

Garden Club of Ramsey County (GCRC) News Notes

May 16, 2016

Agenda

6:30 Business Meeting

- Plant sale report
- Summer Garden Party
- New Member Picnic
- Public garden news
- Sunshine
- Flower show announcement
- Ask the Experts!

7:00 Refreshments

7:25 Guest speaker

Tonight's program:

Just Grow Up! The Ins and Outs of Vertical Gardening

Guest speaker Robin Trott is an experienced environmental educator, market gardener and flower farmer, and has worked in various positions in the floriculture/education industry for over 15 years. She is currently the Local University of Minnesota Extension Educator in Douglas County, specializing in Consumer Horticulture and Local Foods. Robin has a passion for growing a wide variety of plants, and especially loves the challenging questions that lead to research and revelation.

Tonight's refreshments courtesy of Liz O'Toole, Brenda Severson, Mary Montagne, Hafizan Engebretson, Gail Maxe, and Bette Hart. Thank you!

The Great Plant sale!

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to all who made our annual plant sale possible. Special thanks go to Laurie Krivitz, who directed this monumental undertaking, and her committee members and other volunteers. And, it goes without saying, thanks to the many, many gardeners who potted up plants from their gardens and nurtured seedlings so that we could spread a bit of beauty throughout the metro area.

It's time to begin another summer of lovely Garden Gates

Garden Gates provide GCRC members an organized opportunity to see each other's gardens, share tips and give and get advice. Your garden doesn't have to be complete or perfect to be opened for club members to visit; works in progress are just fine. After all, aren't most gardens works in process to one degree or another?

If you would like to host a Garden Gate, simply choose a date and set a time period, usually two to three hours. Then contact Lynn Marceau, our Garden Gate chairperson, who will make sure the news gets out to members (619-549-3602, lynnmarceau52@hotmail.com).

If you have never attended a Garden Gate, don't be shy! It's very informal and a lot of fun. Simply show up during the designated time period and find your way to the garden. The host will be there to show you around.

GCRC public garden needs loving care

There are still a few spots open on the care schedule for the public garden our club has tended for many years at the intersection of Montreal and Edgumbe. Consider giving a bit of time to weed, deadhead and water as needed. Contact Barb Parisien (651-690-5571, bparisien@msn.com) or Kirsti Groess (651-699-8765, kgroess@yahoo.com) if you can help. Thanks!

Free flower show in Minneapolis will attract entries from around the country

This coming weekend, May 21 and 22, the Garden Club of America will stage a fabulous flower show as part of its annual meeting in the Twin Cities. The show is open to the public at no charge Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Depot, 225 South Third Ave., in downtown Minneapolis. The juried show will include entries from garden club members around the country in horticulture, flower arranging, photography and botanical arts, as well as conservation exhibits.

This is a rare opportunity to see this show. According to GCRC member Marge Hols, this is the first time in decades that the Garden Club of America is holding its annual meeting in the Twin Cities. The host clubs are the Saint Paul Garden Club and Lake Minnetonka Garden Club.

Calendar

GCRC 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 in Mendota Heights.

Family Means 24th Annual St. Croix Garden Tour: July 16 & 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., www.familymeans.org

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

State Fair - volunteer for MN State Horticultural Society: Aug. 25-Sept. 5

Sept. 19 GCRC meeting: Edible Mushroom Cultivation for Home and Garden

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

- **Transitioning to Pollinator Friendly Gardens – Advanced:** Thursday, May 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., MSHS classroom, 2705 Lincoln Drive, Roseville, 55113, \$15 members/\$20 nonmembers
- **Embrace Your Shade: Plants and Design Tips for Shady Spaces,** Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Lakewood Cemetery's Mausoleum and Reception Center, 3600 Hennepin Ave. S, Minneapolis, 55408, \$25 members/\$30 nonmembers
- **Go Native: Bringing Natural Beauty to Your Garden Book Release:** presentation based on Lynn Steiner's new book, refreshments: Tuesday, June 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m., MSHS, \$5
- **Butterfly Class - In the Garden at Wood Lake,** Saturday, June 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Wood Lake Nature Center, 6710 Lake Shore Drive, Richfield, 55423, \$15 members/\$20 nonmembers
- **Butterfly Class - In the Garden at Longfellow,** Saturday, July 16, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., 3933 E. Minnehaha Pkwy, Minneapolis 55417, \$15 members/\$20 nonmembers
- **Butterfly Class - In the Garden at Noerenberg,** Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 to 11 a.m., Noerenberg Memorial Gardens, 2865 Northshore Drive, Wayzata, 55391, \$15 members/\$20 nonmembers.

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