

Garden Club of Ramsey County

Centennial

1912 – 2012 100 years & growing !

News Notes---May 2012

Website: www.ramseygardeners.org We are now on FACEBOOK



Quote: "Gardening is a kind of disease. It infects you, you cannot escape it. When you go visiting friends, your eyes rove about the garden; you feel an irresistible impulse to get up and pull a weed." By Lewis Gannit

Meeting Agenda

Welcome—Liz Morrison, President

- Success Report--The great Plant Sale (May 18, 19)-- Joan Floren, Brenda Severson
- New Member & Past Presidents Supper (June 18)—Joan Floren & Nancy Scherer
- Summer Garden party (July 16)—Roz Annen & Alice Cederberg
- GCRC Public Gardens --Kirsti Groess & Barb Parisien
- Garden Gates—Cecelia Frederick
- Sunshine Report—Luann Muller
- Announcements, New Members & Visitors

Tonight's Speaker:

Cole Burrell, who designed the gardens surrounding the Highland Library and Rec Center is this evening's speaker. His talk, "Literature into Art: Books that Changed the Way We Garden", will profile influential garden and nature writers and highlight some seminal books that changed the way we envision, design, plant and maintain outdoor spaces.

An acclaimed lecturer, garden designer, photographer and the author of 12 gardening books, Cole has twice won the American Horticulture Society Book Award. Principal of Native Landscape Design and Restoration, which specializes in blending nature and culture through artistic design, he gardens on ten wild acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.



Hospitality

Hospitality Co-Chairs—Sue Knapton-Hoffmann, and Ann Sturm, and volunteers provided tonights yummy treats: Roz Annen, Alice Cederberg, Laurie Krivitz, Liz Morrison, Gail Maxe, Hafizan Engebretson, Annette Schatdin—plus additional treats from our Cole Burrell Reception

New Members and Past Presidents Supper : Mon. June 18th at 6:00 pm

Co Chairs--Nancy Scherer and Joan Floren

Hosted in Jerry and Lee Shannon's garden at [1847 Eleanor Avenue, Saint Paul](#)

All new members and all the past presidents of the club are invited to attend a potluck provided by the committee chairs.

If you've never seen the Shannons' one-of-a-kind garden or haven't seen it recently, that is enough reason to attend, but you will also receive a lovely plant and lots of information about what the different GCRC committees do. This is a chance to get to know your fellow new members and many of the long-time members of GCRC. See you there!

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY : Mon. July 16, at 5:30 pm

Co-Chairs: Roz Annen and Alice Cederberg

Be sure you have MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012 , 5:30 PM on your calendar. Our special CENTENNIAL pot luck gathering at GIBBS FARM HISTORICAL MUSEUM promises to be the event to remember!

Terry Swanson and the staff at Gibbs Farm are most generous in providing us with a perfect location and wonderful old time hospitality:

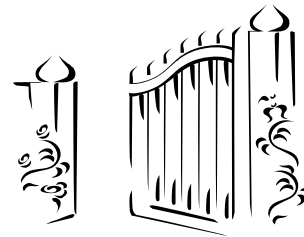
1. We will be treated to homemade ice cream and ice cold lemonade, compliments of Gibbs Farm.
2. They are opening the grounds and gardens(Mondays are usually not open days to the public), and providing staff members in costume to answer questions about the types of garden plants being grown.
3. We will also be able to tour the farm animal sites and the bird pens. All this because they want our centennial event to be a great experience for us.

Invitations will be mailed to every GCRC member with specific information on what to bring and directions and parking for this event.
GCRC families and friends are all welcome, rain or shine!

GCRC *Public Gardens News !*

Co Coordinators—Kirsti Groess & Barb Parisien

- Volunteers needed--Kirsti Groess has a sign-up for the “Montreal Garden Maintenance Gardeners” which involves weeding and watering for 2 week commitment for volunteers--Members can "buddy up" for the 2 weeks.
- we still need people to care for the Montreal Public gardens:
 - We need 1 person to help Carol McCarty starting today until June 2;
 - 2 people for July 1-14;
 - 2 people for July 15-28;
 - 1 person to help Cecelia Frederick July 29-August 4;
 - 1 person to help Liz Morrison Aug. 19- Sept. 1;
 - 1 person to help Brenda Severson Sept. 2-15;
 - 2 people for Sept. 16-29.



Garden Gates: Coordinator-Cecelia Frederick

651-644-7476, cecfrederick@hotmail.com

Ramsey County Garden Club Garden Gates

Provides the Opportunities for you to visit a variety of fellow Club Members Gardens Throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall growing season.

Please consider offering to host an informal tour of your own garden at least one time a year
How to set up a tour of your garden:

- 1) Plan a date and time frame
 - a. Most time frames are late afternoons, early evenings & weekends for 2-4 hours
- 2) Please plan on being home so you are available to answer any questions about your beautiful garden !
- 3) Cecelia needs the following information:
 - a. Date, time frame
 - b. Short description of type of garden, flowers & plants we will see
 - c. (Cecelia has your address & phone number from club directory)

It's that easy !!

Please give Cecelia a minimum of 5 days notice to send out the group email & to notify our calling committee to notify members who do not have email.

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum News

www.arboretum.umn.edu, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska MN 55318 | 952.443.1400
2012 Gardening School

Learn from the experts through lectures, demonstrations, on-site garden visits and hands-on activities. The Arboretum Gardening School offers rich opportunities for lifelong learning on a full range of topics. Whether a beginner, enthusiast or an industry professional, the Arboretum Gardening School offers the right classes to fit your needs.

Questions? Call 952-443-1422 or email: ArbEdu@umn.edu

MN Horticultural Society

www.northerngardener.org

MSHS offices, library, bookstore, and educational facility are located at:

Address:

Minnesota State Horticultural Society
2705 Lincoln Drive
Roseville, MN 55113
(651) 643-3601 / (800) 676-6747/ Fax: (651) 643-3638

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

Classes are sponsored by the **Minnesota State Horticultural Society**, but are held at various locations, as noted. Enrollment is limited, and pre-registration is required. To register, call 651-643-3601 or 800-676-6747, ext 211.



Not too early to start thinking of volunteering at the MN State Fair--Aug 23 to Sept. 3rd, 2012

The Great Minnesota Get-Together is just around the corner, and we need the help of our dedicated volunteers. People who volunteer at the Fair for MSHS receive free admission. MSHS depends on its volunteers to make our presence at the Minnesota State Fair a success.

Visit the [Volunteer Web Page at www.northerngardener.org](http://www.northerngardener.org)

to view the volunteer schedule and/or contact Diane Duvall, Volunteer Coordinator to sign up for a shift: 651-643-3601 ext. 208