

The Garden Spray

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Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
Nov. 12	LHC	Fall & Winter Color
Dec. 10	ES	Holiday Party

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

ES= Embassy Suites, 2800 American Blvd West, Bloomington

Note: Permanent reservations are in effect. Dinner is \$12.

Reservations or cancellations are required by Friday, Nov. 8 – **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 Nancy Bjerke at 612-353-5220. If she can sell it, you won't be billed.

Dinner Menu for November 12

- Build your own beef/chicken tacos or taco salad with all the fixin's
- Taco chips
- Spanish Rice
- Pumpkin Pie.

Schedule for Nov. 12

6:00 p.m. Social Time
6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Business meeting
7:30 Program

Planting for Fall and Winter Color With Terry Yockey

Tuesday, November 12

-- Randi Larson



Terry is a Minnesota garden writer whose gardens have been featured in several periodicals including Midwest Living and Midwest Home

magazines and on the TV program 'On the Road' with Jason Davis.

Terry wrote the 'Gardening Basics' column for the Northern Gardener magazine for more than four years as well as feature articles. She is currently on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Terry is a Master Gardener who combines her knowledge with artistic design and flair.



-- Photos courtesy of Mary Schier (Northern Gardener), Park Seed, Stuart Wilding (Wikimedia Commons)



Holiday Party on December 10!

More info and reservation form on Pages 5-7.

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<http://www.mwgcm.org>

Notes from the Prez:

-- Sandra Abraham

Wrapping Things Up!

The garden is a little quieter this time of year but there are still things to do. If you subscribe to the theory that you want to leave the garden in autumn the way you wish to find it in the spring then you must try to get those chores done quickly before the days get too short and the temperatures drop. If you don't mind waiting until spring to clean up those dried out perennials and simply leave some of the spent blooms with the seeds exposed for the birds and to add a little winter interest then some of the pressure is off to get your garden completely cleaned up.

Bulbs still can be planted into early November as long as you plan on watering them until the ground freezes. Tools need to be cleaned, sharpened and oiled so they will be ready for you in the spring. If you feed the birds the feeding stations need to be prepared in readiness for the winter season. Bags of leaves should be gathered so that you can cover perennial beds and roses after the ground freezes to help insulate them for the winter and to help protect them from the freeze/thaw conditions we experience in our climate. If you purchased trees, shrubs, or perennials that did not get planted you will need to heel them in to your garden beds so they can be transplanted in the spring. After all of that is done, you may want to get those twinkle lights up in your trees before it is too cold to do so. Whew!

November is the month we conduct our annual business meeting. This year we are revising our bylaws along with electing new officers and board members. Please renew your memberships this month so that the 2014 directory can be prepared for printing. For those of you who are chairpersons of committees please let me know if

you are willing to continue in those positions for the 2014 season. If you are serving on committees in 2013 you will be automatically listed as members of that committee again for 2014 unless you indicate otherwise.

If you plan on donating any items for the silent auction in December please be in contact with the Holiday Party committee for instructions on how to do so.

Happy Thanksgiving in advance and with that, it's a wrap!

From the Editor

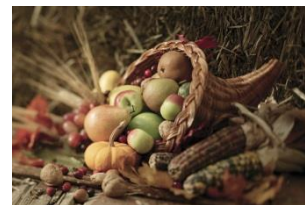
-- Mary Maynard

Yikes! It's almost November! Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. And I have a few things to be thankful for.

I am extremely thankful for all of the club members who contribute material for the Spray. Needless to say, this newsletter would be verrrry skimpy otherwise.

And I am thankful for the members who serve on the Board – the ones who are finishing up this year; and the ones who agreed to stay on another year; and the members who agreed to stand for election for next year's Board. Thank you very much for your service to the club.

And, I am thankful for the lovely weather last Sunday, when I spent five hours digging up a dozen different varieties of dahlias, six different cannas, four different elephant ears, two callas and some voodoo lilies. Oh-- and I am also thankful for ibuprofen, which allowed me to move around on Monday and Tuesday!



Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 10-18-2013

Checking balance	\$17,698.00
Designated Funds	
Memorials/Park Garden	\$ 966.00
Scholarship	\$5,300.00
Working Balance	\$11,432.00
CD	\$5,259.56

Membership Corner

The best source of new members is **you!** See Jean's note below.

Proposed Slate of Board Members for 2014

-- Robert Kean, Chair, Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers and directors for 2014. We will elect our 2014 Board at the November meeting.

