



Cherry Blossoms in bloom, Yokohama, Japan

Lake Owasso Garden Club

Next Meeting, APRIL 13

6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting -- Our speaker will be Peggy Nerdahl, --- "Lilies Jewels of the Garden". Peggy started growing lilies in 2008. She has about 200 different lilies in raised beds in Chaska, Minnesota – about 10 Martagons, a lot of Asiatics, about 30 Minnesota Hybrids, Oriental Trumpets, Longiflorum Asiatics, a couple of species lilies and her favorite, some Longiflorum Orientals. Besides being a big purchaser at the Fall and Spring NSLS bulb sales, Peggy starts lilies from scales and from bulbils. Peggy is hybridizing Asiatics with a current goal of trying to make more ruffly Asiatics. This involves starting lily seeds and growing them under lights during the winter. In her spare time she volunteers at the Arboretum on Monday evenings on a garden crew, helps care for the MN Hybrids lily garden at Arnesan Acres in Edina and is editor of the North Star Lily Society newsletter. In her non-gardening time she is a full time Licensed School Nurse in Shakopee Schools.

Presidents Message

Reminder, everyone bring a Guest to the April meeting

We had a good board meeting on Monday night. The practice will continue at about two a year. Looking through the President's notebook, I found a board meeting agenda from November 18, 1999. There were similar items to today such as - Develop LOGC Logo, Professional Signs for Plant Sale, Rose Diestler: FGCM representative and Increase membership.

I also found a membership roster from 1999 in the notebook. Forty five names listed and nine sturdy gardeners are still members today. So our present task to retain and recruit new members, as in Brianna, is not a new one. Attracting new members was one of the topics on my agenda this week. Through Rebecca, we will continue to advertise our meetings and events in the major and local newspapers, Northern Gardener and The Dirt. In addition, customers at the plant sale will be asked to receive our excellent newsletter in hopes of increasing their interest in our club beyond the sale. I encourage you all to bring a guest to hear our excellent speaker this month, Peggy Nerdahl who will talk about Lilies, all varieties. Bringing a prospective member was a practice years ago and we are bringing it back so everyone may contribute.

My membership is starting seven years and many faces have come and gone. In 2016, LOGC will be seventy years old. An accomplishment to be proud of, especially in today's solitary, electronic communications world. Some of the reasons for belonging have changed but still the enjoyment of gardening remains. We have a great group of people in our little club and we will continue.

Secretary's Report

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Minutes of Meeting March 9th, 2015

22 present

Ron Kvass brought the meeting to order at 8:20-.

Mary Fowler is looking for volunteers to help design the bed at the Arboretum. Call her at 484-4531 if you are interested. She would like to set up a meeting around the beginning of April.

Rather than a float the parade entry for this year will be Ron Kvass' 1957 Chevrolet. A maximum of 20 people can participate in the parade route. Contact Wendy Lucas if you are interested in marching along.

Only 8 weeks to the plant sale. South Cedar and the Hosta Farm will have the plants the last week in April. The plants will have 3 weeks to grow and expand before they are sold to the public.

Ron would like to set up a board meeting with all the heads of the committees and the board members. A suggestion would be to meet at Caribou Coffee, however they need a head count. Call or e-mail Ron and let him know the possible dates that are available to you.

If anyone is interested in plant propagation through the Horticulture Society you may call them at 643-3601 for more information.

Question for the evening? What is the one thing you miss about summer?

- Camping in the backyard
- Summer smells
- Looking at the garden in the early a.m. with coffee in hand

- Seeing the neighbor's
- Walking barefoot thru the grass
- Listening to sounds of summer

Our speaker for the evening was Rene Lynch, president of the FGCM. Her specialty is bees. Working together, "We can make a difference." She promotes the Bee Gap Program through the National Garden Club. Their food source is fruits, nuts and berries and with the use of pesticides their colonies are collapsing. Neonicotinoids are lethal to the bees, check with your local nursery to find out if their plants are sprayed with chemicals that are harmful to the bee population.

