



# The Garden Spray

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## Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Oct. 13	LWC	David Zlesak, New Hardy Shrub Roses
Nov. 10	LWC	Bob Olson, Hosta Hunting in Japan
Dec. 8	ES	Holiday Party

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

ES= Embassy Suites 2800 American Blvd West, Bloomington

More calendar information on Page 11

**Note: Permanent reservations are in effect.** Dinner is \$13.

Reservations or cancellations are required by Friday, Oct. 9 – **no later!** Call or e-mail Carole Ann Brekke (952-435-6029, numsix24@comcast.net) for your reservation or cancellation.

For last minute cancellations, call Alan Gallaher at 952-933-1713. If he can sell it, you won't be billed.

## Menu for October

Chili  
Corn Bread  
Marinated Tomato salad  
Tossed Salad  
Apple Crisp

## October Program Roses Return: New Hardy Shrub Roses for the North David Zlesak



Our presenter at the October meeting is David Zlesak, who will be giving a program on "New Hardy Shrub Roses for the North." David is an Associate Professor of Horticulture at the University of Wisconsin River Falls, and he has been interested in breeding roses since he was a boy. Some of his notable rose cultivars include the 'Oso Happy'™ series, and the new for 2015 yellow climbing rose 'Above and Beyond'™, currently being grown by Bailey Nurseries as part of their First Editions product line. Roses aren't his only interest; he's also developed 'Tuscan Sun' heliopsis, 'Monarch Mediano'™ and 'Monarch Grande'™ ageratum, and 'Little Devil'™ ninebark, also a First Editions plant.

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### Schedule for Tuesday, Oct. 13

6:00 Social time at Lakewood Reception Room  
6:15 Dinner  
7:00 Business meeting  
7:30 Program

### Looking Ahead to November: Hosta Hunting in Japan with Bob Olson

Our own Bob Olson will review a hosta hunting trip he took with Rog Koopmans and other hosta experts.

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## Notes from the Prez

-- Tom McKusick

The nominating committee of the MWGCM must present a slate of Board of Directors nominees for confirmation by the membership at the November meeting. While our roster of current directors has renewed its commitment for 2016, I'm sorry to report that despite our best efforts we cannot find anyone who will serve as Vice President next year.

For those of you who are new to the club, the VP serves a one year term, then moves on to the President's position for a year, and then they're Past President for a final year. The duties of each can be found in the member handbook. Club tradition holds that members serve only one year in each position, and once they've served they're not asked to serve again. In addition, potential VP/Pres nominees are usually seen as members who have been in the club for at least a few years and have been active on committees and at events. Well, given the fact that we're running out of people to ask, I believe the qualifying criteria should be relaxed. If someone enjoyed being President and the club feels they were good at it, why not have them return in the role rather than badgering others who clearly don't want to take it on? What's more, I think Past President should be a purely symbolic position, with no expectation that they serve on the Board for a third year. But that would require a change to the By-Laws...

Now, I've heard from several long-time members about how this is a perennial problem, how years ago they had to ask a dozen people before one accepted. But it's different today because if we stick with our qualifying requirements there are so few left to ask.

Look, I know it's a big commitment, but I've been President while working full time, as have two other recent Presidents, and many more before them. The worst part of the job, by far, is trying to find next year's VP!

Somebody needs to step up, so that's why we're loosening the "qualifications". We're asking anyone, regardless of whether they've served as

President in the past, or just joined the club last year, to stand as our VP nominee. Partner with someone as Co-Presidents; it could be a wonderful opportunity for two members to blend their skills and experience to form a great team. And the new VP can be assured that they will have my full support along with that of Judy Brooke and the rest of the Board to assist them in any way we can.

We're willing to depart from tradition in our search for a VP because if no one will come forward, we don't know what the alternative is. Please contact me if you have any questions.

## Editor's Note

-- Mary Maynard

Another very full issue, so this will be very short. Please do consider serving as club VP and then as President in the following year. It need not be a huge amount of work, and, if you decide to serve, you will be surrounded by people who wish you well and are willing to help in any way they can. I was the first woman to serve as president back in ancient times, and the support from the club was strong and consistent. (It wasn't until about 6 months into my term that I realized the significance of the pink cover of our membership directory.)

See you at the October meeting, which should be terrific!

## David Zlesak – Continued from Page 1

I've known David for some time, and I was fortunate enough a couple of years ago to visit his plant breeding facility at UW River Falls where he took me on a fascinating tour of their research labs as well as the growing range where they trial plants. Those who've seen his presentations know that he combines a commanding knowledge of science with the same passion for plants he's had since childhood. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of the most notable plant developers in this region.

