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HAPPY NEW GARDENING YEAR

START OUT BY ATTENDING THE MGCM JANUARY MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th AT MT. OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH (50th Street and Knox Avenue South)

Dinner: 5:45 PM

Price \$2:00

Program: 7:00 PM

BOB ANDERSON of the Tonkadale Nurseries will talk

on

AFRICAN VIOLETS

The Tonkadale Nurseries have been in business since 1933. They specialize in gring african violets, so we know that when Mr. Anderson says he will tell us all about african violets, what they are, how they should be grown, how to care for them, we have a full and worthwhile evening ahead.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

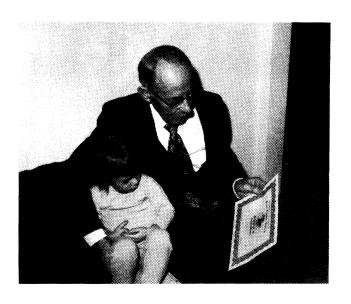
I hope the 1972 Christmas party was an indication of things to come. I thought it was great! Great food, great entertainment and most of all a great turn out. The poinsettias are always a festive note, and it seems fitting that a group of gardeners give flowers to their ladies - even in December.

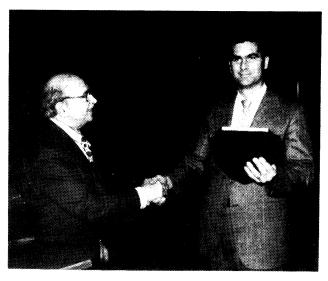
Thank you Bob Voigt and your committee. These things take planning and work. They don't just happen.

I am happy that the Richfield Mens' Garden Club group has joined us. It was too bad that this group was not able to continue as a club but Minneapolis' Mens' Garden Club is the gainer. The men from the Richfield Club are hard workers and enthusiastic gardeners. I'm confident that they will be just as active in and loyal to the Minneapolis Club. We welcome all of you.

I hope 1973 is a happy and bountiful year for every member of our Club and for t Club as a whole. I am proud to be president of the Minneapolis Men's Garden Clu and I hope I can do as fine a job as the presidents that have preceded me. With the cooperation of all our members I am hopeful that I can.

Happy 1973 and I'll see you at the January meeting.





PICTURES

Left: Evald Johnson shows granddaughter, Joanna, Green Thumb Award for eight

years' perfect attendance.

Right: Vic Lowrie congratulates Dick Franzmeier of the Richfield Bank and Trust

Company as he presents the 1972 Industrial Landscape Award.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bob Voigt's holiday gala brought out 186 persons including 18 representatives of the North Suburban MGC and 8 from the former Richfield MGC. The total attendance was within six of the 1971 all time high.

The crowd came early, before the punchbowl was filled, almost before the tables were set with the traditional Bachman tiny poinsettias for the ladies. Cliff Brisco and Evald Johnson met us at the door with name tags prepared by Vern Carlson whose calligraphy also adorned the Green Thumb certificates Bill Hull presented later in the evening.

Diners and carvers were ravenous so the turkeys were rushed down the center aisle and to the tables in a split second. Roger Anderson and Bob Voigt kept the mike busy so we wouldn't grab the food before the carvers filled the platters or Dick Hulbert gave the invocation. The food held out and there was still a whole turke to auction off after all were sated.

Following dinner, the Ramsey Junior Highschool Madrigal Singers entertained. Tho ninth graders were great! Then the awards program commenced.

Bill Hull lined up nine members to receive Green Thumb certificates and to repeat the pledge to the spade.

Dave Johnson received the <u>President's Cup</u> for being the member most helpful to President Roger Anderson during 1972.

The Lehman Gardens Trophy for greatest garden improvement during 1972 went to Bob Livingston. Phil Smith made the presentation for the committee.

The Bronze Medal Award for outstanding service over a period of years was given to Bob Smith. Dwight Stone made this presentation.

CHRISTMAS PARTY







PICTURES

Top: Roger Anderson awards the Predent's Cup to Dave Johnson.

Center: Phil Smith presents the Le Gardens Trophy to Bob Livingston. Bottom: Dwight Stone congratulates Smith and presents the Bronze Med

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The Industrial Landscape Award went the Richfield Bank and Trust Compan Their controller, Dick Franzmeier, present to accept the plaque from thands of Vic Lowrie. The bank's purelations director, Monroe Stenersowas also present to snap a picture.

