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# October Meeting Preview

Mary Barsness, Programs Committee Chair

## OCTOBER PROGRAM AND SPECIAL 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Since October is the official 75th Anniversary month of the MWGCM, we will take the opportunity at our October 10 meeting to celebrate this milestone and do one last hurrah.

***Please note that the Social Hour and Dinner will begin earlier.***

A special dinner menu and anniversary dessert, along with champagne will be offered.

Notice to new 2017 members: we will recognize all new members and take a "Class of 2017" photo.

5:30 - 6:00: Social Time

A special anniversary slideshow will be displayed and will continue through dinner - you'll want to see this!

6:00 - 6:40: Dinner

Dinner service will begin 15 minutes earlier than usual, and end 20 minutes earlier for the Anniversary Program

6:40 - 7:00: Special Anniversary Program

- 75th Anniversary cupcakes and champagne will be passed
- 75th Anniversary toast by Sandra Abrahams, President
- Recognition of the "Class of 2017"

7:00 - 7:30: Regular business meeting

7:30 - 8:30: Program: *"Using Dwarf and Miniature Conifers in the Garden"* with Jeremy Moore



### Menu

Chicken Kiev  
Wild Rice Pilaf

Carrots with Tarragon  
Salad  
Artisan Bread

## Anniversary Cupcakes and Champagne

- October meeting location: **Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum.**
- Permanent reservations are in effect.
- Dinner is \$13.00.
- Reservations or cancellations are required no later than Friday, October 6.
- Email Sharla Aasang at [resmwgcm@juno.com](mailto:resmwgcm@juno.com), or call (612) 623-9341 and leave a message.
- For last-minute cancellations, call Alan Gallaher at (952) 933-1713. If he can sell it, you won't be billed.

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## MENU PLANNER NEEDED BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Bonnie Haehn is looking for someone to take over the menu-planning duties for our monthly meetings next year. These include:

- Discuss menu ideas with the caterer at the beginning of the year.
- If possible, plan several months at a time.
- Identify different menu ideas which include a main course (with protein), vegetable, salad, bread and dessert.
- Provide menu for publication in the *Garden Spray*.

If you are interested or want more information, contact [Bonnie Haehn](#).

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## From the President

Sandra Abraham

There's something about the shorter days and cooler temperatures of autumn that inspires us to get our gardens cleaned up for the imminent arrival of winter.

For the garden club it is an exciting time with committee members back in action. I

want to thank the program committee and our illustrious expert members whose presentation at the September meeting was full of great advice based on their own gardening experiences.

The 75th Anniversary committee has planned a special celebration for the October 10 meeting. The MWGCM was chartered by the Men's Garden Clubs of America as the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis on October 1, 1942. Seventy-five years later we have evolved into the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis and our membership spans the entire metro area and beyond.



*Our panel of experts at the September meeting.*

The nominating committee is seeking members to run for the two director positions that are open. If you are contacted about that possibility please give it serious consideration. The slate will be in the November Garden Spray and the election will be held at the annual November business meeting.

Membership renewal begins this month. Our goal is to have all the renewals in by the November meeting in order to facilitate the 2018 directory formatting. When renewing, please consider the committee(s) you would like to join. There is also a spot on the membership form for you to make an additional donation to the Scholarship, Lyndale Park Garden, or general fund. These special donations are greatly appreciated.

The holiday party committee has reserved the Embassy Suites on American Boulevard in Bloomington for Tuesday, December 12 at 6 p.m. for the party and awards presentations. The highly anticipated silent auction will be held again, so start thinking about any contributions you would like to make.

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## From the Editors

Nancy Felice, Tom McKusick

Being on our club's Programs Committee for the last few years has been an interesting and rewarding experience. The challenge for the committee has always been to find speakers who not only have a topic that club members are interested in, but who also are good presenters who can hold people's attention for an hour. Sometimes it takes a while to find the right combination of topic and speaker. Dwarf



conifers is a subject our members have asked for over a number of years, so I'm pleased that our October program is "*Using Dwarf and Miniature Conifers in the Garden.*" Our presenter, Jeremy Moore, is with Oregon-based [Iseli Nursery](#), which grows some of the most unusual and beautiful conifers in the country. It should be an excellent program, and for me it will be especially satisfying as I know how long we've been waiting for it.

The Programs Committee identifies potential topics in a number of ways. Some suggestions come from club members, others from members of the committee. I've found that one of the best ways to find good speakers is to learn what other groups are doing. The Minnesota State Horticultural Society manages a calendar of events for garden clubs and plant societies in this region, and it's an excellent source for program ideas. Sometimes I contact members of other clubs after their meeting to see what they thought of the program. Other good resources for speakers are horticultural events put on by the UMN Extension Master Gardeners in each county, and the list of presentations in the horticulture building at the State Fair. From them you can't always tell if the person will be a good speaker for our club, but at least you know that they're out there with a program that they have experience presenting.

