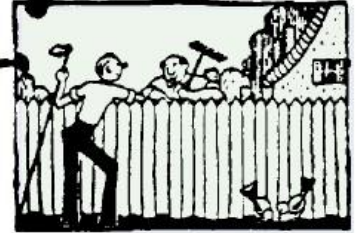




The Garden Spray

Bulletin of the Men's **and Women's** Garden Club of Minneapolis, Inc.

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Upcoming Events



Date	Location	Event
Dec. 11	LHC	Holiday Party
Jan 8	LHC	Design Elements and Microclimates: Mary Lehrman
Feb 12	LHC	Populating Border Design: Mary Lehrman
Mar 12	LHC	Woody Plants: Bert Swanson
Apr TBD	TBD	Bachman's/Macy's Flower Show
May TBD	WLC	Plant Sale and Auction

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

WLC = Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park



Note: Permanent reservations are not in effect for the Holiday Party.

Please send your reservation (Page 8 of the November Spray) to **arrive by December 6** to Larry Larson, 15225 Wild Wings, Minnetonka, MN 55345. Make checks payable to MWGCM.

Holiday Party and Silent Auction 'Make a Joyful Noise'

Tuesday, December 11

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Social Hour with hors d'oeuvres
Silent Auction setup and Bidding

6:40 p.m.

Dinner, followed by

Entertainment:

Mary Hall - Singer,
Acoustic guitar player
Awards
Silent Auction Results

Don't forget to get your reservation and silent auction list in by **December 6**. Reservation form is on Page 8 of the November *Spray*
http://mgcm.org/MGCM/Events_files/Spray1112.pdf

Questions? Elaine Spiegel, Silent Auction Chair
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We have a new name!

We are now the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis. More info on our name change on Page 5.

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Notes from the Prez:

-- Robert Kean

It is often said in politics that a compromise is a solution that makes nobody happy. I suspect that a few club members are feeling that way after our recent name change vote. As for me, I'm quite pleased with how things turned out. The new name, "Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis" retains the core of the original name but makes us sound less exclusionary. It is a quirky enough name to invite curiosity, which will give us an opportunity to tell our story.

Many club members saw no need for a change, while others didn't think we went far enough toward gender and city neutrality. I think this is a good step, and we can always change it back or to some other name if the new name doesn't work out. Let us also remember that the club name is only a part of anyone's decision to join or not join our club. In general, people are attracted to organizations with fun, welcoming, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic members. We need to continue to focus our attention on providing good programs and interesting activities. In conjunction, we need to reinvigorate our publicity/outreach, so more potential members are aware of our club. We started some things this year, but there is more work to do.

This will be work for next year's board to carry forward. You have probably all noticed that I tend to be a quiet guy who doesn't really enjoy being in the spot light. Your incoming president, Sandra, is a much more outwardly energetic and enthusiastic person, and I think she will do a great job energizing and promoting our club next year.

One of my final duties as president is to select the winner of the President's Cup. This is an award to a non-officer, non-board, club member who has provided outstanding assistance to me this year. As I tried to decide the winner, I

mentally reviewed all the people who contribute their time, energy, skills, and resources to make this club function. It was very hard to decide. So without giving away the winner, I want to thank a bunch of folks whose contributions I personally witnessed and whose efforts definitely made the year easier and more fun for me. Thanks to: Sharla Aaseng for membership, Hospitality, and the membership directory; Dale Bachman for hosting our flower show event; Judy Berglund for chairing the FFF; Nancy Bjerke and Peter Olin for the best ever tram tour of the Arb; Carole Ann Brekke for reservations; Chuck Carlson for e-mail communications and awards; Bob Redmond, Mollie Dean, & Steve Shubick for help with the Perennial trail garden; MT Pulley, Tim Rosener, Roger Sefelt, & Kristina Hughes for help with Arbor Day and the Trial garden; Gary Geister and Dave McKeen for chairing the Plant Sale/Auction, Denise Rust and Jonathan Uecker for having gardens on tour; Dave (Fridley) Johnson & Nona Johnson for helping with tours and the trial garden; Mary Maynard for editing the Spray; Larry Larson for Sunshine committee; Tom McKusick for helpful advice on club promotion; Bob Olson for humor and club history, Kent Peterson for scholarships; Jerry Shannon for his connections in securing great program speakers; Lynda Carlson and Tim Malooly for help with programs; Don Unteidt for help with tours; Doug Whitney for help with the plant sale, and Lloyd Wittstock for photography. I'm going to conclude by thanking my fellow club officers and board members for taking on the important role of club leadership. Most are also chairing or participating on one or more committees, so thanks for taking on one more job this past year. It was fun working with you and getting to know you all better. I'll be spending time with many of you next year as past president. As for non-returning officers, Andy, Kay, and Jan, thanks for your years of service. We will definitely miss your wisdom and the value of your experience next year.



