



'Winter Carnival Ice Castle' Date unknown



'Ice Sculpture' 1955

Photo's, Minnesota Historical Society

Lake Owasso Garden Club

December, 2012



'Ice Palace from Capital' 1937

Happy Holidays
To one and all

Don't Miss This Great Event!!!!

Holiday Christmas Dinner Party, December 10, 2012 6PM

At the Flame in Rosedale. Call or e-mail Sally Gutierrez, Char Ethan, Mary Fowler or Brenda Everson and let them know if you plan on going. Anyone attending will be ordering off the menu so it won't be necessary to pay in advance.

Donations for will be accepted for "Bridging" if you wish to participate

It is Mon. Dec 10th at The Flame restaurant, 6:00 PM. Char Ethan will be the contact for that.

651-484-6473.

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THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to the club and to individuals who sent cards and good wishes for the speedy and complete recovery of my hip and sprained ankle. We've all heard a sprain is worse than a break and that does seem to be the case. The swelling is finally going down but it will take several more weeks I've been told.

Yes, we were very unhappy we had to cancel our trip down the Rhine to Germany. However, it would not have been at all fun since I couldn't have participated in the tours, shopping and general gaiety.

There will be another time I hope.

I know some of you purchased one of the tiny orchid plants from our speaker last year. I did. After almost total neglect I was pleasantly surprised to see a bud a week or so ago. It is still filling out and I'm hoping I'll have a blossom soon. Has anyone else had buds, blooms or new shoots?

Rose Diestler

Secretary report

Minutes of Meeting November 12th, 2012, 26 members present

LOGC met at Presentation Church of the Way as there was a conflict with the Keller bldg. For those of you who were unable to attend, this room was very nice with round tables set up and lights streaming thru netting high above surrounding the room. Maybe the lights were temporary but it sure made for a nice atmosphere.

New theme for this year is ***"Creating Captivating Gardens"***

Kirsten Engelbrecht presented the budget for 2013, asked for discussion. Lois Witzel made a motion to accept the budget for 2013. Sally Gutierrez 2nd it. Budget passed unanimously.

Proposed new board for next year:

Wendy Lucas.....President

Ron KvassVice President/Programs (Char Ethen/SummerTours)

Lois Witzel.....Secretary

Kirsten Engelbrecht.. Treasurer

The members will be taking a vote on the new board at the Christmas Party Dec. 10th at the Flame in Rosedale. Sally announced non-alcoholic beverages will be covered by the LOGC. Bring cash or check for donations to Bridging. Beth Oelke announced that Rose Diestler injured herself while working in her garden. Hopefully she has recovered and we will all take a lesson from her. BE CAREFUL. Speaking for myself, I sometimes feel like my spring has sprung.

Duane Otto from Chaska Arboretum (he currently does the displays) did a workshop on Winter Containers, and then sold his arrangements. **For** those of you who bought and took them home, you truly have a treasure as they were very reasonable. He was quite entertaining and talented. Kudos to Ron on securing him. Great Job! Respectfully submitted, Lois Witzel, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

TCF Bank balance was \$9,785.47 as of November 21, 2012.

by Kirsten Engelbrecht

The **Minnesota State Horticultural Society** requests the pleasure of your company at **Spring at the Inn 2013** on **Thursday, March 28** at the **Lake Elmo Inn Event Center**. Contact: **Char Ethan** if interested. See attachment or previous email for more details. **651-484-6473.** char.ethen@comcast.net

Plant "Imagination"



Ilex verticillata (Winterberry Holly)

The warmth of the Winterberry Holly with its bright red berries dispels some of the chill we feel after our fall foliage has retreated. It is time to look around us for winter landscaping ideas -- ideas that may make the winter landscape less dreary next year.

Ilex verticillata is also called "black alder," "brook alder" and "fever bush." Its use by Native Americans as medicine is where it got the name "fever bush." They also used the bark to heal cuts and bruises. In nature winterberry shrubs are typically found in wetland areas, although they can be successfully cultivated elsewhere.

Winterberry holly prefers acidic soils. It can be grown in partial shade or full sun. Winterberry shrubs can grow anywhere from 3' to 15' tall, and their width also varies. There are a number of cultivars, of various height and width.

The plant is common in the wild, and winterberry holly is deciduous which is a benefit. Winterberry holly's exciting display of red berries is enhanced as this holly shrub sheds its leaves. All the attention is drawn to the plant's fruit, with no foliage to obstruct the viewer's vision. If your passion is arts and crafts, cut winterberry holly berry-laden branches for arts and crafts such as floral arrangements, wreathes, kissing balls and winter window boxes.

Winterberry holly will attract songbirds to your property, the fruit of winterberry holly serving as an emergency food source for birds.

Taste That!

"A Variation on Williamsburg Punch," from Rose Diestler

1-1/2 gal. cider (or apple juice)
2 doz. whole cloves
1 orange sliced in rounds
2 tablespoons red cinnamon candies
6 Maraschino cherries
3/4 to 1 cup of sugar (to taste)
1 bottle brandy and/or rum to the side

Heat cider and sugar 'til sugar is totally melted (using low heat)

Punch 6 or 8 whole cloves into rind of each orange slice

Add orange slices, cinnamon candies, maraschino cherries to kettle and continue to simmer at a very low temperature (you want the cider to be plenty warm, not steaming hot).

Have a jigger with the brandy and rum for those who want to lace the cider.

This is a great hot drink for a mixed crowd - non-drinkers, teens too young to drink at your house and those who like to imbibe a bit. I like to have a kettle warming whenever I have company - smells great and is suitable for one and all.

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.

Address and directions for our meetings--

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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GOOGLE DOC for Lake Owasso Garden Club -- Check it out.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvDTcsB_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrblNUSDBWd250QlpGYWc