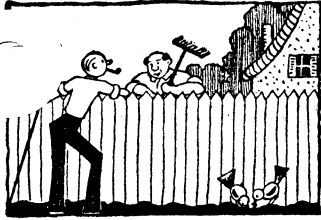


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OCTOBER MEETING

Place: Fountain Terrace
Medical Arts Building
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 1947
Time: 5:30 P.M. (please)
Price: Dinner, \$1.50 per person
Make reservations early

Program

- 6:20 Meeting called. Pres. Harold R. Kaufmann
Subject: Presidential Message
- 6:25 Review and Comments on Sept. 20 Fall Flower & Vegetable Show - Cortis N. Rice, Jr.
- 6:40 The Advantages of Following Thru on a Complete Fall Program in the Garden - Stanley D. Lund
- 7:05 Indoor and Outdoor Planting of Bulbs for Winter & Spring Flowering - G. G. Cerney
- 7:20 Correct Names (continued) - E. C. Culbert
- 7:30 Questions and Answers, Complaints, Suggestions, Peeves, Ideas - H. W. Bishop
- 7:40 Movie - "Say It With Flowers"
- 8:00 Adjourn

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WE HEAR FROM CHARLIE MANN

"To the Editor of The Spray:

"To show you that I read the Garden Spray regularly, I want you and the Garden Club to know that I saw the last item on the last page of the August issue of The Spray. The question is, 'Where, oh where has Charlie Mann been these past few meetings?'

"I have regularly sent in my notice that I would be unable to attend the meetings and this because of the serious and continued illness of Mrs. Mann. She has been sick for the past 30 weeks and of course I must be home as much of the time as I can.

"I certainly have not lost interest in the Club nor in gardening, but you can understand why I have not been able to attend the meetings. Arrangements at home are such now that I may be able to attend again more regularly. At any rate, I am glad to know that I have been missed.

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FLOWER SHOW EVER HELD

The Fall Flower Show, held on September 20th at the Park Board Greenhouses, was, without question, the most successful flower show that our group has ever held, both from the standpoint of quality of entries and the quantity of exhibitors who put up their garden products for display.

Fifty-nine classes of flowers, with some subdivisions under each group, indicated that everybody had a chance to win one of the coveted blue ribbons. Yet the competition was pretty tough and those at the top of the list of prize-winners (as shown on another page) really had to have good stuff to cop their ribbons.

There is enthusiasm in competition but it all was due in great part to Ralph Sherman's beautiful "reminding" job of calling up the members and checking whether they were going to have entries. This meant that 37 members out of our group of 70 did show up with from 1 to 25 exhibits, and this gave us a total of 462 exhibits, which overawed the judges and put the working committee in a tough spot to get everything working along on schedule.

The nice work of Sherman showed that if you don't want a crowd at any of the shows, just don't have a "reminder" committee.

Herb Kahlert, as chairman of the Program Committee, was equal to the set-up and when he said that the "polls" closed at 3:30, he meant just that and the doors closed so the judges could go to work. Herb, Archie, Vic, Harold, Walter and the others on the committee deserve a great deal of credit for the beautiful job they carried on in putting over this Fall show.

Notes about personalities, as well as the official list of awards, appear in another section of this issue of The Garden Spray.

We can't stop, though, without telling about the excellent basket lunch arrangement carried on in the Park Board paintshop. Tables were all set, paper tablecloths were on the wooden benches, coffee was brewing, flowers were on the table, and everything was set to go at 5:30 - the hour scheduled for the lunch. With Rene Dufourd as chief coffee-maker and ice cream-unpacker, the supplementary foods furnished by the Club were distributed quickly as they were needed.

CULINARY NOTES

Bill Swain's potato salad is always on top as far as quality is concerned. His success lies in the fact that he puts in 11 herbs grown in his own garden to make his salad just a bit different. Everybody seems to like it but Bill's wife!

George Titus is an expert on clam chowder and powdered sugar mint and rose leaves. Samples of the latter two he passed around to the folks near his table. Incidentally, sugared rose leaves seem to offer the solution of what to do with roses that are just about through blooming.

Greg Lucking's two pig-tailed little lasses seemed to have a wonderful time eating their vegetables and drinking their milk.

Among the many jobs that Stan Lund had during the weekend at the Flower Show was the one of serving as announcer of what was upstairs and what was downstairs in the paint shop.

PARK BOARD GIVES FLOWERS

Joining the list of givers of flowers to the flower show, the Park Board itself was most generous in giving us a large basket of Fall blooms.

FALL FLOWER SHOW SCORES BY CLASSES

Sweepstakes

Cortis N. Rice, Jr. 38 pts.

Herb Kahlert 36 pts.