The schedule of 2018 programs is nearly complete and will be announced soon in an upcoming edition of the *Garden Spray*. I greatly appreciate all of the hard work the committee puts into bringing you these programs, and I hope you do as well.

-- *Tom McKusick*

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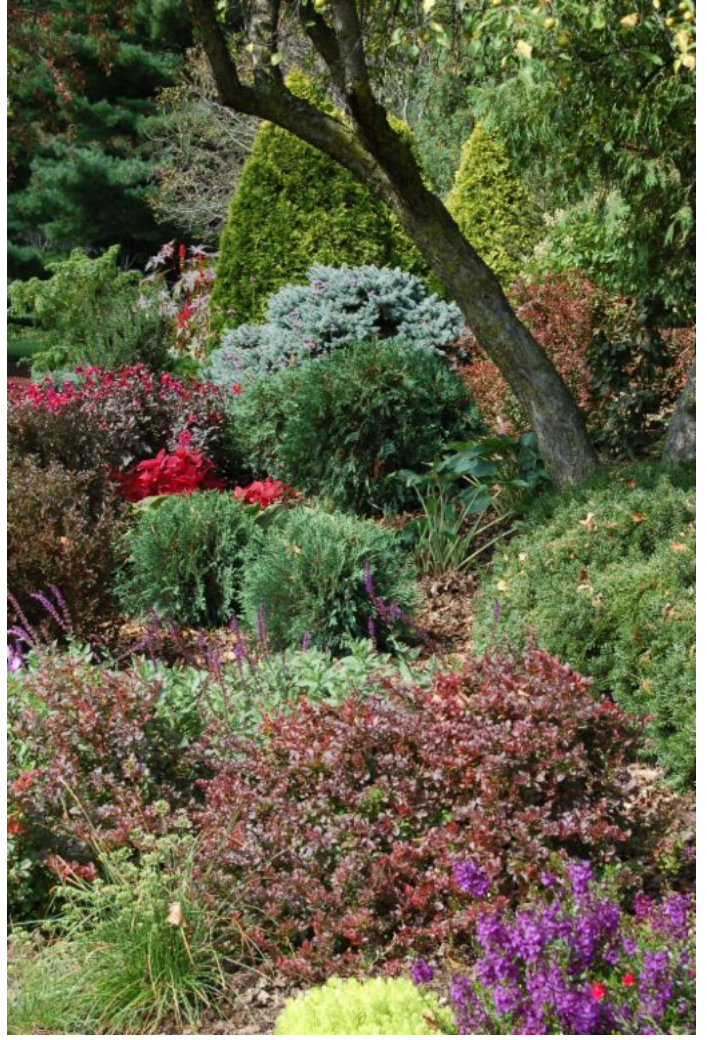
## Lyndale Park Gardens/Mixed Border Garden

Kay Wolfe, Chair

### END OF SEASON COLOR











## Lyndale Park Gardens/Native & Shade Gardens

Kirky Otto, Carol Schreier, Co-chairs

In September, after two years of planning, Minneapolis Park Board employees arranged to have edgers matching the ones in front of the mixed border garden in Lyndale Park delivered, and about 2/3 of the total membership of the native/shade garden committee worked to install them over a two-week period. Hopes for cool weather were useless, and the work was hot and heavy. Becca Gross, who made arrangements, also ran a power edger to form a clear line behind which the edgers were installed.

It took 10 people to do the work, but on September 13, Katherine Schafer arrived early, announced she had to leave early, and set the pace for the rest of the crew. When the work was finished--half an hour before the group usually disbands--hearty congratulations were exchanged and the gardeners left, exhausted but happy.



Susan, Judy, Nancy, Katherine, Kathy, Jo.  
Not pictured: Carol, Charlotte, Mary, Anne-Ellen, Kirky.

The balance of the

Wednesday mornings in October will be devoted to work on support structures for plants, plans for moving some plants in the spring, weeding and winter mulching. Members gather between 8 and 11 a.m., arriving as they are able, and any club member interested in working in the native or the shade garden is always welcome. Beginning in November, the group will meet monthly on a Thursday morning at Turtle Bread on 44th and Beard to talk plants and plan for spring.

-- Kirky Otto

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## Announcements



### **FFF VISITORS, PLEASE JOIN US**

Eighteen FFF show visitors signed up to receive the Garden Spray for three months. If you're one of those and now you'd like to join the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis, please go to the [Membership page of the MWGCM.org website](#). We'd love to

welcome you.

### **NEED A RIDE TO MEETINGS?**

If you have difficulty driving to the club meetings, contact [Lynda Lundstrom](#) and she will arrange a ride for you.

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## Marketing and Publicity

Becky DeLaCruz, Chair

Summer sure went fast! The M & P Committee has already met to make tentative plans for the Club's promotional activities for the remainder of the year and into 2018.

