

Garden Club of Ramsey County

News Notes - June 2009

"There are no green thumbs or black thumbs. There are only gardeners and non-gardeners. Gardeners are the ones who ruin after ruin get on with the high defiance of nature herself, creating, in the very face of her chaos and tornado, the bower of roses and the pride of irises. It sounds very well to garden in a 'natural way.' You may see the natural way in any desert, any swamp, any leech-filled laurel hell. Defiance, on the other hand, is what makes gardeners."

- Henry Mitchell (1923-1993)

Meeting Agenda

- Summer Garden Tour - Barb Meyer
- Gazing Ball Workshop - Karen Milton
- Summer Garden Party - Karen Sutherland
- Bachman's Tour - Karen Sutherland
- Garden Gates - Maya Hanna
- Additional Announcements
- Mini-show - Barb Parisien

Tonight's Program

Question & Answer Panel: Master gardeners Joe Baltrukonis, Susan Holland, Marge Hols, Jennifer Porwit, Nancy Scherer and Bill Suchy.

Hospitality

Hospitality Chair Mary Fryer and volunteers Jean Dick, Joe Baltrukonis, Jennifer Porwit, Maya Hanna, Suzanne Sroka, Judy MacManus, Ruth Foster and Ginny Nitardy are providing treats tonight.

Summer Garden Party

The Summer Garden Party will be held Mon 20 July in Joan Floren's garden. Fliers available tonight.

GCRC Awards in July

GCRC Awards will be presented at the Garden Party. To nominate someone for an award, contact Kirsti Groess (kgroess@yahoo.com, 651-699-8765)

Summer Garden Tour

The tour is full. We leave Saturday 20 June, 7:30 am sharp from the Jewish Community Center, corner Davern and St. Paul Ave. Bring a doz cookies or bars. No lawn chair needed. Back by 5:30 pm.

Garden Gates

Susan and Erik Holland - 20 June, 10am-8pm.

Nancy Pascoe - 28 June, 11:00am to 2:pm.

NOTE: Please return borrowed Garden Gate videos!!

Gazing Ball Workshop - Register tonight!

There are a few spots left for our mosaic gazing ball workshop, June 23 & 30, 6 - 9 pm in the Hillcrest warming room. Bring an old bowling ball. Checks to GCRC for \$41/person (limit of 15) to Karen Milton, 2939 Mildred Drive, Roseville 55113.

Tour of Bachman's Cedar Acres

There are a few spaces left for the free tour of Cedar Acres 25 July, 9 am to noon. We will carpool. Included: a guided walking tour of the landscape display gardens, a hardscape yard, the perennial/green roof production gardens, "hoop houses" and the production green houses including the "Dutch House" with

state of the art technology from the Netherlands. Sign up tonight or email admin@ramseygardeners.org

Mailing list Problem/Solutions

Some email providers are adding features to your service which may result in email notices from GCRC not being delivered. AOL users should add the addresses: admin@ramseygardeners.org, gardengates@ramseygardeners.org, membership@ramseygardeners.org to your AOL contact list. Others may need to add those addresses to their address books. In addition, always check your spam folder.

MSHS June - July 2009 Class Schedule

Plant ID Level 1: 10 Flowering Plant Families
\$40 members, \$50 nonmembers

Tuesdays, June 23 & 30, 6 to 8 pm (two sessions)

Bachman's Heritage Room, 6010 Lyndale Ave S

Instructors: Beth Jarvis and Shirley Mah Kooyman

Summer Cooking/Tasting Class

Zucchini & Summer Squash

Sat, June 27, 10:30-11:30 am Mpls Farmers Mkt.

Instructor: Marty Bergland

Plant ID level 2: 10 More Flowering Plant Families
\$40 members, \$50 nonmembers

Tuesdays, July 14 & 21, 6 to 8 pm (two sessions)

Bachman's Heritage Room, 6010 Lyndale Ave S

Instructors: Beth Jarvis and Shirley Mah Kooyman

For more information: www.northerngardener.org

Washington County Tour to Duluth

WCHS's summer garden tour to Duluth is 11 July. Cost: \$34. Sign-up forms available tonight or contact Deb Nelson at 651-779-8666.

Bright Gardens for Fraser Tour

Saturday, 27 June, 10 am - 4 pm. Tickets \$20 at www.fraser.org/calendar or 612-798-8343. Booklet of locations provided with ticket.

Botanical Artist Exhibit

Original drawings from the GCRC Native Plant Identification Guides will be exhibited at the First Unitarian Society of Mpls, 900 Mount Curve, June 20 - Labor Day.

Volunteer Opportunity

Stepping Stone Youth Theatre is seeking assistance with landscape design and maintenance. Contact Kathleen Corley (651-222-0293).