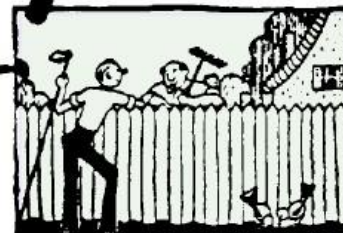




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Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
August 7		Club tour
Aug 20-21	Arb.	FFF Show
Sept 13	LHC	Moonlight Gardens Shirley Mah Kooyman
Oct 11	LHC	Apples (Talk, Tasting) Larry Enter
Nov 15	LHC	Winter Containers Duane Otto
Dec 13	LHC	Holiday Party

LHC = Lake Harriet Church, 4901
Chowen Ave S., Mpls. (Lower level)
Arb=U of M Landscape Arboretum

Note: Permanent reservations are not in effect for the August tour. Reservations must be received by July 29. See Page 5 for reservation form.

August Tour: Roseville and Minneapolis

Sunday, August 7th
1:30 - 4:30 pm.

Our August tour is a drive-yourself tour and will consist of five gardens: two in Roseville (Yul Yost and the Fribergs) and three in south Minneapolis (M.T. Pulley and two neighbors). There will be a box lunch plus beverage provided at M.T. Pulley's garden at 4:30, at a cost of \$12.50 per person.

More information, map and reservation form on Pages 3-5

2011 Flower, Food and Foto Show August 20 & 21

At the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
(Sunday, July 31: Photo entries due!)
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If you have not exhibited at the show before, never fear – experienced exhibitors will be on hand to help you!

More information on the FFF Show on Page 6



Notes from the Prez:

-- Kay Wolfe

As I write it is another day indoors. My July column started with “it is a dark and rainy day.” Now we are in the midst of a “heat storm” and I am indoors again. Such a summer. The club lucked out however, and had our July tour on one of the two nice days we had this month! What a great evening! The gardens were super—many thanks to Gary DeGrande and Nona Johnson for being garden hosts. And the food was superb! The committee had a wonderful idea of having appetizers at the first garden and dessert at the second. And it worked out perfectly. There were plenty of places to wander and explore at both gardens, which you could do while munching, and chatting with other club members. It was a very fun progressive party--an idea definitely worth repeating! Thanks to the Club Tour Committee for their great idea and hard work, and thanks to everyone that brought food. It was a very memorable event.

Many have asked me, how is your garden this year? What is looking spectacular now? Due to the cool and wet spring, my back shade gardens are very lush and full this year. We redesigned the back garden in 2009-- leveled a slight slope, and installed a bluestone patio area on “center stage.” A small crescent of grass borders the patio on one side, and many new garden beds were created. I have been planting them ever since. The whole area is dappled sun, under a big elm. I am trying to make “green fences,” mixed borders of small trees and shrubs planted in layers that will create privacy. In front of the taller plants are small shrubs, hosta and ferns. This season I have added a Korean maple, two *Viburnum lantana* ‘Mohican,’ a chokeberry, unusual ferns, European ginger, and replaced an Arborvitae ‘DeGroot’s Spire’.

Sitting in pots in the heat, waiting for the gardener’s attention, are more hosta and ferns, the Japanese tree peony ‘Shimadaijin,’ and a Korean compact azalea. I read that you are supposed to plant the latter two in spring, but I just bought them three weeks ago! Last week I potted up 12 small hosta, because Bob Olson convinced me to start small ones in pots. And since I always follow his advice, I now have a “hosta nursery” just like he has, except much smaller, of course.

While out finding shade shrubs for the back garden, I bought some sun lovers that can go out front. One new acquisition is the Colorado blue spruce *Picea pungens* ‘Fastigiata’-- it grows to medium height and stays narrow-- good for small gardens. The new dwarf Acrocona spruce ‘Pusch,’ a Bird’s Nest spruce, and Chamaecyparis ‘Mops’ are waiting in pots too. This is a good approach for me—I get to move the pots around to plan the plant combinations--much easier than rearranging them later! One thing that is growing too well this year is fungus! I have never had so many outbreaks—a natural result, I suppose, of wet weather.

I am dreaming of a nice long cool fall, with time to plant more shade plants. And we deserve cool August weather for the club’s next events—the Sunday Tour on August 7th, and the FFF Show. See you all there!

Editor’s Note

-- Mary Maynard

We certainly lucked out for our July tour: we had perfect July weather to visit Gary DeGrande’s and Nona Johnson’s gardens. Thanks again to Gary and Nona for having us in your gardens.

