

Garden Club of Ramsey County

99 Years Strong!

GCRC website: www.ramseygardeners.org

News Notes – December, 2011

"Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey & enjoy every idle hour." – John Boswell

Meeting Agenda

- 5 PM – Silent Auction begins ~ all bidding closes at 6 PM
- 6 PM – Dinner
- Following Dinner:
 - Door Prizes: Evelyn Sunness
 - New Officers
 - New Committee Chairs
- Announcements, if any
- Silent Auction wrap-up

January 2012 Program: Our January 16 program will feature Chuck Levine. His presentation will be 'Spring Bulb Show.'

Need a Holiday Gift idea? Gift memberships are available for **\$10** to join GCRC or **\$47** to join both GCRC & MSHS (includes Northern Gardeners magazine & member discounts for 150+ garden centers, nurseries and landscape services).

GCRC Centennial items: If you did not receive a flyer for ordering various Centennial items, please see MaryDon Beeson or Laurie Krivitz tonight.

Support Speaker Program by advertising in GCRC Directory: Ads are being accepted for our 2012 directory. Proceeds will go toward paying for Cole Burrell's May visit. Cole designed the gardens surrounding the Highland Park Library & Rec Center which we have maintained for the past 15 years. Since he is now located in Virginia, we need more than the usual speaker fee to get him here.

In the past, members have requested the use of our mailing list or club directory information to publicize their businesses and this is strictly forbidden. **The good news** – place an ad in the GCRC directory and **you can reach our membership at a very reasonable cost.** If needed, the December 15th submission deadline can be negotiated. The application form can be downloaded from the home page of GCRC Website: <http://ramseygardeners.org/form.pdf>. Contact Karen Sutherland if more info or a form is needed.

Food donations collected in October & November: The non-perishable food donations were brought to the Salvation Army on W. Seventh/Fort Road. October amount was 41 pounds; November amount was even greater at approximately 75 pounds. Thanks to all !

Charitable Monetary Giving: Specific amounts will be provided by the Treasurer at our January meeting.

1. Food Shelf Donations: As voted on at the November 28th Board meeting, all funds raised at the November Bake Sale & December Holiday Party Silent Auction tonight will be donated to these four groups: Francis Basket, Keystone Community Services, Neighborhood House and Department of Indian Works.

2. Education Donations: The Board voted to provide scholarship funds to: Century College, University of Minnesota, Dakota County Technical School and Hennepin County Technical School. In addition to our June, 2011 donation to MSHS, the Board voted to provide additional Educational donation amounts to: Ramsey County Master Gardeners program, Gibbs Farm Gardens education program and the City of Saint Paul – Trees Saint Paul program.

***Looking for a break from winter this February?
Consider a Road trip to Madison, Wisconsin!!!***

Wisconsin Public Television Garden Expo

(<http://www.wigardenexpo.com/>)

February 10-12, 2011 , Exhibition Hall at Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI .

Purchase Advance General Admission Tickets online December 1 through February 6 / **One-day** ticket – \$7 in advance/\$8 at the door. **Two-day** ticket – \$11 in advance or at the door. **Three-day** ticket – \$16 in advance only online or at the door. Children 12 and under are free.

There is a cost for workshops, but all demonstrations & seminars at the Garden Expo are free !!

Things to do at the Garden Expo:

~ Relax with a casual walk through the central garden display courtesy of The Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association.

~ Get your hands dirty with more than 100 educational seminars, demonstrations and hands-on workshops.

~ Visit with hundreds of nonprofits, businesses, independent contractors, and artists to view their work and to share ideas.

~ Meet with Shelley Ryan, producer/host of The Wisconsin Gardener on Wisconsin Public Television.

~ Discuss innovative gardening techniques with experts from the UW-Extension/Cooperative Extension Horticulture Team.

~ Purchase seeds, tools and everything else you need to be ready when the trees bud and the ground thaws.



Enjoy this wonderful season!