

# Lake Owasso Garden Club

**FEBRUARY**



*Alice Tedrow – 60 years as member of LOGC*



## *A Tribute to Alice Tedrow*

Alice Tedrow, her husband Dick and their 4 children moved to Lakeview Ave, Roseville about 1954. With her children to care for and a new yard to tend, she became acquainted with a friend and neighbor Luwanna Barrett who introduced her to Lake Owasso Garden Club. The LOGC began in 1946 with 20 members meeting in member homes. Although Alice had little or no experience with gardening she decided to give LOGC a try. Alice joined LOGC in 1955 where club records show there were about 70+ members with 3 Chapters meeting in large and smaller groups. Alice remembers that she knew nothing about gardening, growing flowers or vegetables or floral design. "I was a young mother and needed a creative outlet other than my family and church. My husband encouraged me to join and always supported me and my participation in the club."

Alice had to write a letter to LOGC to apply for membership. The cap for membership number in the club was 80 with 5 new members to be added from the waiting list each year. Dues were \$1.50. Flower shows, plant sales and community service were already a part of the club activities. After listening to program speakers, taking garden tours and learning tips from fellow garden club members she slowly became increasingly knowledgeable with what makes a successful gardener. By 1958, she became 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and served as president in 1964. Over the years she held every office or committee chair the club offered. Alice took an active part in the 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, and 50<sup>th</sup> club anniversary celebrations. She was co-author of the booklet, LOGC Memories – "The Golden Vine", which was written for the club's 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. A flower show, open house celebration was given at the Roseville Library for the 90 living former members who were invited to the event, as well as the current members in 1996. She gained and learned a lot from the club and shared her knowledge by giving programs on flower arranging and by being involved in the club flower shows.

Over the years the skills Alice honed from monthly garden club meetings led to a part time job as a floral designer at Flower City in Har Mar Mall in Roseville where she worked for 26 years. Over the years Alice won many ribbons and awards at flower shows and the Minnesota State Fair. One year her son created a Mardi Gras jacket costume using many of the ribbons. She shared her talents for arranging flowers by creating flower arrangements for friend's children's weddings and giving weekly gardening time at her Centennial United Methodist Church court yard garden. In 1973 Alice Tedrow received a State Life Membership in the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota. She attended FGCM meetings and enjoyed using its flower arranging calendars every year until her health declined the last year of her life. LOGC membership gradually declined in the 60's when more women entered the work force, but Alice was always a positive enthusiastic member who believed the interest in gardening cycle would experience a resurgence in popularity. She kept her membership in LOGC and read their

newsletters even after she could physically no longer attend the meetings. She was always proud to be a member of the oldest garden club in the North Suburban area founded before Roseville and Shoreview were cities. Memorial funds from her funeral were given to the FGCM Scholarship Fund.

Alice and her husband maintained a large garden at their home, growing vegetables and flowers of all kinds. She had a large ever bearing raspberry patch and invited friends in to pick and enjoy the fruit. Much effort went into protecting the rows of sweet corn from the raccoons. She grew a large variety of perennials and annual flowers, especially large green zinnias, to supply her needs for flower arranging as well as eggplant she used creatively in vegetable arrangements. They grew several varieties of lilac bushes. She loved shades of blue and purple. She fed the birds off a large deck on the back of their house. Containers of grape jam brought in the spring orioles and bluebirds occupied the blue bird houses they erected.

Always ready to encourage friends in flower arranging, many were able to acquire her flower arranging vases, supplies, needlepoint and dried plant material when she moved out of her Lakeview Ave. home. She lived a number of years at Summer House in Shoreview where her apartment looked out over a wild area and swamp so she could continue her big interest in birds and the environment. As her health declined and she battled neuropathy, she moved to Lake Johanna Shores to obtain the care she needed.

Alice was my dear friend for 45 years. I remember her sparkling blue eyes and ready smile topped by a head of pure white hair that she inherited early in life. Her hair and eyes were complimented by the shades of blue and lavender clothes she routinely wore. She was my mentor, someone I aspired to be more like when I became her age. Her positive attitude, hardworking skills, friendliness, willingness to learn new things and share her time and talents plus a happy personality enriched the lives of her many friends.

**Alice Tedrow died Jan. 11, 2016 at Johanna Shores , Arden Hills, Mn. She was 91+ years old.**

**Beth Oelke**

I'm so sorry to hear that we have lost such a great lady, Alice was very special and we were honored to have her as a Garden Club member and friend as long as we had her. I'm sorry I won't be back in town in time for her funeral but know we will be well represented by many of our members! May she rest in peace!

**Patty Costello**



**What a wonderful article! Thank you so much** for sending it to me. If it is OK with you, I will send you a picture of her ... with flowers ... when I get home to Bemidji.

As for plants, **her lilacs were truly spectacular** ... many different varieties and colors ... and she also loved and grew fabulous raspberries. Her dahlias were gorgeous as well. Our sweet corn was "neighborhood famous"! We kids loved her **blue bachelor buttons** and she taught us how to make corsages with them. We all learned how to plant (and weed!) and each have vegetable and/or flower gardens of our own, thanks to her and our dad.

