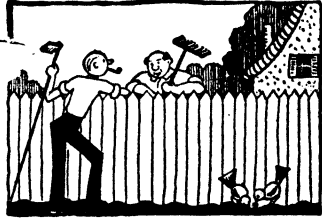


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MAY AUCTION MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 1949
Place: Park Board Greenhouse,
38th & Colfax Ave. So.
Country Store Sale: 4:30 P.M.
Dinner: 5:30 P.M.
Auction Sale: 6:30 P.M.

Dinner ticket and door prize chance on
a \$42.50 Master Craft Grill - \$1.00!

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Here it is, fellows!

OUR BIG COUNTRY STORE AND ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION

This promises to be our biggest and best - and it should be, because never before have so many members worked so hard, so long to successfully provide such high quality material in such large quantities!

You cannot afford to miss this outstanding sale and auction. Rarely will you see so many unusually outstanding garden wants offered for sale and auction under one roof. And at reduced prices made possible mainly by the generous contributions of our commercial associate members. Come give them your patronage and at the same time fill in spring gardening needs.

This is not a public auction, as you know. It is restricted to our members and their friends. Here is an opportunity for you to give your gardening friends a break. Bring two, three, four male garden lovers with you. There will be enough excellent material available for all. (See elsewhere in this issue of The Spray for partial list of material.)

This is by far our biggest Club event of the year, second only to the M.G.C.A. National Convention here in the Twin Cities next August. Some thirty-odd committee members have worked long and tirelessly on our behalf. Let's not let them down, nor the Club, nor our gardens. Come early, bring your want lists

FRENCH LILACS

A. M. Brand

When Jesse James in 1875 robbed the bank at Northfield, Archie Brand, then five years old, first recognized the lilacs and peonies on his father's nursery. Mr. Brand has given his life to the nursery business. He has specialized in peonies and lilacs, originating many of the world's finest varieties.

Brand's French Lilacs are now being propagated on their own roots. This is done by grafting on the bottom of the root of the California privet instead of on the top. In this way the privet root dies as the lilac roots itself. French lilacs are also budded on ash.

French lilacs will grow almost anywhere, in most any soil except very sandy. Keep away from water and see that the soil is kept sweet. They have the longest life of any shrub in Minnesota. Mr. Brand has some on the old homestead that are over 90 years old!

Lilacs can be planted in spring or fall. If planted in the spring, plant as early as ground can be dug - lilacs are the first vegetation to grow in the spring. Fall planting can be done about from September 15 right up to the day it freezes. Mulch if planted late. Use lots of water and pack dirt solidly around the roots. (Important in the planting of all shrubbery.) Dig hole large enough to be roomy and deep enough to allow crown to lie six inches below the surface. Pulverize dirt before filtering between the roots, then pack it hard; it cannot get too solid. Don't fill hole with dirt until filled with water.

Control of Pests

Oystershell scale and the lilac borer are about the only enemies of the lilac. For oystershell scale, use as a spray either lime-sulphur or an oil spray. Use liquid lime sulphur in preference to dry at the rate of 1 part to 7 parts water, or if the oil spray is used, then at the rate of 1 part to 15 parts water. In using the oil spray, be sure the sprayer is thoroughly cleaned out before putting in the oil. Lime-sulphur spray should be applied just as the buds are beginning to show green, while the oil spray should be used just before the buds show any green.

The lilac borer is best handled by prevention. If bushes are kept well cultivated and growing, there is but little borer trouble. Where the borer is at work, he may be taken and killed by running a small wire into the hole and twisting it around to accomplish this. One can also shoot carbon bisulphide into the furrow of the borer with a medicine or fountain pen dropper; then plug up the entrance with putty or gum.

Mildew is another great enemy of the lilac. To prevent it from coming, use lime-sulphur 1 to 15 parts water at intervals of a couple of weeks while plant is dormant.

Lilacs like lots of fertilizer - cannot give too much. Barnyard manure is by far the best.

Keep lilacs trimmed down to 8 feet high and keep suckers cut back to within a few inches. Do this during the summer. Keep the old limbs cleaned out. Go down to one or two feet from the ground and cut out one or two of the old limbs. Do this in the middle of March. In eight weeks time the stubs will begin to sprout, then remove all sprouts but one which will develop into a new branch. Do this every year for three years and you'll have an entirely new bush. (Continued next page)

A few of the best lilacs, in Mr. Brand's opinion, are described below:

Leon Danberra - White
Olivier de Serres - Clear, uniform light blue
Katherine Havermyer - Double, pink with blue
Henri Martin - Double, like common, but very large
Congo - One of oldest; red; one fault, after 3 days of sun, it fades
Victor Lemoine - Double Lavender (greatest breeder of lilacs of all time)
Edith Cavell - Double pure creamy white (probably the best white)
Miss Allen Wilma - Pure white
Mme. Antoine Butler - Double pink, white center (probably the best)
Captain Valte - Single pink, immense
Paul Thirion - Double deep rich rose
President Lincoln - Single, best true blue
Marochal Lannes - Double Lavender, most sensational
Ruhm Von Horstenstein - Double deep purple
Stadtgartner Rothploty - Rich, red purple
Hippolyte Meringer - Deep violet blue (one of the sensations)
Hugo Vries - Red purple
Decaisne - Single rich true blue
De Miribel - Dark bluish violet; darkest of all lilacs
Mme. Francisque Morel - Deep purple flushed naive-pink

22 years ago hybridized seeds were planted of a specimen to which Archie was willing to lend his name. It will be ready in 1951 or 52 under the name of Archie M. Brand.

AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW

The first African Violet show ever held in this part of the country took place in Minneapolis the week of April 18 at the Northern States Power Co. showrooms.

This show was promoted by the African Violet Club of Minneapolis with a full and complete membership of only eight ladies! Now note the accomplishment:

44 exhibitors entered 250 plants representing 35 different varieties (all amateur).

Mrs. Cortis Rice, wife of our esteemed vice-president, was one of three who had charge of the show. Mrs. Rice alone entered 16 plants. Mrs. Stan Lund was also an exhibitor. One of the features of the show was an information booth where counsel was given on the culture, propagation, hybridizing and growing of African Violets from seed. It is estimated that over 5,000 people attended the show.

RECOGNITION

If you would like to make your inquiries to nurserymen on Club letterhead, Rene

TWO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS MEET

The Delphinium and Tuberous Begonia committees recently held their planning meeting. We hope that the other special interest groups will get together at an early date and submit reports promptly.

Cortis Rice

DUAL PRESENTATION

At the close of Mr. Lehman's talk on chrysanthemums (see next page), colored slides were shown of a great number of varieties as grown in Harold Kaufmann's garden. If you are interested in color combinations or plant arrangements, and missed these slides, be sure to ask Harold to show them to you. The photography was masterful and the masses of color almost breathtaking. Good going, Harold! You certainly lived up to your reputation as the Club's Chrysanthemarian.

THE COOKHOUSE GANG

With three chefs, four waiters and ump-teen cleaner-uppers, the gang not only served up a good meal but handled the whole undertaking like professionals. Dinner was served to 60 members and their

HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Edgar Lehman

The first hardy blooming chrysanthemum was developed over 20 years ago. Since that time much experimental work has been carried on in various parts of the country, particularly in an attempt to get early blooming, hardy varieties. Some of the more prominent in this work include our own Dr. Longley of the University of Minnesota; Dr. Krause, University of Chicago; Dr. Medford of Cheyenne, Wyo.; the University of Nebraska; Mrs. Sellig of New York; and Alex Cummings of Bristol, Conn.

Culture of Mums

Chrysanthemums need about the same attention as roses. Rich soil, sunny location. They should be constantly cultivated, especially after every rain. Water well, particularly during the hot summer days. Use bone meal generously and feed with well balanced fertilizer during July and August, but be sure plenty of moisture is available at time of application.

Control aphids and plant lice with nicotine sulphate (Black Leaf 40). One or two dustings during the summer with a 5 or 10% DDT dust or spray will eliminate leaf-hopper, leaf rollers and the stalk borer. For fungous trouble, use Fermate.

Pinch back when plants are about 6 inches tall and again when laterals are 8 to 10 inches high. Do not pinch back early varieties after July 15 nor late varieties after August 1st. In the Spring, take up the new runners and transplant, throwing the old plant away. This will give you more healthy plants and much finer blooms.

Mr. Lehman gives the following as the best 20 early blooming varieties for Minnesot

Avalanche	20" Sept 4	- Creamy white	Harbinger	22" Aug 22	- Bronze
Betty	28" Sept 28	Rose pink	Loveliness	20" Oct 1	Carmine pink
Butterball	14" Aug 12	Buttercup yellow	Magnificent	26" Oct 1	Plum red
Charles Nye	28" Sept 28	" "	Maroon n'Gold	16" Aug 26	Maroon & gold
Chippewa	24" Sept 4	Aster purple	Olive Longland	24" Sep 26	Salmon pink
Chiquita	20" Sept 28	Lemon yellow	Prelude	30" Sept 9	Pink & apricot
Chris Columbus	26" Sep 28	Pure white	Red Gold	30" Aug 20	Red & orange
Glacier	15" Aug 26	Pure white	Silver pink	20" Sep 1	Tyrian rose
Glowing Coals	24" Sep 18	Cherry-red	Tribute	22" Sept 24	Daphne red
Golden Hours	26" Sep 12	Lemon chrome	Violet	20" Aug 26	Purple

MOBILE RHODODENDRON SHOW

The Garden Clubs of Tacoma, Wash. have extended an invitation to our Club members to visit the Mobile Rhododendron Show Unit which will be carried on the Milwaukee Olympian Hiawatha when it passes through the city Friday, May 6, at 6:15 P.M. Mrs. Stanley Lund, president of the Flower Society, will serve as the local hostess.

GREETINGS TO TWO NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to our fellow-member, John Brandt, president of Land O'Lakes Creameries and to our Associate, Lester

TWO-FOR-A-DOLLAR SALE

Your \$1.00 dinner ticket will not only provide a tasty, excellent supper, but will also give you a free drawing on our universally desired door prize - a Master Craft Grill, which lists at \$42.50. Maybe you or one of your friend will be the lucky guy!

