

Garden Club of Ramsey County (GCRC) News Notes

January 18, 2016

Agenda

6:30 Business Meeting
Report on Holiday Party/Silent Auction
Review of November bake sale
Hosts needed:

- Garden Party
- New member supper

Exhibits & Mini-shows
Sunshine
Preview of February program
7:00 Refreshments
7:25 Guest Speaker

Tonight's program:

Art in the Garden DIY and on the Cheap

Guest speaker Eric Johnson is a garden speaker, designer, blogger, writer, photographer, and a frequent contributor to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society's *Northern Gardener* magazine. He's been digging in the dirt for four decades. Though trained as a Master Gardener, he considers both his family's 165-acre farm in Southern Minnesota and his south Minneapolis urban plot (the Garden Drama trial garden), to be his real training ground. With an M.F.A. in Theatre Arts, he's inspired to communicate the emotional and dramatic impact of connecting to the earth in people's lives.

Tonight's refreshments courtesy of Karen Milton, Fran Duffee, Jan Peterson, Dee Joyce, Nancy Pascoe and Liz O'Toole. Thank you!

GCRC contributions help students, needy families

The GCRC board voted in December to contribute \$1,000 each to four colleges (University of Minnesota Department of Horticultural Science, Century College and Dakota and Hennepin County Technical Colleges) to provide scholarships to students studying horticulture. GCRC also contributed \$750 to Second Harvest Heartland, which supplies food shelves throughout the metro area, and \$250 to the *Garden In a Box* program of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS), which provides opportunities to help needy families and children grow vegetables. Earlier in the year, the club had contributed \$500 for Garden in a Box, bringing the total for the year to \$750.

Calendar

Next club meeting: February 15, *Getting Started with Fruit Trees*, Jennifer Porwit

Next board meeting: February 1, 7 p.m., home of Doug and Mary Olson

Upcoming learning opportunities offered by Minnesota State Horticultural Society:

- Lawn Rehabilitation 101, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 6:30 to 8 p.m., MSHS, Roseville
- Gardening for Bees and Butterflies, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6:30 to 8 p.m., MSHS, Roseville
- Seed Starting Basics, Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m., MSHS, Roseville

Renew your membership!

Send membership renewal to Kurt Klussendorf, 699 Woodlawn Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116.

Thanks!