



June 2022 Newsletter



Current News & Notes

May 13 and 14 were exciting days for the Lake Owasso Garden Club during their annual Club plant sale at the home of Lois Wetzel on County Road B2. The sale has been there for many years; the road is a good route for many drivers who pull over to see what the Club is selling. There was a wonderful selection of plants from South Cedar and Green Earth Greenhouses plus plants grown by Club member Ron Kvass. This was the Club's best year ever with over \$5,000 in net sales. Many hands from Club members helped set up on Thursday, May 12; spoke with customers, processed sales and provided plant information on Friday and Saturday; and helped dismantle all the tables, etc., on Saturday. Next year's sale will be in May again, the weekend after Mother's Day. Hope to see you there as both a customer and a helper!!



Monthly zoom meetings have concluded for the summer. The Club discovered that meetings by Zoom make it possible to have a speaker from England, as we did in January when Richard Barnes spoke about "Plants from the Ends of the Earth," and in February when Anthony Antes from New York told us about caladiums. During June, July and August, we go on garden tours on our usual second Monday of the month—some tours at member homes, plus other tours out in the community. Member home tours are limited to Club members; other tours are open to members and guests. For more information, see the section below on Upcoming Club Activities. Monthly meetings with speakers will resume on Monday, September 12, hopefully in person at our usual spot at Presbyterian Church of the Way on Lexington Avenue in Shoreview.



Upcoming Club Activities

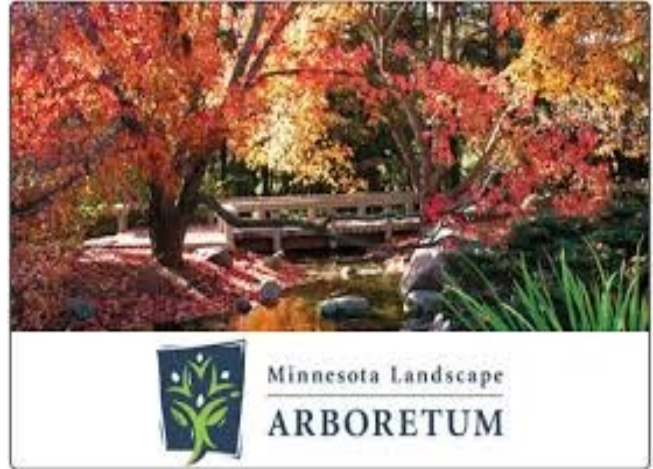
Garden tours this summer are planned as follows:

June 13—Garden tour at home of Club members Dick and Anne Flipp, 431 Brooks Ave, Little Canada; arrive any time after 5:30, tours start at 6:30 p.m., Club Members Only

July 11—Tour of The Nord Farm, Bailey Nursery's propagation farm, 6750 103rd Ave in Cottage Grove at 6 pm. To carpool, meet at Roseville City Hall by 5:15. For Club Members and any others interested. Guests should RSVP to Joyce Lasecke (contact info on page 3) by July 4.

August 8— Garden tours at homes of Club members Ron Kvass and Vatsala Menon (across the street from each other) starting at 3489 Milton Street North, then to 3496 Milton, in Shoreview at 6:30 p.m.; For Club Members Only

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum--Plans have been made to visit the Arboretum on the following dates, weather permitting, in order to see the progression of various garden areas throughout the summer. You can go directly to the Arboretum; plan to arrive by 10:30, OR meet at Roseville City Hall at 9:30 to carpool. Everyone in the Club has received an email regarding these tours and can reply to that email to sign up. All attendees MUST have made a reservation with the Arboretum in order to attend since the number of people who can be on the grounds is limited; make an individual reservation for 10:30 a.m. on the following dates if you want to attend as part of the LOGC group. For Club Members only.



Saturday, June 11 Thursday, July 7 Saturday, August 13 Saturday, September 17

Nursery Crawl—On June 18 there will be a Nursery Crawl in the St. Croix River area to the following locations: Rose Floral & Greenhouse (www.rosefloral.com), Abrahamson Nursery & Greenhouse (www.abrahamsonnurseries.com), lunch at Roots Rustic Roots Winery (www.rusticroots.wine), Landscape Alternatives (www.landscapealternatives.com), Kent's Plants & Wild Bird Store (www.kentsplants.com), and the Landscape Contractors and Garden Center (www.lakecountry.com). Meet at 10 AM at Rose Floral & Greenhouse in Stillwater. Check web site for address and/or directions. For Club Members only.

Garden Expo--The Club is planning a garden expo, theme "The Fall Garden," at the Ramsey County Library on Hamline sometime in late September or early October. It will be on a Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and open free to the public. There will be 6 to 8 tables staffed by Club members, and/or master gardeners, and/or friends of the Club who can provide information to the public in the form of pictures, web site information, actual plants, etc., about a particular garden topic/issue. The expo will give the Club a chance to provide information to the public, expose the public to the Club, and provide an opportunity to grow our membership.



Volunteer Activities/Opportunities

Volunteers from the Club helped plant the LOGC raised bed annual garden at the Roseville Arboretum; this year's theme was "Citrus Mosaic" with blocks of color in citrus tones. Ongoing maintenance and weeding needs to be done all season; feel free to stop by the garden any time and pull some weeds!

Many volunteers will be needed to organize the expo at the library. The Committee Chair is Lorene Roste; other members are Ron Kvass, Joyce Lasecke and Rebecca Patient. One or two more people would be helpful on the committee. As soon as we have a date (Library only schedules 60 days in advance), volunteers will be needed to staff the tables at the expo and help with other details such as publicizing the event. Please contact Lorene at jlroste885@gmail.com or 651-647-9597 if you can help.



Thank You, Thank You!!!

Thank you to Ron Kvass, the Club's Plant Sale Chairman, for another successful plant sale.

Thank you to Beth Oelke for leading the planning of the Club's garden bed at the Roseville Arboretum, and to the Club's members for helping with the planting.

Thank you to all the Club members who helped in any way with the plant sale; you made it fun and worthwhile for the Club. It was a pleasure to see everyone working together and providing help to our customers.



Membership Information

Membership dues are \$25/year for a single/couple membership. They are paid every October for the following year. Of the \$25, \$15 stays with the Club, and \$10 is forwarded to the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota which provides a quarterly email newsletter, an annual spring get-together for members of various garden clubs in Minnesota, and scholarships to horticulture students. People who join mid-year pay pro-rated dues of \$2.00 a month for the year in which they join. Dues entitle you to attend the monthly meetings, the December Holiday party, and all of our activities.



Financial Report

The Lake Owasso Garden Club is a nonprofit organization which has three sources of income: member dues, occasional donations from members and/or guests, and the net profit from their annual sale of garden plants. The balance of funds available in the bank as of May 20, 2022, is \$17,579.55. Funds are used to pay the monthly speakers, occasionally fund special projects to benefit the members, and to underwrite annual donations to the following: Minnesota Horticulture Society, the Roseville Arboretum, the Como Park Conservatory in St. Paul, and scholarships distributed by the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota.



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