



We went touring at the Wouterinas Sculpture Garden and no one was disappointed. Even a couple of flat tires on Mary's car could not dampen the mood. We had a good meal and fellowship, and even got wet and still it was great fun. Welcome, to new member Nancy Colgan.

Thanks to Rebecca Patient for organizing these wonderful tours!

Lake Owasso Garden Club

AUGUST

Member Tours

Please consider sharing your garden on a member tour this summer. We are looking for members to share their gardens in June, July or August. You can email Rebecca Patient at bbpatient@gmail.com if you are interested. Don't be shy!! We love to look at your gardens.

Thanks, Rebecca

TOUR TIME

Monday August 4th 11-12:30

On Monday August 4th we have a scheduled tour with a guide at Noerenberg Gardens in Orono Minnesota. Noerenberg Gardens is one of the largest formal gardens in the state and part of the Three Rivers Park System. It is located on Crystal Bay on Lake Minnetonka. Our tour is scheduled at 11:00 and will be over at 12:30. Wear comfortable shoes. As a group we can carpool from City Hall. We should allow about 45 minutes to get out to Orono, so should leave City Hall by 10:15. Please call Irene Brink if you have questions at 651-481-9399 home or her cell 651-233-4255. We hope to get a good group for this tour, as it should be beautiful. The address for Noerenberg gardens is 2840 North Shore Drive, Orono 55356 (also listed as 2865 North Shore Drive) Rebecca Patient will clarify the address for all. It would be great to let Irene know if you are driving out on your own. Her email is oreobrink@gmail.com. If you go to their web site, they will give you directions to the park.

Monday August 11th 6PM

Tour of member Char Ethen's garden at 2897 West Owasso Blvd, Roseville followed by **7PM** Tour of the shade garden of member Vatsala Mennon at 3489 Milton Street North Shore

LOGO CONTEST!

Most groups have a logo and it's time for us to develop our own. It will catch eyes on the Cross Pollination web page and become an identifier in our handouts for plant sales, parades and flower shows. Sharpen your pencils and sketch our new logo. You know our club, think about a logo that displays our focus and mission. Don't worry about not being an artist; the sketch does not have to be perfect. Dick Flipp has a friend with the skill to create the final rendition of our logo. We need your ideas.

Submissions will be collected at our January and February meetings. You can submit one or more ideas. With each sketch submission enclose a paragraph explaining how the logo identifies our club. If you will be out of town, mail it to me or any friend in the club. (Wendy Lucas, 69 Jessica Ct., Little Canada 55117)

Who will be the judge? I'll be looking for a committee of people to narrow down the entries to the top three or four. The plan is to scan those images and explanatory paragraphs in the March newsletter so we can study them before we vote at the March meeting.

Besides bragging rights, a gardening prize will be awarded for the winning entry. We have a club of creative people who are amazing. I'm excited to have us create our own logo!

Wendy Lucas, President of LOGC

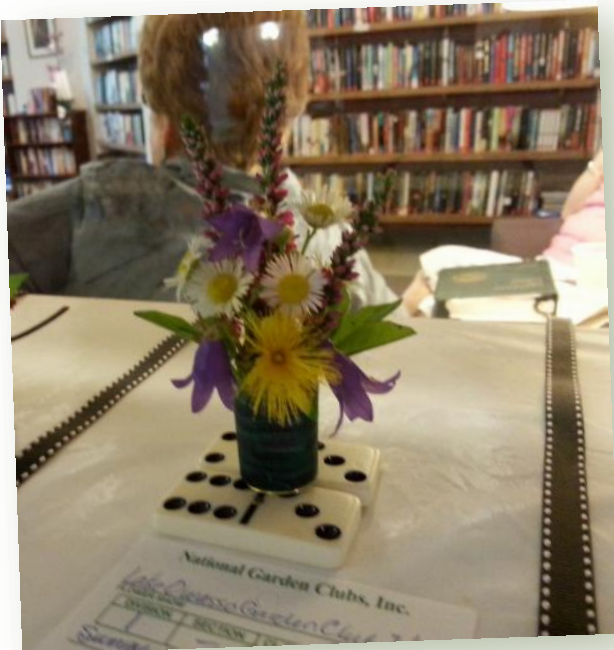
We Had a Great Flower Show!



Lois Witzel



Ron Kvass



Evie Larson



Vatsala Menon

The flower show was a great success.....

