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July

Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
June 30		Club Garden Tour
July 18		Bus Garden Tour
July 31		Photo Contest Entries Due
Aug. 15-16	Arb	Flower, Foot & Foto Show
Sept. 8	LWC	Laura Schwarz, Tangletown Gardens
Oct. 13	LWC	David Zlesak, New Hardy Shrub Roses

Arb = U of M Landscape Arboretum

LWC= Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Ave. S, Minneapolis

More calendar information on Page 11

Note: Permanent reservations are not in effect for garden tours.

See reservation information on Page 5 for June 30 tour and on Page 6 for the July 18 tour.

**It's Garden Tour Time!
Tours Planned for June 30
and July 18**

Tuesday, June 30 Tour 6:00 p.m.

This will be an informal "progressive" event (like in past years) featuring two member gardens and lots of time to socialize and talk gardening.

Cost is \$5/person.

Like past years, we welcome donations of appetizers, desserts, and beverages (to keep the cost low). Please contact Robert Kean (612-250-7693 or keanr@netzero.net) with the item(s) that you are willing to bring.

Full schedule, maps, directions, garden descriptions, reservation form starting on Page 4

Saturday, July 18 Tour

Our July 18 tour is a bus-only tour at a cost of \$25 per person, which includes the bus ride and lunch. This tour features five gardens in the South Metro designed by former club member Eldon Hugelen

Departure will be at 9:00 AM from the Park and Ride in Eagan at 4565 Black Hawk Road, with a return time around 2:00. Lunch will be served at Doug Whitman's lavish estate.

Reservations are due by Tuesday, July 14.

More information and reservation form on Page 6.

Notes from the Prez

-- Tom McKusick

No President's column this month. Tom had to go out of town unexpectedly. He'll be back next month!

Editor's Note

-- Mary Maynard

I know there can be a down side, but I really wish we had a few coyotes in my neighborhood. Because I have the worst rabbit infestation that I can remember. How many chicken wire cylinders can one garden support?

Rabbits are not only eating roses and lilies (grrrr), but also asters, centaurea, hostas, peppers, strawberries, zinnias, filipendula, kalimeris, Virginia bluebells, Rudbeckia, and much more.

I have spent a small fortune on Rabbit Scram, which does seem to deter them for a while. But then I think they go nose-blind to it. I have also been shooting at them with my garden hose sprayer set on "stun". They don't like that, but they keep coming back.

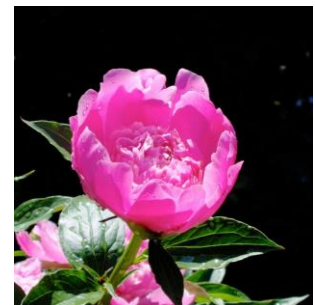
They don't seem to like irises, mint, Monarda, Nepeta, calamint, true geraniums (they chewed down a pelargonium very efficiently), daylilies or feverfew. I am not quite ready to limit my garden to things they won't eat.

So the first thing I did after I planted my uber-expensive Martagon lily that I got at the June club meeting was to surround it with chicken wire. It's a really nice look.

If you didn't get to the June meeting, you missed a very informative and entertaining presentation by Frans Officer. His garden looks wonderful, and I can identify with his "relaxed" attitude toward the occasional weed. I should have asked him how he feels about rabbits.

A lot of activity in the next few weeks. Thank you to the Tour Committee for coming up with two interesting tours. And I thank the members who were willing to put their gardens on tour. Getting ready for a tour can be a little nerve-racking, but sharing one's garden with people who appreciate the work that went into it can be very rewarding.

Plan to take some nice photos at the two tours coming up and submit them to the photo contest by the end of July. I don't pretend to be a great photographer, but every once in a while you get lucky! For inspiration (and because I have the space), here are some of the photos that I have submitted to the contest over the years. If I can do it, anybody can! See you in the garden!



Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 6/15/2015

Checking balance	\$91,467
Designated Funds	
Lyndale Park Garden	\$ 4,226
Scholarship	<u>\$10,950</u>
Working Balance	\$ 76,291
Petty Cash	\$ 100
CD	\$ 5,260

Membership Corner

Welcome new members Barbara Sarapas and Kathy Johannes. More about them in an upcoming Spray.

Every Member Bring a Member

Introducing New Members!

Judy Brooke, VP & Membership Chair

Mary Lee Hanson. Mary Lee and husband Dave live in Apple Valley where half of the backyard is filled with trees. She likes the feeling of living deep in the woods. The challenge is to find plantings that will grow in the shade of the oak trees. Mary Lee named honeysuckle, raspberry bushes, white and pink bleeding hearts that are doing well. She commented she also has a graveyard of plants that haven't done well. Mary Lee continues to seek gardening knowledge. She enjoyed our June dinner/program and the knowledge of those with whom she dined. Mary Lee is an RN, working on the transplant unit at HCMC.