-- Tom McKusick

## Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 9/22/2015

Checking balance	\$88,363
Designated Funds	
Lyndale Park Garden	\$ 4,152
Scholarship	<u>\$10,950</u>
Working Balance	\$ 73,261
Petty Cash	\$ 100
CD	\$ 5,282

## Membership Corner

Welcome (back) to new member Paul Aarestad. More about Paul in the November *Spray*.

**Every Member Bring a Member**

## Welcome New(er) members!



New(er) members Mary Lee Hanson, Harry Hoks and Ann Spenningsby were introduced to the club at the September meeting. Welcome!

*Photos by Mary Maynard*

## Condolences

We extend our condolences to Nona Johnson, whose father passed away at the age of 107 on September 6; and to Carol Schreier, whose brother passed away on September 19.

## It's Renewal Time!

More information on club membership renewals on Page 6.

Also, do you know that there is a Garden Club membership rate for the Minnesota Horticultural Society/*Northern Gardener*? It's renewal time for that, too. Garden Club memberships start at \$37, which is a very good deal! You can sign up at the October or November club meeting, or call MSHS at 651- 643-3601.

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## 2015 Scholarship Update

*Kent Petterson, for the Scholarship Committee*

The Scholarship Committee has updated the Club's application information and forms this year. The new information has been posted on the club website and forwarded to all of the schools in Minnesota that have Horticulture programs.

We have been promised from the schools that we will have a better response to our anticipated offer of three scholarships of \$1000. One of our efforts this year was to verify that our scholarship size was adequate and that was confirmed by all of the schools. The deadline for application is October 16<sup>th</sup>. After consideration and recommendation from the Scholarship Committee the board will be asked to approve the recommended recipients. Each student recipient will be invited to our Holiday Party in December.

We were able to verify that our list of schools was accurate and have updated the individual contact persons in each case to maximize our exposure to students. In addition to offering hard copy information, this year we have sent our application information in PDF form via email and have received email confirmation of receipt from all the schools. We are optimistic that our response will be much improved this year.

## November Preview – Hosta Hunting in Japan – *Continued from Page 1*

Hostas are a plant species native to Japan. With very few exceptions all hostas originated there, and the thousands of cultivars now available are the result of mutations and/or hybrids of about 40 Japanese species.

In the summer of 1995 Roger Koopmans, Bob Olson and a group of hosta aficionados traveled to Japan looking for Japanese species growing in the wilds, and to visit Japanese specialty nurseries in search of mutants, sports and exotic hybrid hostas. With the aid of a Japanese guide and professional plant hunters they climbed mountains, forded raging streams and trekked to hidden waterfalls to find them.



*Photos by Bob Olson*

## **Dinner Meeting Tips: Reservations, Guests, and Check-in**

*By Alan Gallaher and Judy Brooke*

Greetings from your Treasurer and Membership Chair. We're in the process of improving preparations for monthly dinner meetings. Our intent is to make the whole dinner reservation, dinner guest guidelines, and dinner check-in processes simpler for you.

**Dinner reservations:** Please be sure you have a dinner reservation! You may email or call Carole Ann Brekke by the Friday before the meeting. You may also choose to be on the Permanent Reservation list by simply contacting Carole Ann. Please be aware that if you have a reservation and cannot attend, you must call to cancel by the Friday before the meeting or you will be billed for your meal unless it can be sold to someone who arrives without a reservation. Reservations not paid by 6:30 the evening of the meeting will be offered to members who arrived without reservations.

**Dinner guests:** We welcome you to bring a guest to a monthly dinner meeting. If you think your guest has high potential of becoming a member, their dinner will be compliments of The Club. This offer has been very successful in recruiting new members. If you plan to bring a guest, please make a reservation for him/her with Carole Ann by the deadline. She will need the guest's name and that his/her dinner will be compliments of The Club. Please, one free guest meal per member per evening. Contact Judy Brooke, Membership Chair, with questions.

**Check-in:** Lots of members pay for dinner between 6:00 and 6:15; a few people come in at the last minute because of the weather, traffic, working late, etc. We will have an assistant to help speed up the process, but there are some things you can do to help. If you pay in cash, try to bring the exact amount (\$13/meal). If you pay by check, try to make it out before you get in line (pay to MWGCM). Consider coming early and having extra time to chat with your gardening friends.

Thanks for all your help, and *bon appetit!*



*A few members (and one Auxiliary member) preparing for dinner at the September meeting.  
Photo by Mary Maynard*

## **Board Meeting Highlights**

*Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary*

Highlights of the September 2015 Board meeting included:

- decision to reinvest funds coming due in a Certificate of Deposit into a new, 19 month fund
- decision to add judges next year for the FFF Show to streamline the judging process
- discussion of how monies are distributed to different committees, and whether changes in how that is done should be considered.