Thank you so much for your kind words and thoughts. All four of us kids remember with fondness her garden club years, especially the early ones. After she won her first top award at a flower show, we were so excited and we just knew she would go on to win more, which she did.

Sincerely,

**Susan Abbott, Daughter of Alice Tedrow**

## *Presidents Message*

*The 2016 Flower Show will be on the agenda at the February meeting, namely participation.*

I would like you to think about this before the meeting.

Categories I will enter:

- Flower arrangements - large or miniature
- Horticulture - annual and perennial specimens from my garden
- Craft item
  
- Interest in attending a workshop on flower arranging.

The committee needs to have an idea of how many entries there will be. This will help decide which classification of flower show to have.

Ron

## *Treasurer's report*

**Balance Jan 2016 \$11,059.39**

## *Secretary's Report*

Minutes of Meeting January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

35 members and guests present

Rebecca Patient brought the meeting to order at 8:30

Rebecca announced there will be a plant sale committee meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. at Beth Oelke'. Call Beth 651-484-9685 if you are interested in attending.

Evelyn Larson, Lois Witzel and Beth Oelke will put together a design for the Arboretum raised bed in March. Plants are purchased thru Patty Sullivan (Roseville Parks) and a date will be determined to plant. This is a rewarding project and should you be interested either in design or planting you can contact Lois @484-1885 or Beth.

**Hostesses for next month.** --- Lois Witzel, Beth Oelke and Bev Montain

A meeting will be set up in January regarding the Flower Show at the Roseville library July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. A theme and show description will be chosen for the library publication. Beth Oelke, Norene Feldsien, Wendy Lucas, Patty Costello, Rose Diestler and Lois Witzel have all agreed to Co-Chair the Flower Show.

This year marks the **70<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the Lake Owasso Garden Club. How do we get the message out@ the plant sale in May and flower show in July.” Bring your ideas to the next meeting.

The LOGC by-laws were discussed with no conclusions. However I will give you the changes that were addressed in bold print. A suggestion was made to have the executive board look over the by-laws and make necessary changes and bring to a future meeting for a vote.

Article VI-----The executive officers should be presented @ the Sept. meeting and elected @the October meeting.

**Changes: presented @ Sept. meeting or by newsletter and elected by Nov. or Dec.**

Article VI-----#2Vice President shall be responsible for the yearly program, **subject to Executive Board approval.**

Article VI.....#4**Treasurer: shall be responsible for the collection and disbursement of all funds only as authorized by this organization: shall keep a debit/credit ledger of all financial transactions and shall prepare the books for audit prior to the January meeting** yearly budget. (This was highlighted)?

The treasurer shall present a statement of accounts at each general meeting^ **add (in newsletter)**

Article VII.....#1Shall assist in planning yearly goals and programs from **the need assessment tool done** yearly by club.

Article VII.....#3Shall review and revise these by-laws every five years or more often needed. (*Meet yearly when sufficient agenda requires*)

Article VIII.....Auditing *Community Beautification FGCM?*

Newsletter Nominating Photography **Publicity Sunshine add Fundraising Plant Sale**

Article VII.....Section 2The Executive officers ---**Read**

Article IX.....#1b The Treasurer shall submit--- **should be Budget Committee**

Article XII.....**Will examine the Treasurers accounts manually and co-sign the Treasurers report prior to the club's Januarys meeting ....** address this issue

**Petals Project chair** ....address this issue also (delete)

Speaker for the evening was Heather Holm “Pollinators of Native Plants”.

Interesting note: Bee’s do not see red and they are very visual.

Respectfully submitted

Lois Witzel

Secretary

## *Sunshine*

Do you know anyone in the club that could use a little cheering up? No need to let me know the reason. Is there a member you know who isn't feeling quite up to snuff, whether it be an illness, surgery or loss of a loved one? Please contact me, Char Ethen, by phone or email. I'm the current sunshine person. I want the member to know we are thinking of them. 651-484-6473 or [char.ethen@comcast.net](mailto:char.ethen@comcast.net).



*Alice Tedrow was a cherished member of LOGC for many ..... many years (60)*

# Plant 'Imagination

**Blue Bachelor Button** a favorite of **Alice Tedrow** is a popular annual that does well in most zones, It looks good behind borders, in arrangements and is often worn as a boutonniere or corsage..

