

Garden Club of Ramsey County

News Notes - April 2009

“The people who talk about flowers may be roughly divided into two classes, those who ask and those who are expected to answer the question, ‘What is the difference between a Narcissus and a Daffodil?’ ”

E. A Bowles, *My Garden in Spring*, 1914

Meeting Agenda

- Plant Sale - Sue Klevan, Joan Floren
- Friends Plant Sale - Nancy Scherer
- Garden Gates - Maya Hanna
- Summer Garden Tour - Barb Meyer
- Website Addition - Vicki Kunerth
- Sunshine - Maureen Adelman
- Additional Announcements
- Mini-show - Barb Parisien

Tonight's Program

Mary Hockenberry Meyer will present “Winning Combinations with Ornamental Grasses.” Current interim director of the Landscape Arboretum, Professor Meyer is the author of *Ornamental Grasses for Cold Climates*.

Hospitality

Hospitality Chair Mary Fryer and volunteers Nancy Scherer, Joan Floren, Mary Ann Jackson, Gladys Skjerseth, Barb Parisien, Annette Schardin and Karen Van Norman are providing treats tonight. We need more volunteers for the May meeting. See Mary tonight!

Professional Gardeners Featured Tonight

We have asked our GCRC professional gardeners to be available at the mini-show table during the break to enlighten interested members on their particular gardening careers.

Special 7:15 pm MSHS Visit

Lisa Williams-Hardman from MSHS will stop by tonight at 7:15 to explain the levels of MSHS membership.

The Great Plant Sale

When: Sat. 16 May, 8 - 10 am, Highland Catholic.
Tonight's agenda: 1) Return Plant donation forms and Ambergate and Native Plant order forms. 2) Sign up to help at the Friday set up or Saturday sale. Questions? Contact cochairs: Sue Klevan 651-227-3837 or Joan Floren 952-475-0914

Summer Garden Tour

Saturday 20 June, areas around St. Cloud including Munsinger and Clemens gardens. \$30/person includes lunch, checks payable to GCRC. Fifty (50) participants are needed by 15 May for it to happen. Sign up tonight!

Silent Auction Chair(s) Needed

We still need one or two volunteers to chair the Silent Auction at the Holiday Party. This is a fun activity! Contact admin@ramseygardeners.org if interested.

Thanks from the Highland Library

In a note from Patti Krezowski of the Highland Library thanking us for the new guides for the Native Plant gardens: “The gardens, with their beautiful plants, are like a delicate wreath surrounding our building!”

Amy Stewart Talk

Thursday 7 May, 7-8:30 pm Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium, The College of St Catherine, 2004 Randolph Ave. St. Paul. All those who pre-paid (no tickets will be issued) will have their names on a list at the door. Others can pay \$25 (bring MSHS membership card) on site.

MSHS April - May 2009 Class Schedule

Your Kitchen Garden - Green and Very Local!

\$20 members, \$30 nonmembers

Sat, April 25, 10 am to noon MSHS Classroom.

Instructor: Marty Bergland

Create a Container Garden for Sun or Shade

\$50 members, \$60 nonmembers

Tues, April 28, 6:30 to 8 pm Wagner's Garden Ctr.

Instructor: Design Staff from Wagner's

Make a Pesto Pot to Grow, Harvest and Eat

\$25 members, \$35 nonmembers

Tues, May 5, 7 to 8:30 pm MSHS Classroom.

Instructor: Marty Bergland

Create, Make and Take: Hanging Vegetable Garden

\$40 members, \$50 nonmembers

Sat, May 9, 9 to 11 am Mickmans Garden Ctr.

Instructor: Diane Lee

Create a Container Garden for Sun or Shade

\$50 members, \$60 nonmembers

Tues, May 12, 6:30 to 8 pm, Wagners Garden Ctr.

Instructor: Cynthia Hammel

Create, Make and Take: Living Wreath

\$38 members, \$48 nonmembers

Thurs, May 14, 6 to 8 pm, Mickman's Garden Ctr.

Instructor: Diane Lee

For more information: www.northerngardener.org

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).

Gerten's Spring Days

Kick off the spring season at Gertens' Spring Days Saturday & Sunday April 25 & 26 10-4 pm each day Vendors will be on hand to share product information and offer free demo's. MSHS will be selling Memberships at a reduced rate from 10 am to 2 pm www.gertens.com