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Holiday Party

Larry Larson, Sandra Mangel, Co-chairs

GET READY TO PARTY! RESERVATIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 4

Tuesday, December 12

Banquet Hall

Embassy Suites, Bloomington

2800 American Blvd. West (near Southtown)

6:00 p.m. - Social hour with carnival ring toss game to benefit the Scholarship Program; entertainment by Benny Weinbeck on the electric piano

6:00 - 7:40 p.m. - Silent Auction bidding

7:00 p.m. - Dinner followed by awards and scholarship presentations

Cost: \$25 per person

Dinner Menu & Entertainment

Punch & cheese bar

Dinner salad

Turkey & dressing

Mashed potatoes

Sweet carrots

Dessert

If you need a vegetarian meal or other meal considerations, email [Larry Larson](mailto:Larry.Larson) or call (952) 949-9668 before Monday, December 4, or indicate your request on the return form.

[Use this link to get a printable version of the Holiday Reservation Form](#), or print the form below and send to:



Sandra Mangel
4100 Bryant Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55409

Questions?

For questions about the Holiday Party:

Email [Larry Larson](#) or call (952) 949-9668

Email [Sandra Mangel](#) or call (612) 272-9015

Reservation Form
MWGCM Holiday Party and Silent Auction

To RSVP for dinner and/or donate items for the Silent 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 4, 2017, to:

Sandra Mangel
4100 Bryant Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55409

Dinner Reservation---

Member Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

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

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Member Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

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

Silent Auction Item(s)---

Description: _____

Retail value: \$ _____ Minimum bid (begin at 1/2 of retail value): \$ _____

Submitter/contact: _____

Description: _____

Retail value: \$ _____ Minimum bid (begin at 1/2 of retail value): \$ _____

Submitter/contact: _____

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

Silent Auction

Becky DeLaCruz, Chair

There will be two categories of Silent Auction items this year:

- Member-donated items will be auctioned to benefit the club's general fund which covers additional Holiday Party expenses.
- Items donated by area businesses will be offered for auction to raise money for the Scholarship Program. These include items contributed by Home Depot, The Mustard Seed Landscape & Garden Center, Bachman's, Panera, Cub Foods and many more.



[Use this link to find a more extensive list of auction items and complete details about the dinner and auction.](#)

Questions?

Email [Becky DeLaCruz](#) or call (727) 644-0176.

From the President

Sandra Abraham

The MWGCM shares its 75th Anniversary with one of the greatest movies ever. The iconic "Casablanca" boasts memorable lead characters as well as many familiar lines. The MWGCM also had some memorable lead characters throughout the past 75 years as were highlighted in the anniversary slideshow we enjoyed at the October meeting.

As I complete my second term as the club president, I would like to thank all of you who made it an easy assignment. Many thanks to an exemplary board of directors and officers for sharing the responsibility of leading this club. To all of the chairpersons who lead their committees with dedication and efficiency, please accept my personal thank you.

Our membership has grown to 116 this year and we now have newer members stepping up to run for office and work on projects, which bodes well for the general welfare of the club. Thank you for volunteering. We appreciate you and look forward to new ideas and the energy you have to offer.

When we were setting our goals for 2017, we hoped to honor our past with celebrations throughout the year, which we certainly accomplished with flair. Other accomplishments include outstanding programs, a public garden tour and completing an inventory of MWGCM supplies. Our plant sale in May attracted more of the public than ever before thanks to an excellent job of advertising by our energetic Marketing and Publicity Committee. Thank you to all who helped make this a great sale.

This year our Holiday Party Committee has added a new twist to our Silent Auction. Funds raised from business-sponsored donations will go into the Scholarship Fund. Please be especially aware of this cause while you are placing bids.

If you haven't already sent in your reservations for the party please take the time to do so. The deadline is Monday, December 4. Remember to include the descriptions of the auction items you plan to donate with your reservation.

This has been a really fun year to serve as president and I am happy that I agreed to a second term. It is now time to turn over the reins to our newly elected president, Mary Barsness, and her board of directors and officers. To quote the last line from "Casablanca," *"I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."*



Help Wanted



SHARE YOUR POWERPOINT SKILLS

Gary Geister, chairman of our Plant Sale committee, is the presenter at our January meeting. He'll update us on the 2018 Plant Sale including some of new plants to be featured. He's looking for some assistance preparing a PowerPoint presentation for the meeting.

