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Coming Up

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

"Low Maintenance Lawn Care" with Jonah Reyes

Location update: The November meeting will be at the Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum (not at the church as previously listed).

The program for our meeting November 8 will have a change in the presenter, but not the topic: "Low Maintenance Lawn Care." Sam Bauer unfortunately can't make it, but he has arranged for Jonah Reyes--his colleague at the University--to fill in for him. Sam guarantees that the quality of the program won't suffer because of the substitution! Here's some info about Jonah:

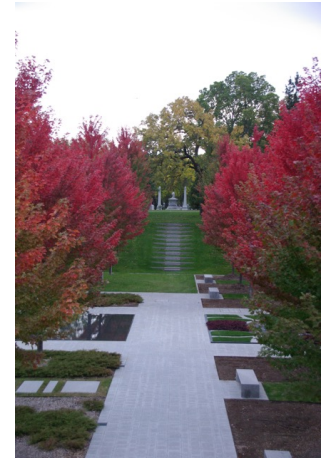


Photo by Andy Marlow

He has a degree in Environmental Horticulture from the University of Minnesota, and has been employed in the horticultural industry for the past 20 years. His work has been in the areas of landscape and irrigation installation, as well as specializing in turf management. Earlier this year he was hired as a research scientist with the Department of Horticultural Science at the UMN. Some of his recent research projects include working with MNDOT on alternative strategies for watering new seed and sod installations on roadsides, and with the Metropolitan Council on reducing water use on Twin Cities lawns.

(I myself employed the ultimate low maintenance lawn care solution by getting rid of nearly all of my lawn. But I'm really looking forward to Jonah's presentation to help me with the small amount of turf that I have left!)

--Tom McKusick

6:00 Social Time
6:15 Dinner
7:00 Business Meeting
7:30 Program

Menu
Pork loin with apple dressing
Roasted potatoes
Squash
Salad
Rolls
Carrot cake

- Permanent reservations are in effect.

- Dinner is \$13.00.
- Reservations or cancellations are required no later than Friday, November 4.
- Email [Carole Ann Brekke](mailto:CaroleAnnBrekke), or call (952) 435-6029.
- For last-minute cancellations, call Alan Gallaher at (952) 933-1713. If he can sell it, you won't be billed.

From the President

Judy Brooke

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY NOVEMBER 8

Membership renewal for 2017 is going on now. We'd like to have all renewals in by November 8 to ensure the 2017 Directory can be ready by January. Here are the ways you can renew:

- Print and complete the [Membership Renewal Form](#) below and bring it to the meeting,
- Mail the form with a check for \$20.00 to Judy Brooke (address is on the form).
- Bring your renewal form and check to the November 8 meeting and turn them in at the renewal table.
- Pick up a form at the renewal table at the meeting and complete it on the spot.

Good news for new members who joined after July: your membership is automatically renewed for 2017.

A couple more reminders: please join a committee or two, and bring someone you know who's interested in gardening along with you to dinner. The club will pay for your guest's dinner if you make a reservation for them.

Membership Renewal Form

Membership Renewal Form
Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis
Membership January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Annual dues are \$20.00. Make your check payable to **MWGCM** and bring with you to the October 11 or November 8 club meetings. You can also mail this form to Judy Brooke, 3640 Wooddale Ave S #209, St Louis Park MN 55416.

If you wish to make an additional donation to the Club, make your check payable to MWGCM or add the amount to your dues check and indicate the fund below:

General _____ Scholarship _____ Lyndale Park Gardens _____

Name: _____ **Spouse/Partner** _____

Home phone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Work:** _____

Email address: _____

Please print clearly

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

<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"/> GardenSpray Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> LyndaleParkGarden/	<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?

My gardening interests are:

Other horticultural affiliations: _____

I am a Master Gardener: yes no

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

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

Only complete if your address has changed

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

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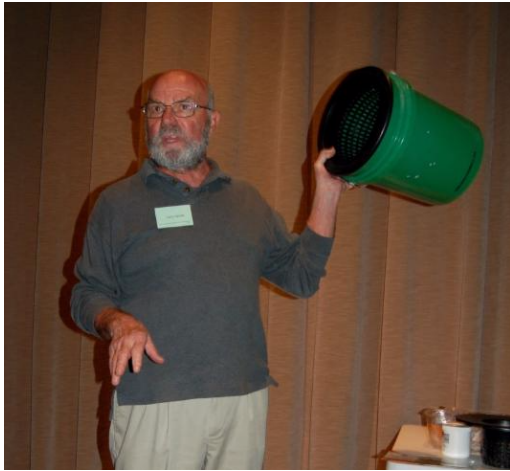


TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 IS ELECTION DAY

Please remember to vote
before you come to the club meeting.

