



The Dwarf Iris 'Katherine Hodgkin, March 25,2012



Forsythia 'Northern Sun'(Minnesota Gold), March 23,2012

photo's by Anne Flipp

Lake Owasso Garden Club

April, 2012

Presidents Message, Spring is here! I'm sure you are as delighted as I am to finally have colorful flowers and plants peeking up through the ground. I am revving up to get in full gear for my spring and summer projects now. I must get serious about prioritizing which ones are to be first. Seeds, I think I better get the seeds in the ground very soon. Then some redesigning of some flower beds; the list goes on..... What an exciting time of year.

We have many exciting activities planned for our club too. This month there is an outing to "Art in Bloom" at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. It is fascinating to see how flowers can be displayed and arranged to interpret a work of art. I learned a lot about composition and arrangement styles when I attended the event last year. This could be very beneficial information for participants in our flower show. I hope to see many of you at this event on Thursday, April 28th.

Other events club members are working on are the planning of the plant sale next month, the planting of the annual bed, our overnight excursion to La Crosse, the flower show and the weekly opportunity to help out at the Roseville Arboretum. I am so appreciative for all the time and energy that is given to make our club as wonderful as it is for the benefit of our community and our members.

See you in the garden,

Mary Battee

Meeting, Monday April 9, social at 6:30

Speaker at 7pm, 'Entryway Gardens by Sue Bagge

Sue Bagge, owner of Sungro, Inc., is a horticulturist with 3+ decades of landscaping experience and has a strong interest in Asian Art bringing some of those elements into her clients gardens to create harmony and balance. She lectures frequently, has taught classes at the MN Landscape Arboretum, and judges and exhibits in flower shows along with teaching ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging.

Secretary's Report by Lois Witzel,

Meeting brought to order at 8:15 by Kirsten Engelbrecht,

A team will be designing the annual bed "Sharing Garden Joy". Colors chosen for the bed will be blue/orange/lime yellow and white.

Norene Feldsien announced the Flower Show in August to be held at the Roseville Library, a schedule will follow. Save your green bottles for the horticulture specimens and important to know the name of the specimen. Two of the categories include photographs (bloom versus a view), and greeting cards.

Patti Costello announced she will have another plant sale meeting and will contact the group.

Dick Flipp announced the Minn. Water Garden Society is having their 15th annual water tour on July 28th-29th. Areas covered are the South and West. He also suggested that perhaps our club could exchange announcements of upcoming meetings or speakers/ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 with 29 members present.

Treasurer's Report by Kirsten Engelbrecht

TCF Bank balance was \$7,411.33 as of March 22, 2012

Audit Report

The audit of the financial books for 2011 has been completed. All records are accurate and complete.

Mary Fowler, LOGC auditor

Ribbon Garlands, April 2nd at 7:30

Please join us in learning and making the ribbon garlands with Ann Albrecht. If you have a rotary cutter, measuring tape and a sharp scissor bring them with you, if not, come anyway.

Evie Larson, 1410 Primrose Curve, 651-633-4434

PLEASE RSVP, by March 26th

Exceptional Excursions

April 28, --- Art in Bloom MIA, Tangletown Gardens

June 16, Saturday--- Funkie Gardens, Landscape Alternatives, Fraconia Sculpture Park, Chateau St. Croix Vineyard

July 13-14, ---Overnight La Crosse International Gardens, Myric Hixon Eco Park, Norskdalen, Two private gardens

August 18, Saturday --- Venero Gardens, Excelsior, Glenn Ray's yard in summer, Minnetonka

Community Outreach

Plant Sale, May 18-19 --- Roseville Arboretum Workday Tuesday, May 1,8,15,22,29

Roseville Arboretum, Tuesday's, [June 5,12,19,26](#), [July 3,10,17,24,31](#), and [September 4,11,18,25](#)

August 3-5, --- Flower Show, Roseville Library, Roseville Arboretum, Tuesday August 7,14,21,28

"Sharing Garden Joy"

That is the theme title for the 2012 Lake Owasso Garden Club's Standard Flower Show.

The show will be at the Roseville Public Library August 4th and 5th with setup on the 3rd. All members are urged to participate by entering and/or serving on one of the show committees.

Short information sessions will be held at the March, April and May meetings. These will serve to refresh our memories about the different aspects of a flower show and will explain any NGC rule changes that may have occurred in the past two years.

When purchasing plants, bulbs, seeds that you may want to use to enter in the show, SAVE the complete name of the item as listed on the package. You will need this information when filling out your entry tag.

Also, please save any green glass bottles (beer, pop, wine, etc) to use for horticultural specimens at the show.