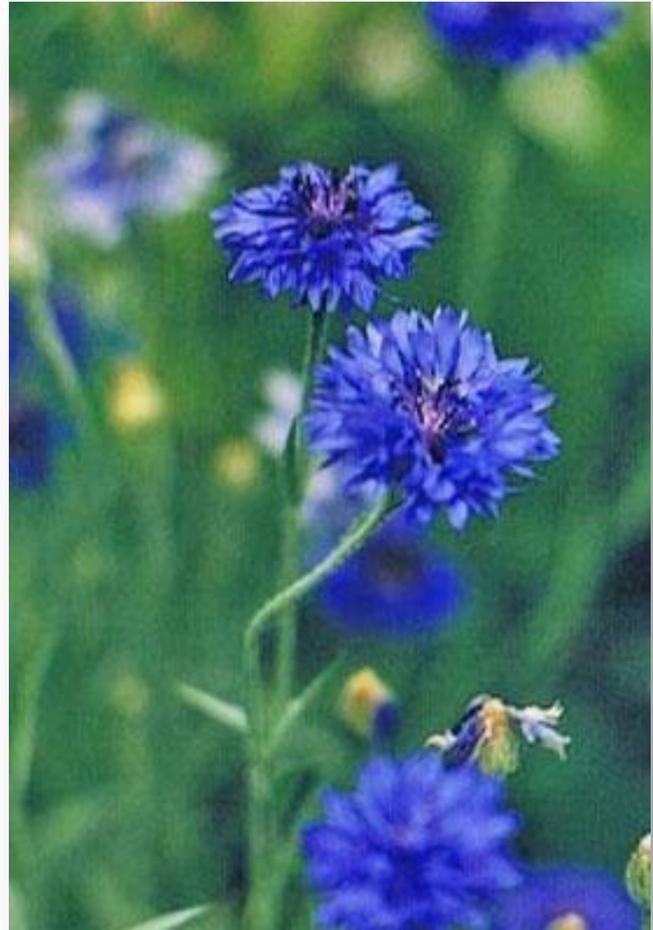
Native to Europe and Asia, gardeners are growing bachelor buttons (*Centaurea cyanus*) for their frilly blossoms showing in pale blues, purples, pinks and reds. Also known as cornflowers, they will bloom throughout the summer months and are perfect for cuttings with their long “silvery” stems. Hardy annual, grows to 3 feet tall.

In 1340 B.C. The 1-1/2 inch blossoms were woven into a beautiful wreath and used in the tomb of King Tutankhamen to aid in the afterlife.

Bachelor buttons are not particularly fussy and will tolerate most growing conditions providing they receive plenty of sun. They will do well in average, well-drained soils and do not require large amounts of water. Use a peony ring, or plant in the back or sheltered location as these tall plants tend to sprawl without some support. These are the plants Grandma used to grow and will add charm to your garden while stirring memories with their abundant blossoms and arousing scents.

Bachelor buttons are easy to grow from seed. Sow outdoors just before the last frost or shortly after. Plant seeds just beneath the surface of the soil. Seeds will germinate in 7-14 days. Add a general purpose fertilizer once a month and remove the old flowers to prolong the blooming season. If treated right, they'll self sow — be sure to mulch starting in the fall.

If you want to save the seeds allow flowers to mature and fade on the plant. Seed pods develop at the base of the flower and turn light tan to brown when mature. Remove the pod and allow it to dry for a few days. Use your finger and thumb to rub open the end of the pod. Loosened seeds should release easily.



# Taste That!

## *Slow Cooker Cranberry Pork Roast*

Yields: 4 servings

### **Ingredients**

- 2.5 pound bone-in pork shoulder (sometimes labeled as a “Boston butt” or “pork butt”)
- 15oz can whole berry cranberry sauce
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup dried minced onion (or one cup fresh onion)

### **Directions**

1. Combine all ingredients in your slow cooker and cook on “low” setting for 6-8 hours or until pork shreds easily with a fork.
2. Remove bones and shred meat.

### **To Freeze and Cook Later**

Combine all ingredients in a gallon-sized plastic freezer bag and freeze for up to three months. When ready to eat, thaw overnight in refrigerator. Add to slow cooker and cook on “low” setting for 6-8 hours or until pork shreds easily with a fork. Remove bones and shred meat.

Serving the leftover cranberry mixture in the slow cooker with the meat. Add some sides of green beans and stuffing and dinner is done.

Take the juice from the slow cooker and reduce it down with grape juice, brown sugar, and mustard to make a tasty sauce.



<http://www.crosspollination.weebly.com> Once there, There you will find a link to:

The *Lake Owasso Garden Club* website: <http://www.lakeowassogc.weebly.com>  
 On our LOGC website you can link to our **Facebook** site

*Or, you can start out at the LOGC website and go to crosspollination! It's so easy.*

### **Our Google Doc**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvDTcsB\\_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrblNUSDBWd250QIpGYWc](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvDTcsB_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrblNUSDBWd250QIpGYWc)

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT,

**Presbyterian Church of the Way  
 3382 Lexington Ave North,  
 Shoreview MN 55126**

### *Newsletter submissions*

We welcome pictures (please title, include latin names of plants), news items, and commentary, preferably via email to [raflipp@comcast.net](mailto:raflipp@comcast.net) **Deadline** is by the **25th of each month**. I will try to get the newsletter out on the first of the month.

Also, remember our club's **Facebook** page. It is a great place to post pictures and share what's in bloom.

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