



'Reflections' at Como Conservatory

photo's by Anne Flipp

Lake Owasso Garden Club

AUGUST, 2012

Summer is here and we will be touring gardens, weeding gardens, and other fun stuff. The newsletter will continue through the summer even though we do not have our normal monthly meetings. Please send me any news, articles or events that you would like to be published in the newsletter.

Dick Flipp, editor

The **Minnesota Water Garden Society** has agreed to be a 'sister' club with us and we will begin sharing news of each other's events. They look forward to doing this with the **Lake Owasso Garden Club**. **MWGS**, meets the second Sunday of the month at 2 Pm at various locations. That is the day before ours if that helps make it easier to remember. The MWGS website is www.mwgs.org --- check it out for meeting locations and other information about speakers etc.

IT IS THIS WEEKEND! July 28, 29

Did you get your tickets? Go to the site above and order your tickets for the Minnesota Water Garden Tour. It is \$15 online and \$20 if you wait and buy the day of the tour. This year one of the sites is a demonstration site and you can see how a pond is built. (It is shown with various stages). Plenty of beautiful gardens, ponds and streams.

MWGS AUGUST SPEAKER: Tamara Kilbane is Senior Horticulturist of Aquatics at the Denver Botanic Gardens. She specializes in Waterlilies.

Treasurer's Report by Kirsten Engelbrecht ----- in order to get this out early this month, so you will not miss any events the July report will be in the next issue. The Google Doc we have for the club also has a page for the treasurer report.

TCF Bank balance was \$9,262.15 as of June 21, 2012.

Best Regards, Kirsten Engelbrecht

Exceptional Excursions

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

Community Outreach

MURIEL SAHLIN ARBORETUM

On Tuesday May 21st, Beth Oelke, Mary Fowler and Char Ethen planted our annual garden at the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum. Please take time to go see the wonderful design. It turned out great!! Thanks, to all on the committee who made it happen. The Arboretum is located in Central Park on Dale St. just south of County Rd C

Also, every Tuesday is *volunteer day* at the Arboretum. Even if you only have a half hour to spare, every little bit helps. Patti Sullivan, Walter or Peter are there to show you the ropes. If not, there are always weeds to pull.

Roseville Arboretum Workday -- Tuesday's, [July 31](#), August 7,14,21,28, [Sept. 4,11,18,25](#)

"Sharing Garden Joy"

Roseville Arboretum, August 3-5, --- Flower Show, Roseville Library

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.

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

DIVISION I: DESIGN “GARDEN SURPRISES”

Eligible for: Award of Design Excellence

SECTION A: “CREATING COLOR COMBINATIONS”

Classes 1, 2 and 3 Eligible for Tricolor Award

All fresh plant material

Class 1: “RAINBOW PROFUSION” – a mass design

- a. Advanced
- b. Novice

Class 2: “DAPPLED LIGHT”

Class 3: “WATER REFLECTIONS”

SECTION B: “ANGLES AND SHAPES”

Classes 4, 5 and 6 Eligible for Designers Choice Award

Fresh and/or dried plant material

Class 4: “DOUBLE DELIGHT” – using two containers

Class 5: “FORMS ABOUND”

Class 6: “TWISTING PATHWAYS”

- a. Advanced
- b. Novice

SECTION C: “IMAGINING ELFIN FAVORITES”

Classes 7a, 7b and 7c Eligible for Petite Award

CLASS 7a: “FAIRY CHARMS”

5 inch max., height, width & depth – all fresh plant material

CLASS 7b: “PIXIE PLACES”

5 inch max, height, width & depth – fresh and/or dried plant material

CLASS 7c: “DREAM FANTASIES”

8 inch max, height, width & depth – fresh and/or dried plant material

DIVISION II: HORTICULTURE “GARDENERS’ PRODUCTION”

Eligible for: Award of Horticultural Excellence

SECTION A: ANNUALS “Several Favorites”

Class 1: Tagete (marigolds) - 3 blooms

Class 2: Zinnia (Z. elegans, etc.) – 1 stem

Class : Celosia (Cockscomb) - a. small 3 booms b. large 1stalk

Class 4: Any other suitable specimen

SECTION B: HOSTAS “Reliable Backdrops”

Section eligible for one (1) Award of Merit

Class 5: 1 leaf width up to 3” across widest part – 2 leaves

Class 6: Medium leaf width – 3” to 6” across widest part – 2 leaves

Class 7: Large leaf width – 6” to 8” across widest part – 1 leaf

Class 8: Extra large leaf width – over 8” across widest part – 1 leaf

SECTION C: PERENNIALS “Everlasting Alure”

Section eligible for one (1) Award of Merit

Class 9: Echenacea purpurea (Coneflower) – 1 stem

Class 10: Gaillardia compositae – 1 stem or 1 stray

Class 11: Phlox bifida or divaricata – 1 stem

Class 12: Any other suitable specimen

SECTION D: HERBS “Pungent Sprigs”