FLOWER SHOW INFORMATION

Volunteers are still needed, so the schedule can be printed. Please, sign up at the April meeting. The Special Exhibits Schedule with ideas is printed below so you can get a head-start on your entries

"Sharing Garden Joy" LOGC Flower Show, Aug. 4 & 5

Division III: Special Exhibits "Capturing Beauty"

Section A: Educational Exhibits: "Sharing Knowledge"

Exhibit 1. Planting Special Places

(ideas – hillside, shady area, deck, window boxes, entry planters)

Exhibit 2. Experiencing Garden Club

(Why join **LOGC?** – tours, speakers, projects, friendships, etc.)

Exhibit 3. Green and Growing

(uses of waste, organic gardens, plant sales, composting

The exhibit has to be 18 sq. feet; there are "story boards" you may use, written information needs to be brief/to the point, use pictures, display must have some plant material, use area in front of board, make handouts available if necessary. The **Exhibit title needs to be depicted** – the ideas are listed to give just that - *ideas*. Select one or two ideas not everything. Your exhibit is a teaching tool. Printing/signs readable from at least 3ft in front of table, better if larger.

Section B: Artistic Crafts "Creating Design"

Class 1. Sending Thoughts - Greeting Card, max. size 5½ x 7 inches approx. A handmade card, no verse inside, no envelope, some plant material fresh and/or dried

Class 2. Welcome Home – Wreath, max size outside width 12 inches, fresh and /or dried plant material.

Class 3. Joyous Memories – Photograph, 4x6 inches max. unframed, 35mm or digital

3a. Single bloom

3b. Garden View

These items can be made **ahead of time – now in fact**. Many of you probably do make greeting cards. If not, try it. Chose a holiday, a sentiment, you don't need writing if your design depicts the occasion.

The wreath can be made on a base or the base can be a part of the design. A ribbon or some article (such as pinecones, pods, etc) may be used as long as it is not plastic or other artificial material). Again, fresh and/or dried material may be use.

Photographs: At the last show we heard many of you say – "Oh, I could have entered a picture of" Yes, you could and we want you to so we have made it very easy – no frames, not even mats, the size is one you can get easily at COSCO or wherever you take you film or digital work. Bring on those pictures of your yard, deck plantings, the special clematis, blooming crabapple tree, whatever.

Plant "Imagination"



Scilla siberica 'Spring Beauty'

This *Siberian Squill* likes well drained loamy soil and filtered sunlight. Woodland gardens that are not boggy will make this plant happy. It is very hardy and needs some time below freezing in order to produce flowers. If made happy it will quickly increase from seeds and vegetative offsets. Plant in Sun to part shade. About 6 inches high, it will bloom in early spring (or, late winter).

The *Sanguinaria canadensis* 'Bloodroot' is from the Papaveraceae or more commonly the Poppy Family. it has medicinal uses and the root juice has been used as a dye. This is the only species of the genus *Sanguinaria* and while it can sometimes be found abundantly it is generally somewhat rare. A blood red juice from the rhizome gives it the name Bloodroot. I had the task of finding this plant for Anne when she was unable to attend a plant swap we planned on attending together. I could not find the plant and so I asked a woman who looked to me like she would be knowledgeable. "Not any here" was her response! But, I have some at home I will share! So, I and four other gardeners got to visit her gardens and each came away with a different but desired plant. Gardeners, are truly wonderful people.

This month featured early bloomers. I know you have imagined the changes to be made to your garden in the past few months which makes us all early bloomers in our minds at least. It won't be long before those plants we ordered from the online or mail order catalogs will be here. Let's see, what did I order and from who?

If you have had good experience with a particular vendor send me a note and perhaps we can create a list to share our experience with others. I will start by recommending, www.thehostafarm.com/



Sanguinaria canadensis 'Bloodroot'

Taste That!

Toscana Soup

serves four as appetizer, or 2 as an entree

A blend of potatoes, kale, and Italian sausage in a slightly spicy chicken and cream broth.

2 3/4 cups chicken stock or broth	1/2 pound spicy Italian sausage
1/4 cup heavy cream	1/4 teaspoon salt
1 medium russet potato	1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flake

1. Combine the broth and cream in a saucepan over medium heat.
2. Slice the unpeeled potato into 1/4 - inch slices, then quarter the slices and add them to the soup.
3. Add the kale.
4. Grill or saut'e the sausage. Let cool, then cut the sausage at an angle into slices 1/2 inch thick.
5. Add the sausage and the spices to the soup and let simmer for about 2 hours.

Address and directions for meeting

Our monthly meetings are held in the Keller-Williams Training Room, courtesy of Keller-Williams Realty, 2680 Snelling Ave N, #100, Roseville, MN, 55113. From Snelling turn east onto County Rd C, then turn north at the light on E. Snelling Service Road (just east of Snelling). The building is a light brick two-story structure on the corner of County Rd C and E. Snelling Service Road. The meeting room is straight back and to the left on the main floor.

Newsletter submissions

We welcome pictures(please title), news items, and commentary, preferably via email to 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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