From the Editors

Tom McKusick, Nancy Felice



I have to admit, before our October meeting, hydroponic gardening was pretty far down on my bucket list. (OK, it wasn't on the list.) But hearing Larry Cipolla talk about growing fresh vegetables year 'round and not having to spend every waking moment tending the garden, made me want to try it. (I hardly use my living room anyway.) Judging from the enthusiasm of the audience, I think many others are ready to give it a try, too.

That's the thing about our monthly meetings topics. You can learn about an area you knew nothing about, develop a new interest, dive deeper into an

area you're already familiar with, or get new tips to add to your bag of gardening tricks.

The Program Committee has another great lineup for 2017. If you haven't already, take a look at next year's meeting topics at the end of the *Spray*.

-- Nancy Felice

Holiday Party

Larry Larson, Chair

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR OUR HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday, December 13
Banquet Hall
Embassy Suites, Bloomington
2800 American Blvd. West



6:00 p.m. -- Social hour

6:00 p.m. -- 7:30 p.m. - Silent auction

7:00 p.m. -- Dinner

The annual MWGCM Holiday Party is right around the corner, once again at the Embassy Suites motel in Bloomington.

(Please note, this is the Embassy Suites near Southtown, **not** the one near the airport!)

The party begins at 6:00 p.m. in the banquet hall. This time there will not be a cash bar in our room, but the motel's bar is right across the hall from us. Please turn left after entering the front of the motel and follow the hall around to the right to the end of the hall.

Dinner Menu & Entertainment

The dinner will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner salad, dessert, and coffee. The meal will cost \$25 (a \$2 increase from last year due to a price increase by Embassy Suites).

Special requests? If you need a vegetarian meal or other meal considerations, please call Larry Larson at (952) 949-9668, **before Monday, December 5**, or indicate your request on the reservation form.

We look forward to being entertained again by Benny Weinbeck playing jazz favorites and holiday music on the electric piano. He played at our event last year and many of you asked to have him back.

Silent Auction Details

The silent auction will take place in the same location as last year. Bidding will be open from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. An announcement will be made when five minutes remain in the auction and also when the auction ends. Holiday committee members will circle the winning bid in red after the auction ends to secure the winning bid.

Winning bidders can pick up their bid sheets after the program and bring them to the checkout table. There will be several cashiers available to make checkout easier. Checks made out to "MWGCM" will be accepted. We will not be able to make change on large bills.

How to submit auction items

Silent auction items can be brought to the home of any holiday committee member prior to the party. It is highly recommended you do this if possible to make it easier to

have the bid sheet filled out. You can also bring them to the motel the evening of the party beginning at 5:30 p.m.

These holiday committee members will be happy to accept silent auction items:

Larry Larson, party chair	Jan Johnson
Sandra Mangel, party co-chair	Nona Johnson
Becky DeLaCruz, auction chair	Janet Langfield
Randi Larson	Jane Sheedy

A list of recommended items for the auction is below. People making silent auction donations should include a value on the description line of the reservation form and a minimum bid for each item donated.

Make your reservation soon

Please fill out the form below and send to Larry. Use this link to get a printable version of the [Holiday Reservation Form](#). **Dinner reservation forms must be received by December 5.** Please enclose a check for \$25 for each person attending. Embassy Suites requires full payment for all dinners on December 6. Last year, more than 30 people who eventually came to the party were late paying for their dinners. That makes it very difficult to give Embassy Suites a final count on December 6. See you at the party!

Questions about the party?

Call Larry Larson at (952) 949-9668 or email daddu777@msn.com

Questions about the Silent Auction?

Call Becky DeLaCruz at (727) 644-0176.

Suggestions for Silent Auction Contributions

- Tickets (movies, theater, opera, or sporting events)
- Homemade or handcrafted items (crafts, note cards, embroidery, quilting)
- Tools, plants, statues, books, bird feeders, birdbaths
- Gift certificates (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)
- Homemade baked goods, candies, etc.

