

The Garden Spray

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August

Two Events in August!

Upcoming Events

| Date | Location | Event |
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| July 31 | | Photo Contest Deadline |
| Aug 3 | | Garden Bus Tour |
| Aug 17-18 | Arb | Flower, Food & Foto Show |
| Sept. 10 | LHC | Tomato, Pepper Fest |
| Oct. 8 | LHC | Cactus & Succulents |
| Nov. 12 | LHC | Fall & Winter Color |
| Dec. 10 | | Holiday Party |

LHC = Lake Harriet Church, 4901 Chowen Ave S.,
Mpls. (Lower level)

Arb = University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Don't Forget! Photo Contest entries are due by Wednesday, July 31. The rules are on our website at http://www.mwgcm.org/MGCM/Links_files/2013%20Photo%20Contest%20rules%20pdf.pdf

Note: Permanent reservations are not in effect for the August tour.

Please complete registration form on Page 7 and send to Denise Rust. Reservations for August tour are due by Wednesday, July 31.

August Bus Tour

Saturday, August 3

Tour three award-winning private gardens on this bus tour. The bus will leave the Fridley North Star Rail Station Park and Ride Lot B (6151 East River Road, Fridley, MN) at 1:00 p.m.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot now!

More information starts on Page 4.

Flower, Food and Foto Show

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-18

U. of M. Landscape Arboretum

Saturday, August 17th

7:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 18th

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Entries accepted

Judging

open to the public

open to the public

Calling all members and their friends to action, the time is coming soon to gather 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!

Your editor's favorite event of the year! See Page 3 for more information!

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<http://www.mwgcm.org>



Notes from the Prez:

-- Sandra Abraham

Walking in the Garden in July

After a very disappointing spring and lots of rain in June walking the garden path in July has been rewarding. My shrub roses are showing signs of recovery and bloom, the coreopsis is in full bloom, the St. John's Wort has a bumper crop of buds, and the hosta plants are huge. There are baby cucumbers on the vines, heirloom tomatoes setting fruit, eggplants developing well and the lettuce is still producing tender leaves. Will I still have anything left to enter at the FFF show in August? Only time will tell.

On July 16, we walked the garden paths of Nancy Bjerke, Tami Hagen, and the Longfellow Public Gardens. It is wonderful to see other club members' gardens and share gardening tips with one another while enjoying appetizers and desserts. Remember, there is still time to photograph garden scenes and plant material for the photo contest (deadline is July 31).

Recently the MWGCM Board held their meeting at my home. Though it wasn't an official garden tour we did walk in the gardens before our meeting. What was really fun is that everyone focused on something different as they walked the garden path and there was time for discovery and learning about new plants, etc. I am including a few images of the path they walked that evening for you to view.

Join us for the August 3 bus tour to the Weber, Dean, and Brenny gardens and continue walking the garden paths of the summer.

The July garden calls us to do many things, walking the garden path you see many things that still need your attention but now it is fun because the major work has been accomplished and the tweaking begins. Maybe you can finally refurbish a trough garden that is in need of

grooming, perhaps you notice some interesting holes in your leaves and investigate what may be causing them and take action to find a solution to the problem, and there may be some pruning to do to make a shrub or plant more pleasing in its location. Now is the time to make observations of what may be a future project for your garden and take some notes with that in mind. Enter some observations in your garden journal for comparisons of other and future growing seasons.

Don't forget to deadhead those perennials so you encourage them to rebloom and extend the color in your garden. Mix up batches of bloom booster fertilizer and apply generously to those annuals you purchased at the plant sale. Water, water, water and try doing it as early in the day as possible so the plants can make it through the heat of the afternoon without drooping.

A gardener's job is never done but now is the time to walk those garden paths and enjoy the fruits of your labor. Take time now to sit on that garden bench and smell the roses (if the Japanese beetles have spared your garden).

(Photos of Sandra's wonderful garden are on Page 8)

From the Editor

-- Mary Maynard

Weren't Tami and Nancy's gardens fun? I look forward to the grand gardens on the August tour, but there's something special about what can be accomplished on a city lot.

Don't forget your photography entries, which are due by July 31. And make sure you get your reservation in for the August bus tour. It's going to be spectacular.

And, of course, the FFF Show is right around the corner. My favorite MWGCM event! See you there!



Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 7-14-2013

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| Checking balance | \$18,550.38 |
| Designated Funds | |
| Memorials/Park Garden | \$1,207.52 |
| Scholarship | <u>\$4,830.28</u> |
| Working Balance | \$12,512.58 |
| CD | \$5,210.22 |

Membership Corner

We were very sorry to learn of the passing of long-time member **Jack Kolb** at the age of 90 on July 10. Jack was a turf expert and owned Turf Supply Co. in Eagan. Jack had been a member since 1965, and was a most kind and generous man. We will miss Jack. Our sympathies to his lovely wife Rajah and his five children.

Flower Food and Foto Show *Continued from Page 1*

Go to our website (www.MWGCM.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 Snapdragons, which may be exhibited as 3 uniform blooms of one variety or in planters. Peppers are this year's featured food, which may be exhibited as 3 large or 7 small uniform specimens having the same number of lobes. Leave about 1/2 -1 inch of uniform stem length attached to all peppers.

Please do not forget to bring your "FAIRY TALE" floral designs.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

-- Judy Berglund

Photo by Chuck Carlson



Thank you

A thank you goes out to club members Tami Hagen and Nancy Bjerke for sharing their lovely gardens with us on July 16, and also to all the many folks who shared such generous helpings of appetizers and desserts for all to enjoy. A total of 49 people attended.

--Denise Rust for the MWGCM Tour Committee



August Garden Tour: Three award winning private gardens

-- Bob Olson

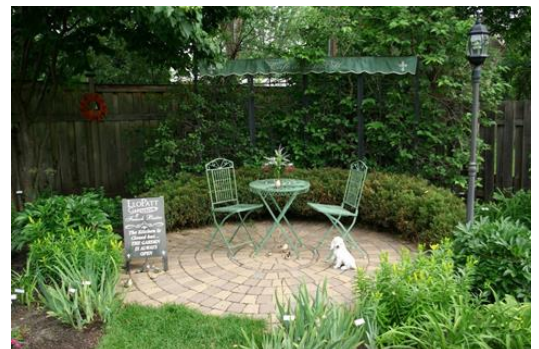
A bus tour of three award winning private gardens in the Northwest Metro Area will leave from the Fridley the North Star Rail Station (Park & Ride lot B) Saturday August 3 promptly at 1:00 p.m. The cost of this tour, which includes a catered lunch, is \$25 per person.

These seldom seen superb gardens have been on multiple national garden tours, including The Gardeners of America, The American Hosta Society and the American Hemerocallis Society. They have received recognition and awards for their landscape appeal, original hybrids and overall garden excellence. They are stocked with cutting edge specimens of day lilies, hostas, irises and Oriental/Asiatic lilies in addition to unusual conifers and pleasing landscaping designs.

The Weber Garden:



Lloyd and Patty Weber have been collecting new and exciting cultivars of irises, lilies, day lilies, hostas and more. Their carefully laid out immaculately maintained garden shows what a home urban/suburban gardener can do in a modest space. In 2004 they received the Lehman Trophy from The Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis for "best garden on tour", and this year they are being visited by the 2013 National Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society.



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August Tour Gardens – Continued

The Dean Garden:



Don Dean is the newly elected President of the American Hosta Society. Long recognized as a premier hybridizer of both hostas and daylilies he has one of the finest collections of hostas in Minnesota – with over 700 cultivars, which includes

rare Japanese and American specimens not for sale anywhere. These and his own hybrids (plus myriad other perennials) are spread out in a picturesque woodland setting. His garden has been on several national convention tours of the American Hosta and the American Hemerocallis Societies.



The Len and Jan Brenny Garden:



The Brennys' expansive garden exemplifies their philosophy of "a garden visit should be a pleasing and relaxing experience". They also have received the Lehman Trophy. Each year the Brennys have a color theme for their annuals – this year it is Raspberry Lemonade.

Their amazing landscape transitions effortlessly from formal to casual. Close to the house paved walkways lead through groomed beds of pristine colorful annuals interspersed with carefully selected perennials; these groomed walks segue into wood chip paths, surrounded by naturalized gardens, and lead down to the banks of the Rum River. On their spacious patio we will share wine, cool drinks and enjoy a pleasant Saturday afternoon catered picnic.