August is a rare two-event month. The tour should be a lot of fun. I think I visited Yul Yost’s garden a few years back. If it’s the one I’m thinking of, there is no other garden like it! And the Friberg’s garden sounds almost legendary. I look forward to seeing MT’s garden, too. Member gardens are always interesting. Thanks, MT, for getting your neighbors to be on our tour.

I am looking forward, as always, to our Flower, Food and Foto Show on the 20th and 21st. This is my favorite event of the year. If you’ve never participated, I encourage you to try it out. There will be plenty of experienced exhibitors on hand to help you out!

Finally, thanks to Larry Larson for doing some research on treatment for Japanese beetles. If anyone else has knowledge to share, please send it to me and I’ll do my best to find room for it.

See you on the tour and at the FFF Show!



August Club Tour Information

-- Dave Johnson of Fridley

Our August club tour starts at 1:30 and ends at 4:30 with a box lunch at M.T. Pulley's garden in south Minneapolis. We recommended that you start with the Yul Yost garden and work your way south. If there is someone who prefers not to drive and would like to go, contact Dave Johnson (F) at 763-571-2713 and he will try to arrange a ride.

Yul Yost garden - 3015 Fairview Ave N, Roseville (Park on Lydia Avenue - around the corner.) No parking on Fairview.)

Stone sculpture and concrete objects are the backbone of this unique garden, designed as Yul explains, "to lift the spirit and heal the soul". History, art, and architecture have been combined with the beauty of stone and flowers. Yul likes to collect man-made and natural objects and integrate them in the landscape. You can take a stroll along a winding path and pass beneath an archway only to emerge along the edge of a pond. Or view some of the many scattered gardens with a wide variety of plants. Recently he has developed a strong interest in dwarf conifers, which will be on display. Along the way, you are sure to encounter some surprises, and the garden continues to change.

Yul will make a one-time more detailed explanation of his garden at about 2:00; he says he has lots of stories to tell, so try to make a point of being there then.

Note: If construction work is still going on at the front of his house, access to the front yard may be limited but there will be no problem in the back, which is the main emphasis of his garden.

Richard and Shirley Friberg garden - 2130 Fairways Lane, Roseville

Dick and Shirley Friberg have lived in this location for 48 years. There are garden beds that contain a wide variety of perennials and about 100 herbaceous, intersectional and tree peonies. There are about 50 varieties of lilies. Several sections contain shade and wild flowers such as Cypripedium, Dodecatheon, Trillium, Uvularia, Epimedium, Primula, Hellebore, Asarum, & Thalictrum.

Two rock gardens contain many dwarf perennials, conifers & alpine plants. A creek and pond cut into one rock garden where tiny alpines that grow in a Tufa rock. One rock garden circles a potting shed then turns into a wall garden. The planting also contains dwarf roses, shrubs & conifers. Below the wall garden is a bog garden containing Saracénias (pitcher plants), candelabra Prinrose, Heath, Heather, Bog Rosemary and other bog plants. Above a stone patio is a grape arbor. Flanking the patio is an area covered with stones where sits 6 troughs made of either hypertufa or Styrofoam. They contain the smallest in alpine plants, bulbs, Iris, primrose, and conifers.

There is a dry stream with an annual planting and under a deck 40 Caladium that we found to be the only plants to successfully grow in total shade. In the back half of the yard is a vegetable garden, rose garden, and a bower with two Wisteria & climbing flowering vines. A cactus garden has a variety of drought tolerant plants bordered with flagstone. A large perennial garden runs 60 feet along the fence.

Notice Tollesons' Weeping Juniper, which makes an arch over a wildflower garden in back and a MN Robinia (rose acacia) and the contorted Robinia near the far back south gate. Do not miss the front conifer bed and weeping Tamarac.

Mt Pulley's garden - 3852 Pleasant Ave, Mpls

Rob and Amelia's garden -3844 Pleasant Ave, Mpls

Joan's garden - Pleasant Ave and 39th St, southeast corner, Mpls

These three gardens comprise one stop on Pleasant Avenue. Houses and garages built on city lots about forty feet wide leave precious space for gardens. These three gardens are examples of what can be done with small urban lots.

MT Pulley - has raised beds for vegetables, apple trees, perennials and an industrial strength compost bin.