*All the entries were great as you can see! I wish there was room to show them all!
The residents loved it and would love to have us do it again. Thanks to all who put in the effort to make it happen and to all who entered their beautiful entries --- simply amazing!*

The public that visited the LOGC Flower Show staged at Rose Pointe in Roseville voted for their favorite flower arrangement. **Lois Witzel's arrangement (shown above) in Class 1 "Picnic by the Pond" was the favorite arrangement. Congratulations Lois!**

Presidents Message

Dear Gardening Friends,

So much has happened this July.

First a tour of Angie Hoffman-Walters garden (amazing poppies from your mom and fabulous hosta under your trees). The heavy rain kept some of us from going to Lake Phalen. The rain stopped when we arrived. If you didn't make it there, go and see the wonderful plantings by the lake's edge. Sedges (self seeded) in the water, margin plants and then prairie plants above the high water mark. The before pictures show a collapse of the shoreline. Now all holds well and July is peak bloom time. The section of lake shore we explored was down the path to the right of the recreation center.

Next a tour of fantastic gardens incorporating mosaic pieces including benches you can sit on, fish, people, and animals. It was acres of land and that woman created and maintains it all herself! Then we toured garden centers. No tour is complete without a little rain, but plants and accessories were still purchased!

Finally was our flower show. To brush up on arranging skills at least six members came to my home for flower arranging 101. Every one of them entered something in the show! Vatsala received a blue ribbon for her Grandma's garden entry becoming an advanced arranger. Ron Kvass turned heads with his horticulture entries winning many blue ribbons, an award of merit and the horticulture excellence ribbon, which means his entry was the best of all blue ribbon winners in the horticulture division. Nancy Colgan is our first member to have entered every design category in a show. Amazing!

It was a fun time. The resident's friends and those off the street enjoyed it, We received complements from RosePointe on the outstanding work of the hostesses. The newest resident's daughter won the door prize, a flower arrangement. It's not clear which arrangement in the show was the favorite of the audience. Beth Oelke is working on that now.

RosePointe has invited us to use their facility again. If we choose to do a standard flower show in two years, we can expand into their library and maybe the room they use for guest speakers. They would like it if some of their residents could enter the show, and they can. A flower show is always open to anyone.

A big thank you to all those who planned the show (Beth Oelke, Rebecca Patient, Rose Diestler and myself) and those who exhibited, almost half of the club! Pictures attached to the newsletter were taken by Kirsten Engebrecht.

See you on the next tour!

With weeds in my garden and a love of plants,

Wendy Lucas
President of LOGC



Plant "Imagination"



Aralia cordata 'Sun King' (Golden Japanese Spikenard)

Add an element of surprise to your garden. This bold Japanese introduction forms a 3ft-high, tropical-looking but quite hardy mound of broad, bright yellow compound leaves. In late summer 2ft spikes produce white flowers followed by purple berries. Foliage stays yellow given 2-3 hours of sun.

All species in this genus come mainly from mountain woodland regions and are known for their striking foliage. They prefer fertile, humus-rich soil and are very useful in the middle or back of the border, as well as in the woodland garden. Many of you asked about this plant in our Hosta garden to add contrast. Plant it in zone 4 in part shade for blooms in August. This plant grows about 3 feet high and should be spaced about 3 feet apart.

Taste That!

Fruit, Cheese, and Herb Skewers

Thread various combinations of fruit, fresh small mozzarella cheese balls, and herbs on 6-inch wooden skewers up to three hours ahead.



Photo by: Photo: Jennifer Davick; Styling: Allison R. Banks

- **YIELD:**
- **COURSE:** Appetizers, Hors d'Oeuvres

Ingredients

- Basil leaves
- Fresh small mozzarella cheese balls
- Blackberries
- Mint leaves
- Raspberries
- Strawberries
- Blueberries

Preparation

Blackberry Skewers: 2 basil leaves, 2 fresh small mozzarella cheese balls, 2 to 3 blackberries

Raspberry Skewers: 2 mint leaves, 2 fresh small mozzarella cheese balls, 4 raspberries

Strawberry Skewers: 1 large basil leaf, torn in half; 2 strawberries; 1 fresh small mozzarella cheese ball

Blueberry Skewers: 1 large basil leaf, torn in half; 6 blueberries; 2 fresh small mozzarella cheese balls

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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

Address and directions for our meetings--

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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