



Bora Bora, Tahiti

(If you go, stay in an overwater bungalow and watch the fish below through glass coffee table)

Lake Owasso Garden Club

FEBRUARY

Next Meeting, February 9

6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting -- Our speaker will be Katherine Aby speaking on "Espaliers". An espalier is a woody plant, tree, vine or shrub trained in one plane, usually in limited height and width and in a pattern. Katherine is the exclusive espalierist at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, has written a book on the subject, and has initiated and maintained over 80 espaliers for private and institutional clients in the last 15 years. Hope you can all make it for what will be an interesting presentation.

Presidents Message

I am really looking forward to this years Plant Sale. We are trying The Hosta Farm (www.thehostafarm.com) for some recent introduction hostas, heucheras, and clematis at a good price. We bought only a few of each as this is a new product and source for us. The plants come in 2.5 inch Ellepots which are biodegradable. The Plant Sale Committee will work out details.

Hosta (28) - Andrew, Curly Fries, Designer Genes, Heat Wave, Kiwi Full Monty, Lakeside Paisley Print, Prairie Moon, Rare Breed, White Feather, and Wolverine.

Heuchera (22) - Cinnamon Curls, Electra, Georgia Peach, Miracle, and Pear Crisp.

Clematis (18) - Blue Angel, Ernest Markham, Guernsey Cream, Hagley Hybrid and Henryi.

South Cedar Greenhouse (www.southcedar.com) and member plants will supply the rest. Look at the South Cedar online catalog and let me know if you have any suggestions. We do have to buy and sell a whole flat.

Let us hope for an earlier and warmer spring for more member plants. Again, thank Patty Costello for hosting the sale.

1. VA Flower Show - let Rebecca know if July 2 or 9 would work best for you.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of Meeting January 12th, 2015 -- 22 present -- Ron Kvass brought the meeting to order @ 8:20

Introduced new member, Brianna Gohde, briannagohde@gmail.com 651-216-5115. Interesting note: Brianna said they had no idea the home they purchased was previously owned by a master gardener. Sounds like a garden tour to me.

Ron went through the list of committee chairs and there are three positions that still need to be filled. The Rose Parade takes place the last week in June and if you have ever had a desire to participate in a parade, now is your chance. You will pick an effective team to work with and I guarantee it will be fun.

The other two chairs that need to be filled are on the communications team. One is for the nominating chairperson and the other position is to keep and maintain the scrapbook. Should you be interested in any of these positions call Ron@481-9868. Don't wait for him to call you. A complete listing of all the committee chairs for 2015 will be in the LOGC yearbook, coming soon.

Theresa Malone and Kirsten Engelbrecht are continuing to work on the yearbook and if any information has changed or was incorrect and you were not at the meeting you need to contact Theresa at #330-4992 or Kirsten.

If anyone is planning on going to the Ready, Set, Grow in Eau Claire on February 7th you can contact Ron. Go online eauclaire.uwex.edu and click on [winter garden seminar](#) look it over and see if you may be interested. Contact Ron if you are interested in carpooling.

Our speaker for the evening was Gregg Peterson, with slides, handouts and full of information regarding hosta. He also mentioned the Hosta Farm for clematis that were purchased from a nursery that went out of business and they are selling them for \$6.50 each. Check it out, I did.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Witzel, Secretary

Treasurer's report

Balance is \$9,630.03

Renaissance Garlands

Ann Albrecht, from the FGCMN put together garland packets for us to complete. Anyone who would like to start making them I will bring them to the Feb. 9th meeting. If that doesn't work for anyone wanting to complete the garlands give me a call or email EVIE LARSON 651-633-4434, or eviel3@yahoo.com

"Flowers for Vets Project"

Dear LOGC members: Last year our club participated in the "Flowers for Vets Project". Just to refresh your memories, this project provides flower bouquets for the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. A large group from our club went to the VA on Thursday July 3rd and arranged around 20 vases of flowers for public spaces in the hospital. I believe all who went really enjoyed themselves.

Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota is doing this project again this summer. I told Ron Kvass that I would coordinate a group again. I am looking at two dates, July 2 and July 9th. Please let me know if you would be willing to help and what date works best for you. I will arrange a date based on the response I get from those who would like to participate. We also will need donations from member's gardens. Last year we got tons of filler (beautiful Hosta leaves, shrubbery, etc) which was so helpful.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you can help out with this service project. My email is bbpatient@gmail.com, Rebecca Patient

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

Plant "Imagination"



Dianthus Arctic Fire

One of the best attributes of this type of “Maiden Pink” is the way its foliage forms a plush mat of bright green that creeps along garden edges or rock gardens. Rising above the leaves of Dianthus Arctic Fire are the frilly white flowers with the crimson eyes. They have a sweet fragrance and when you trim them back after the first flush Dianthus Arctic Fire keeps coming back for more.

Dianthus Arctic Fire: Deer Resistant, Attracts Butterflies, Containers, Drought tolerant, Edging and rock gardens, Fragrant, Perennial

Zone: 2-9

Exposure: Full Sun

Bloom Time: June - August

Height: 6-8”

Taste That!

Recipe for Bars served at Jan. LOGC meeting

6 cups of Special K or Rice Krispies (I used Rice Krispies)
1 c. light corn syrup
1 c. sugar
2 tsp. vanilla
1 c. peanut butter
1 c. chocolate chips
1 c. butterscotch chips

In addition I used 1/4 c. of white chocolate chips melted and swirled over chocolate and butterscotch mix.

Put cereal in large bowl. Cook sugar and syrup until mixture boils. Take off heat. Stir in peanut butter and vanilla and mix well. Pour over cereal and mix well. Press into a 9x13 buttered pan, cool to harden. Melt chocolate and butterscotch chips together and spread over bars. Cool. Do not cool in refrigerator too long before cutting or they are too hard to cut.

From the Kitchen of Lois Witzel

OTHER CLUB EVENTS from *crosspollination* calendar

Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis

When: Tue, February 10, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Where: Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, 4901 Chowen Ave. S. Minneapolis. ([map](#))

Description: New Plants for 2015, Meleah Maynard, nationally known gardening columnist and Master Gardener. www.mwgcmm.org Contact 651-643-3601 x205

Go to <http://www.crosspollination.weebly.com> for more events on calendar.



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

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

Our Google Doc

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

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT,

**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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