All members who helped revise our Member Handbook were thanked for their very hard work on this important task.

*The full minutes are available to any member who'd like more information after the minutes have been approved by the Board. Please get in touch with Laurie for a copy*

## **It's Renewal Time!**

*Mollie Deane*

Another beautiful fall is on its way and that means it is time to renew your Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis membership.

The easiest way to renew is at the club meeting either on October 13 or November 10.

Please print off the Membership Renewal Form that is in this issue of the *Spray*, complete it at home, and bring it the meeting. Membership Committee members will be at a table eagerly awaiting your Membership Renewal Form with your check or cash.

If you have trouble printing the form, you can get one at the renewal table on Oct 13 and November 10.

If you cannot attend either meeting, please print and complete the form and then mail it along with your check (do not mail cash) to

Judy Brooke  
4728 Temple Road  
Minnetonka MN 55345

We would love to have all renewals completed by November 10, the day of the November club meeting. This way the committee can get going on creating the 2016 directory.

When you complete the form, you can write "same" for your name/address/phone information but please check what committees you want to join or continue to be part of.

The club depends on having great members and receiving your membership dues to meet its needs. When you renew on time, you avoid the need for a volunteer from the Membership Committee to call you. We thank you for renewing for 2016 - by November 10!

**The Membership Renewal Form is on the next page.**



## Membership Renewal Form: Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual dues are \$20.** Make your check payable to **MWGCM** and bring with you to the October 13 or November 10 club meeting. You can also mail this form to the Membership Secretary: Judy Brooke, 4728 Temple Rd., Minnetonka, MN 55345

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ -

I am a Master Gardener:   yes   no

I am willing to be listed as a mentor gardener in the club director (enter specific gardening topic/s such as perennials, roses, propagation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Committees:** I am currently serving on, or am willing to serve on the following committees:

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|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arbor Day               | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality          | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Publicity  | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards/Trophies         | <input type="checkbox"/> Lyndale Park Garden/ | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership           | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower/Veg Show FFF     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Border Garden  | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Spray Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Lyndale Park Garden/ | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Sale & Auction | <input type="checkbox"/> Tours/Club  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Party           | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Garden        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tours/Public         |                                      |

What would you most like to learn about this year?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My gardening interests are:

\_\_\_\_\_

Other horticultural affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

Other experience/knowledge that could help the club (please circle): writing, accounting/financial, computer skills, public relations/marketing, leadership, fundraising, legal, public speaking, other:

\_\_\_\_\_



## Holiday Party: Back to Embassy Suites Dec. 8

*Larry Larson, Holiday Party Chair*

Fall will soon be upon us, all my dahlias will freeze and die, and there's nothing to look forward to, right? NO! We get to have a party! Once again, for the third straight year, we will be back in Embassy Suites, this year on Tuesday, December 8. So keep that date open!

We will have the usual wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings, an awards presentation, and a silent auction. Please remember, the more people who bring silent auction items the better, because we all want to have a fun and rewarding auction, and every dollar we collect benefits the club!

An extensive renovation of Embassy Suites took place last year, but it is now complete. We are in the same room, but it has been spruced up with new carpet and better ceiling lights. The restaurant and bar has been moved to the back of the building but we may still entertain the idea of having a cash bar available in the room. Please let me know how you feel about this.

I also would like to hear from members who are interested in having some type of entertainment. We have tried this before at the Lake Harriet church without much success, but several members have asked me about this. So please call me and let me know if you want entertainment; also call me with ideas of who should be entertaining. I don't think a 10-piece jazz band would work, but a single singer/guitar player could be appropriate.

The November Spray will have the reservation form and all the pertinent information about this event. For all you new members who have not yet attended this event, please consider coming because this is one of the best events of the year! I'll be seeing you!

