

Garden Club of Ramsey County (GCRC)

News Notes

21 October 2013 Meeting

AGENDA

6:30 Business Meeting

Bylaw and Standing Rules

Nominations Update

Membership Renewal

Hospitality Hosts

Public Gardens

Sunshine

Exhibits and Mini-Shows

Bake Sale

Holiday Party

Additional Announcements

7:00 Refreshments

7:25 Guest Speaker

TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER: Bonnie Blodgett

Topic: Making Fall Your Garden's Peak Season

Bonnie Blodgett is a writer, gardener, and do-it-yourselfer who lives in the land of short summers and long winters, Minnesota, and likes to keep busy. She launched a gardening publication after many years working as a magazine editor and freelance writer because it combined her two passions, writing and gardening.

For fifteen years *The Garden Letter* — which by some miracle won a Garden Writers Association award for excellence in its first year — has chronicled Bonnie's climb from ignorant weekend hobbyist to full-fledged amateur gardener. Her garden has been on tours and in magazines other than her own. Her garden writing has been published in *Garden Design*, *Fine Gardening*, and *Better Homes and Gardens*. She is the gardening expert for *Midwest Home* and writes a weekly gardening column in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. Her books include *Midwest Top Ten* (Sunset Books), an illustrated guide to great plants; *Jewel of Como*, a history of a horticultural landmark; and *Remembering Smell: A Memoir of Losing —and Discovering—the Primal Sense*.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Acct: \$6,480. CD: \$10,000; Money Market Acct (all funds designated for Highland Plant Share): \$3,442. The \$2,000 charitable giving scholarships to four colleges approved at the September Board meeting will be disbursed shortly.

THANK YOU HOSPITALITY HOSTS:

Cyn Bloom, Kirsti Groess, Kelly Jones Hicks, Laurie Krivitz, and Judy Wehrwein.

NOVEMBER HOSPITALITY HOSTS:

Hafizan Engebretson, Joan Floren, Judy MacManus, Liz Morrison, Carol Morse, and Nancy Scherer.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: Please bring silent auction items to the November meeting. New or gently used items are fine. Contact Sue Knapton-Hoffmann, Silent Auction Chair, or committee members Jan Wenker, Laurie Krivitz, Brian Cooper, Terry Hoffmann or MaryDon Beeson.

CALENDAR:

18 November Holiday Bake Sale. Please bring baked goods, home canned goods and jellies, dried flowers, and fall/holiday arrangements for sale. Please bring your checkbook and cash to buy goodies! Proceeds from the sale go to local food shelves.

8 December GCRC Holiday Party at the Pool and Yacht Club, Lilydale. 5:00 Silent Auction and cash bar; 6:00 dinner. Registrations, \$26 per person, are due to Cyn Bloom by November 30. Contact Cyn Bloom at 612.724.930 regarding the dinner. Contact Sue Knapton at 651.239.4799 regarding the silent auction.