- Class 13: *Ocimum basilicul* (Basil) – 3 stems
- Class 14: *Rosemarirus officinalis* (Rosemary) – 3 stems
- Class 15: *Thymus vulgaris* (Thyme) – 3 stems
- Class 16: Any other suitable specimen

SECTION E: ROSE “Regal Gems”

- Section eligible for one (1) Award of Merit
(Blooms shown with one or more sets of leaves)
- Class 17: Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – 1 bloom disbudded
- Class 18: Floribunda or Polyantha – a. one bloom b. one spray
- Class 19: Shrub or English rose – a. one bloom b. one spray
- Class 20: Miniature – a. one bloom b. one spray
- Class 21: Miniflora – a. one bloom b. one spray

DIVISION II - CONTINUED

SECTION F: CORMS, BULBS, RHIZOMES, TUBERS “Showy Savers”

- Section eligible for one (1) Award of Merit
- Class 22: Dahlias x hybrid – a. small – 3 blooms, large -1 bloom
- Class 23: Gladiols iridaceae – 1 spike with 1 or 2 leaves
- Class 24: Lillum liliaceae (*L.tgrinum*, etc.) (Lily) – 1 stem
- Class 25: Any other suitable specimen

SECTION G: VEGETABLES “Tasty Harvest”

- Class 26: *Phaseolus vulgari* (beans) – 9
- Class 27: *Cucurbita pepo* var. melopepo (summer squash) – 3
- Class 28: *Capsicum annum* (peppers) – a. large 2, b. jalapeno – 5
- Class 29: Any other suitable specimen

SECTION H: FRUIT “Juicy Treats”

- Class 30: *Rubus idaeus* (raspberries) – 12
- Class 31: *ragaria x ananassa* (strawberries) – 6
- Class 32: *Rheum rhabarbarum* – 3 stalks
- Class 33: Any other suitable specimen

SECTION I: CONTAINER PLANTS “Abundant Variety”

- Section eligible for one (1) Award of Merit
Maximum 10 inch pot top diameter
- Class 34: Single potted plant
- Class 35: Combination planter – 3 or more specimens
- Class 36: Single potted Succulent
- Class 37: Combination succulent planter – 3 or more specimens

SECTION J: SHRUBS “Structural Stems”

- Maximum 24 inch stem length
- Class 38: *Hydrangea* – 1 flowering stem
- Class 39: Flowering foliage – 1 stem
- Class 40: Foliage without flowers – 1 stem
- Class 41: Shrub with berries – 1 stem

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"



Hosta, "Popo"



Bee's --- on Goldenrod

Hosta, "Popo"

A beautiful blue green miniature Hosta that has leaves with a strongly upward cupping habit. It forms a very tidy and attractive compact mound of foliage. This Hosta will work equally well in a formal setting or in a casual garden.

This Hosta grows to 8 inches high and forms a mound that is 10 inches in diameter. The leaves are 3.5 inches long by 2.5 inches wide. The oval leaves are shiny and somewhat wavy.

This perennial has lavender flowers. The tubular flowers bloom in late June and are held on 10 inch tall bloom stalks.

Hosta Popo is a beautiful shade plant that can fit into the smallest of gardens. The light blue/green leaves would make a great contrast plants with brighter colored foliage.

Goldenrods, are strong-stemmed plants, often growing to 6 feet tall, with either smooth or lightly toothed alternate leaves arising from a root crown or rhizome. They bloom in late summer or fall with sprays of small, usually golden-yellow flowers. Goldenrods are happy in full sun or partial shade with good, well-drained garden soil. They will also do well in moist conditions. Great for the wild garden, stream side, or naturalized in meadow gardens, goldenrods are striking in the open bed or border. They are excellent for cutting.

Scientific name of goldenrod: Solidago hybrids

Taste That!

Fruit Pizza: Compliments of *Sheila Munich, we tasted while viewing her beautiful gardens.*

Crust:

350 degrees

1/2 cup powdered sugar

1 cup butter (or marg)

2 cups flour

Combine ingredients and press into 10x14 pan. Bake for approx 10 min

Citrus Topping:

1 cup pineapple juice (or juice of your choice)

2 TBLS cornstarch

½ cup sugar

1 TBLS lemon juice

While crust is baking, combine the citrus ingredients over heat until it thickens. Set aside and cool.

Topping:

1/3 cup sugar

1tsp. vanilla

1 8oz cream cheese

Beat together and spread on the cooled crust. At this point, I score my cut lines so I can place the fruit in the center of each square)

Fruit:

Berries (strawberries, blue berries, raspberries) and kiwi Place fruit on cream cheese topping. Using a small tsp, spoon a little of the citrus topping over the fruit. Cut and chill until ready to serve.

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, 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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