## Photos from September 8

*Mary Maynard*



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## Hummingbird/Native Garden

--Kirky Otto

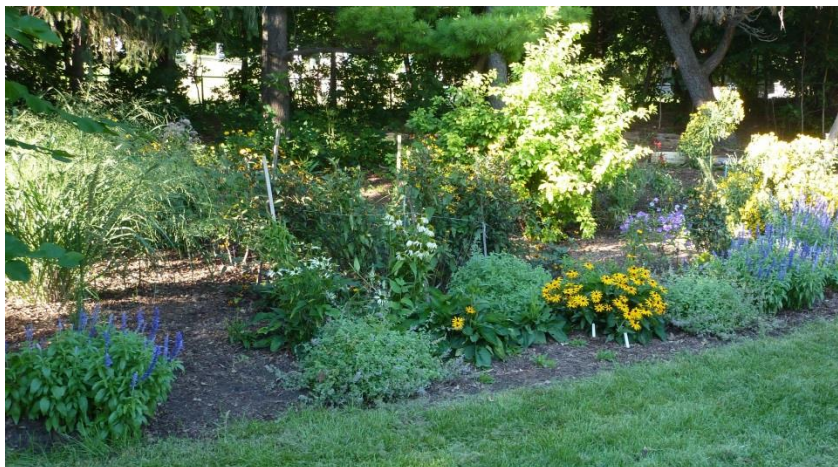


If you take a look at these "before" and "after" photos of the garden, you'll realize how excited the Native Garden crew is about what the summer has brought. We went from 10" of mulch covering everything that was there, to a bed that is filling with native plants chosen for pollinators. The dozen or more people who stopped by for the September tour were gracious, and generous with their praise, as are the visitors who stop by when the crew is working there on Wednesday mornings. Once in a while the visitors even come back to help weed, under the watchful eye of a member of the crew.



If you want to see the garden, it is located between the Peace Garden on the west and the club's the formal border garden on the east. Between our two beds you'll see hostas and mums and a few peonies moved out of the two MWGCM gardens, and will also notice the overgrown beds maintained by the park gardeners when they have time -- the Hummingbird/Native Garden is expanding slightly that direction.

*Photos by Nancy Felice*



*A view of part of the Native/Hummingbird garden on September 8. Photo by Mary Maynard*

## Lyndale Park Garden History: “Supporting Lyndale Park since 1952”

by Kay Wolfe

The MWGCM has a long history of community service in Lyndale Park in Minneapolis. I am often asked where is Lyndale Park? It's near Lake Harriet, the same park that is home to the Rose Garden and Peace Garden. And where did the name come from? The name “Lyndale Park” was taken from the name of William King’s farm, Lyndale Farm, which once surrounded Lake Harriet. Around 1890 King donated much of the land for Lyndale Park, as well as most of the land around Lake Harriet, to the park board. King named his farm after his father, Lyndon King, a preacher from upstate New York, where William King was raised. The name of the park was stipulated when the land was donated.



The Men’s Garden Club of Minneapolis was founded in 1942. In 1952 to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary the club planned a civic interest project. They donated and planted a new variety of crab apple tree in Lyndale Park. There is contradicting information as to how many were planted – the numbers ranging from 50 and 200! A Minneapolis Park Board brochure stated 200 trees were planted; MGCM members have told me 50 were planted. I am inclined to believe 50 – 50 trees is a lot to plant – but 200 would be overwhelming. In July of 2008 the club held an outdoor dinner program in Lyndale Park. Club members spoke about the history of the club’s projects there. We took a walking tour, and there were 3 of the 1952 crab apples still growing. Today all of these trees are gone.

Here is an interesting article from the July 1952 Spray:

OUR 10th ANNIVERSARY 'CIVIC INTEREST PROJECT

Those of you who have not recently visited the Flowering Crab Apple Trees planted by members of the club in the Lyndale Gardens will be happy to know that they are all (except one) leafing out nicely - thanks to our careful planting and the attention being given them by the Park Board gardeners.

As time goes on we are going to be mighty proud of what we hope is only the beginning of a real contribution by the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis to the beautification of the city. Your officers, executive committee and the past presidents' committee who engineered this Civic Interest Project wish to thank the entire membership for their loyal support in making this project possible by contributing the trees, and a special vote of thanks to those who turned out en masse to assist in planting them.

We will indeed be ever grateful to the Park Board Commissioners, officers and staff for affording us the opportunity to engage in such a project, and for their unstinting cooperation and assistance in the consummation of what we feel is but the first objective in the club's long-range "Civic Interest" activity.

Today MWGCM has two Lyndale Park Committees continuing this legacy of “long range civic interest activity.” For more info or how to join contact Kay at [mwgcmgarden@q.com](mailto:mwgcmgarden@q.com). (Lyndale Park history will be continued.....)

## Calendar of Events

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Lakewood Cemetery

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Holiday Party  
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2800 American Boulevard West  
Bloomington

## People's Choice Photo Contest Winners!

Congratulations to Kathy Lenarz, whose "Bee on Thistle" got the most votes at the FFF Show.



And congratulations to Judy Berglund ("Bridge") and to Andy Marlow ("Lily"), whose photos tied for the second most votes.



### This Month's Contributors: Thank You!

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