**Reservation Form
MWGCM Holiday Party and Silent Auction**

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Embassy Suites, 2800 American Boulevard West, Bloomington

To RSVP for dinner and/or donate items for the auction, please complete and mail this form. For dinner reservations, enclose a check made out to "MWGCM." **Send your completed form to ARRIVE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016, to:**

Larry Larson
15225 Wild Wings
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Dinner Reservation

Member Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Total amount enclosed (\$25.00 per person) \$ _____
Make out check to "MWGCM"

Silent Auction Item(s)

Description: _____

Size (space required for display): _____ Minimum bid: \$ _____

Submitter/contact: _____

Description: _____

Size (space required for display): _____ Minimum bid: \$ _____

Submitter/contact: _____

Description: _____

Size (space required for display): _____ Minimum bid: \$ _____

Submitter/contact: _____

(Use the back of this form for additional items.)

Public Tour Committee

Denise Rust, Dave Johnson, Co-chairs

LOOKING AHEAD: MWGCM PUBLIC TOUR FOR 2017

Next year will be the 75th anniversary of our club. It is also our intent to have a public garden tour befitting the occasion. To do so, we are looking for suggestions from our members of excellent gardens to consider for the tour. The gardens do not have to be club member gardens. Upon receipt of the suggestions, the Tour Committee will take it from there and contact the garden owners this fall.

We really need some good suggestions; and with an increasing number of summer tours, the sooner we can plan ahead the better the tour should be. Send suggestions to either [Denise Rust](#) or [Dave Johnson](#) , co-chairs of the Public Tour Committee.

Lyndale Park Gardens/Mixed Border Garden

Kay Wolfe, Chair

The growing season is almost over. The annuals are dying and the shrubs are turning color.

Here is a link back to August: [an aerial video of Lyndale Park](#) shot by Nancy Lewis. (The MWGCM mixed border garden comes) into view at about 3:30.

We all would rather stay in the August summer season a bit longer! Enjoy!

Good to Know

OVERWINTERING HOSTAS IN POTS

These tips for overwintering hostas come from Steve Shubick:

I overwinter hostas three different ways:

1. Leave them in the plastic pots (small to large) they are in. I placed them against the east side of my house. Keep watering until freezing. When temperature reach freezing I cover them with a combination of loose leaves and bagged leaves.
2. I dig holes in my vegetable garden for hostas that I remove from the pots. I plant them as if I was leaving them in the ground. I fence off this area to keep squirrels from digging them up. Water until freezing and then mulch.
3. I have also buried plastic pots with the plants. This is good for small and mini hostas. Water until freezing and then mulch.

I shovel snow on all of them during the winter until spring. If in-ground or potted plants are kept on a south-facing side, you will need to shovel more snow when it melts in early spring. This avoids thawing and re-freezing.

Some of my hosta friends use their unheated garage, shed or other non-heated out building for storing hostas in the pots. One of them puts a snow ball on each plant in his unheated attached garage. I am hoping to add some shelves in my unheated garage this winter to store some of my plants.

Depending on the weather of the past winters I have lost about 5% to 10% of fifty to sixty pots of hostas that I store above ground against the east side my house.

Do you have gardening tips or experiences you'd like to share in the Garden Spray? Email your article (500 words or less) to spray@mwgcm.org.

Membership Corner

Judy Brooke, Chair

WELCOME CHARLOTTE EKSTROM

Once her children were in their 30's and 40's and had moved out of the family's large Golden Valley home, Charlotte moved last December to what she calls her smaller retirement home in Minnetonka. This summer she was walking in the neighborhood and spotted a beautiful garden that turned out to be MWGCM member Pat Kessler's. Pat invited Charlotte to a couple of our fall programs and Charlotte is now our newest member.

This summer at her new home, Charlotte focused on planting shrubbery. Next year her plan is to add wild flowers that will attract butterflies, and to plant a vegetable garden. Charlotte joined our club to learn more about gardening and meet like-minded people.

-- Judy Brooke

We also welcome new member Lynn Messman. More about Lynn in the next *Garden Spray*. At the October meeting we welcomed new members Carolyn and Douglas Jarrett and John Cooke pictured below with his fiancée Donna Ronning.