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Number of Exhibitors 38

Number of Exhibits 462

Average Number of Exhibits
per Exhibitor 12

Herb Kahlert had most exhibits . . 27

7 Exhibitors had more than 20 exhibits

13 Exhibitors had more than 15 exhibits

Court of Honor

Harold E. Nelson, Dahlia	Leonard Bies, Container Mixed Vegetables
Carl A. Nelson, Dahlia	William W. Brooks, Bouquet of Marigolds
Carl A. Nelson, Dahlia	G. Victor Lowrie, Rose, hybrid tea
Stanley D. Lund, Bouquet Mixed Flowers	Cortis N. Rice, Jr., Bouquet of Zinnias
Jim Cristman, Bouquet of Asters	Jim Cristman, Begonia
Harold M. Stephens, Bouquet of Mums	Ray C. Edlund, Rose, floribunda

Total Scores for the 33 Scoring Exhibitors

As reported by Archie Flack and Howard Bishop

Cortis N. Rice, Jr. 38	Russell E. Bechtel 9
Herb Kahlert. 36	Walter R. Menzel 8
H. E. Nelson 35	Dr. J. T. Cohen 6
Harold M. Stephens 33	Ray C. Edlund 6
Stanley D. Lund 29	Thurber Day 6
G. Victor Lowrie 22	Joseph M. Witmer 5
Harold S. Kaufmann 20	Walter F. Quist 4
Jim Cristman 19	Bill Vehe 3
G. G. Cerney 18	Herbert C. Spencer 3
Leonard Bies 18	Milan M. Evans 3
Carl A. Nelson 15	William E. Swain 2
William S. Block 15	Edwin C. Culbert 2
Jack Cohen 14	William W. Brooks 2
Andrew S. Nyberg 11	George S. Titus 1
Charles Reif 9	Ralph Sherman 1
A. H. Flack 9	Rene J. Dufourd 1

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FIRST PLACE WINNERS IN VARIOUS CLASSES OF 1947 FALL FLOWER SHOW

1. Asters, Annuals, Single - Charles C. Reif
2. Asters, Annuals, Double - Harold M. Stephens
3. Asters, Perennial - Walter R. Menzel
4. Begonia, Carnation - Cortis N. Rice, Jr.
5. Begonia, Camellia or Rose, Double - Harold M. Stephens
6. Begonia, Any other variety - Jim Cristman
7. House Plant - Harold R. Kaufmann
8. Cockscomb or Celosia - Herb Kahlert
9. Cosmos, Single - A. H. Flack
10. Cosmos, Double - None
11. Chrysanthemum, Single - H. E. Nelson
12. Chrysanthemum, Double - Russell E. Bechtel
13. Dianthus - A. H. Flack
- 13A. Carnation - Jim Cristman
- 17A. Pompom - Carl Nelson
18. Delphinium - Ray C. Edlund
19. Gallardia - Cortis N. Rice, Jr.
20. Gladiolus, White or Cream - Cortis N. Rice, Jr.
21. Gladiolus, Yellow, Buff or Orange - Leonard Bies
22. Gladiolus, Pink Salmon or Red - Cortis N. Rice, Jr.
24. Gladiolus, Miniature, any color - Harold R. Kaufmann
25. Geranium - Harold M. Stephens
26. Helenium - G. G. Cerney
28. Marigold, Large - Leonard Bies
29. Marigold, Small - Stanley D. Lund
30. Nicotiana - Herb Kahlert
32. Phlox, Annual - Jack Cohen
33. Phlox, Perennial - H. E. Nelson
34. Petunias, Single - William S. Block
35. Petunias, Double - Jim Cristman
- 35A. Petunias, Ruffled - Herb Kahlert
36. Pansies - Herb Kahlert
37. Physostegia - H. E. Nelson
38. Rose - Hybrid tea - G. Victor Lowrie
39. Rose, Floribunda - Ray C. Edlund
40. Rudbeckia - Cortis N. Rice, Jr.
41. Salvia - William S. Block
42. Sedum - Herbert C. Spencer
43. Salpiglossis - Herb Kahlert
44. Snapdragon - Jack Cohen
45. Verbenas - Cortis N. Rice, Jr.
46. Violas - G. G. Cerney
47. Zinnias, Large - Stanley D. Lund
48. Zinnias, Small - Dr. William D. Vehe
49. Foliage - G. Victor Lowrie
50. Bouquet of Asters - Jim Cristman
51. Bouquet of Petunias - G. Victor Lowrie
52. Bouquet of Zinnias - Cortis N. Rice, Jr.
53. Bouquet of Marigolds - William W. Brooks
54. Bouquet of Mums - Harold M. Stephens
55. Bouquet of Mixed Flowers - Stanley D. Lund
56. Container of Mixed Vegetables - Leonard Bies
57. Any Flower Not Listed - Andrew S. Nyberg
58. Vase of Miniature Pompoms - Harold Stephens
59. Miniature Dahlias - Carl Nelson

ARRANGEMENTS EXHIBITS

Classes from 49 to 56 were those of bouquets of various types of flowers, and some beautiful work was done here in showing the practical use of the flowers that we grow in our gardens. Very unusual was the basket of Peace roses that Vic Lowrie managed to pick up, but all of the exhibits of petunias, zinnias, marigolds, etc. were tops, whether or not they were prize-winners.

