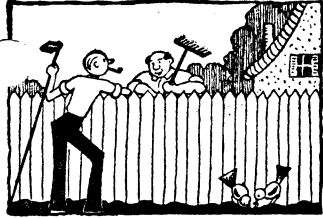


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MAY MEETING

Place: Park Board Maintenance Bldg.
(Paint shop near greenhouse)
38th & Bryant Avenue South
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 1947
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Dinner: Buffet style - 85¢ per person

PROGRAM

- 6:25 Ten Best Perennials for Minnesota
Ed. T. Montgomery
- 6:45 Review of pertinent points on building and
maintaining a flower bed. Location, drain-
age, fertilizer, soil-watering, sunlight,
arrangement. Open discussion led by Herb-
ert C. Spencer.
- 7:15 Correct Names. E. C. Culbert
- 7:30 Gardens to Visit in May. Stanley Lund
- 7:35 Get Ready for Flower Show. Jim Cristman
- 7:40 Plant Auction. Frank A. Janes, Auctioneer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we go into the long-awaited and prepared-for 1947 garden season, may we express the hope that the informative and experience meetings of your Club have helped make you a better and more discriminating gardener. May we again remind you that one of the primary aims of this Club is "Better Gardens by Better Gardeners," and that each member is obligated to cooperate fully in our Club gardening program. The success of this fine association depends on each member participating in every meeting, exhibiting in both flower shows, making all garden tours, and following through on the committee projects.

Your officers and committee chairmen hope that your 1947 garden will fully measure up to your expectations and abilities; that it will bring satisfaction, pride and beauty to you and yours; and that it will reflect credit to our official Man-

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The Plant Auction scheduled for the next meeting promises to be a most interesting and entertaining part of this year's program. It is requested that you bring any excess of seedlings or plants which any Club Member might use as soon as possible after 4:45 P.M. on meeting day. Also bring any article of use in the yard or garden such as tools, fertilizer, gloves, flats, labels or stakes. All proceeds go into the Club treasury.

QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERS GIVEN

Question: Where do you send soil samples at the University? How much to a sample?

Answer: Division of Soils, University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minn. Take samples from several places in the garden and mix. Send a cup full.

Question: Can geranium plants that have been kept through the winter be cut back in the Spring?

Answer: Yes. But do it early in the season for bloom by Memorial Day.

Question: Do you use a feeding solution on rooting cuttings and when?

Answer: After roots have started and not for very long. Transplant to soil when rooted.

Question: I scattered some "geum" seed over a flat of vermiculite and wonder if the seed should have been covered with a light covering of more vermiculite or sand. Do you have to water this daily?

Answer: Cover very lightly. Water very lightly. Water sparingly after planting.

Question: How does one mix DDT for use on elms rather than banding?

Answer: Use oil emulsion sprayed on the bark only while dormant. Use 50% or 25% according to directions.

Question: Would a heavy application of vermiculite on redwood add satisfactory

humus conditions to soil in a garden plot?

Answer: Would help but not as an organic substitute.

Question: Is it advisable to apply liquid fertilizer with 2-4-D?

Answer: Not at the present time.

Question: How can you clean a sprayer after using 2-4-D?

Answer: One or two tablespoonfuls of ammonia to a gallon of water (for 2-4-D). Also soap and hot water for other insecticides.

Question: If the dogs have taken too many liberties with a mugho pine, can anything be done to restore parts that are discolored? Should they be removed?

Answer: They will not come back and they should be removed.

Question: My Hudson sprayer petered out. I cannot get another in brass but I can get an Arnold Spray attachable to my garden hose. How effective will it be with the proper cartridges?

Answer: It works.

Question: I have an ordinary hand-pressure sprayer that is not equipped with an agitator. I plan to use a home-made Bordeaux mixture for spraying soon but wonder if this probably will clog the sprayer. Will it?

Answer: Yes.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Wasn't the April meeting a humdinger? 55 members turned out; they came promptly at 5:30, and at 11 o'clock there were still a few of the men hanging around discussing various problems associated with the brilliant talks given earlier in the evening. Such enthusiasm and such interest are things of which the entire roster of officers can be proud.

The Club library needs good furniture for comfort and garden books for education. Open house will soon be announced.

57 Garden Club signs have already been sold. This leaves just a few who haven't yet got theirs. These signs are something every one of us should be proud to

PERSONALS

Herb Kahlert had a splendid article in the current Minnesota Horticulturist entitled "Discriminating with Annuals." It had already appeared in Reddy Kilowatt Flashes, an organ of the firm with which Herb is connected.

Bill Addy, chairman of the social committee, says Tom Hughes is home from the hospital and would be glad to have visitors and talk garden chat and politics.