President - Randi Larson	Co-treasurer/Director Nancy Bjerke
Vice President - Tom McKusick	Co-treasurer/Director Margaret Hibberd
Past president - Sandra Abraham	Director - Ray Bauch
Membership Secretary - Judy Brooke	Director - Alan Gallaher
Recording secretary - Laurie Levin	

You Can Help our Membership Grow

--Jean Strande, Membership Secretary

We are not seeing the membership growth that we'd like to see. We believe our best chance to gain quality new members who will stay and participate rests with our current members.

Please talk to your neighbors and acquaintances about the benefits and joys of belonging to our club. Bring them with you as guests, or let us know ahead of time if you know of someone who might be interested and we will send them a little information along with an invitation to join us for dinner and a presentation.

The MWGCM is a terrific organization, but we need more active members to keep it strong. Thanks in advance for your efforts. Let me know if the Membership Committee can help you in any way.

It's Renewal Time!

The Membership Committee will be handing out renewal forms and collecting dues at the November club meeting. We'd like to get all of our membership renewals taken care of by November so we can have the directory ready for the January meeting. If you'd like to renew before then you can use the form on the MWGCM website under 'join', and mail your check to Membership Secretary Jean Strande. Here's the link: <http://mwgcm.org/MGCM/Join.html>

Photos from October Meeting

-- Lloyd Wittstock



Note: Please don't make us cut tiny pieces of pie! If you're coming to dinner in November, call or email Carole Ann and make a reservation so we don't run out of food. See Page 1.



Holiday Party is Right around the Corner!



Larry Larson, Holiday Committee Chair

Make your plans now for MWGCM's holiday party **Tuesday, Dec. 10** at the Embassy Suites. The address is 2800 American Blvd. West, Bloomington. There will be a map in next month's Spray.

The party begins at 6 p.m. in one of the party rooms. There will be signs pointing us in the right direction just inside the front lobby.

The cost of this year's party is \$23, due at Larry's house no later than **Saturday, Nov. 30**. If you are attending but believe your payment will not arrive by that date, please call or email me to let me know you will be attending. This is necessary because MWGCM must pay Embassy Suites in full by Dec. 4.

The dinner will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dinner salad, desert, coffee, milk and/or water. Punch with cheese and crackers will also be provided before the meal. No alcoholic service will be provided at the dinner table but everyone will have the opportunity to walk down a very short hall and order a drink or glass of wine from the Embassy Suites bar and bring it back to the dinner.

A silent auction will take place. Bidding will be open from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Silent auction winners will be notified after the business meeting. There will be four cashiers open to take payment for silent auction items in order to speed up this process. Please pay by check or exact change, as we cannot provide change at all four checkout locations.

Silent auction items can be brought to any home of a holiday committee member prior to the party, and it is highly recommended you do that. You can also bring them to the hotel the evening of the party. As of now, we do not have a designated holding room for these items, so please do not bring items to the hotel until 4:30 p.m.

The holiday committee members will be setting up our party room from 5-6 p.m., but most of the committee members will be there at 4:30 p.m. to accept silent auction items. No one may enter the party room during set up except holiday committee members. If you bring your silent auction item between 4:30 and 6 p.m., a holiday committee member will be available to take the item into the party room and have it displayed on the tables. You can then wait in the lounge until the party room opens at 6 p.m.

This is our first year at the new location, so please be patient.

It will help a great deal if you indicate what you are bringing on the reservation form below. Please call Elaine Spiegel, silent auction chair, at 952-927-9539, regarding silent auction items or Larry Larson, 952-949-9668, for any question regarding the party. Hope to see you all there!



RSVP Form for the MGCM Holiday Party and Silent Auction



**Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 5:30 pm at Embassy Suites
2800 American Boulevard West, Bloomington**

To RSVP and to donate items for the silent auction, please fill out this reservation form and enclose a check made out to MGCM. Please send reservation form to ARRIVE BY Saturday, November 30 2013.

Mail to: Larry Larson
15225 Wild Wings
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Phone: 952.949.9668
Email: daddu777@msn.com

*For questions about the Silent Auction please contact Elaine:
E-mail: ELspiogs18@comcast.net (preferred) Phone: 952-927-9539*

Member & Guest Names: _____	
Total check enclosed (\$23 per person): _____	
Item(s) for the Silent Auction:	
Description: _____	
Size (space required for display): _____	Minimum Bid: _____
Submitter/contact: _____	
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Need ideas or suggestions for the silent auction? See next page!