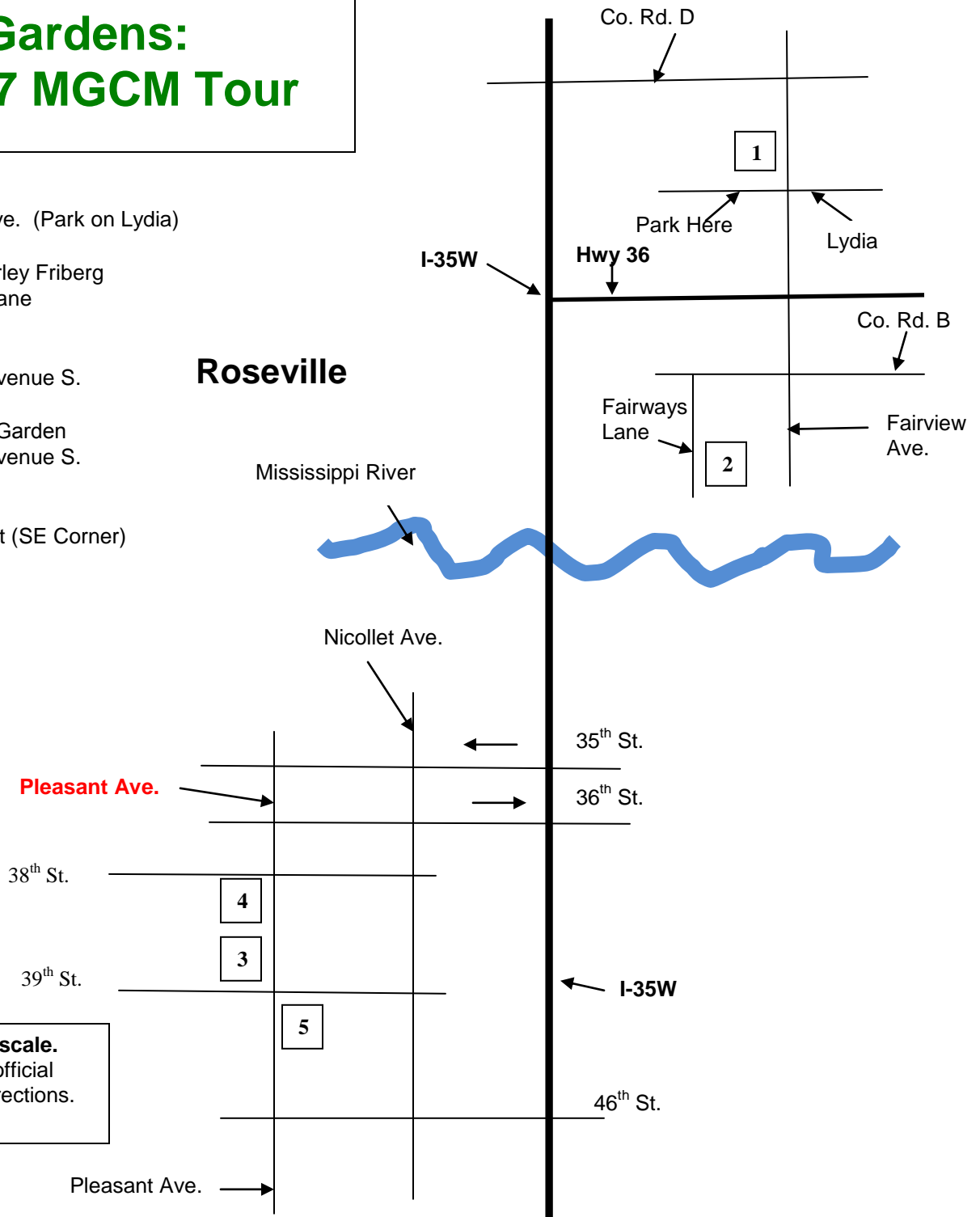
Rob and Amelia - features a wide variety of perennials, an arbor, dwarf conifers, and espaliered crab apple trees on the garage wall.

Joan - reflects her artistic skills, featuring graceful designs with good use of colors and texture.



