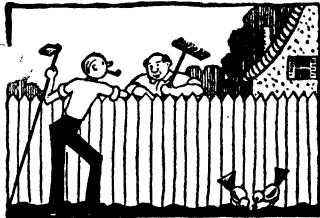


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SEPTEMBER FLOWER SHOW

Saturday, September 17th
Sunday, September 18th
Park Board Greenhouses
38th & Bryant Avenue South

Dear Member:

An advance notice has already been sent out notifying you that our Fall Show will be held on September 17 at the Park Board Greenhouse. Take a little time to study the schedule and plan to enter as many Lots as possible. Don't come to the Show and say, "I had better specimens than that at home." Bring them with you and remember that a good display is a credit to the Club.

We have had a full year, but it would not be complete unless an opportunity were given to all members to show what they had grown this summer.

If you are called to help one of the show chairmen, it will be appreciated if you can give him a helping hand. With the same kind of co-operation that has been shown in the past years, we can make this the best Show the Club has sponsored.

"Stan" Lund

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We had a very busy year - so busy preparing for the Convention we had to forego our June Show - but because of our being hosts to the Convention, most everybody enriched his garden this year and planned for heavier fall blooming.

This means there should be an abundance of good material in every member's garden - in spite of the hot weather, the mosquitoes, and the lack of time available for the garden due to pressure of other things.

So let's make this a record-breaker. There are entries for everyone. If you haven't too many specimen blooms, try your hand at arrangements; they are fun and gather double the number of points!

Family Picnic

Celebrate the occasion with the whole family. Have Mom pack a full basket of eats before you come down to view the Show, and judge the judging of the experts. We will dine in the Park Board Greenhouses, 38th & Bryant South, and the Club caterers will furnish the coffee.

Identify Your Containers

In order to avoid confusion and loss of your own containers used for arrangements, as well as those for house plants and potted material, be sure to put your name on the bottom of each piece.

Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis

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ON THE MFND

We are happy to report that Bill Holmberg is back home recuperating following a critical spell in the hospital with virus pneumonia; Oscar Gustafson, who most unfortunately broke his leg in an automobile accident, has his limb - cast and all - comfortably propped up at home now; convalescing at home with "ticker" trouble is our good friend, Art Dewars; and we're glad to hear that Herb Spencer is back at work - part time - after too long an absence.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

Bob Bryant and Henry Bachman took many honors with their arrangements and specimens. Bob walked off with five first and a Grand Champion with his dahlia specimens; Henry's mums took just about all the ribbons in that class.

CONVENTION GARDEN TOUR

The Convention Committee on Garden Tours wish to express regret that time did not permit visiting more of our members' gardens. Many gardens which were on the schedule had to be sidetracked because of the lateness of the hour. Besides, whereas we expected the majority of the conventioners to take in the tour, less than 25% were able to make it. Because of this, the committee decided that the score cards turned in were not representative for judging. Actually, only fifteen gardens were visited and scored.

However, much information of value was recorded on the score cards turned in, to make for interesting discussions at future meetings. As a consequence, consideration is being given to visiting each member's garden at least once a year. in future. and

AWARD OF MERIT

Our hats are off to Archie Flack for the recognition given him by the Minnesota Horticultural Society in the form of an Award of Merit for outstanding service in horticulture as exemplified in his study and report on "Trees and Shrubs Grown in Minnesota." This came as a result of Archie's activities in one of our Special Interest groups, being chairman of the group specializing in trees and shrubs. Here is a challenge and an opportunity for other members in our Special Interest groups to make an outstanding contribution to horticulture in Minnesota.

And while we are on this subject, it is time the chairman of each special interest group started looking around for activities, tests and progress that has taken place in his particular specialty. Incidentally, if any member has grown any new or unusual annuals for this part of the country, won't you please report your experiences to Vic Lowrie, chairman of the Annuals Committee. Has anyone grown these three All-American annuals for 1949? Petunia Silver Medal, Indian Summer Hollyhocks, Blue Star Morning Glory.

HURRY HURRY HURRY

Still available to our members, the popular heavy gauge etched aluminum garden markers - the most practical identification markers on the market at the low price of \$1.00 per dozen for 15", and \$1.35 per dozen for 24". Call Stan Lund at Walnut 8684 for a supply.

HERB, WE SALUTE YOU!

