

Garden Club of Ramsey County (GCRC) News Notes

Oct. 16, 2017

Agenda

6:30 Business Meeting

- Membership renewal
- Harvest/Bake/Craft Sale
- Board election
- GCRC leadership
- Proposed changes to Bylaws and Standing rules
- Audio-visual upgrade survey coming

7:00 Refreshments

7:25 Guest speaker

Tonight's program:

Three Case Studies: Applying the Five Considerations of Sustainable Design

Speaker Julie Weisenhorn has a Master's degree in horticulture from the University of Minnesota and has taught basic and advanced landscape design courses at the U and served as state director of the Extension Master Gardener Program from 2007 to 2014. She is currently a full-time Extension Educator in Horticulture with a statewide responsibility for teaching, research and outreach on various Horticulture topics around sustainability with special focus on plant selection and sustainable residential landscape design.

Tonight's refreshments

courtesy of Jodie Carlson, Mary Fryer, Kirsti Groess, Carol Morse, Jennifer Porwit. Thank you!

Time to renew your membership; change in MSHS affiliate memberships

October and November are prime months for renewing your membership for the coming year. Just bring your checkbook to the next meeting, fill out your membership form and turn it in to our efficient membership co-chairs, Caren Fenske and Catherine Walls. Or, download the form from our website and mail it to club co-treasurer Kurt Klussendorf.

If you are among the majority of our members who also purchase a Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) membership at the same time, **we encourage you to renew in October** to give our volunteers time to process a large batch of renewals and update our roster, which must be submitted to MSHS by Dec. 1 to ensure that subscriptions to *Northern Gardner* continue without interruption.

GCRC dues for 2018 remain the same. MSHS has changed its affiliate membership levels this year. You can choose either the Affiliated Basic membership or the Affiliated Premium membership. Both memberships are for one or two adults living in the same household. Both memberships include a subscription to **Northern Gardner** but the premium level also includes a pair of tickets to both the Minnesota Home and Patio Show and the Minneapolis Home and Garden Show.

Membership rates for GCRC only are:

- \$12 individual
- \$17 dual
- **Membership rates for GCRC plus MSHS are:**
- \$49 for GCRC single plus MSHS Affiliated Basic Membership
- \$54 for GCRC dual plus MSHS Affiliated Basic Membership
- \$67 for GCRC single plus MSHS Affiliated Premium Membership (includes show tickets).
- \$72 for GCRC plus MSHS Affiliated Premium Membership (includes show tickets).

Important GCRC fundraiser coming up!

Pull out your favorite recipes and start planning for our club's annual Harvest/Bake Sale, which will be held during our November 20 meeting. Once again the sale will 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.
- 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 and indicate on the label if an item includes nuts or has been frozen.
- Craft, knitted and sewn items must be new.
- Please do not bring plants.

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.

Last year the sale raised \$592 to help our club meet its mission of stimulating knowledge and encouraging study of gardening, protecting native plants, and encourage and supporting civic planting.

Calendar

Nov. 4 - University of Minnesota Master Gardeners are presenting their first *Holiday Garden Market* on Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Bayport Library, 582 4th St. N, Bayport. Event includes nature and garden-themed crafts, gifts, treats and kids activities, as well as a visit by Ramsey County Master Gardener and author Dawn Pape, who will sell and autograph her gardening books between 10 and noon.

Nov. 20 - GCRC meeting, *Designing Holiday Tablescales* and GCRC's annual Harvest, Bake & Craft Sale

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

- **Two Old Guys Answer Your Gardening Questions** featuring Bobby Jensen of *Grow and KARE* and GCRC member Dr. Ken Nordberg, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7 to 8 p.m., \$15 members/\$20 nonmembers; Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Ave. So., Minneapolis, 55408.
- **Make and Take Evergreen Container Class**, Saturday, Nov. 4, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Wagner's Greenhouses, 6024 Penn Ave So., Minneapolis, 55419; \$40 members/\$45 nonmembers.
- **Sustainable Landscape Design Basics**, Saturday, Nov. 11, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., University of Minnesota, Room 140, Plant Growth Facilities, 1538 Gortner Ave, St. Paul; \$125 members/\$130 non-members. Instructors are Julie Weisenhorn, U of M Extension horticulture educator (and our October speaker!) and Jim Calkins, landscape horticulturist and former U of M landscape design and management instructor.

Garden Club of Ramsey County Board

President - Mary Olson

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Past President - Ken Nordberg

Secretary - Brenda Severson

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Directors - Janet Scott, Denise Joyce

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Plant Sale Chair - Karen Van Norman