Harry Hoks. Harry started gardening at age 6 on his family's farm. After high school, he went on to earn his associate degree in Horticulture. In 1972, he found himself working for the newly opened Bachman's store in Rochester where his manager was long time garden club member, Roger Koopmans. Since then Harry has had a long career in the world of landscaping and gardening, from Rochester to St Cloud to the Twin Cities. He retired in 2009 and now volunteers his time using his gardening expertise at Lee Square, a residential co-op in Robbinsdale where he lives with his wife Linda. Harry loves competition and has won many awards both local and national for his 170 varieties of Hostas. His neighbor, Jan Johnson, invited him to our club dinner program in March and he joined the club in June.

Elaine Poskozim. Elaine honed her gardening skills while living in North Carolina for 10 years. She pointed out in that warm climate you can grow anything and garden year round. Originally from Chicago, Elaine and her husband moved to Eden Prairie, MN a couple years ago. She describes her gardening interests as eclectic, growing both vegetables and flowers. She named tomatoes and cucumbers as a staple in her garden. Elaine learned about the club through one of our bookmarks she picked up at the Arboretum.

Anne Spenningsby. Anne and her friend Mary Lee Hanson learned about our club when Googling garden clubs of Minneapolis. As a small child Anne recalls going for walks in the woods with her mother and learning to identify the woodland flowers. She grew up gardening with her family in Minneapolis. She still enjoys joining her parents to tap the maple trees and make syrup on acreage they own in Detroit Lakes. Last August, after years of apartment living, Anne bought her own home in Minneapolis. She's excited about a recent purchase for her yard, a weeping white pine tree. She's interested in learning more about native plants that will grow in her yard and has identified wild ginger root and jack-in-the-pulpit already there. Anne is a pharmacist at HCMC.

Tuesday, June 30 Tour

Schedule:

6:00 - 7:10 p.m. Beverages and appetizers while touring the gardens at Jan Johnsons Co-op housing (4400 36th Ave N. Robbinsdale)

7:10 - 7:20 p.m. party moves to Laurie Levin's Garden (240 Brunswick Ave, S. Golden Valley)

7:20 - 8:15 p.m. Desserts and touring of Laurie's Garden

Garden Descriptions:

Jan Johnson

As many of you know, Jan recently moved from her longtime home in Golden Valley to Lee Square Senior Co-op housing in Robbinsdale. However, that didn't mean that she was ready to give up gardening. The Co-op just happened to have a retired landscaper (Harry) as a one of the longer term residents. Over a number of years, he has organized a group of residents to construct and maintain a number of delightful gardens throughout the grounds. A paved path winds around the back of the property, linking the gardens. Many residents also maintain their own private gardens adjacent to their patios and/or rent one of the plots in the vegetable garden area. A communal patio behind the office leads to a gazebo and a pond, with gardens in an about the entire area. Make sure Jan shows you one of the few treasures that she brought from her old landscape, the granite hitching post.

(Note: some visitor parking on the premises, but ample additional parking on adjacent streets)

Laurie Levin

Laurie admits that her husband, Jim, is the real gardener at their house, but he usually teaches on Tuesday nights, so Laurie is the one who joined the Garden Club. They recently reconstructed the front entrance to their house with stone steps and tiered stone beds. This forms the focus of their most recent garden area which features a mix of annuals, perennials and vegetables. A more established garden of shrubs and perennials occupies the front yard on the opposite side of the driveway, creating significant "curb appeal". The back yard features additional creative vegetable plantings along with numerous perennials. Due to a longstanding neighborhood agreement, many of the adjacent back yards have no fences, giving the backyard a park like feel. Laurie and Jim favor organic gardening practices with all their garden beds and are gradually replacing lawn with garden.

Optional bonus drive-by garden viewing (before or after visiting Laurie's garden) at 220 Cutacross Rd. This is the former home of long time member Dave (Golden Valley) and Delores Johnson. Most of the garden can be viewed from the road due to the unique location. The garden is a lot different from when it was maintained by Dave and Delores, but it is still quite spectacular. This is only about 2-3 blocks from Laurie's house

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June 30 Tour *continued*

Driving Directions:

To Jan's (4400 36th Ave. No.):