Map to Gardens: August 7 MGCM Tour

1. Yul Yost
3015 Fairview Ave. (Park on Lydia)
Roseville
2. Richard and Shirley Friberg
2130 Fairways Lane
Roseville
3. M.T. Pulley
3852 Pleasant Avenue S.
Minneapolis
4. Rod & Amelia's Garden
3844 Pleasant Avenue S.
Minneapolis
5. Joan's' Garden
39th and Pleasant (SE Corner)
Minneapolis





MGCM August 7, 2011 Box Lunch/Garden Tour Reservation Form

Make checks payable to **MGCM for \$12.50**. Please note your bread, meat, and salad choices from below and return to:

Denise Rust
7933 Girard Court North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444
 Email address: Denise Rust [dkkrust@hotmail.com]

Member Name: _____ **# Attending** _____

Box Lunch choices (attach extra pages if more than 2 attendees in your party)	
Attendee #1	Attendee #2
Bread Choices (choose one):	
<input type="radio"/> Croissant	<input type="radio"/> Croissant
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Meat Choices (choose one): Sandwich is topped with the appropriate cheese per the sandwich meat choice.	
<input type="radio"/> Smoked ham	<input type="radio"/> Smoked ham
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<input type="radio"/> Roast Beef	<input type="radio"/> Roast Beef
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Salad Choice (choose one):	
<input type="radio"/> Potato Salad	<input type="radio"/> Potato Salad
<input type="radio"/> Mostaccioli Pasta	<input type="radio"/> Mostaccioli Pasta
<input type="radio"/> Penne Pasta w/sundried tomatoes	<input type="radio"/> Penne Pasta w/sundried tomatoes
<input type="radio"/> Coleslaw	<input type="radio"/> Coleslaw

All lunches include fresh fruit and a dessert. MGCM will be providing the water and iced tea at the location.

Please bring a folding chair for yourself and any guests. Reservations must be received by Friday, July 29th, 2011.



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At the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

--- Judy Berglund, FFF Committee Chair

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Calling all members and their friends to action! The time is coming soon to gather in all of those award winning flowers and vegetables to exhibit at our Flower, Food and Foto (FFF) Show. We hope all club members will consider bringing a few of their favorite flowers, vegetables and floral designs to the show. If you have not exhibited at the show before, never fear – experienced exhibitors will be on hand to help you!

Go to our website (www.minneapolismensgardenclub.org) and hit “Links” where you will find the show schedule with rules, entry classes and an example of how to fill out an entry tag. (If you do not have access to the internet, give Judy Berglund a call at 952-975-1960 and she will send you a paper copy of the show schedule.

Our featured flower is the annual / China Asters, which may be exhibited as 3 uniform blooms of one variety or in planters. Beets are this year’s featured food, which may be exhibited as 3 uniform specimens. Beet tops should be trimmed to 1 ½ inches and the tap root should be trimmed to 2 inches.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



-- Photos courtesy of Park Seed

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www.minneapolismensgardenclub.org



Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 7-12-11

Checking balance	\$13,351.14
CD	\$5,210.44
Designated Funds	
Memorials/Park Garden	\$1,553.71
Scholarship	<u>\$2,303.43</u>
Working Balance	\$ 9,494.00

Membership Corner

No membership news this month!

September Program:

"The Moonlight Garden" with Shirley Mah Kooyman

An evening moonlight garden is more than white flowers. Learn about texture, form color, and variegation of leaves can add a special shimmer to the evening garden and help brighten a dark corner of the garden.

Shirley is a Botanist, Educator, and Plant Information Specialist at MN Landscape Arboretum.

Help Still Needed for Club Dining

-- Kay Wolfe

Your help is still needed to find a caterer or make other arrangements for dinners!! Numerous members asked me how the search was going, but no one has willingly stepped forward and offered to help. I twisted some arms and have 2 or 3 members that hopefully will start searching.

However, **YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED!** If you have any ideas, are willing to do phone research, or make arrangements for the club's meals, please step forward. My elbow tendonitis is flaring up from all of this arm twisting, and doctor's orders are I have to stop! Contact Kay at 952.922.0762 or kaywolfe@q.com



How to Treat Japanese Beetles

-- Larry Larson

A lot of people were talking about Japanese Beetles at the July tour, so I went to talk to Steve Risen at Tonkadale. What he told me was interesting and would probably be valuable to a lot of our gardener friends. Here is what he recommends:



Buy a product called Grub Beater made by Bonide. It's a granule and comes in a large bag that covers about 5,000 square feet. Since Japanese Beetles start off as grubs *in the ground and in the grass* and mature into flying insects, it is very important to spread this Grub Beater into you soil and your grass. It will not hurt the roots of your plants nor your flowers. Spread it NOW!!! It may prevent some of the grubs from turning into beetles, but more importantly, it should kill any eggs that are laid doing this year. I just spread this product in my Dahlia garden. I used a hand held spreader that works great for small areas of soil and grass.

