you, this club could not function as it does. Since I am still new to this organization, I encourage you to come chat with me, and chat with a new member, or someone you have not met. Hook them into the organization the way I was hooked.

In the upcoming year as president, I plan on taking some time to get to know as many of you as possible. I also plan to spend some time with each of our committees and to learn as much as I can from you, the people who make this organization what it is: amazing people, doing amazing things.

This upcoming year we have a variety of speakers and topics, and we are planning both public and club garden tours. Think about joining our Lyndale Park Mixed Border Garden or Native and Shade Garden committees. We have the first recipients of the Deane Fund grants starting projects and our plant sale and FFF show to round out our summer. There are many activities to become involved in, so take a leap and check out something new. Plan that commitment now in these quiet winter times. Search for those things that help you gain energy and renew your spirit, just as our plants are doing now.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve as president. Cheers to 2019!

2018 Award Recipients

These club members were recognized with awards at our Holiday Party:

Bachman Award: Nancy Bjerke

The Bachman Award is presented to recognize outstanding, sustained service to the club.

President's Cup: Andy Marlow

Presented to the member who provided outstanding assistance to the president during her/his term.

Lehman Trophy: Dave McKeen

The Tour Committee presents this award to the best member garden on a club tour.

Blackbourn Trophy: Gary Geister

For the member earning the most points for flowers in the Flower, Food & Foto Show.

Foley Trophy: Robert Keen

For the member earning the most point for vegetables in the FFF Show.

Smith Trophy: Suzanne Holt

For the first-time competitor earning the most points in the FFF Show.

Photo Award: Mary Barsness

For the member earning the most points in the photography competition in the FFF Show.

Rookies of the Year

This year three first-year members were chosen by the Board of Directors:

Suzanne Holt

Beate Lundstrom

Paul Theis



Dave McKeen received the Lehman Trophy from Robert Keen, winner of the Foley Trophy.



Gary Geister received the Blackbourn Trophy.



Beate Lundstrom was one of three Rookies of the Year.



Mary Barsness presents the Smith Trophy to Suzanne Holt, also a Rookie of the Year.

Silent Auction Recap

Becky DeLaCruz, Chair

What a great turnout for our Holiday Party and Silent Auction! Thanks to the numerous businesses that donated items to fund our Scholarship Program. Please consider supporting these businesses throughout the year. And thanks to the members who donated wonderful baked goodies and home-made and hand-crafted items, offers to bake a cake, cook brunch or provide an Arboretum tour, theater tickets and garden décor. Exact numbers are not yet in, but total proceeds exceeded \$4,300 combined (before expenses) for the Scholarship Program and general fund.

For those members who had winning bids on gift cards/certificates/vouchers, please read all small print to ensure you meet the conditions and are mindful of expiration dates.

Later this year we plan to survey members for suggestions on making it even better next year. Thank you to all who made the Holiday Party and Silent Auction a great success. Here's to 2019!

Deane Fund Grant

The first Deane Fund Grants were presented at this year's Holiday Party. Recipients are Steve Shubick and Paul Waytz. Next month, Steve Shubick will describe his project. This is the project presented by Paul Waytz along with "before" photos.



"For years, people who have enjoyed all sorts of recreational activities in and around Lake Harriet have been forced to visualize a small irregularly ovate area that is regularly mowed but otherwise uncared for. This small area is green only



because of nature's tendency to fill in. Two small humps give definition but also allow for a well-worn cowpath between them as visitors trod back and forth across from parking spaces and paved paths while accessing or leaving the lakeshore. Areas to the north and south have been reasonably planted and developed, however, this plot remains an ugly eyesore in need of attention. Our plan includes plantings of shrubs and perennial flowers but also annuals for several years until the area is established and self-maintained."

Scholarship Committee

M.T. Pulley, Chair

At the Holiday Party, the Scholarship Committee awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to each of these students:

Brice Bias is second year student in Horticulture Technology at Rochester Community and Technical College. He wants to work in genetics and plant biology to help develop desired characteristics in plants. Brice has a 3.40 cumulative GPA and is the president of the horticultural club. On his application he states, "The reason I want to pursue a horticulture-related field is my deep care for nature and the maintenance of our environment."

Kendra Torgerson is a first year Horticulture Technology student at Century College. From her application: "In my current program I'll be learning about plant propagation, plant biology, landscape design, greenhouse protocols, pest management skills and how to achieve and maintain good soil. I have a few ideas of what I'd like to do long term, such as building a public botanical garden, helping the University of Minnesota with their new apple flavors, master gardening, helping the pollinators and starting a seed library."

Zara Wirkus is a freshman in the Landscape Design and Construction Program at Hennepin Technical College and maintains a 3.88 cumulative grade point average. She states on her scholarship application, "After receiving my associates degree in May of 2020, I am planning to work for a landscape company in Minnesota. My ultimate goal in life is to own my own landscaping business in New York City and create urban gardens. What really sparked my interest in horticulture was being involved with the Buffalo FFA's Minnesota State Fair landscape display for three years. While in high school, I was also able to help out in the high school garden and provide fresh vegetables for the school cafeteria. Landscape design is a perfect career for me because it incorporates both my passion for art and my passion for agriculture."

Congratulations to these deserving students.

Membership Corner

Kathy Lenarz, Chair

Happy New Year to everyone! MWGCM is starting out 2019 on strong footing with 117 new and renewing members, which is 14 more than last year at this time.

The 2019 Directory is scheduled to be available at the January meeting, due to the dedicated efforts of Mollie Dean, who puts it all together for us. Thanks so much, Mollie!

Proposed 2019 MWGCM Budget

[To see the proposed MWGCM Budget for 2019, click here.](#)

The budget will be presented for approval at the January 8 club meeting.

Treasurer's Snapshot Alan Gallaher, Treasurer

AS OF DECEMBER 21, 2018

Checking Balance	\$ 55,776
Designated Funds	
Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden	\$ 2,286
Scholarship	\$ 7,691
Deane Fund at RCU	\$ 62,693
Working Balance	\$ 45,799
Petty Cash	\$ 100
MWGCM 19-month CD at US Bank	\$ 5,436

2019 Meeting & Event Calendar

January 8

Virtual Garden Tours
 MWGCM Club Members
 Lake Harriet Methodist Church

February 12

Updates at the Minnesota
 Landscape Arboretum
 Peter Moe
 Lake Harriet Methodist Church

March 12

Art & Science of Perennial
 Gardening
 Heidi Heiland
 Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

April 9

Landscape Design
 Matt Brooks
 Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

May 7

Annual Plant Sale
 St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

June 11

Lilacs in Minnesota
 Peter Moe
 Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

July

Garden Tours TBA

August 17 & 18

Flower, Food & Foto Show
 Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

September 10

Lillies
 Forrest Peiper
 Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

October 8

Program TBA
 Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

November 12

The Most Toxic Plants & Fungi of
 Minnesota
 Laurie Willhite
 Lake Harriet Methodist Church

December 10

Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction

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