CARRY IT HOME

Be sure to bring your containers to the Auction for trucking your material away. There will be some baskets on sale at a moderate price for those running short of containers and long on material.

PLEASE REPORT

AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING

It is imperative that the Telephone Committee learn from you:

1. The nature and quantity of the materials you will have for the auction.
2. How many male gardening friends you are bringing to the auction and dinner.

Advance information for proper planning is essential.

Harold Kaufmann, general chairman of our sale and auction, would like to have all committee chairmen and members meet at his home, 336 W. Elmwood Place at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, May 4th.

GOOD NEWS

All will be happy to hear that Herb Spencer is getting along nicely. He has returned home from the hospital and is recuperating splendidly.

SUBZERO HYBRID TEAS

Dick Wilcox, who has worked very closely with Dr. L. E. Longley, University of Minnesota horticulturist, and Mr. Brownell, hybridizer of subzero hybrid teas, presented colorful slide films of some of the varieties. Those shown had been tested under the most vigorous winter conditions here in the Northwest and came through with flying colors. Dr. Longley has been experimenting with the subzero hybrids in an attempt to retain hardiness and vigor and still get more bloom. This he believes he has accomplished in his four new varieties.

White Dawn - Cl., New Dawn x Lily Pons. Flower, white, like gardenia. Free and persistent bloom. Low climber; hardy; abundant glossy foliage.

L. E. Longley - Flor. At the request of his associates, Dr. Longley consented to the use of his name for this promising rose. Pink Princess x Crimson Glory. Large, semi-double flower, bright red. Free bloomer on vigorous spreading disease-resistant plant; abundant foliage; very hardy.

Red Rocket. Self Skyrocket. Single in large clusters, individual blossoms, large, deep red, very showy. Persistent bloomer all summer; tall, vigorous plant.

Pink Rocket. Self Skyrocket. Single in large clusters; large individual blooms; rose pink. Blooms all summer. Vigorous plant.

The Minnesota Rose Society has budded some plants of each of the new Longley creations. The number, however, is very limited. Only one plant of a kind will be sold to one person, the desire being to get as wide testing as possible.

BRING YOUR MATERIAL TO THE PARK BOARD

AN ALL-STAR CAST

Send, bring or have delivered all material for sale or auction to the Park Board Greenhouse (38th & Colfax So.) any time after Wednesday, May 5, except Saturday and Sunday afternoons. All material should be in before 11 A.M. Tuesday, May 10th. If pick-up is necessary, phone Milan Evans, Chairman of the Telephone Committee.

Herb Kahlert came up with a triple feature for our April program and did the boys flock to the meeting to hear the experts! Archie Brand of peony and lilac fame from Faribault; his neighbor Edgar Lehman, the chrysanthemum specialist of Lehman Gardens, Faribault; the Richard Wilcox, our renowned rosarian.

COME TO THE M.G.C.A. NATIONAL CONVENTION, TWIN CITIES. AUGUST 22nd

LET'S GET THIS COUNTRY STORE AND AUCTION STRAIGHT!

Sure it's fun - sure it's profitable to the Club, BUT - - - it's our outstanding opportunity to get the best varieties and quality of what we want for our own gardens and equipment at far less than current prices for the same or comparable merchandise. This is due to the liberal cooperation of manufacturers, dealers, professional growers and the willingness of our members to share the best of what they grow.

You will find that your experience will be the same as many of us in the past: the finest and most satisfactory plants in your garden will be the items you secure at our May 10th Country Store and Auction.

Here is but a partial list of some of the merchandise we shall have:

500 of the best of the hardy Minnesota Mums from the Lehman Gardens.

Lilacs from Brand.

Outstanding Clematis from George and Sons.

Beautiful Tuberous Begonias in pots from Reinelt and Veterlee.

Two dozen fine potted African Violets from Chicago Floral Company.

50 Lily Bulbs (5 varieties) from Minnetonka Lily Farm.

Well grown transplanted annuals of high quality and many varieties grown by our own members, Bachman's and other professional growers.

Perennial seedlings and established plants that you will want for your garden.

Desirable and high quality nursery stock.

Well started vegetables including outstanding strains of tomatoes, etc.

Many unusual and decorative house and garden plants.

Fertilizers including Steamed Bone Meal, Loma, - Insecticides and Fungicides.

Popular gardening tools and equipment including a dozen Ross Root Irrigators, hose irrigators, -- Sturdy painted 4' stakes, -- Heavy aluminum markers (15" and 24").

Pottery vases, containers and other items too numerous to mention here.

The Country Store idea gives you the opportunity to buy very many items that you want, which are not suitable for auctioning, at below market prices. The Country Store opens at 4:30 so come as early as you can to get the best selection.

AND DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY \$1.00 DINNER TICKET ENTITLES YOU TO A FREE DRAWING ON OUR OUTSTANDING DOOR PRIZE; THE \$42.50 NATIONALLY KNOWN "GRILLCRAFT" BARBECUE UNIT.

HAROLD R. KAUFMANN