An important activity that our committee would like to help the other club committees with is developing each committee's 2018 marketing/advertising budget. Please think about your individual committee activities for 2018 and contact one of the M & P Committee members to brainstorm and research possible marketing or advertising assistance for those activities. Each committee should have a well thought out plan to be sure you have the funds available to promote your activities. Remember that 2018 budget requests need to be submitted to Alan Gallaher prior to October 22.

Before 2017 ends, we hope to execute advertising for the club on both Google Ads and Facebook. Both will provide greater exposure of our club to the public at either no



cost, or a very minimal cost. This exposure can assist us in increasing attendance at meetings and club-sponsored public activities, as well as increasing overall membership.

Once 2018 arrives, you will see updated designs for our brochure and bookmark.

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## Membership Corner

Judy Brooke, Chair

### **FALL IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

At the October 10 and November 14 meetings, membership committee volunteers will eagerly await your renewal forms with your check or cash. Dues remain \$20.

To renew your membership:

- [Print the Membership Renewal Form available here.](#)
- Or pick up a renewal form at the October or November club meetings.
- Return your form at the October or November meeting. You can also mail it with your dues to Judy Brooke at the address on the form.

We would love to have all renewals completed by November 15 so we can have the 2018 Directory ready by January. New members who joined after July will have their membership automatically renewed for 2018. Check at the renewal table if you are a new member and are unsure whether you need to pay renewal dues or not.

### **JOIN A COMMITTEE**

Committee involvement is one of the best ways to get to know members and feel a part of the club. It's also vital to the health of the club. There are 18 committees to choose from. You'll find them listed on the renewal application and in your club directory along with the names of the committee members. If you'd like to know more about the function of each committee, an information sheet will be available at the renewal table.

Enjoy the upcoming dinner programs, renew your membership and join at least one committee. Those three things will be a win-win for you and for the MWGCM.

-- Mollie Dean

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## **WELCOME BEVERLY ERICKSON**

Beverly, who lives in New Hope, became a Master Gardner in 2008. Her gardens primarily consist of veggies, mainly heirloom tomatoes from seeds, herbs and cucumbers. She converted her floral gardens to containers and to easy-care grasses with a focus on landscaping for birds and butterflies. Beverly found our garden club through Judy Brooke who encouraged her to join as she plans to sell her home and mover closer to her daughter in Minneapolis.

## **WELCOME TOM TAFF**



Tom enjoyed gardening in his home in southwest Minneapolis for 20 years. Then eight years ago he moved to northeast Minneapolis. Although he found the soil in his new location much sandier, he began planting again. He now has a rose bush, a lot of perennials and some annuals for color. Tom learned about us when answering an ad on Craig's list where Larry Larson had listed his patio table. That led Tom to Larry's garden. Tom bought the table and followed up on Larry's suggestion to join the garden club. Tom has been in the balloon business for 35 years. You can see his website at [balloonexpress.us](http://balloonexpress.us). They design and deliver balloon bouquets and balloon decorations for all occasions.

## **WELCOME MIKE THOMPSON**

Mike lives in southwest Minneapolis. His wife Linda joined our club in January and he followed suit in August after attending our Flower, Food and Foto show. He plans to enter the show's photo contest next year. Mike began gardening at an early age. Growing up in a small village in England, both his parents and grandparents had gardens. Also, in elementary school, each child had a garden plot. The Thompsons moved here from England 27 years ago and have lived in their new home about five years. According to Mike, Linda knows the names of all their garden plantings but he does most the work. Mike's a retired school psychologist.



*Every member bring a member.*

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# Board Meeting Highlights

Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary

Highlights of the September board meeting included discussion of a variety of topics, including: determining a slate of nominees for officer and board positions for 2018, considering possible minor changes to the format of the Plant Sale, and re-defining the responsibilities of the Deane Fund Committee. If you have thoughts on any of these (or other) topics your board members would like to hear from you. The club is in excellent financial condition, and our membership continues to grow. Special thanks to everyone who has helped make our anniversary year a success.

## Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Treasurer

### AS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

<b>Checking Balance</b>	<b>\$ 26,906</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden	<b>\$ 2,386</b>
Scholarship	<b>\$ 2,946</b>
Deane Fund at RCU	<b>\$ 62,280</b>
<b>Working Balance</b>	<b>\$ 21,574</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>
<b>MWGCM 19-month CD at US Bank</b>	<b>\$ 5,346</b>

## Meeting & Event Calendar

**October 10**

Using Dwarf and Miniature Conifers in the Garden

Jeremy Moore

Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

**December 12**

Holiday Party

Embassy Suites

American Boulevard, Bloomington

**November 14**

Behind the Scenes at the Friends School

Plant Sale

Henry Fieldseth

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

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## 2017 Officers & Directors

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Eagan

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Golden Valley

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Edina

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