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REFLECTIONS of SUMMER

Lake Owasso Garden Club

January, 2012

Presidents Message,

We're starting a new year already! What an odd winter it has been so far, no snow on the ground to speak of. With this New Year we have an amazing line up of speakers and excursions in the making. Ron has been diligently working on this project for months and it is looking like another fabulous year. An event that is coming up early in February is the Ready, Set, Grow Winter Gardening Seminar in Eau Claire, WI. A group of us went last year and it was a real bargain - \$30.00 for a day of informative seminars including lunch and coffee breaks. I will have more information about it at our meeting. This is a great way to Share the Joy of the Garden (Our Theme for 2012). Hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Meeting, January 9 -- Speaker's, Kris Tott and Bonnie Juran, "Monarchs, Milkweed and Miracles"

Their program is focused on the monarch butterfly and is pertinent to all pollinators - honeybees, bees, hummingbirds, etc. They begin with an overview of the monarch migration (to Mexico), why this migration is in jeopardy and what home gardeners can do to help the monarch migration continue in the mid-west. They cover several varieties of milkweed that can be incorporated into the home landscape (including pictures). And conclude with options the home gardener has to certify their monarch habitat and become more involved in the conservation of monarchs.

Holiday Party, It was a fun time for all! Thank you to our organizers, Char Ethen, Brenda Everson, Mary Fowler, Sally Gutierrez, and Shelly Solberg.

Treasurer's report by Kirsten Engelbrecht: TCF Bank balance was \$9,360.22 as of December 22, 2011

Plant "Imagination"

It is the time of year when we look at plant catalogues and dream of those soft summer days in the garden and "imagine" what a new plant will look like in our garden. This month's featured plant is the Astilbe, 'Color Flash' and 'Color Flash Lime'. The Astilbe is a very hardy plant that the deer seem to leave alone and requires very little care. The Color Flash series has exceptional leaves that change color during the season. It can be a nice color accent in your garden. Can you imagine it next to your Hosta's and BleedingHeart?



'Color Flash Lime'



'Color Flash' (1)



'Color Flash' (2)

Taste That! 'Tortilla Lime Soup'

Ingredients:

- 1 pound chicken breast; cooked and shredded
- 1 medium onion
- 1/4 jalapeno pepper, diced
- 2 cloves garlic
- 4 cans chicken broth
- 2 cups water
- 4 chicken bouillon cubes
- 2 tsp cilantro
- 1 cup enchilada sauce
- 4 corn tortilla shells

Cook chicken thoroughly; shred when cool.

Sauté onion, jalapeno and garlic.

Combine all ingredients except tortilla shells in a saucepan and cook over medium heat. About 20 minutes.

Slice tortilla shells and put in soup just before serving.

Address and directions for meeting

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, 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.