Japanese beetle on Henry Hudson rose
-- Photo by Chuck Carlson

Hang beetle collector bags around your yard. Just make sure to hang them about 50 feet from your garden. Otherwise, you might attract them. Put an umbrella over them and secure it so that rain will not get into the beetle bag.

Buy another product called Japanese Beetle Killer. This comes in a spray bottle that can either be attached to a hose or applied directly from the bottle. This spray will kill beetles and keep them off your flowers. It will not harm the blooms of the flowers.

Beetles love roses and dahlias the most, it seems, and the tops of some trees. If they are eating your trees, you might have to hire a professional to spray them.

Editor's note: The University Extension Service has a good article about Japanese Beetles, too. Here's a link: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/DG7664.html>

If you enjoy hunting, it can be entertaining to hold a container of soapy water beneath the beetle and drop it in. The beetles tend to drop when disturbed instead of flying away, and water with a little dish soap kills them. My nephews have gotten quite good at it!



Arbor Day in July



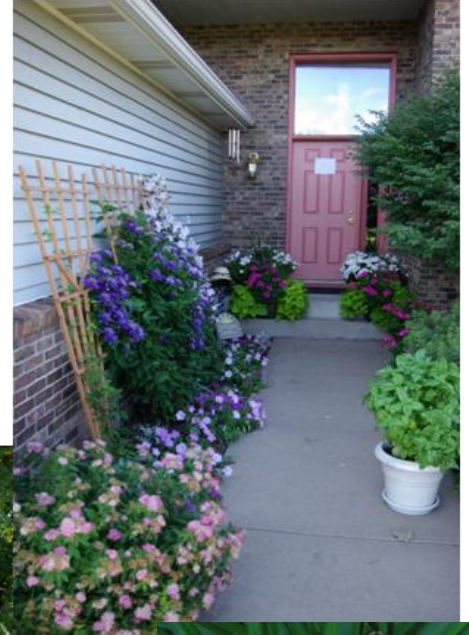
*A weeping white spruce was added to the Perennial Garden this July
Left to right: Kay Wolfe, Rodger Sefelt, Don Trocke, Tim Rosener, M.T. Pulley
Not pictured: Robert Kean, who was probably taking this photo.*

Reminder

Photo contest entries
are due by **July 31!**
See Foto Contest rules
on our website for
details.

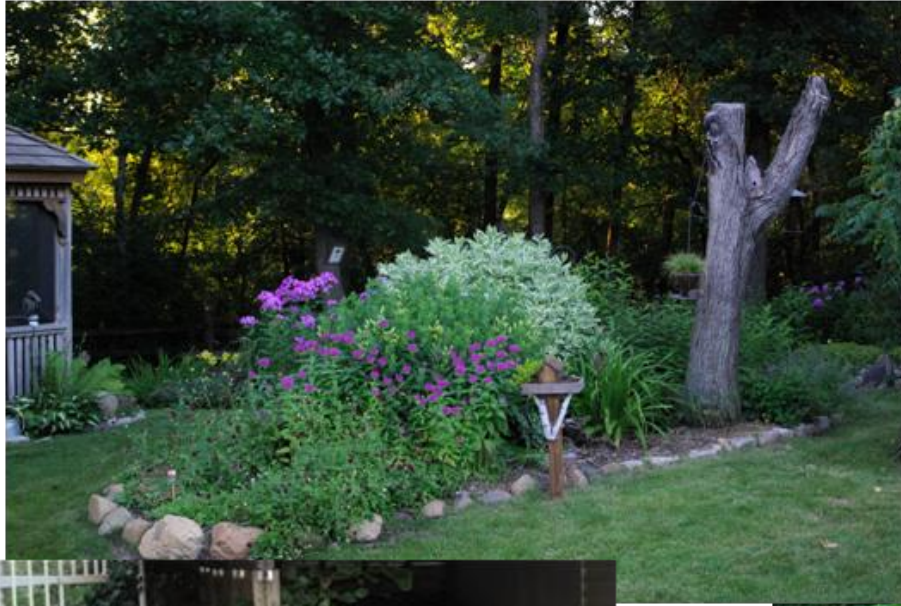


Photos from the July Tour
(Thanks again, Gary and Nona, for opening your gardens to us!)
Photos by Chuck Carlson, Andy Marlow, Denise Rust





More from the July Tour



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