EVERY MEMBER BRING A MEMBER

Legend of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society

FREDERICK O. GLASOE

Perhaps you remember him as "Freddie the Gardener," hosting the Home and Garden Show on KSTP talk radio. Maybe you went with a parent to the Minneapolis Home and Garden Show and heard him entertain and inspire Minnesota gardeners in February. If you're a longtime reader of *Northern Gardener*, you may remember his column "Garden Tips from Fred."

Current *Northern Gardener* columnist Lynn M. Steiner credits Glasoe with inspiring her gardening career and

recruiting her into Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) membership. After his death in 2008, she wrote of Glasoe:

"Through his numerous garden presentations, his radio show and his column, he may well be responsible for bringing in more new [MSHS] members than anyone else!"



Glasoe served as the MSHS president (1984-85) and was president of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis in 1977. He also belonged to the Dahlia Society, the Minnesota Orchid Society, 4-H and the Hobby Greenhouse Club.

A multi-media presence, in addition to his column and radio show, he appeared on KSTP-TV, the Home and Garden Network and PBS. As Steiner wrote in 2008: "If Fred said it was time to prune rose bushes, gardeners all around the Upper Midwest reached for their pruning shears and attacked the rose bushes. When he advised planting *Coreopsis* 'Moonbeam', sales all around the Twin Cities boomed."

Glasoe was born in 1928 in Minneapolis. He graduated from Breck School and St. Olaf College and received a teaching degree from Macalester College. After beginning his teaching career at Breck School, he taught in Germany, Japan, Faribault and then settled in at the St. Paul Public Schools for 40 years.

After he retired from teaching, Glasoe was a horticultural advisor at Bachman's Inc. and hosted photographers, tour groups and fellow gardeners at the garden he and his wife of 40 years, Elizabeth, tended. The couple also nurtured two daughters and five foster children.

In Steiner's 2008 column, she described Glasoe's appeal:

"I don't think it was so much Fred's vast pool of garden knowledge that made people love him so much as his folksy, over-the-garden-fence style of giving advice. He was never condescending, and he always took the time to give even the 'greenest' new gardeners thorough, well thought-out answers to their questions."

--Julie Jensen

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Nominating Committee

Judy Brooke, Chair

During the November meeting the Nominating Committee will present the following

2017 slate of officers for approval:

President	Sandra Abraham
Vice-president	Mary Barsness
Recording Secretary	Laurie Levin
Membership Secretary	Judy Brooke
Treasurer	Alan Gallaher
Past President	Judy Brooke
Directors	Judy Berglund
	Bonnie Haehn
	Steve Shubick
	Dave McKeen

Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Treasurer

AS OF OCTOBER 21, 2016

Checking Balance	\$24,393*
Designated Funds	
Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden	\$ 3,241
Scholarship	\$ 3,856
Deane Fund at RCU [see below]	
Working Balance	\$17,296
Petty Cash	\$ 100*
MWGCM 19-month CD at US Bank	\$ 5,282*
Deane Fund at Royal Credit Union	\$64,786*
General savings \$	5
Money market	\$19,547
18 month CD	\$20,078
30 month CD	\$25,156
Total Club Assets [sum of * amounts]	\$94,561

Meeting & Event Calendar

2016

November 8

Low Maintenance Lawn Care
Jonah Reyes
[Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum](#)

December 13

Holiday Party
Embassy Suites
Bloomington

2017

January 10

Growing Fruits and Vegetables in Pots
Mark Armstead
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

February 14

Pruning Essentials for Landscape Shrubs
Kathy Zuzek
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

March 14

Best Practices for Garden Pest
Management
Dean Herzfeld
Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

June 13

Pollinator Friendly Gardening
Rhonda Fleming
Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

July & August

Garden Tours
Dates and time TBA

August

Flower, Food and Foto Show U of M
Landscape Arboretum

September 12

Ask the Experts: Answers to All Your
Gardening Questions
Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

October 10

Using Dwarf and Miniature Conifers in the
Garden
Jeremy Moore
Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum

November 14

Behind the Scenes at the Friends School
Plant Sale
Henry Fieldseth
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

2016 Officers & Directors

Club Officers

President
Judy Brooke

Directors

Judy Berglund
Minnetonka

St. Louis Park

Vice President

Board shares responsibilities

Membership Secretary

Judy Brooke

Recording Secretary

Laurie Levin
Golden Valley

Treasurer

Alan Gallaher
Edina

Past President

Tom McKusick
Minneapolis

Bonnie Haehn
Minneapolis

Dave McKeen
St. Louis Park

Steve Shubick
St. Paul

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