Treasurer's Snapshot

As of 11-27-12

Checking balance	\$18,786.56
Designated Funds	
Memorials/Park Garden	\$1,716.72
Scholarship	\$5,340.96
Working Balance	\$11,728.32
CD	\$5,210.22

Membership Corner

It's membership renewal time! See Jean's note below.

Jerry Olson is recovering from a broken hip at the Masonic Home in Bloomington, Room D149, and he welcomes visitors. He doesn't have a phone in his room, but the nurse's station number is 952-881-8665.

Membership News

-- Jean Strande, Membership

The membership renewal push is moving along quickly. Many thanks to those who have already submitted their membership papers and dues. Some who haven't had the opportunity to do so should be receiving renewal forms in the mail. Please return them to me as soon as possible. The rest of you will be receiving a phone call from a board member who will help you finish up your 2013 membership. We are off to an exciting new year and we want everyone to be here!

The Publicity team is going to be researching what the club needs from an updated logo. We will consult with marketing and art professionals to collect ideas of what will represent us best. We'd like members to be involved too so please let Judy Brooke or me know if you are interested in being part of this new endeavor.

Member Alert: Scholarship Challenge

MGCM members have again been challenged to offer donations for our dedicated scholarship fund. Last year we were able to match Jan Johnson's offer and this year Jan has offered to match the first \$500 dollars donated.

As a 501c3 organization, donations to the club before the end of the year are fully deductible as a donation in 2012. We would appreciate your offer as soon as possible to allow for Jan's match this year as well. Your check should be marked MGCM Scholarship fund.

If your donation would be in the form of stocks or bonds, the club has opened a brokerage account and can accommodate that type of donation as well. Since we do not wish to manage those types of assets, they would be sold as soon as possible to make it possible to give it away as a scholarship as soon as appropriate.

Please contact Kent Petterson if you have any questions at 651-222-5536.

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New Honorary Member: Doug Whitney



Photo by Chuck Carlson

The club welcomed its newest honorary member at the November meeting. Doug was nominated at least in part in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the annual plant sale and auction. We look forward to seeing Doug demonstrate his auctioneer skills again this year. Congratulations, Doug, and thank you for your service to the club.

As a reminder, according to the bylaws, up to ten percent of our membership can be honorary members. The main benefit of honorary membership (aside from the honor of it, of course) is exemption from annual dues. Here are our current honorary members:

Chuck Carlson
Andy Marlow
Jerry Olson
Doug Whitney

Dave Johnson (Golden Valley)
Mary Maynard
Russell Smith

2013 MWGCM Board



L to R: Robert Kean, Past President; Sandra Abraham, President; Randi Larson, Vice President; Don Trocke, Director; Nancy Bjerke, Treasurer/Director; Margaret Hibberd, Treasurer/Director; Laurie Levin, Recording Secretary; Jean Strande, Membership Secretary; Judy Brooke, Director.

Photo by Lloyd Wittstock

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The Club's New Name

By Robert Kean, President; Photo by Chuck Carlson



Here is a summary of the vote:

At the November club meeting, a vote was taken to change the club name. In debate of the motion, an amendment by substitution was made and passed (by raise of hand) to amend the motion to read as follows:

"RESOLVED, that the following amendment to Article I of the Articles of Incorporation of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis, Inc., a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, be hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Secretary of this corporation be hereby authorized to certify to this amendment to the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota."

