

Garden Club of Ramsey County (GCRC) News Notes

March 21, 2016

Agenda

6:30 Business Meeting

- Membership renewal/directories
- Plant sale
- Field trip opportunity
- Sunshine
- Ask the Experts!

7:00 Refreshments

7:25 Guest Speaker

Tonight's refreshments courtesy of Laurie Krivitz, Valerie Kylo, Carol McCarty, Ken Nordberg, Martha Rhode. Thank you!

Tonight's program:

Great Gardens and New Trends from Europe

Guest speaker Debbie Lonnee is Product Development Manager for Bailey Nurseries, where she is now responsible for Bailey's new breeding farm in Georgia. She works with breeders around the world and brings new plants to Bailey brands. She is an avid gardener and has a collector's garden full of hostas, daylilies and perennials, as well as many new annuals. She is actively involved in the Perennial Plant Association and the Minnesota Landscape Nursery Association and was recently inducted into its Hall of Fame. Debbie is also the horticultural editor for *Northern Gardener* magazine and writes the *Plant to Pick* article for each edition. She holds a B.S degree from the University of Minnesota.

Field trip opportunity for club members

Craig Johnson, who will speak about succulents to our club in October, has invited members to tour his Greenworld Greenhouse. Potential dates are April 21, 23, May 3 or 4. Check your calendars. We will poll people during our March meeting and then work with Craig to set the final date and time.

Gardeners make great friends

Helping with a club event, visiting one another's gardens through our Garden Gates or taking a tour together help create lasting friendships. If you are new to the club, I invite you to take part in activities beyond our club meetings. If you are an established member, invite a newcomer to join you in an activity. Carpooling to an event would be a good start!

2016 GCRC directories available

New GCRC directories will be available to pick up at the March meeting. Due to a printing error, those distributed at the February meeting had missing pages. New directories have now been printed.

If anyone wants an extra directory, the misprinted directories with missing pages attached are also available. It would be handy to have one for your car or office!

Directories are not mailed to members. Thank you to those willing to pick up a directory to deliver to another member who cannot make it to meetings.

Thanks to Karen VanNorman for all her work on the directory. It's a big job and she does it well!

Calendar

April GCRC meeting, *Pruning Shrubs*, Kathy Zuzek.

Plant Sale: May 14, 8 to 11 a.m., Edgumbe Recreation Center gym, 320 Griggs St. S., St. Paul.

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):

- **Continuous Color**, Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Autumn Grove Park Bldg., Roseville, \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers
- See new plant introductions at the **Spring Garden Gala**, Apr. 1. Doors open at 11 a.m. for luncheon or 5 p.m. for dinner. Tickets for luncheon nearly sold out; more remain for dinner. More information at www.northerngardner.org.
- **Landscape Design Basics**, Saturday, April 9, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Alderman Hall, University of Minnesota, \$105 members; \$115 nonmembers, \$172 member couple, \$189 non-member couple.
- **Transitioning to Pollinator Friendly Garden, Beginners – in the Classroom**, Thursday, Apr. 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m., MSHS classroom, \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers. **Webinar** available for \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.
- **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!** Send membership renewal to Kurt Klussendorf, 699 Woodlawn Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116. The form is available on the website at www.ramseygardeners.org.
Thanks!

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