Respectfully submitted

Lois Witzel

Secretary

Treasurer's report

Balance is \$8,011.26

"Flowers for Vets Project"

Dear LOGC members: Last year our club participated in the "Flowers for Vets Project". Just to refresh your memories, this project provides flower bouquets for the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. A large group from our club went to the VA on Thursday July 3rd and arranged around 20 vases of flowers for public spaces in the hospital. I believe all who went really enjoyed themselves.

Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota is doing this project again this summer. I told Ron Kvass that I would coordinate a group again. I am looking at two dates, July 2 and July 9th. Please let me know if you would be willing to help and what date works best for you. I will arrange a date based on the response I get from those who would like to participate. We also will need donations from member's gardens. Last year we got tons of filler (beautiful Hosta leaves, shrubbery, etc) which was so helpful.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you can help out with this service project. My email is bbpatient@gmail.com, Rebecca Patient

Plant 'Imagination'



Cimicifuga simplex 'White Pearl' (Autumn Bugbane)

Actaea matsumurae --- A spectacular plant adds architectural height for the back of a shady border, Tall wands of fragrant, creamy white bottlebrush flowers are held high above light green, lacy foliage. Splendid for cutting! Bugbanes prefer a moist, rich soil, away from hungry tree roots. Will tolerate full sun in cool summer regions, otherwise be sure to protect from hot afternoon sun. Plants take about three years to develop into a mature sized clump. May be divided in spring, but plants take a year or two to establish again.

‘White Pearl’ is an erect, clump-forming bugbane cultivar which is noted for its large, arching, bottlebrush-like flower spikes of pure white flowers and its late season bloom(August to September). Medium green leaves on branched, dark stems typically growing to 2.5-3’ tall. Fern-like foliage usually remains attractive throughout the growing season. Flower stems arch above the foliage clump to a height of 3-4’ from late summer into autumn and feature wand-like, terminal racemes (to 24” long) of fragrant, fluffy white flowers. The common name of bugbane is in reference to the odoriferous insect repellent properties attributed to most plants in the genus. Synonymous with and formerly known as **Cimicifuga simplex** ‘White Pearl’.

All plants in the genus **Cimicifuga** have recently been transferred to the genus **Actaea**. Ferny foliage provides excellent texture and color to the landscape. Best in groups, although single plants can have good specimen value once established.

Taste That!

Caribbean Salad Dressing

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon honey
¼ cup water
⅓ cup lime juice
½ cup chili garlic sauce
½ tablespoon dill weed

In a saucepan over medium-high heat, stir together the honey and water.

Bring to a boil, and then pour into a medium bowl.

Stir in the garlic chili sauce, dill weed and lime juice.

Set the dressing aside and cool in fridge.

OTHER CLUB EVENTS from *crosspollination* calendar

Go to <http://www.crosspollination.weebly.com> for more events on calendar.

MHS Spring Meeting 'Spring Awakening'

When: Sat, April 11, 1pm – 4pm

Where: Westwood Lutheran Church, 9001 Cedar Lake Road, Saint Louis Park, MN, United States ([map](#))

Description: For the past four years, the Minnesota Hosta Society has hosted a 'Spring Awakening' interactive fair to kick-off a new year of gardening and to get our horticultural juices flowing. While our primary emphasis is on the genus Hosta, we invite and encourage other plant societies and garden clubs to participate and provide them with the opportunity to educate attendees and give them an appreciation of the joy and beauty of their favorite plants. Please note: This event will start at 1 P.M., an hour later than in previous years. Although we will not be serving a lunch this year, snacks and drinks will be available throughout the day. 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. • Light snacks and drinks • Frequent door prize drawings • Visit vendor and information tables • Hosta society information • Ask the hosta experts 2:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M. • Brief business meeting 2:45 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. • Miniature Hosta - Presentation by Bob Olson If you wish to participate in this year's Spring Awakening, you should contact Keith Miller by Monday, April 6, to reserve a table. If your group is unable to personally attend, but would like us to provide membership forms, information sheets, or other handouts to the attendees, contact Keith Miller at (651) 430-1765 or email kam75506@aol.com.



<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_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrblNUSDBWd250QlpGYWc

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 **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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