

Garden Club of Ramsey County

Centennial

1912 – 2012 100 years & growing !

News Notes---October 2012

Website: www.ramseygardeners.org

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Meeting Agenda

Welcome—Karen Van Norman-Vice President (in Liz Morrison's absence)

- Treasurers Report— MaryDon Beeson
- In accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Club Bylaws, the Nominating Committee wishes to present the slate of 13 voting positions Board of Directors for 2013.—by Fran Duffee
Elections will be held at our November Club meeting
 - 2013 President—Karen Van Norman
 - Immediate Past President—Liz Morrison
 - Vice -President—TBA
 - Secretary—Sherry Sanders, (back-up, Jan Wenker)
 - Treasurer—Karen Milton (2013 only)
 - Board Member-2012-2013 Director—Jean Dick
 - Board Member- 2013-2014 Director—Margo Johnson
 - Education—Laurie Krivitz
 - History and Archives—MaryDon Beeson
 - Membership--TBA
 - Public Gardens—Kirsti Groess & Barb Parisien
 - Public Relations—Carol Morse
 - Plant Sale—Brenda Severson and TBA co-chair
- Membership Renewals for 2013—Margo Johnson and Karen Milton
- November Harvest & Bake Sale—Adina Overbee
- December Holiday Party & Auction—Ann Hanson & Laurie Krivitz
- Benefits of Volunteering in a Leadership role with our club
 - Redefining our Hospitality Time
- Sunshine Report—Luann Muller

- MINI-SHOW: "Fall Flourish--Mums, Pumpkins, Gourds & More"
- Announcements,
- Welcoming New Club Members & Visitors

Hospitality

Hospitality Co-Chairs—Sue Knapton-Hoffmann, Ann Sturm, & volunteers provided tonight's yummy treats: Joe Baltrukonis, Kirsti Groess, Carol Morse, Adina Overbee, Brian Cooper, Sherry Sanders, and Judy Wehrwein

Benefits of Volunteering in a Leadership Position with GCRC!

- Training for your position— & gain useful skills
- Increased Autonomy—be self-directed, free from constant scrutiny, be creative,
- Volunteers bring fresh outlook and new ideas to our programs
- Networking Opportunities—meeting others, grow professionally & personally
- Praise & Recognition—this is a basic human need
- Awards—receive an Award from our Awards committee
- Social opportunities (meet new people, Social Ties generate trust)
- Form business connections and/or gain work experience, potential connection to future job
- Increased community awareness and ownership
- Sense of purpose
- Earn prestige and respect in the community and from peers
- Increased physical health in older years
- Increased mental health
- Chance to pay back your community

"New members and members who might want to become more involved with the garden club! A great way to do it is to become a chair or Co-Chair of a committee. There are plenty of former leaders in the club who will train you & can tell you exactly what's involved, there are written job descriptions for many jobs, and it is really fun and much easier to share the job with another person, so please consider being a co-chair. Your garden club needs you!"

“We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give—“

~ ~Winston Churchill

Tonight's Speaker:

"The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum: Honoring the past, but looking to the future". Speaker: Edward L. Schneider, Director.

Edward L. Schneider has been the Director of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum since 2010. Previously he was President and CEO of The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden from 1992 to 2010. After earning his Ph.D. in plant science at The University of California Santa Barbara, he spent twenty years at Texas State University San Marcos, where he was professor of biology, Chairman of the Biology Department, and then Dean of the College of Science. Dr. Schneider has published five books, including an Introductory Botany textbook at the collegiate level, and is the author of 115 scientific, peer-reviewed papers. He has been a board member of the Botanical Society of America, Center for Plant Conservation, American Public Garden Association, American Association of Museums, The Texas Academy of Sciences, and the International Water Lily Society. His honors include: Fellow of the Texas Academy of Science; Hall of Fame in the International Water Lily Society; Botanical Society of America Award of Merit and Centennial Award; the Centennial Medallion for Excellence and Distinction from Texas State University; American Association of Museums Excellence in Service Award; and Outstanding Faculty Member, University of California, Santa Barbara. Dr. Schneider and his wife Sandy have two children, Cassandra and Kenny, and one grandson, Jensen. They live on the grounds of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum at Westcliff, the Director's residence.



Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

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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.

