

**Garden Club of Ramsey County
News Notes
15 April 2013 Meeting**

AGENDA

6:30 Business Meeting

Plant Sale

New Member Supper

Maplewood Nature Center

Sunshine

Exhibits and Mini-Shows

Other Business

Additional Announcements

7:00 Refreshments

7:25 Guest Speaker

TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER:

Sam Bauer is an Extension Turfgrass Educator with the University of Minnesota Extension. Sam's research and extension objectives revolve around practical management strategies to enhance turfgrass benefits in the urban environment. He has extensive working experience in turfgrass management in the Midwest, including B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Minnesota in Turfgrass Science. Sam was responsible for the grass footing on the 2008 Beijing Olympic Equestrian Cross Country Course in Hong Kong. Most recently Sam was an Assistant Superintendent at the TPC Sawgrass, a PGA Tour resort in Jacksonville, FL."

His topic is "Keys to a Sustainable Lawn"

THANK YOU HOSPITALITY HOSTS:

This evenings Hospitality Hosts are Mary Ann Jackson, Clare Fossum, Joe Baltrukonis, Cyn Bloom, Annette Schardin, and Sharee Marcus. Thanks to Cecilia Frederick for coordinating.

GARDEN GATES COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR NEEDED

Elisa Bernick is unable to co-chair the Garden Gates Committee. Please see Karen Van Norman during the break or email Karen at kareenvn@bitstream.net to co-chair this fun committee with Cecelia Frederick

CALENDAR:

MONDAY, JUNE 3--NEW MEMBER SUPPER DATE CHANGE—JUNE 3

The New Member Supper will be on **MONDAY, JUNE 3** at 6:00 p.m. at Adina Overbee's garden. All new members in 2013 and those new in 2012 who were not able to attend the 2012 New Member supper are cordially invited to attend. Board members and committee chairs provide a potluck meal, valuable club information, and a plant from our gardens.

TUESDAY APRIL 16 OR SATURDAY APRIL 20, GARDENING IN OUR CHANGING CLIMATE

presented by Hennepin County Master Gardener Farmer Del. Registration with Minneapolis Community Education at www.mplscommunityed.com and search for "gardening" to get to the online class information. Farmer Del attended our February meeting and mentioned this class.

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UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS BY JENNIFER PORWIT

Duluth and Case Recreation Center, 1020 Duluth St, St Paul; 7:00 p.m. FREE

THURSDAY, APRIL 25--LOW MAINTENANCE GARDENING—Reduce your work and have a lovely yard and productive gardens.

THURSDAY, May 9--GARDENING FOR BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS-- These lovely insects have been described as flying flowers. Learn how to encourage them to come to your gardens

SATURDAY, MAY 4 – METRO BLOOMS “BLOOMS DAY”

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with plant sale beginning at 10:00 a.m. Don Engebretson, the Renegade Gardener is the keynote speaker at 9:00 a.m. There will also be workshops, exhibitors and door prizes. Free Admission. Go to www.metroblooms.org for more information.

May 22-25 – MINNETONKA LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANT SALE

Sale is especially targeted for groups that garden together. It will have favorite plants, how-to manual for low-maintenance, sustainable gardens, and unique handcrafted garden art. Sale hours are: Wednesday, May 22, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Thursday, May 23, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday, May 24, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; and Saturday, May 25, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Minnetonka Lutheran, 16023 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345 (1.5 miles west of I494).

JUNE, 2013 –GARDENS OF IRELAND TOUR

Gail Speckmann (guest speaker at our January 2014 meeting) leads this tour and has a few seats left. Go to www.gailspeckmann.com for more information.