Ed Culbert received a Special Award for 1972 for continued excellence o GARDEN SPRAY and Ron Twite got a bi gift wrapped box from some anonymou donor. Never did find out the cont

The Blackbourn Trophy and the Foley went to Henry Halvorson and Verner Carlson, respectively who raced all summer for the summer flower show b ribbons. Al Nelson made presentati

After officers for 1973 were presen Dave Johnson pinned the <u>Past Presid Pin</u> on Roger Anderson who thereupon called upon Bill Hull for a 30 minu narrated showing of selected slides of members' gardens plus a few Henr Halvorson took at the MGCA conventiin April.

The pictures, a fitting climax to 1 sent us all home to scan the seed c logs for new challengers for '73.

GREEN THUMB RECIPIENTS

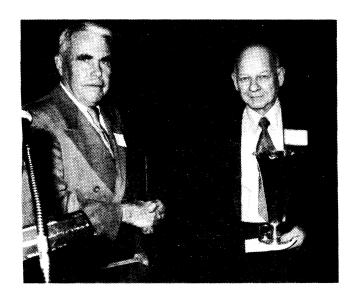
One Year: William Cowcill, Roger Anderson, Henry Halvorson and Dor Jepson.

Three Years: Dale Durst, Harry Sov and Carl Holst.

Six Years: C. A. Jack Peterson Eight Years: Evald Johnson

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Treasurer: James E. Perrin
Directors: John E. Lillibridge and

Donald Wilson
Immediate Past President: Roger J.

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Anderson

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As was announced at the November club meeting, after this issue we will no longer be able to utilize the service of Northern States Power Co. in getti out the SPRAY. This service has been invaluable to us. We shall miss it is more ways than one - convenience, cos lee-way, availability of MGC members to expedite work. We are grateful to NSP and offer sincere thanks for help over the years.

Most of the November board meeting wa spent conferring with the editor regaing possible alternatives and solution to the problem. We will have to take sail, of course; but more money was a located than the editor had thought to Club budget would permit. Several different approaches to the SPRAY were considered for trial during 1973. Not a will materialize but we know we will need more lead time than heretofore, beginning with this issue, our deadlinhas been moved forward to the 15th of each month.

PICTURES

Top: Al Nelson presents the coveted Blackbourn Trophy to Henry Halvorson Center: Verner Carlson displays the Foley Cup just received from Al Nels Bottom: Roger Anderson, smiling, acce

CONTRIBUTION ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sherman:

Thank you for the great effort you made in securing funds for landscaping our grounds at National Headquarters. We appreciate your dedication to the great cause of Men's Garden Clubs of America.

We did not accomplish as much as we had hoped for before an early eight inch snowfall caught us napping. However, what we have done already has improved the looks of the grounds 100%, and additional plantings have been ordered for early spring.

Please express our appreciation to the members of your club for their contributi to make the grounds of their national home more beautiful.

May the good things of life be yours through gardening.

Horticordially yours,

Lyman E. Duncan, Executive Secretary

BACKWARD, TURN BACKWARD, OH TIME.....

"Water to thicken hair and prevent its falling out. Distil as cool and slowly a possible two pounds of honey, a handful of rosemary and twelve handfuls of the curlings or tendrils of grapevines, infused in a gallon of new milk; from which about two quarts of water will be obtained.

-GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK AND MAGAZINE, NOVEMBER, 18

DRIFT FROM THE SPRAYER

Evald Johnson hasn't missed a meeting since he joined the club in February 1964. Actually, he has attended 108 consecutive meetings for he attended the January 1 meeting as a guest. That leaves him, really, only one year behind Bill Swanson' all time record of ten consecutive years of perfect attendance.

Last month we put Harold Sievers on Concordia drive. There isn't any such place It is Cornelia Drive.

Bill Hull has been appointed chairman of the national MGC awards committee for 1

Don Wilson prepared the article on the 1973 Board for this issue of the SPRAY.

It was nice of Howard Klier to invite us to participate in the annual wreath make project at the nursery the evening of November 24th. The Richfield fellows have done this for several years.

