

# Garden Club of Ramsey County

## News Notes - December 2009

"It is just in the way it is done that lies the whole difference between commonplace gardening and gardening that may rightly claim to rank as fine art. There have been many failures, but, every now and then, I am encouraged and rewarded by a certain measure of success." - Gertrude Jekyll

### Meeting Agenda

- 5:30 pm Silent Auction Begins
- 6:30 pm Dinner
- After Dinner:
  - Door Prizes: Barb Meyer
  - New Officers: Kirsti Groess
  - New Committee Chairs: Laurie Krivitz

### Great Holiday Gift Idea

Gift memberships are available tonight - \$10 to join GCRC and \$45 to join both GCRC & MSHS (includes Northern Gardener magazine).

### 2009 at a Glance - Highlights

- MaryDon Beeson and Anne Tiller report that GCRC welcomed 30 new members in 2009.
- Nancy Scherer and Maya Hanna report that 32 members opened their gardens with a Garden Gate this year, some on more than one occasion.
- A "grateful" MSHS staff reports that GCRC members provided 329.75 volunteer hours for the Hort Society this year.
- Donna Genck reports that 993 hours were logged in service to the Highland Park Library. This includes GCRC member volunteers, Sentence to Serve hours, and the Highland Community Plant Share Volunteer Hours. The Community Plant Share provides funds for plant replacements at the Library and tools for the Sentence to Serve crews.
- A new sound system replaced a very old one in April, making it possible to hear our speakers from anywhere in the room.
- The Highland Library "Portable Signs" plant guides were finished and presented to the Library at a special ceremony in May.
- GCRC worked with MSHS in sponsoring a talk in May by nationally known author, Amy Stewart, collecting advance ticket payments and publicizing the event.
- The May Plant Sale brought in \$5606.
- The Summer Garden Tour visited the St. Cloud area in June.
- GCRC sponsored a Gazing Ball Workshop in June.
- A special guided tour of Bachman's Cedar Acres took place in July.
- GCRC took a leadership role in replacing one of the retaining walls around a native plant bed at the Highland Library.

### November Bake Sale Results

The Bake Sale at the November meeting brought in \$516.50. All proceeds go to food shelves.

### January Program

Our January 18, 2010 program will feature Dean Engelmann from Tangletown Gardens speaking on "What's New for 2010"

### Mark Your Calendars

The Great 2010 Plant Sale is scheduled for May 14/15.

### MSHS New Location

The Minnesota State Horticulture Society is moving this week. New address: 2705 Lincoln Drive, Roseville, MN 55113. Phone numbers remain the same. Location is in a strip mall off Snelling Avenue just north of Byerly's.

### MSHS Dec - Jan Class Schedule

Christmas Table Arrangement

\$40 members, \$50 nonmembers

Saturday, December 12, 10 to 11:30 am

Location: Koehler and Dramm, 2407 E. Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis.

*Instructor: Ardith Beveridge*

Making Good Scents at Christmas

Reduced: \$36 members, \$46 nonmembers

Saturday, December 12, 10 to 11:30 am

Location: MSHS Classroom

*Instructor: Diane Lee*

Let's Wrap it Up!

Reduced: \$32 members, \$42 nonmembers

Saturday, December 19, 10 to 11:30 am

Location: MSHS Classroom

*Instructor: Diane Lee*

How to Pick the "Perfect" Plant

\$15 members, \$25 nonmembers

Tuesday January 12, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Location: MSHS Classroom

*Instructor: Dr. David Zlesak*

Growing Herbs Indoors

\$15 members, \$25 nonmembers

Tuesday January 19 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Location: MSHS Classroom

*Instructor Mark Armstead*

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