Well-deserved honor and praise came to Herb Kahlert last week - a citation of leadership from the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, which each year honors one of Minneapolis citizens for taking the role of leadership in the community; and the election by the Board of Directors of the Men's Garden Clubs of America to the Vice-Presidency of that organization.

We rejoice with you, Herb, in your personal triumph, and for the recognition you have brought to the Club, for by being so honored, you have brought distinction to our Club and we are proud to be associated with you.

Through your stewardship, your close attention to every detail, your own untiring efforts, you set a pace few could keep up with which culminated in one of the most successful conventions in Garden Club history. From Sunday morning until Thursday midnight, everything moved with precision - never a lag, never a let-down - even the sun shown with you!

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424 registered at the Convention - 251 men, and 173 women. They came from 27 states and from Canada. By far the largest registration of any previous annual Convention. Included among the registrants were 55 members of the Minneapolis Men's Garden Club, plus 39 lady guests.

All who helped - and almost every member did - must feel well rewarded for his efforts - the 1949 Minneapolis Garden Club's Convention will be long remembered. We met so many really fine people, made so many truly great friends, we hope our visitors enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed having them with us.

To the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis:

I just came to and found out to my surprise that the M.G.C. of M. had a convention in Minneapolis. No doubt some of you guys were there. Understand everyone had a good time and that it involved a lot of work, time and money. If it was as good as many said, and as the letters I am receiving say, then I know a lot of fellows were really pretty busy before and after the convention.

Come to think of it, I do remember seeing a lot of fellows week before last at the Nicollet Hotel with busy looks on their faces. Seems as though I tried to talk to Curtis Rice one day and he was so intent on doing his job that he wouldn't talk. Bill Swain was going so fast I couldn't catch him. Harold Kaufmann had gadgets in his hand, picking them up here and putting them down there - always making arrangements for somebody to do something. Rene Dufourd always had breakfasts on his mind - no wonder with that hungry look. Those special breakfast meetings must have been good, from meager reports. Brooks was the Coca Cola boy; what a spot those hot days! It looked like Greg Lucking was determined that everyone take a ride with a policeman. LaCrosse really was a traffic wizard - wherever did he get all those cars and busses? Walter Menzel finally got the delegates settled. Bill Block certainly can concentrate on a projector and he didn't get the slides mixed. I wonder if Cristman and Cerney ever straightened out that local garden expedition. Culbert shuttled between school and the Nicollet. He and Ralph Sherman dished out a lot of information. Archie Flack was always in there pitching, even to digging for cash when necessary. Did you see George Titus put on his act and take care of the ladies?

Hy Bachman (good old Henry) and Les Johnson outdid themselves with corsages and table decorations. Les even had the windows decorated at Donaldson's to attract the ladies. Seems to me that I saw Charles Doell, Fred Paul, Harold Stephens and Don Methven a lot, doing things and making visitors feel at home. Oh, yes, Tom Foley, the old reliable, got one of the principal speakers there on time. Larry Corbett had a wedding on his mind all week so we didn't see him so much.

That special edition of The Spray by Vic Lowrie was a humdinger. George Luxton certainly put "Smorgie" to work. Am expecting to hear soon that Jack Cohen got to London okay. The directors said he put on a really swell dinner. Bob Bryant sure knows his Minnetonka gardens! Did he pick them! Bies' station wagon sure came in handy. Somebody said there were 82 cars in the Minnetonka parade, meaning a lot of guys were generous with their cars and that precious commodity - time.

A lot of other fellows were there - anxious and willing to lend a hand - and did - like Nyberg, Nelson, Fackler, Janes and Dr. Cohen. Boy, was that Germain a dependable and hard-working chap! Nearly everybody was in on the deal somewhere. Best of all was the way the ladies' program clicked. They ran everything just like clock-work. Give them a big hand!

Mr. Pyle of Conrad Pyle Company writes it was the best he ever attended in fifty years of convention-going, and he wants to go on record accordingly; also Henry Schumacker of Boston says, "Having had years of experience in promoting similar affairs, I can realize the work necessary to prepare and conduct a program which progressed so smoothly.

Well, I'm sure glad to belong to an organization which could put over such a deal! All of you should be glad that you could do it - and did do it. You'll be remembered a long, long time by a lot of people all over this country.

The national officers wish me to convey to you their appreciation of a job well done.