



Our Saint Cloud trip was a fun time. Thanks, to our host Craig Heurung, from the St. Cloud Garden Club.



## *Lake Owasso Garden Club*

*August*

Dear Gardening Friends,

We had a wonderful turn out at Kathy Day's and Joyce Lasecke's garden tours. It was so wonderful to see so many members attend. What opportunities to enjoy the beauty of the gardens and chat with friends. Kathy's garden is huge, varied and fun to wander and explore. She complements her gardens with water features, paths, rocks, and a children's play home, that you could envision grandchildren enjoying for hours. Kathy has the biggest well-kept garden I have seen; I am so happy you shared your garden. Joyce Lasecke has figured out how to garden on a hillside, which is so tricky; watering and weeding are so challenging on a steep slope. That hillside is very visually pleasing and a blessing for those traveling her street. Her garden includes unusual plants and her back yard has been turned into a private woodsy retreat, a perfect setting for the fabulous party after the garden tours. What a special way to start the touring season. Our club usually serves nothing or a cold beverage after the tours, so the cheese and wine was exceptional. Thanks, Joyce for kicking off the touring season with a private party in the woods. For those hosting in other tours, don't worry about treats. Just offering your yards is a gift.

July tours needed a quick change and Char Ethen did wonders. We visited Chuck Levine's garden and Kathy Kress' garden. Chuck is a retired professional horticulturalist and has big wild meandering shade gardens. I learned the name of a plant I have, *Aruncus dioicus*, commonly called Goatsbeard. Better Homes and Gardens web site told me it's a shade plant which is the environment of Chuck's garden, but mine is in full sun and it does great. If you want an off shoot, let me know. I love the plant because it grows up to 6 feet tall and holds its bloom from June to end of season, fading in color as an Astilbe does, but making a wonderful statement. Next we went to Kathy Kress' home. This woman knows how to paint her yard. Kathy's backyard impressed me with the wonderful flow of the plants (rhythm), repetition of colors, and the peace and happiness it imparts. Many sipped ice tea or water as they walked around enjoying the serenity of her yard.

Thank you, Kathy.

I will unfortunately miss the August garden tours; it's my vacation week. Will love to hear about it when I return.

#### LOGC at the Rosefest Parade

What a fun time we had at the Rosefest parade. Many spectators were interested in gardening and happy to take our flyer, and children's eager hands happily received free candy. Overall we made a positive presence in the parade and made our club more widely known.

Many thanks to float decorators Kathy Day, Kirsten Engelbrecht, Mary Sample, Bev Montain, and myself. Bev also picked up and returned plants to Linders. Thanks to Ron Kavass for helping me find our storage facility, Rose Diestler for loaning us two chairs for the float, Marty Malone for being our official LOGC photographer and to Kirsten for taking additional photographs of the parade, Joyce Lasecke for storing all 20 watering cans last year, and Mary Battee for storing all the aprons and banners last year. So we don't have so much home storage, the watering cans were put on top of cabinets in the Roseville storage garage and somehow the aprons got squeezed into the cabinets. Lastly, thanks to those who dressed up and made a positive impact along the parade route: Kirsten Engelbrecht, Rose Diestler, Beth Oelke, Norene Feldsien, my 12 year old neighbor Sydney and her two friends Erica, and Gracie. And a big thanks to a few I might have missed.

Since we need to consistently improve events, this September I'd like to form a subcommittee to review our float decorations and our 'outfits' (pink aprons and watering cans). The carpeting for the float floor needs replacement and maybe we need an overall theme that is more inviting for men to join LOGC. Think about becoming a member of this subcommittee to step up our parade presence to an even higher level.

With the love of gardening,

Wendy Lucas  
President of LOGC

#### *Treasurer's report*

TCF balance was \$9,559.60 as of August 1, 2013. There was no activity on the account for the month of July.  
by Kirsten Engelbrecht.

Come Play with Dick and Anne

# Game Party!!!!

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

Rain or Shine!!

1:00PM - ????

**WHO:** Our friends from Tennis, Volleyball, Gardening and other varied interests.

**WHAT:** Swimming (remember your suit and towel-the water's warm), Volleyball in the pool, Croquet, Shuffleboard, Bocce Ball, Badminton, Ping Pong, Bean bag game, Card and other table games, etc. Indoor games in case of bad weather. Feel free to bring your own games.

Or, take a stroll to see the gardens, pond and stream and the path through the wetlands to Kamp Akaycia.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Your spouse/friend, a dish to share, and your own beverage. FYI – we don't eat right away.

**PROVIDED** - Plates, cups, utensils, condiments, ice, water, lemonade, sloppy joes.

**WHERE:** Dick and Anne Flipp, 431 Brooks Ave E., Little Canada, MN, 55117 Phone: 651-484-4123

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy 36 - Go north on Edgerton and take left (frontage road) onto Viking Drive. It follows alongside of Hwy 36 and then turns north and becomes McMenemy. Take 2<sup>nd</sup> right, which is Sextant, keep left to Arkwright – at the end of the block it turns right and that is Brooks. We are 2<sup>nd</sup> house on the left.