If you can help, [email Gary](#) or call (952) 300-5372. (Just think, you'll get the scoop on the new plants, too.)

Arbor Day Committee

Robert Kean, Chair

2017 ARBOR DAY EVENT

Although National Arbor Day is officially the last Friday in April, the Arbor Day Committee usually shifts the date to accommodate the specific project, people's schedules, and the availability of nursery stock. This year our planting took place on September 30, and involved planting trees and shrubs along a 30-yard forest edge at Lyndale Park. The site abuts the club's other garden projects along Roseway Road (just west of Dupont/King's Highway). This small section of the park border had become an overgrown jungle of buckthorn, tree seedlings, and wafer ash and looked especially bad in contrast to our lovely gardens adjoining it.



About a year ago, we proposed to the Park Board that the committee could improve the site and provide some ongoing maintenance. The plan was accepted as a joint project with park staff, and with Andrew Gawboy as our contact and co-coordinator. A group of us worked on clearing the overgrowth this spring. The Park Board helped this summer by removing some larger trees and tilling/edging the front six feet. Finally,

we selected materials and were ready to plant this fall. There were three guiding principles in the selection of plants and design of this new area: continuity with the adjacent gardens, low maintenance, and year-round interest.

The photos show the work in process with committee members plus a few extra volunteers. We plan to install the rest of the plant material in the spring. We thank the Park Board for the prep work and for donating most of the planting materials, and especially Andrew's skills and enthusiasm in helping make this project happen.



Scholarship Committee

M.T. Pulley, Chair

Each of these students received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis.

Heidi Renee Shol is a senior at the University of Minnesota Crookston in the Agricultural and Natural Sciences Department. Her emphasis is in Production Horticulture with a minor in Environmental Sciences. Heidi has a 3.95 GPA and is also president of the campus Horticulture Club . From her scholarship application: "The scientific research and sustainability aspects of the industry are where I plan on applying my knowledge and skills of horticulture, such as with ecological restoration projects and sustainable landscape ideas. Improving the health of people and the health of the environment are the deeper reasons why I wish to pursue a career in horticulture."

Daniel Betz is a second-year student at Century College, Minnesota State College and Universities. He is studying for an Associates of Science degree in Horticulture and has a 3.55 GPA. From his scholarship application: "I want to use my knowledge to find new, environmentally responsible ways to manage plants and pests in order to increase crop productivity and ornamental plant viability. I am also pursuing a career in horticulture because it is very important to me to support local farmers and growers. One day I want to create a space that helps people in communities have their own gardens and care for their own plants and herbs."

Karen M. Everson is a second-year student in the Horticulture Program at Rochester Community and Technical College. Her cumulative GPA is 3.49. From her scholarship application: "Study courses include Greenhouse Crop Production, Turf Management, Soil Science, Plant Propagation and Landscape Design. I have worked at a small local nursery and greenhouse maintaining plants

and assisting customers. My most recent experience was my internship working in the SMART Garden located at the school I attend. During this time I helped with weed management, pest management, pruning, planting and pond management."

Thank you for your continuing support (over 25 years!) of the MWGCM Scholarship Awards community service program. Happy Holidays.

Lyndale Park Gardens/Mixed Border Garden Committee

Kay Wolfe, Chair

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MIXED BORDER GARDEN 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

- The committee donated 606 hours of labor from March 16 until November 7.
- 21 new shrubs and 20 perennials were donated to enhance the design of the border garden.
- 300 annuals were planted amongst the shrubs in the mixed border, and about 1,000 annuals are planted in the carpet bed designed by member Tim Rosener. This year Tim's begonia plants read "75" and "MWGCM."
- A big thank-you to the committee members Sharla Aaseng, Mollie Dean, Judy Eiden, Don Doeksen, James Empson, Kay Harris, Cece Keefe, Robert Kean, Kathy Lenarz, Kris Olson, M.T. Pulley, Tim Rosener, Rodger Sefelt, and Steve Shubick.

[Read the entire annual report.](#)

Nominating Committee

Judy Brooke, Chair

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MWGCM OFFICERS FOR 2018

The following slate of officers was approved at the annual business meeting on November 14.