JUDGING NOTES

Did you know that the judges will disqualify your blooms when the stem in the bottle itself still has leaves on it? The next time you exhibit, be sure that the stem itself is pretty clean.

Incidentally, the judges did a beautiful job of judging and while they had a large number of exhibits to go through, they still seemed to have time to write notes to the various exhibitors telling them why they didn't win a prize and what they should have done to improve their exhibits. It was indeed a thoughtful and helpful gesture as far as future exhibits are concerned.

It would not be a bad idea if we had a talk by one of the judges telling us how to prepare our flowers and vegetables for a show, and what we should and should not do.

VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT

Leonard Bies had a most excellent exhibit of vegetable arrangement. It was outstanding and it was a case of outsmarting Bill Swain, who got second in this class, for Leonard had popcorn, potatoes and several varieties of squash, as well as the usual vegetables. He did not have the quantity that Bill managed to get into his basket, but the display seemed to carry over more quality.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Vic Lowrie's perfect Peace Rose was surely the envy of Stan Lund. Stan thinks the only way to get a perfect rose like that is to take it to bed with you.

Dr. Joe Cohen felt he had the record so far as winning third places was concerned; he won 5 third awards, all with the white ribbon.

Bill Holmberg, while not having any dahlia exhibit himself, acted like a mother hen watching over her brood of chickens when he had some of the members offering some of the products from his farm for exhibit at the Show.

Henry Bachman and family were kind to send us a gorgeous gift basket of glad-
ioli and fall asters

The dahlia displays by Bill Holmberg and Bob Bryant, which were not in competition, were excellent, and were certainly beautiful samples of the type of dahlias that can be grown in the Minneapolis area. They were all prize-winners and were examples of the giant size down to the miniature pompom.

Chris Mosberg is back from his wonderful summer vacation in Denmark. He'll be at the next meeting with wondrous tales to tell of new foreign plants and bulbs that are being shipped to him.

Larry Corbett of Northrup King & Company was also influential in bringing some excellent exhibits of garden flowers from their test gardens.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Flower Show was open to the community at large for Sunday, and quite a few people came down to see it. Unfortunately our publicity arrangements were not perfected nor did we know that the Show was going to be as big as it turned out to be after all the exhibits were in place, so the arrangements for Sunday could not be made until the last minute. However, the publicity did get out and we had a nice crowd.

It was the opinion of those who saw all the flower shows this year that there was no question but that the Men's Garden Club Fall Show was the best of the season.

The aster exhibits were outstanding - probably the best feature of the Show as a whole considering the difficulty we have in raising asters in this area. Dahlias grown by our amateurs were tops, as was to be expected. The roses, except the exhibit of Vic Lowrie, were not up to the usual standard, considering the number of rose-growers we have in our Club. This may be due to the weather which certainly has not been conducive to a good Fall crop of roses.

KAHLERT PERSONALS

Herb Kahlert, the active sparkplug of our organization, manages to get into the public prints quite regularly. I presume you all saw the fine feature that appeared in The Sunday Tribune showing him carrying on his Fall garden work. He looked so happy posing for the photographer that we just felt the urge to go out and do more work for next Spring than we ever have done in previous years.

JIM'S BACK

It was mighty good to see Jim Cristman back with us again. Jim has had a long siege, both in the hospital and resting at home, but he seems to be coming along fine and the hearty handclaps and back pats indicated how many friends he has in the Club and how happy they all were to see his beaming face with us. Incidentally, Jim didn't do so badly considering his absence from gardening this year.

EXCELLENT JUDGING

Messrs. Lyders and Lauer deserve a great deal of praise for the excellent judging they did of the dahlia group. This is a highly competitive affair, with so many experts of the Dahlia Club exhibiting some of their products in our Show. Considering the fineness of distinction it is necessary to make between the prize-winners and those which did not quite make the grade, and noting the comments afterwards, the judges used rare judgment in the awarding of the ribbons.

Lloyd Bachman and Mrs. William Whiteford were the official judges for everything but the dahlias. They had hundreds of exhibits to look at and only two hours in which to do it, but they buckled down to their task and did a most excellent piece of work.

The thanks of the Club as a whole certainly go out to the judges who were kind enough to give of their time and energy in helping to make the 1947 Flower Show a handsome success.