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***Sample the Local Harvest* ~~~~~Registration deadline: Oct. 15**

A delightful evening of tasting local wine, cheese, apples & honey.

Thursday, October 18, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

**Linder's Garden Center
270 W. Larpenteur Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55113**

\$20 MSHS Members & Linder's Get Growing Club \$25 Nonmembers

Proceeds from this event support the Minnesota State Horticultural Society's Garden-in-a-Box program.

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Join us for a delightful evening of tasting wines, cheeses, apples and honey from a variety of local producers. Stroll through Linder's greenhouse for a private shopping experience. You will have time to talk to the experts about how they produce some of our favorite local products and which varieties grow best in Minnesota.

Linder's professional staff will demonstrate how to transition your fall containers for winter, make European indoor baskets, and create seasonal cut flower arrangements.

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Plants for the Water Wise Gardener

The drought continues.

We do not need to sacrifice beauty and enjoyment in our landscapes when we choose plants that use less water. There is a wide palette of plants, both native and non-native that are ideal for the water-wise gardener. Be sure to mulch new plants, and water well for the first two seasons after planting to establish good root systems. Some of the plant varieties listed have cultivars that are not hardy here; always check to see that the plant hardiness is for Zone 4 or lower.

Grasses: Lawns are America's most irrigated crop. If we were able to put all of our country's lawns together, we would have a lawn larger than the state of Kentucky. To reduce our watering needs, we can reduce the size of our typical bluegrass lawns. Bluegrass requires up to 32 inches of water during the growing season, and often over two inches of water per week in hot, dry conditions to maintain a beautiful green. Lawns are often overwatered. A typical lawn has a root depth of 4 to 18 inches. Xeriscape and prairie plants have roots that reach down 5 to over 20 feet. They survive drought well. Low maintenance and long lived grasses include big bluestem, little bluestem, buffalo grass, blue fescue grass, switch grass, indian grass, June grass, prairie dropseed, and feather reed grass ('Karl Foerster'). Different heights and shapes of grasses, as well as interesting cultivars of the native grasses, provide variety in the garden.

Groundcovers can provide an interesting and attractive alternative to lawn. Hardy groundcovers include 'Snowcap' arabis, bugleweed, creeping phlox, euonymus, lamium, thyme, low growing veronicas, and vinca vine.

Annuals: These plants can be tucked in among the grasses, perennials, shrubs, and trees to provide summer-long color. Annual rudbeckia, bachelor's button, California poppy, cosmos, dusty miller, four-o'clocks, gazania, globe amaranth, lantana, lavender, marigolds, petunia, portulaca, Mexican sunflowers, sunflowers, spider plant, sweet alyssum, and zinnias do well in full sun and drier conditions. In shaded areas, try pansy, and forget-me-knot.

Perennials: Drought resistant perennials, hardy to our area, include the asters, artemesias, baby's breath, baptisia, bearded iris, black-eyed susan, blue flax, butterfly weed, cactus, catmint, coneflower, coreopsis, daylily, erigeron, euphorbia, gaillardia, goldenrod hybrids, hen-&-chicks, hollyhock, iris, lamb's ear, liatris, penstemon, peony, oriental poppy, rudbeckia, Russian sage, salvias, sea holly, sedum, German statice, perennial sunflowers, yarrow, and yucca. In shadier spots, fringe-leaf bleeding heart, columbine, gas plant, harebell, lady's mantle, and obedient plant do well. **Trees and Shrubs:** Drought resistant shrubs include pea shrub, juniper, sea buckthorn, Cheyene privet, common lilac, cotoneaster, potentilla, sand cherry, snowberry, sumac, and viburnum lantana. Drought resistant trees include the bigtooth maple, box elder (a seedless male "Sensation" is said to be less attractive to bugs), burr oak, catalpa, Amur cork tree, gambel oak, hackberry, hawthorn, thornless honeylocust, Kentucky coffeetree, and Rocky mountain juniper,

The concept of dry or xeriscape gardening originated with the Denver Water department. I have found a wealth of information about gardening in dry climates from the Colorado State

University Extension, <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/>. An excellent nursery specializing in xeriscaping is High Country Gardens , <http://www.highcountrygardens.com/>.

Happy Gardening, Joe Baltrukonis