1972 was another fine year. Congratulations, Board, for keeping us alive, alert progressive, solvent and entertained. That's no small task.

The North Suburban MGC has voted to sponsor the Hemerocallis planting at the Arboretum to the amount of \$100 per year.

John Philip Braumgardt, President of Men's Garden Clubs of America, has a new bo entitled "HANGING PLANTS FOR HOME, TERRACE AND GARDEN". Simon & Schuster, Inc., New York, N. Y. \$7.95.

THE 1973 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- THE SPRAY asked the same questions of all our new officers: (1) When did you join the MGC? (2) Jobs held in Club? (3) Member of other horticulture clubs? (4) Present occupation? (5) Fraternal organizations? (6) Birthplace? (7) Educational background? (8) What is your primary interest in gardening? (9) What is your most gratifying experience in the Club? (10) What does your wife think of men gardeners?
- Carl Holst, President (1) about 17 years ago; (2) Board '70, VP '71; (3) Four rose societies, past president of State Horticulture Society, member Midwest Lily Society; (4) Superintendent of Horticulture, Mpls. Park Board; (5) Masons, Viking Council, B.S.A., Merit Badge Counselor, Commander American Legion Post; (6) Newell, Iowa; (7) Iowa State University, Botany and Plant Pathology; (8) Roses (and everything else); (9) Meeting and becoming good friends with George Luxton; (10) "Men gardeners are wonderful," says Celia. "I don't garden, but I do what I'm told to help out."
- Henry Halvorson, Vice President (1) 1965; (2) Director 1972; (3) Director Rose

 Society and Treasurer Iris Society; (4) Music Teacher at Sigurd F. Olson School;
 (6) North Dakota; (7) B.A. St. Olaf College, Education Degree, U of Minnesota;
 Masters in Music, Claremont College, Calif.; (8) Roses, Iris, Dahlias; (9) Trip
 to Tucson last year as delegate from MGC; (10) "Pearl has a little vegetable
 garden and helps hubby when possible."
- Bob Livington, Secretary (1) 1971; (3) Member of North Star Lily Society; (4) Sal Supervisor, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.; (6) Fort Atkinson, Wisc.; (7) University of Wisconsin Economics major; (8) Lilies and perennials; (9) "Have enjoyed the authoritative speakers at the meetings and was thrilled to win the Lehman Trophy" (Who wouldn't be?) (10) "Alice is a member of the Country View Garden Club. She has two garden plots and plants on the patio. She certainly approves of her husband's gardening."
- James Perrin, Treasurer (1) 1964; (2) Director, 1971; (4) Distributor of Theater Films; (5) Masonic Lodge; (6) Kitchener, Ontario; (7) B.A. University of Minneso Major Business Economics; (8) No specialty but enjoy designing and utilization of colors for proper effect; (9) "Have enjoyed and learned much from many members of considerable expertise"; (10) "Barbara loves the end result, but she really doesn't work at it."
- John Lillibridge, Director (1) 1969; (2) Secretary '71 and '72; (4) Service

 Representative, Monroe Calculating Machines; (6) Bismark, North Dakota; (7) Bism

 Jr. College and was a photographer in the National Guard; (8) Roses, Dahlias
 (but loves all flowers); (9) Working on the Fragrance Garden and working with
 the Board of Directors; (10) "Nancy just can't get out in the garden but she
 roots for her husband from inside where she does gardening."
- Don Wilson, Director (1) 1970; (2) Member of SPRAY staff, Public Relations Chair (4) U. S. Treasury Department; (5) Former member Mpls. Hiking Club, D.A.V., Bloomington Chamber of Commerce; (6) Minneapolis; (7) University of Minnesota, Journalism, Education; (8) Tomatoes and roses; (9) Meeting, getting help from and getting to know a great group of guys to mention only two Vern Carlson and Otto Nelson; (10) "Shirley likes it when she can get Don outdoors from under foot." (Actually, she helps a lot on the tedious garden tasks, like weeding.)
- Roger Anderson, Immediate Past-President (1) 1968; (2) Director '69, Secretary V.P. '71, Pres. '72; (4) Teacher and Coach, St. Louis Park, Operator Anderson's Garden Service; (6) Windom, Minn.; (7) B.A., U of Minn., M.A. Mankato State; (8)

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