The motion passed on a secret ballot of 30 votes yes, to 24 votes no.

Voting was conducted according to Article II, Section 6 of the MGCM Bylaws, which says "... any motion before the membership shall carry when the greater of: two thirds of a quorum, or a majority of those present, votes for it."

The current membership stands at 81, so a quorum is 33 (40%) and minimum of 22 yes votes were required (with yes votes also needing to be the majority).

The recording of this change will take place soon. It is anticipated that a proposed change of the by-laws will take place in 2013 to incorporate the new name. It has also been suggested that the by-laws be amended to more explicitly state the procedures and voting requirements to amend the Articles of Incorporation, such as enacting a name change, as this was a source of confusion and contention with the present vote.





Scholarship Committee Report: Recipients Selected, Challenge Set

Kent Petterson, Scholarship Committee Chair

The Scholarship Committee met Oct. 22nd at the Masonic home where Jan Johnson was recovering from her surgery. Present were Merle Pulley, John Sims, Maury Lindblom, Jan Johnson, Andy Marlow and Kent Petterson. The committee was informed that Jan Johnson has issued a challenge to the club for donations to the Scholarship dedicated fund. Between now and the end of the year all member donations up to \$500 will be matched by her with a donation of an equivalent total amount of \$500. This will be announced in the *Spray* along with a general request based on our status as a 501c3 organization. This is once again fabulously generous donation and we thank Jan for her continued support.

The following candidates were clearly preferred on the committee as meeting our club requirement of students to have future potential in roles that will be consistent with the needs of our gardener members. The Club Board has approved the committee recommendation of \$1000 scholarships for the following three students and they have been invited to our annual Holiday Party in early December.

Bernadette Emery is from Stanton Minnesota and is a second year student at Dakota Technical College in Greenhouse Operations and Design. She is a hands-on gardener who would eventually like to own her own greenhouse business.

Sandy Romsdahl is from Dalbo Minnesota and a first year student at Anoka Technical College in their Landscape and Nursery Technology Program. Sandy is a church garden club member and wants to have her own greenhouse/ cut flower business.

Jodi Refsland is from Minneapolis Minnesota and after completing undergraduate work at the University of Minnesota is currently a first year graduate student in the University's Master of Landscape Architecture curriculum. Jodi has had significant experience in hands on gardening at Vintage Garden Horticultural Services and worked in the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. Her career interests include teaching restoration ecology.





Meeting Minutes: MGCM Annual Meeting

November 13, 2012

Pres., Robert Kean called the meeting to order at 7:13

Guests were introduced including Welby Smith, a local garden author.

Doug Whitney was presented with his honorary membership certificate. He accepted the honor with humility.

The nominated officers for 2013 were introduced:

President – Sandra Abraham

Vice-President – Randi Larson

Recording Secretary – Laurie Levin

Co-Treasurers – Nancy Bjerke and Margaret Hibbard

Membership Secretary – Jean Strande

Past-President – Robert Kean

Directors – Don Trocke, Judy Brooke, Nancy Bjerke/Margaret Hibbard

Andy moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate. Seconded and carried.

Three \$1000 scholarships were announced. The winners will be introduced at the Holiday Party. A \$500 matching grant was also announced. Donations need to be made by December 31, 2012.

A quorum was present, so a vote on the name change resolution could proceed. Andy Marlow moved to accept the resolution as mailed. Seconded. Discussion – Someone asked that the resolution be read. The name would be the Metro Garden Club of Minnesota. Rules for discussion and voting were read. Comments pro and con were accepted. In order to change the name the Articles of Incorporation must be changed first and then the By-laws can be changed at a later time. The Articles are the legal status of the club and the By-laws denote the internal working of the group.