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Ralph Cornelison, who died on April 16. Ralph was an interested, active member of the Club and made many plans for his Spring garden. It is with sorrow in-

USE CORRECT NAMES

Part II

Once a month we go back to school and under the professorial direction of Ed Culbert, we get to learn and review our Latin as it applies to botanical terms. Ed happened to go through the last Wayside Gardens catalog and noted that 66 words came back on two or more occasions; 15 were color words; and the word 'albus' was used 24 times.

The April lesson was on prefixes and this is what they mean:

Prefixes

atro - dark
semper - forever or always
grandi - large
bleni - double
multi - many
florus - flower
anthus - flower

Suffixes

fundus - abundant
floridus - flowering

Examples of use:

Floribunda - abundant flowering
Gloxiniaerflora - like gloxinia flowers

From these prefixes and suffixes we get a basis of name combinations of flowers listed in our gardens.

PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

The various project committees are all making good progress for the planning for 1947.

Stan Lund is accepting applications for both the Minnesota Rose Society and the American Rose Society.

The Rock Garden and Wildflower project under the direction of Ed Montgomery had a meeting on Thursday, April 10th.

The Chrysanthemum project group met on April 11th. The lily project under Rowell's direction will soon get started. The delay was due to Wally's absence from the city for most of the early months of the year.

Bill Block says that if you have any aptitude for photography, to consult him so we can get many good pictures this Spring of plants growing in greenhouses.

"MUSTS" FOR APRIL

Bill Holmberg was our "must" man for the April meeting, and here are some of the things he told us we should have done by now.

Get begonias started; check on bulbs, tubers, etc. And we should replenish stock lost.

Clean up debris.

Uncover roses and strawberries slowly and

keep the covering at hand in case of a Spring frost.

Check up on your supply of commercial fertilizer and have your year's needs on hand.

Have sprays and dusts ready for use.

Plant gladioli on April 25 for early bloom. The tubers develop well and early planting gets away from thrips. You can plant gladioli until July 10

OUR JUNE FLOWER SHOW

The first Show for 1947 will be held on Saturday, June 14, according to Jim Cristman, chairman of the Show Committee. Jim says that every member is obligated to show, even if only a couple of dandelions. Elsewhere in this issue is included the list of rules and classes.

PLANT AUCTION

Frank Janes claims his voice is in good shape and he will do a good job of auctioneering at the next meeting. Further details on this interesting and worthwhile phase of the year's activities will be found on the first page of this issue of The Spray.

A MASTER GARDENER GOES TO GREENER FIELDS

Sad indeed was the news of the sudden and unexpected death of our beloved Upsher Smith. I am sure there is not one of us who does not feel a sense of profound personal loss - for Upsher was much of the color, inspiration and stimulation of our Garden Club. He loved companionship - to share with others his possessions, his knowledge, his experience; he was erudite, but he had the human touch; he loved beauty and all life's higher values but he was no prude; none but he himself was the object of his droll wit.

His was a friendly soul and great was his capacity for friendship. Yet I know that he valued none higher than his associates in this Club which he helped to organize, presided over in its early growing years, and truly loved. To it - and to us - he was always and willingly, patiently helpful.

Now he has gone to greener fields and finer gardens. But the memory, inspiration and example of Upsher Smith will be always a source of pride and strength to the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis.

Harold R. Kaufmann

WHAT I FOUND IN THE SEED CATALOGS

Bob Bryant looked through 69 seed catalogs and here is what interested him in the way of new things for 1947:

Lettuce - Brown's Beauty. An oak-leaf type which is supposed to have a pleasing and a new flavor.

Thornless Rose - Krider's. A new red hybrid rose that has no thorns.

Dietz Prune. Comes from Southern Russia and is sweet and hardy. Available at Andrews' Nursery.

Redwell Apple (formerly Minnesota 638). Good quality, medium size, late ripening, select red color. Available also from Andrews' Nursery.

French Lilac. Two new ones from Brand's Nursery. A red double - Charles Joy; and a blue - Olivier Deserres.

Double Snapdragon from Burpees.

Catopia - Canadian All-Double. 100% double on dwarf, compact plants.

Sweet Pea - Cuthbertson type is heat-resistant, longer stemmed, and has been in the process of development by selection since 1931.

Delphinium - Pink. Plant Patton's #334 listed in the catalogs of Sexton & Wilson of Maplewood, Oregon. Originated in Holland, it is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall and is claimed to be hardy.

Chrysanthemum "Glowing Coals" is being pushed by Isbman Gardens as an early, hardy chrysanthemum. A bright, deep, cherry red with orange reverse.

Dianthus Laciniatus Splendens is also a good new dianthus.