

Garden Club of Ramsey County

News Notes – February 2010

Meeting Agenda

- Plant Sale – Joan Floren & Denise Joyce
- Gertens orders – Brenda Severson
- Native Plant orders – Karen Sutherland
- Sunshine
- Announcements

Tonight's Program

Dr. Peter Bierman

Topic: Managing Soil for Healthy Gardens

GCRC Golden Bloom Awardees!

Nancy Scherer was awarded the Bronze Bloom award for her beautiful Residential Garden. The Gateway Trail Community Garden, the community garden founded last year by members Brian Cooper, Laurie Krivitz, Jennifer Porwit and Joe Baltrukonis and largely designed by Brian was given the Golden Bloom award for Best Vegetable Garden.

The Golden Blooms have been saved from the budget axe for 2010, so keep your eyes open this summer for wonderful gardens to nominate!

2010 Summer Garden Tour

Save the Date! June 19th, 2010

Destination: Red Wing

NARGS Annual Banquet

March 6 (Saturday) Annual Banquet

Topic: "Alpine & Species Peonies",

Presenter Harvey Buchite.

Location North Oaks Country Club. 5PM social Hour, 6PM Dinner, 7:30 Program, Registration required.

Join us for an exciting and colorful presentation. Peony species from Alpine and Subalpine Areas to the Rocky

Coast of the Black Sea. An in-depth look at where peony species grow in the wild and how rock gardens are perfectly suited to preserving some of these endangered plants from the wild. You'll learn the secret to success on how to grow these rare plants from seed and speed up the time from seed to flowering. The presentation will also include a selection of slides of smaller growing peonies that take up much less room than the common garden peony. An enthusiastic speaker, Harvey and his wife Brigitte are co-owners of Hidden Springs Flower Farm where they grow over 600 varieties of peonies.

As a special treat, Harvey will have bare root peonies of these smaller species on hand for you to purchase the evening of the presentation. Instructions on how to care for them until planting time will be included.

Roseville Home and Garden Fair

The 14th Annual Living Smarter: Roseville Home & Garden Fair

Fairview Community Center

1910 County Road B West

Roseville, MN 55113

February 20, 2010 9 AM – 3 PM

Over 30 different workshops and 68 exhibitors.

All is free!

Spring Fling

The 23rd Annual Spring Fling is scheduled for **March 13, 2010**, 8:30 AM to 3:15 PM at Oakland Junior High School, 820 Manning Ave. No., Lake Elmo, MN

To register, make your \$30 check payable to: "WCHS Spring Fling". Mail check to: WCHS, 777 Greenway Ave., Oakdale, MN 55128.

Deadline for registration is March 1. Pre-registration is a must since lunches are pre-ordered.