

# Garden Club of Ramsey County

## News Notes - March 2009

"Hummingbirds adore the flowers, and a planting is never free for long from the whirr of wings and the flash of a ruby-red throat." Joe Eck & Wayne Winterrowd (describing *Nicotiana langsdorffii*), *Our Life in Gardens*, 2009

### Meeting Agenda

- Plant Sale - Joan Floren
- Summer Garden Tour - Barb Meyer
- Sunshine, Blooming St. Paul, MSHS - Maureen Adelman
- New membership levels, Quilt raffle - Anne Tiller
- Announcements

### Tonight's Program

Our March speaker is Donald Mitchell, speaking on "Attracting hummingbirds to your garden." Don holds an M.S. in Conservation Biology from the University of Minnesota and has conducted field studies of hummingbirds and the plants they pollinate in several states. A Goodhue County Master Gardener, he is currently Vice President of the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union.

### Hospitality

Hospitality Chair Mary Fryer and volunteers Erika Marzitelli, Carol Morse, Karen Van Norman, Liz Morrison, Gail Maxe and Bette Hart provided tonight's refreshments. See Mary to sign up for future meetings!

### GCRC Annual Audit

According to our auditor, Adina Overbee, the annual audit has been completed and the Club's financial records are in good order. We all thank Karen Milton for her time and effort on behalf of the Club.

### Public Gardens Committee to Meet

The Public Gardens committee will hold its spring planning meeting Sat. 28 March, 10 am, small lower level conference room of the Merriam Park Library, Marshall at Fairview. More members are always welcome on this committee. Contact Kathy Franzen (ksfranz@gmail.com 651-647-1770) to join.

### The Great Plant Sale

When: Sat. 16 May, 8 - 10 am, Highland Catholic. Tonight's agenda: 1) Return Gerten's order forms. 2) Sign up to help at the sale. 3) Pick up plant tags to assemble and extra pots for your donated plants. 4) Pick up Ambergate and native plant forms to be returned at the April meeting. Questions? Contact cochairs: Sue Klevan 651-227-3837 and Joan Floren 952-475-0914

### Linder's Fundraiser

GCRC will receive 15% pre-tax of any purchase made by members the weekend of 22-25 May from any of the Linder's FlowerMarts or Larpenteur store. You must take the "invite" (available at tonight's meeting).

### Cobblestone Gardens Discount

Cobblestone Gardens and Market, 2100 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington is offering discounts of

20% to MSHS members (not available on sale items). See: [www.cobblestonegardensandmarket.com](http://www.cobblestonegardensandmarket.com)

### Summer Garden Tour

The 2009 Summer Garden Tour, scheduled for Saturday 20 June, is heading for areas around St. Cloud. They are trying to hold the cost to \$30 for this always popular all inclusive tour, including lunch. Barb Meyer will continue to provide information on this event.

### Eloise Butler Opens 1 April

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary will open 1 April. The garden is free to the general public. Naturalist led programs are \$5 per person. Trails are wood-chipped. At 102 years, it is the oldest public wildflower garden in the nation. Call Lauren Borer (612)363-4722 for information.

### Hols to Speak at Highland Library

GCRC member Marge Hols will speak Monday 23 March 7 - 8 pm at the Highland Library on choosing plants for four seasons of color.

### Amy Stewart Tickets

Those who ordered Amy Stewart tickets through GCRC will be notified when we have the tickets. Regular priced tickets (\$25) will go on sale through MSHS soon.

### MSHS March 2009 Class Schedule

Learn to Preserve and Plan Your Garden Harvest  
\$15 members, \$25 nonmembers

Tues, March 17, 6:30 to 8 pm MSHS Classroom.

*Instructor: Ana Micka*

Butterfly Gardening

\$20 members, \$30 nonmembers

Sat, March 21, 10 am to noon MSHS Classroom.

*Instructor: Marty Berglund*

High Impact Low Care Native Plants

\$15 members, \$25 nonmembers

Tues, March 24, 7 to 8:30 pm MSHS Classroom.

*Instructor: Roy Robison*

Natural Garden Art

\$30 members, \$40 nonmembers

Tues, March 31, 6:30 to 8 pm MSHS Classroom.

*Instructor: Cliff Johnson*

For more information: [www.northerngardener.org](http://www.northerngardener.org)

### Boland Speaks to Rock Garden Society

Todd Boland, NARGS Director, will speak at the MN NARGS Banquet March 21. Tickets: [http://web.mac.com/cjfridley/nargs/Events\\_Schedule.html](http://web.mac.com/cjfridley/nargs/Events_Schedule.html)