President: Mary Barsness
Vice President: Anne Spenningsby
Recording Secretary: Laurie Levin
Membership Secretary: Kathy Lenarz

Treasurer: Alan Gallaher
Past President: Sandra Abraham
Directors: Dave McKeen, Linda Thompson, John Cooke

Membership Corner

Judy Brooke, Chair



*Judy Brooke welcomes new members
Susan Pagani and Maria Manion
at the November meeting.*

WELCOME SUZANNE HOLT

Suzanne is retired and lives in south Minneapolis, and club member Lynda Carlson is her neighbor. She is also a Master Gardener in Wisconsin. Suzanne joined our club 10 years ago but left to spend more time at home. She says she doesn't have much lawn in the front of her house since that's where she plants, grows and maintains her spring and early summer perennial gardens. They include rhododendron, iris, climbing hydrangea, peonies, holly and conifers. She fertilizes with fish emulsion and covers with pine needles. Suzanne is interested in helping with the Food, Flower and Foto Show. Welcome back Suzanne.

-- Sandra Mangel

WELCOME MARIA MANION

Helping in her family's vegetable garden, Maria learned about gardening early. As an adult, as soon as she moved to her own house she started digging up the lawn to make room for growing veggies. Later she planted an apple tree. Then her neighbor started planting trees. Now, some years later her garden is in transition, evolving from vegetables to a shade garden. She learned about us through a publication and attended a program, which she really enjoyed. Her husband accompanied her,

although he's more interested in fly-fishing than gardening. Maria also enjoys fly-fishing and she works for an architectural firm in Minneapolis.

-- *Judy Brooke*

WELCOME SUSAN PAGANI

Susan moved to Minneapolis about 10 years ago. The previous owners of her home in south Minneapolis had a Japanese style garden with bridges, water features, and manicured hedges. Since then Susan and her husband have added a raised-bed vegetable garden. The next project will be expanding the plot at the back of the garden, possibly with native grasses. She learned about our club from her friend Maria Manion who also shared her knowledge of vegetable gardening and taught Susan how to fly-fish. They are members of the Ladies Books and Tackle Society. Susan's profession is freelance writer, editor and book reviewer.

-- *Judy Brooke*

WELCOME JAMES (JIM) SHOBER

Jim grew up in Ely, Minnesota, and learned to garden with a short growing season. He now lives in New Brighton where he grows hostas due to a shady yard and plants a lot of containers due to a backyard pool taking up space. He came to the annual plant sale and decided to join the club.

Jim and his wife Linda are retired and spend time in Florida during the colder months. When he's in Minnesota and not gardening, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren. Jim is looking forward to learning more about gardens and yards as a member.

-- *Lynda Lundstrom*

We also welcome new members **Jenny Bodner** and **David Voss**. More about them in the next *Garden Spray*.

Every member bring a member.

Treasurer's Snapshot

Alan Gallaher, Treasurer

AS OF NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Checking Balance	\$ 24,393
Designated Funds	
Lyndale Park/Mixed Border Garden	\$ 2,516
Scholarship	\$ 4,061
Deane Fund at RCU	\$ 62,410
Working Balance	\$ 17,816
Petty Cash	\$ 100
MWGCM 19-month CD at US Bank	\$ 5,357

Meeting & Event Calendar

2017

December 12

Holiday Party & Silent Auction
Embassy Suites
800 American Boulevard West,
Bloomington

June 12

Jan Welsh: Butterfly Bootcamp:
Gardening to Attract Butterflies

July

Garden Tours TBA

2018

January 9

Gary Geister: MWGCM Plant Sale
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

August

Flower, Food & Foto Show

February 13

Julie Weisenhorn: Landscape Design
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

September 11

Barba Ronningen: Overwintering
Ornamental Plants
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

October 9

March 13

Arla Carmichael & Steve Kelley: Gems for the Shade
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

April 10

Leslie Letka: Rain Gardens
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

May 8

Annual Plant Sale
St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Fiona Lennox: Native Plants
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

November 13

Mary Meyer: Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Grasses
Lakewood Cemetery Mausoleum

December 11

Holiday Party

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Sandra Abraham
Eagan

Vice President

Mary Barsness
Prior Lake

Membership Secretary

Judy Brooke
St. Louis Park

Recording Secretary

Laurie Levin
Golden Valley

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Alan Gallaher
Edina

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