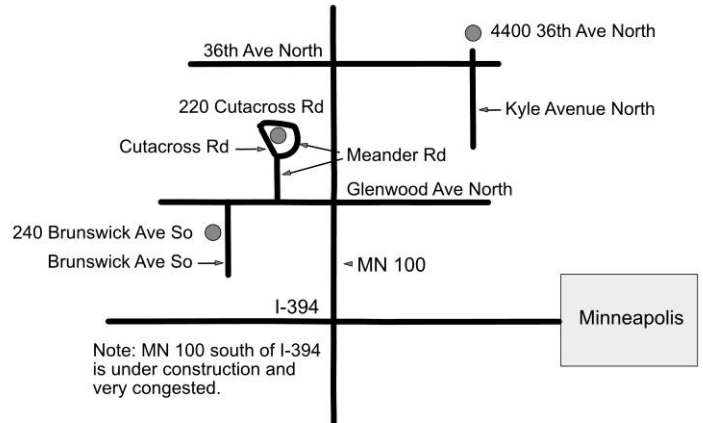
Take MN 100 to the 36th Ave No exit
Go east on 36th Ave No to Kyle Ave No
Turn left into the co-op housing complex

From Jan's to Laurie's (240 Brunswick Ave. S.):

Exit the co-op complex by turning right onto 36th Ave No
Take the ramp to south MN 100
Exit at Glenwood Ave and turn right
Go to Brunswick Ave So and turn left
Laurie house is on your right

From Laurie's to the former Johnson garden (220 Cutacross Rd.):

Go back to Glenwood Ave and turn right
Take the second left on to Meander Rd
At the Y, Meander will go to the right and Cutacross Rd to the left
Take either fork and the garden is where the two roads meet again



----- Reservation Form -----

I/WE PLAN TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING MWGCM CLUB TOUR:

Tuesday evening, June 30, 6:00-8:30 PM

Gardens of Jan Johnson's and Laurie Levin's residences
Appetizers, desserts and beverages to be served.

Registrations due by Saturday, June 27

Cost: \$5/person

Name(s) _____

I am willing to provide an appetizer or dessert (specify) _____

Mail registration and payment to
Denise Rust, 7933 Girard Court N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55444
(763)560-7747, dkkrust@hotmail.com
Make checks payable to MWGCM

July 18 Bus Tour

This is a bus tour. The bus pickup will be at the Eagan Park and Ride (4565 Blackhawk Rd. Eagan 55122). The bus will depart at 9:00 a.m. sharp so plan to be there by 8:45 a.m.

The park and ride is just east of 35E and just north of Cliff Road in Eagan.

This tour features gardens designed by former club member Eldon Hugelen. More detailed descriptions will be forthcoming, but here's what we can tell you about the gardens now:

Carole Ann Brekke. Carol Anne's Burnsville lot must have gotten all of the good topsoil when her neighborhood was built, because she has some of the best-grown perennials and shrubs around. It is always a pleasure to visit her garden.

Warren Nordley. We last saw Warren's dramatic lakeside garden in 1999. It will be interesting to see how it has evolved since then.

Eldon Hugelen. Eldon is a "Plantsman's Plantsman" as well as a landscape architect. He maintains an extensive garden at his townhouse complex, where he has been known to try out new plants before recommending them to clients.

Gary Geister. An eclectic garden like no other. You can tell that two artists live - and garden - here.

Doug Whitney -- We've seen Doug purchase an awful lot of trees, shrubs and perennials at the plant auction over the last few years. Let's see what he's been doing with them!



The tour includes a catered lunch at Doug Whitney's place.

Bus Tour Reservation Form

Return this portion with your check made out to MWGCM, **to be received by Tuesday, July 14**

Name(s) _____

Payment amount enclosed (\$25/person) _____

Return to Denise Rust
7933 Girard Court N.
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444-2070

A Modest Proposal

Lloyd Wittstock

One leg of the tripod that is the FFF show is the Foto Contest, really two separate competitions labeled with the same "F" and offering two opportunities for digital and print photographers. In reading the *SPRAY* this year, it is clear we have many active photographers in the club, based on the abundance of fine examples each month.

We propose that all of you who have contributed your images to the *SPRAY* take a few minutes to read the rules, found at the link below, get organized – sometimes easier said than done – and submit some photos. If you have questions about the categories in the juried contest, please call Lloyd at 612-296-8148, knowing that the judges can overrule any advice he gives.

Competition is usually steepest in the annuals, perennials, bulbs and trees categories, and relatively sparse in the others. Maybe you can change that around with your images of wildflowers, club activities, container plants, or members' gardens. If you take photos but didn't yet contribute to the *SPRAY*, here is your first step: enter the Foto Contest now.

Please note that the print competition is limited to two entries and prints no larger than 5x7. The print contest is open only to members (another reason for malingerers to join the club today.)

Please enter as soon as you can since there is a short window of time open between the deadline of July 31 and the judging, so it gets to be a little bit like work if they all arrive at once. But then again, we are asking for your maximum effort in this modest proposal, so we will keep mum on that point if we are overwhelmed.

