

# Garden Club of Ramsey County (GCRC) News Notes

April 18, 2016

## Agenda

6:30 Business Meeting

- Plant sale
- Field trip details
- Public garden news
- Sunshine
- Ask the Experts!

7:00 Refreshments

7:25 Guest Speaker

**Tonight's refreshments** courtesy of Karen Van Norman, Susanne Spitzer, Clare Fossum, Patty Hren-Rowan, Mary Fryer, Suzanne Sroka-Z. Thank you!

## Tonight's program:

### *Pruning Shrubs*

**Guest speaker** Kathy Zuzek is an Extension Educator with expertise in trees and shrubs. Her teaching and research emphasizes gardening and landscaping practices that focus on sustainability and environmental stewardship, including plant evaluation trials that identify well-adapted, low maintenance landscape shrubs that perform well in the Upper Midwest. Her training is in forest science and in plant breeding and genetics. Prior to joining the University of Minnesota Extension horticultural team, she worked in forest pathology research and as a plant breeder on the University of Minnesota's woody ornamental research program that has provided northern gardeners with the 'Lights' series of azaleas, Garden Glow and Cardinal dogwoods, the Northern Accents roses, and other shrub and tree cultivars.

## **Plants and volunteers needed for the annual plant sale!**

Plan now to donate perennials from your garden – or extra seedlings you started this spring – to the Great Plant Sale May 14, 8 to 11 a.m., at Edgumbe Recreation Center gym, 320 Griggs St. S., St. Paul. This is the club's biggest and most important fund-raiser of the year. It's a great opportunity to share excess plants with other gardeners or to pick up something new for your garden. Chairperson for the event this year is Laurie Krivitz, 612-987-4267 or lkrivitz@comcast.net.

*Details:*

- **Plant tags, pricing guides, flyers, and posters** will be available at the April meeting.
- Sign up at the April meeting to **volunteer** at the sale. Volunteers are needed to help set up Friday, May 13 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and to help the day of the sale. If you can't make it to the April meeting, contact Laurie Krivitz.
- If you have **spare pots** to share, bring them to the April club meeting. Please remove the dirt first! Leave them just outside the church door.
- If you **need pots**, pick them up at the April meeting.
- If you can volunteer to help other members dig up and pot plants, contact Laurie Krivitz.
- If you need a volunteer to help you dig, contact Laurie Krivitz.

## **Field trip April 23 to Greenworld Greenhouse - opportunity for club members**

Our club fieldtrip to Greenworld Greenhouse in North Branch on Saturday, April 23 is a great opportunity to see and purchase some hard-to-find succulents and interesting garden art. Greenhouse owner Craig Johnson, who will speak about succulents to our club in October, has graciously invited GCRC members to tour his greenhouse.

Thanks to Andrea Steger for arranging the tour! She suggests lunch after the tour at Key's Café in Forest Lake for those interested.

You may carpool or drive on your own. Carpoolers should meet at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1807 Field Ave., St. Paul, at 9:15 a.m. The group will leave at **9:30 a.m. sharp!** If you have questions call Andrea Steger at 651.755.2924

*Directions from the church:*

- head east on Field Ave toward S Wheeler St.
- turn right onto S Davern St.
- turn left onto 7th St W/Fort Rd.
- turn right to merge onto I-35E N.
- follow I-35E N, which will become I-35N, to exit 143 - County Hwy. 17.
- turn left on County Hwy. 17/Athens Trail and go just over half a mile to Falcon Ave N.
- turn right on Falcon Ave and go about 1 mile to 358<sup>th</sup> St.
- turn left onto 358<sup>th</sup> St. and go about a third of a mile to Evergreen Ave.
- turn right on Evergreen to the greenhouse

## Calendar

**May GCRC meeting:** May 16, *Just Grow Up! The Ins and Outs of Vertical Gardening*, Robin Trott.

**Next board meeting:** June 6, 7 p.m., home of Adina Overbee. All GCRC members may attend.

**GCRC Summer Garden Party:** June 27, 6 p.m., home of Evelyn Sunness.

**New Member Supper:** July 18, 6 p.m., home of Jerry and Lee Shannon.

## Upcoming learning opportunities offered by MN State Horticultural Society (651-643-3601):

- **The Cutting Edge of Hardy Landscape Roses**, Apr. 26, 6:30 to 8 p.m., MSHS classroom, \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers
- **Container Gardening with Fruits and Vegetables**, Thursday, Apr. 28, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Lakewood Cemetery's Mausoleum and Reception Center, 3600 Hennepin Ave. S Minneapolis, 6 to 7:30 p.m., \$25 members, \$30 nonmembers. Appetizers will be served; an optional walking tour of the beautiful grounds with famous memorials begins at 6 p.m.
- **MSHS Judging and Exhibiting Schools 1 & 2**, Saturday, May 21. *School 1* is from 8 to 11:30 a.m., *School 2* from noon to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 for one school, \$45 for both schools. Register by May 17. Learn how to show what you grow and/or begin the process of judge certification. Schools 3 and 4 will be offered Sept. 27. Completion of all four schools is necessary for certification.

## Renew your membership!

If you haven't already done so, please send membership renewal to Kurt Klussendorf, 699 Woodlawn Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116. The form is available on the website at

[www.ramseygardeners.org](http://www.ramseygardeners.org) . Thanks!

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