Space on the bus is limited! *Reservation form on next page.*



August Tour Reservation Form

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

*Saturday afternoon, August 3, 1-5 PM
Gardens of Lloyd & Patti Weber, Don Dean and Len & Jan Brenny,
north metro
Bus tour with catered dinner at Brennys'
Registrations due by Wednesday, July 31
Cost: \$25/person*

Name _____

Name _____

*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*

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Please Note:

The bus will board promptly at 12:45 Ride Lot B at the Fridley stop of the NorthStar Rail Line. (6151 East River Road, Fridley, MN) and depart at 1:00 pm. Please be on time. If you happen to miss the bus, proceed to the Lloyd Weber garden, 7635 Alden Way, Fridley to catch the bus. We will be departing the Weber gardens at 1:50 pm.

Ride Lot B is along **East River Road** (on the west side of the railroad tracks) about a mile north of I-694.

Photo Contest!

Don't Forget! Submissions for the Photography Contest are due July 31. For the juried contest, send digital photos to Chuck Carlson. For the People's Choice prizes, send Chuck a print of your favorite photo. More details on our website. Got to www.mwgcm.org, then click on "Links" and you'll see the Photo Contest rules.



Lyndale Park Garden News: A Few Photos

Black Lab in the first photo is Bubba Rosener, an excellent candidate for membership if we ever establish a canine division.

-- Photos by Kay Wolfe.



Highlights of July Board Meeting

-- Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary

*The Marketing and Publicity Committee has been busy: members are working with a graphic artist who is developing a new logo for our Club, plans are in place to continue producing the bookmark and color brochure being used for publicity, and planning is going on for our participation in the Tangletown Tour.

*Membership in the Club has grown to 88 members. Thanks to Jean Strande for our new, colorful nametags.

*The Nominating Committee, chaired by Robert Keane, would appreciate receiving names of individuals interested in serving as officers of the Club.

*We are pursuing the possibility of using the meeting room at Lakewood Cemetery for some meetings next year. The Cemetery has offered this space to us.

Motions passed at the July Board meeting included:

*authorization of \$400 to be spent by the Publicity and Marketing Committee to cover costs incurred in the design and production of a new Club logo.

*investigating using the Lakewood Meeting room for some Club meetings in 2014.