The Photo Committee

The rules:

http://mwgcm.org/MGCM/Links_files/2015%20Photo%20Contest%20Rules%20%20copy.pdf

You can also find the rules in the "Links" section of the club's website

For inspiration, here are a couple of winning photos from previous years. For even more inspiration, go to our website and click on "Photo Show Winners". You'll see slide shows of photo contest winners back to 2003.



Cactus Garden by Audrey Grote 2012



Swiss Chard by Denise Rust 2011

2015 FFF SHOW – AUGUST 15 & 16

Judy Berglund

We hope that all club members will consider bringing a few of their favorite flowers and vegetables to the Flower, Food and Foto show this year. The general rules are all on the club website along with all of the entry classes. There is even an example of how to fill out your entry tags. If websites are not your thing, please pick up one of the yellow FFF Show booklets at our club garden tour.

Our featured flower is the Marigold, which may be exhibited as 3 uniform blooms of a large variety and 1 spray for a medium and small variety or in planters. Summer squash are this year's featured food, which may be exhibited as 3 specimens all uniform in size, shape, and color. Leave about 1/2 inch of uniform stem length attached to all squash.

Oh, and do not forget about this year's creative floral design division.

We encourage all of you to get on the band wagon and enjoy the fun and camaraderie of showing off the best of the best of what we all enjoy the most – GARDENING.

So – come one, come all and bring your best flowers, food, and fotos to the best show in town on August 15 & 16. **SEE YOU THERE!!!**

Photo by Chuck Carlson



Developments at the Hummingbird Garden

Kirky Otto

The week of June 8 brought two very nice events at the Hummingbird Garden in Lyndale Park. On Tuesday evening, gardeners were delighted to welcome a dozen or more club members and guests to the brief tour in which Carol Schreier reviewed the history of and plans for the 65' bed. Then on Wednesday morning Park Board employees delivered the first four flats of native plants to be installed among the natives already present, and the non-native plants which will be moved. It was a big week for the new project!

In the photo, Kathy Lenarz, Carol Schreier, and Jo Batty paused in their raking, weeding, digging, and planting to smile for the camera.



Photo by Kirky Otto

News from Lyndale Park Garden

By Kay Wolfe

The Mixed Perennial Border Garden at Lyndale Park is already looking great this year, and it is only June 15 as I write this. We had a tour before the June 9 club meeting, and almost 20 members visited both the Mixed Border and the new Pollinator Garden.



We planted new shrubs this spring, and then surrounded them with annuals. Some of my favorites are the *Chamaecyparis* 'King's Gold Filifera.' This variety has soft threadlike drooping yellow foliage. Here is a photo of three – surrounded by colorful annuals. They stay small – and also are easy to prune.

Another new favorite is the *Juniper communis* 'Pencil Point.' It has green foliage with blue growth underneath. They stay small and narrow – 5 feet tall and only one foot wide. They have dense foliage – similar to *Juniper communis* 'Gold Cone.' It will need some winter protection. In this photo it is in front of green globe arborvitae with Arborvitae 'Fire Chief' showing its orange foliage in the foreground.



Another new addition this spring is a small magnolia, one of the Little Girl hybrids, a cross between *M. liliiflora* and *M. stellata*. It will reach about 12 feet in height, and blooms early with deep pinkish-red blooms. We dedicated this tree to LPG Committee member M.T. Pulley's mom, Charlotte Pulley. So now the magnolia is renamed "Charlotte Ann." Here is a photo of Charlotte Ann in her new home next to barberry, another gold chamaecyparis, smoke bush, and a worker's coffee mug sitting on the plaque!

Thanks to all the donors that contributed to the Lyndale Park Garden Fundraiser last fall, we are able to keep the garden in award winning shape! Visitors are always stopping by and thanking us – and taking ideas for specimens they can plant in their own yards.

Visit the garden any time – especially Tuesday or Saturday mornings when the crews work. Crew members love to tell you about the new plants. The Tuesday crew works every Tuesday until end of June, and Saturday crew on June 27. Email us if you have any questions about work days or plants – you can also send plant photos for identification. Our email is mvgcmgarden@q.com

Photos by Kay Wolfe

Photos from the June Meeting and Lyndale Park Garden Tour

Andy Marlow



Martagon lilies

True lily
(genus "*Lilium*")

Widest geographic
distribution
(Portugal - Korea)

Earliest lily bloom

Hardy thru zone 3



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Laura Schwarz of Tangletown Gardens
Gardening in the Minneapolis Downtown
Improvement District
Lakewood Cemetery

October 13, 2015

Roses Return: New Hardy Shrub Roses for the
North
David Zlesak
Lakewood Cemetery

November 10, 2015

Hostas
Bob Olson
Lakewood Cemetery

December 8, 2015

Holiday Party

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