From 694 – Take 35E S/Hwy 10 to Little Canada Road. Go east on Little Canada Road then turn right on McMenemy (just past St. Johns Church). Take first left (about 1 mile) onto Sextant stay left to Arkwright to 431 Brooks Av E. We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> house on the left.



## *Tour Time*

### **AUGUST 12 -- Member Garden Tours:**

We will begin at 6:30pm at the home of **Charles Anderson**, 303 South Owasso Blvd.

From City Hall, go east on County Road C to Western Ave., a four way stop. Turn left(north) on Western After a few blocks it will make a gentle turn to the right, go down a hill, and end at a stop sign where it turns into South Owasso Blvd. At the stop sign, turn left again, He is the first driveway on the right..gray mailbox with 303. If not coming from city hall, go to the corner of Rice Street and South Owasso Blvd. which is where the A and W Root Beer was. Turn west into Roseville (right if heading south on Rice, left if coming north on Rice St.) Go to 2nd stop sign and turn right. It is first driveway on the right-303.

At approximately 7:15, we will depart for **Mary Battees'** gardens at 212 W. County Road C. (just west of Rice St.) From Charles' home, go back to Western, head south to County Road C. At 4-way stop, turn left on C, go several blocks. Mary is on right, red mailbox with 212 on it. Parking OK in driveway or on side streets.

Questions? Call Sue VZ 651-633-6071  
See you on the 12th!

### **August 17, 2013, Garden of Serenity**

10:00 am (meet there) or car pool. Be at city hall by 9:30 if you plan to car pool. I would appreciate knowing in advance if you plan to do so. Char Ethen e-mail [char.ethen@comcast.net](mailto:char.ethen@comcast.net) or 651-303-1765.

**Location**, Don Untied & Jim McKee (hosts), 12070 48th Avenue, Plymouth, MN 55442

**Lunch**, Sunshine Factory Restaurant & Bistro [Website](#) · [Menu](#) · [Directions](#)



“Purple Haze” at the Arboretum!!!! Great job, and thanks to the volunteers that created this masterpiece!

# Plant "Imagination"

## *Corydalis Lutea*



*Corydalis Lutea* is easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in part shade to full shade. Prefers rich, moist soils that never dry out in part shade, however drainage must be good and incorporating gravel into the soil may benefit a planting. Wet soils in winter can be fatal. Generally intolerant of hot and humid summer conditions. This plant may aggressively self-seed in the garden in optimum growing conditions. If foliage significantly depreciates in hot summers, plants may be cut back to basal leaves.

This species of **Corydalis** (commonly called yellow fumitory or yellow corydalis) is a woodland perennial which typically forms a mound of ferny, medium green foliage to 15" tall and 18" wide and produces bright yellow, short-spurred flowers (3/4" long) in axillary racemes over a long May to September bloom period. Leaves are 2 or 3 pinnate with distinctive 3-lobed leaflets and resemble those of bleeding heart (**Dicentra**) to which it is related. It does well in shaded rock gardens or border fronts. It forms a nice ground cover in shady woodland areas. It is considered a classic cottage garden plant.

# Taste That!

## **Frosted Banana Bars** --- *Linda Taber, from our sister club the MWGS*

½ cup butter or margarine, softened  
1-1/2 cups sugar (1 -1/3 enough)  
2 eggs  
1 cup (8 oz) sour cream (I use light)  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
¼ tsp. salt  
2 medium ripe bananas mashed (about 1 cup)

In mixing bowl cream butter and sugar.

Add eggs, sour cream and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Stir in bananas.

Spread into a greased **15" x 10"** baking pan.

Bake at 350 for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean (do not over bake). Cool

### **Frosting:**

4 oz cream cheese, softened (I use 1/3 light)  
4 T butter or margarine, softened  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2-1/2 cups confectioner's sugar (or to right consistency)

In mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, butter and confectioners' sugar to achieve desired consistency.

Frost bars. (I sprinkle w/fine chopped walnuts)

Store in refrigerator – freezes well.





The **new** website is up and running – please check it out!!

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

The **new** 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 new LOGC website and go to crosspollination! It's so easy.

### Our Google Doc

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvDTcsB\\_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrBINUSDBWd250QlpGYWc](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvDTcsB_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrBINUSDBWd250QlpGYWc)

### Address and directions for our meetings--

**Affinity Plus,  
2750 Snelling Ave N,  
Roseville, MN, 55117**

It is just north of County Rd C. on the frontage Rd.  
Next to the old Fuddruckers restaurant. On the east side of Snelling.  
Park in back and go up to the second floor. (Stairs or elevator) The room is to your left.

### 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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