Andrea Green moved to amend the resolution to read “Men’s and Women’s Garden Club. Seconded by Carol Ann Brekke. Larry Larson moved to add “Minneapolis” to the name. Andrea agreed to the addition. Gary DeGrande seconded the motion. Thirty-one votes approved the change in the resolution. The new name replaced the original one and was voted on. Fifty-four votes were cast – 30 yes and 24 no. The name change resolution carried as amended and the name has been changed to the Men’s and Women’s Garden Club of Minneapolis.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:40. The program on garden books began.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Johnson, Recording Secretary

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November Board Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2012

President Kean called the meeting to order. The agenda and the minutes of the October Board meeting (as corrected) were approved. The Treasurer's report was received and filed.

Vice President Abraham reported that the date for the Macy's/Bachman's flower show needs to be confirmed. The contract for the church has been secured for 2013.

Membership Secretary Jean Strande reported that only 27 members have renewed to date

Committee reports:

Scholarship Committee: Three \$1000 scholarships have been recommended by the committee. Jan moved to accept those candidates. Seconded and carried.

Publicity - Larry Larson agreed to write an article about the January meeting or about the club in general for submission to local publications.

Plant Sale committee: Ton McKusik will talk with the committee regarding publicity. The timing of the plant sale, dinner, and auction needs to be coordinated.

Old Business: Doug Whitney will be recognized as the newest honorary member at the November meeting. The slate of new officers and the name change will be voted on. Jean and Don will tally the votes.

New Business: The catering committee recommended we keep the current caterer, Mark Heder. Cost will be determined soon.

December Board meeting - New Board members will be invited to the meeting on Dec. 3. Jan will bring treats.

Rookie of the year: Several names were suggested. An e-mail vote will be made.

Tom McKusik will sit at check in table to encourage membership in the Horticulture Society.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Johnson, Recording Secretary





Editor's Note

Mary Maynard

Well, here we are at the end of another year. We're closing out 2012 with a new name and new energy to promote and grow our club. Chuck Carlson has already sent me a couple of possibilities for a new masthead, and we're looking into a new logo.

It was fascinating watching our club work through the process to come to our new name. And, though I will always have a soft spot for good old MGCM, I am satisfied with the name we came up with. It doesn't trip off the tongue too readily for me yet, but it is a link between our history and our future. I am very grateful to all of the members who were familiar with Robert's Rules of Order, too! Thank you for keeping us under control!

This time of the year, right around Thanksgiving, I reflect on all the things I am thankful for. I will always be thankful for this club, and for Kent Petterson, who invited me to join in 1989. It has always been a welcoming place. Even in the very old days -- when I was often the only woman in the room -- I always felt included, and I was treated with grace and charm and courtesy. We need to continue to be as welcoming as possible with our new members.

More recently, I am grateful for all the people who provide material for the Spray, and for all of the people who make the club run. Robert has a good list in his column, and I don't need to duplicate it. But I must mention Robert -- who never missed a submission deadline. Thanks, Robert! And I appreciate the services of everyone who serves on our Board, especially to Jan Johnson, Andy Marlow and Kay Wolfe, who are finishing up their service on the Board at the end of the year. And I thank Nancy Bjerke, Margaret Hibberd and Laurie Levin for stepping up to fill spots on the Board. And Randi Larson for agreeing to another three years on the Board as VP, President and Past President.

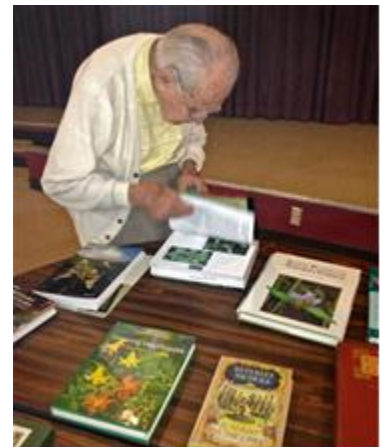
Next year's programs sound excellent. I look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party and at club meetings next year. Happy Holidays!





Photos from November Meeting

By Chuck Carlson



Clockwise from top left: Author Welby Smith, Bob Olson, Gary DeGrande, a page from one of Kent's books, Stan Crist, Kent Petterson, Robert Kean and Andy Marlow.

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Photos from October Meeting

By Lloyd Wittstock



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