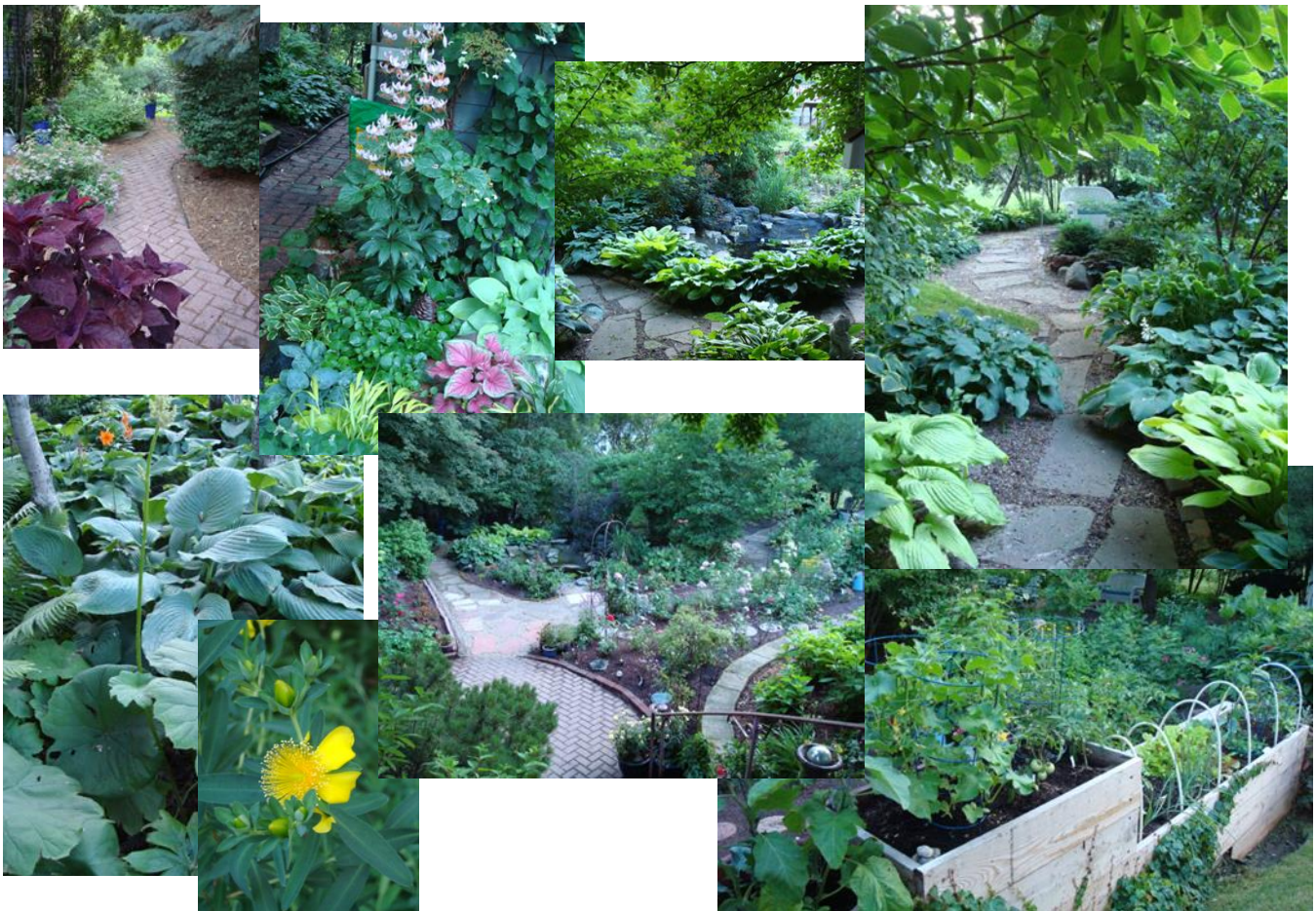
Wanted: Beautiful Gardens for a Public Tour in 2014

-- Denise Rust

The MWGCM Tour Committee is looking for nominations of member gardens that you would like to see on a public tour next July. This might be a garden that you have visited and enjoyed, or you may offer your own garden for consideration. This would be for a one-day tour and proceeds would benefit the MWGCM horticulture scholarship fund. Members who have their gardens on tour would earn free membership to the club next year. As we would like to line up some gardens soon so that the garden owners can plan and we can visit during this gardening season, submit your nomination ASAP to either Sandra Abraham (651 452-0858 or sandabra@hotmail.com) or Denise Rust (763 560-7747 or dkkrust@hotmail.com). Thank you!

From our Prez: Photos from a Walk in Sandra's Garden

-- Photos by Sandra Abraham





Photos from July Tour

Thanks, Tami and Nancy, for opening your lovely gardens to us.
-- Photos by Andy Marlow and Denise Rust.





More Photos from the July Tour





Calendar of Events for Rest of 2013

July 31

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August 3

Garden Bus Tour

Len Brenny, Don Dean, Lloyd Weber
1:00 p.m.

August 17 & 18

Flower, Food & Foto Show

U of MN Landscape Arboretum

September 10

Tomato & Pepper Festival

MWGCM members

Lake Harriet Methodist Church, Mpls.

October 8

“Winter Hardy Cactus & Succulents”

Craig Johnson

Dinner 6:15, Speaker 7:30

Lake Harriet Methodist Church, Mpls.

November 12

“Planting for Fall and Winter Color in Your Garden”

Terry Yockey

Dinner 6:15, Speaker 7:30

Lake Harriet Methodist Church, Mpls.

December 10

Holiday Party

Embassy Suites, Bloomington

Looking Ahead: September's Tomato and Pepper Fest

-- Randi Larson

The September 10th program will be a tomato and pepper tasting event similar to the one that took place several years ago. Everyone had a great time at that event so we thought we would repeat it. Everyone is encouraged to bring tomatoes and/or peppers to share. Bring favorites from your garden that you would like others to try. Bring peppers from mild to hot (but please warn us about the heat level). There will be a blind taste test with names revealed later. The votes for favorite tomato and pepper will be tallied up and results announced. This should be a lot of fun with a lot of interaction by everyone. See you there!

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