

Garden Club of Ramsey County (GCRC) News Notes

Oct. 17, 2016

Agenda

6:30 Business Meeting

- Membership
- November Bake Sale
- Sunshine
- Summer picnics
- Slate of candidates
- Committee chairs still needed
- Silent Auction
- Mini Show
- Ask the Experts!

7:00 Refreshments

7:25 Guest speaker

Tonight's program:

Succulents 101

Speaker Craig Johnson, a University of Minnesota graduate in floriculture, owns and grows for Greenworld Greenhouses in North Branch, MN. Next year marks his 45th year in business. He and his wife Cyndy operate their retail garden center from April 15 through June 15 and spend the other 10 months of the year providing wholesale succulents to 38 other florists and garden centers. Johnson also built and ran Greenworld Golf Links for 14 years.

He will bring a variety of plants as well as two door prizes. He encourages members to bring in their potted succulent plants if they questions about them.

Tonight's refreshments courtesy of Joe Baltrukonis and Jennifer Porwit, Mary Fryer, Kirsti Groess, Barb Meyer, Adina Overbee, and Doug Olson. Thank you!

Shannon's donate Martagon Lily bulbs for sale during break

Jerry and Lee Shannon have donated a number of Martagon lily bulbs that will be for sale during the break this evening with proceeds going to the club. They have 30 packages of large, single bulbs and nine packages with two to three smaller bulbs. Each package will sell for \$4.

Let's meet our membership goal – 100% renewals by Oct. 31!

Halloween is not only the day children trick or treat, it's our renewal date for GCRC membership! Our goal is to have 100% of current memberships renewed by Oct. 31.

If you are among the majority of our members who also purchase a Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) membership at the same time, you **must** renew by Oct. 31 because our deadline to submit member names to MSHS is Nov. 1. This ensures that your subscription to *Northern Gardner* will continue without interruption.

Dues for 2017 are:

- \$12 individual, \$17 dual for GCRC only.
- \$49 individual, \$57 dual for GCRC and the Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) combined.

Volunteer positions still open

GCRC is an all-volunteer organization and it takes a lot of volunteers to make it work. Thanks to those of you who have already agreed to chair a particular committee next year. There are still some openings. Remember, participating on a committee is a good way to get to know people and make GCRC friends!

Harvest/Bake Sale at next month's meeting; crafts added this year

As gardening winds down for the season, there's more time for indoor pursuits such as baking, sewing, knitting and crafting. Plan now to participate in our club's annual Harvest/Bake Sale during our November 21 meeting. The sale will expand this year to include small craft items and holiday decorations as well as handmade knitted and sewn items. Here are some tips:

- Please bring baked goods, canned goods, jellies/jams, gourds, pumpkins, craft items, hand knitted or sewn items.
- Do NOT bring dried vegetation or pinecones.
- Place baked items in/on disposable containers/plates and wrap them securely with plastic wrap before bringing them to the sale. Do not use aluminum foil.
- Clearly label items with price. (Examples: \$3.50 to \$4 per dozen cookies; \$3 to \$3.50 per half dozen brownies; \$4.50 per loaf of quick bread, more or less depending on size or embellishments such as nuts and frosting.)
- If an item contains nuts, please indicate that on a label.
- Craft, knitted and sewn items must be new.

Thanks to Barb Meyer and Mary Fryer for organizing this sale once again. If you have questions call Barb at 651-698-9220 or Mary at 651-699-8833.

All proceeds from the sale help GCRC meet its mission of stimulating knowledge and encouraging study of gardening, protecting native plants, and encourage and supporting civic planting.

Calendar

Nov. 21, GCRC meeting presentation on *Gardening with Native Perennials to Create Pollinator Habitat* and our Annual Harvest/Bake Sale!

Dec. 4, GCRC Holiday Party and Silent Auction at the Pool and Yacht Club in Lilydale.

Dec. 5, GCRC board meeting, 7 p.m., note change in location from what is included in the directory, home of Mary and Doug Olson in St. Paul. All GCRC members may attend.

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

- **Landscape Design Basics**, Thursday, Oct. 27 - Thursday, Nov. 17, 6 to 9 p.m., \$150 members/\$160 nonmembers; MSHS classroom. Learn basics of design with emphasis on an ecological and sustainable approach and effective use of edible and native plants.

Garden Club of Ramsey County Board

President - Mary Olson

Vice-President - open position

Past President - Ken Nordberg

Secretary - Brenda Severson

Treasurers - Kurt Klussendorf and Adina Overbee

Directors - Janet Scott, Karen and Michael Parenteau

Education Chairs - Susan Hawken and Andrea Steger

Plant Sale Chair - Laurie Krivitz

