



Bora Bora – Tahitian Islands

If you go, stay at an over water bungalow, then try a four wheel drive trip up into the mountains and tell your driver you want to go the “Indiana Jones” way. When the driver turns the radio up it is gonna get scary. Most dangerous part of the trip? – going back on the main road.

NOTICE OUR NEW LOCATION! STARTING IN JANUARY

**Presbyterian Church of the Way
3382 Lexington Ave North,
Shoreview MN 55126**

Our next meeting will be Monday, FEBRUARY 10

6:30 pm – Social

7:00 pm - Speaker Don Engebretson. He has spoken to the Garden Club in the past and will be speaking on the topic of “Landscaping with Stone in the Garden”.



Lake Owasso Garden Club

FEBRUARY

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. There will also be a sign up sheet at our next meeting. Don't be shy!! We love to look at your gardens.

Thanks, Rebecca

Presidents Message

Dear Gardening Friends,

January is extremely cold, so I am grateful for the deep snow cover to protect our annuals and evergreen trees. We, on the other hand, all need trips to Arizona or Florida!

Happily, half the club has responded with their votes for our meeting room options. If you haven't sent me your vote, please do so at wendylucas180@gmail.com. Remember Option 1 is stay at the Presbyterian Church of the Way, Option 2 is move to the Fireside room by the Oval and increase dues by \$10, and Option 3 is move to the Fireside room by the Oval and fund the increase by decreasing donations.

People are being very thoughtful in their comments and responses. I love our club; we are a wonderful, sensible and caring group. Not everyone speaks at a meeting, but the notes I am receiving are impressive. In the final tally, I will include a comments section in which members' suggestions and comments are shared anonymously.

Our February meeting will be in the same location as last month:

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It is on the southeast corner of Lexington Ave. and Cannon Ave. We are on the main floor in the room just past the coat racks.

Those of us with strength, please arrive early to set up or stay late to put away tables and chairs. Thank you.

With the hope of a gardener,
Wendy Lucas
President of LOGC

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 the 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



Secretary Report

Minutes of Meeting January 13th, 2014

29 members present

Wendy Lucas, President, brought the meeting to order @ 8:15

Ron Kvass spoke on availability of space for meetings. Discussions ensued and the result was to send an e-mail to all members and vote.

Briefly, three choices were given to vote on.

Roseville Fireside room with a large area (\$50.00 per meeting) raising dues to cover cost of another space.

Fewer donations for organizations and scholarships with LOGC then covering the cost or, Continue where the Jan. meeting was (Presbyterian Church of the Way) and volunteers would set up and take down at each meeting. A suggestion was also made to recruit a member to give a presentation instead of having a speaker. Bev Montain suggested we make ornaments for the Christmas tree @the November meeting

A signup sheet was passed around for the Plant Sale committee. If you are interested and did not attend the meeting, call Patti Costello (483-4624).

Committee for the Christmas Party: Theresa Malone, Ann Flipp, Evelyn Pallas and Pat Costello.

Bev Montain is finishing the scrapbook for 2013 and if you have any pictures that you would like to include forward them to her.

Angie Hoffman-Walter brought up Events and Excursions/Spring Show, if you are interested give her a call @639-9421.

Our speaker for the evening was Mary Meyer, professor@ the U of M speaking on Ornamental Grasses. Very thorough, very interesting and very knowledgeable. My new mission this spring, find and plant grasses that will inspire me.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Sue VanZanden and seconded by Rebecca Patient.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Witzel, secretary

Treasurer Report

The TCF balance as of January is \$9,708.80 with \$1,700 in checks still outstanding for our donations made in December to the Como Conservatory, the Roseville Arboretum (in Lorraine Schauer's memory), the Plant breeding program at the MN. Landscape Arboretum and the Minnesota State Horticulture Society as well as a donation to the FGCM scholarship fund paid in January 2014.

Kirsten Engelbrecht

Spring at the Inn *March 27th*

It has been suggested that some may wish to go as a group

Go to crosspollination.weebly.com for details

Plant 'Imagination'



Dracula simia, the rare and mysterious grinning Monkey Orchids

The scientific name of this very rare flower is *Dracula simia*, with the first part hinting at the resemblance between its two long spurs to the fangs of Bram Stoker's famous vampire count, and the second meaning "monkey" in Latin. It only grows in the mountainous regions of Ecuador, Colombia and Peru, at an elevation of between 1,000 and 2,000 meters above sea level, but there are a few lucky collectors who have managed to grow it in "captivity". The Monkey orchid is not season specific, and in its natural habitat it can flower at any time. As if its striking resemblance to a monkey's face wasn't astounding enough, this flower actually smells a lot like a ripe orange, as well. Which is kind of ironic, because with a face like that you'd expect it to smell like bananas, right?

Taste That!

Southwestern Chicken Soup

Makes 8 – 1½ cup Servings - **234 calories**

1 can (49 ½ oz) reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 can (14 ½ oz) crushed tomatoes, undrained
1 can (14 ½ oz) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut in ½” cubes
1 large onion chopped
1/3 cup minced fresh cilantro or parsley
1 can (4 oz) chopped green chilies
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tsp chili powder
1 tsp ground cumin
½ tsp dried oregano
¼ tsp cayenne pepper

3 cups frozen corn, thawed
Baked tortilla chips
4 oz Shredded reduced-fat cheddar or Mexican cheese blend.

In large saucepan, combine first 12 ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 hour. Add 3 cups frozen corn, thawed; cook 10 minutes longer.

Top each serving with tortilla chips
Sprinkle with the 4 oz shredded reduced-fat cheddar or Mexican blend.

One serving (1 ½ C soup w/3 baked tortilla chips and 2 T cheese)
234 calories. 4 g fat , 41 mg cholesterol , 873 mg sodium, 29 g carbohydrate, 5 g fiber, 23 g protein.
Diabetic exchange: 2 lean meats, 1 ½ starch, 1 vegetable



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--

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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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