Suggestions for Silent Auction Contributions for Holiday Party:

- Tickets (movies, theater, opera, or sporting events)
- Homemade or hand crafted items (crafts, baked goods, note cards, embroidery, quilting)
- Tools, plants, note cards, statues, books, bird feeders, bird baths
- Gift certificates (for hotel, resort, garden center, bookstore, restaurant, or membership in a specialty garden club)
- Time, talent or services (garden consultation, custom art/craft, teaching a craft or skill, make a meal, host a theme party)

Holiday Committee Members (Accepting Auction Items)

Larry Larson – Chair	Jane Sheedy
Delores Johnson	John Sims
Jan Johnson	Elaine Spiegel
Nona Johnson	Don Trocke
Carol Schreier	



Have you been following **Bob's Blog** on our website? If not, you're missing some great commentary and entertaining insights into gardening life. Here's the link:

http://mwqcm.org/MGCM/Bobs_Blog/Bobs_Blog.html

Lyndale Park Garden News

Kay Wolfe

MWGCM Lyndale Park Garden Chair

MWGCM creates a public garden in Lyndale Park in Minneapolis. Lyndale Park is the “umbrella” name for the large park near Lake Harriet that is home to the Rose Garden and Peace Garden, all property of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. The MWGCM has a partnership with the MPRB through their “Park Steward” program, and we not only maintain the garden, but design it and donate the plants as well. The MWGCM garden is a 300 foot border garden running along the boundary of the park and Lakewood Cemetery, and is part Perennial Trial Garden, and part Perennial Mixed Border Garden. On display is a collection of small trees, coniferous and deciduous shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses and annuals, all artfully arranged by texture and leaf color. Almost all of the trees and shrubs have been donated by the MWGCM over the years. We hope the garden gives home owners ideas for plants that they can dependably use in their own gardens.

This summer the Minneapolis Park Board allowed us to purchase edging bricks for the long winding edge of the garden. The committee has been busy installing them, and we are almost done with the project. Thanks so much to everyone that has worked in the park garden this summer!

Nowadays when we are working at the park, citizens continually stop and thank us. Everyone seems to know that we are the volunteers that create the garden, and they are so glad to have such a place of beauty in the city park. Thanks to the club members for providing funds for this important community service project.

See next page for photos.

Leaf Cover-up Day

at the Perennial Garden is Saturday, November 2, starting at 9:00 a.m.

All MWGCM members are invited to the garden for an exciting day of spreading leaves over the gardens for the winter. The Lakewood gardeners will be delivering dry leaves on Wednesday.

Bring tarps, trugs, rakes, carts, whatever you use for moving leaves. Most of the leaves need to be moved to the back of the garden, so a bit of a distance.

Let Kay Wolfe know if you can help out.

Photos from Lyndale Park Garden

Photos by Kay Wolfe



Clockwise from top left: 1. Installing brick edging – Tim Rosener, Steve Shubick, Rog Sefelt, Sharla Aaseng; 2. More installation – Sharla, Tim, Dave Johnson, Rog; 3. The garden with the edging. 4. The installation crew: Steve Shubick, Sharla Aaseng, Tim Rosener, Carol Schreier, Rog Sefelt, Dave Johnson (not pictured: Kay Wolfe, photographer)

Highlights from the October Board Meeting

Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary

October 2013 Board Meeting Highlights:

*The Board has approved plans to meet at Lakewood Cemetery for some of the upcoming year's meetings. The November 2014 meeting will be the first one held there. Directions to the new site will be included in the Spray, and we look forward to members' comments about the change.

*Arboretum membership will be paid early this year, to take advantage of paying at our current rate for one more year before membership fees are raised.

*The Board is concerned about increasing our membership, and strongly encourages members to act as recruitment ambassadors for the Club. Personal contact seems to be the best way to find and retain new members.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Calendar of Events for Rest of 2013

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



Gardens Wanted for 2014 Public Tour!

The Tour Committee is always looking for good gardens to share, and ask your help in choosing some gardens for a public tour next July. If you have suggestions of member gardens for such a tour, please contact either Sandra Abraham (651 452-0858 or sandabra@hotmail.com) or Denise Rust (763 560-7747 or dkkrust@hotmail.com) ASAP. A good public tour takes lots of planning and a great deal of time to put together. Thanks!

-- Denise Rust

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