



Turquoise, Plitvice Lake, Croatia --- Think Summer!

NOTICE OUR NEW LOCATION! STARTING IN JANUARY

Our next meeting will be, Monday, January 13

6:30 pm Social

7:00 pm Speaker



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

Our January speaker will be **Professor Mary Meyer** from the **University of Minnesota, Department of Horticultural Science**. She will be speaking on “Landscaping with ornamental grasses”.

Lake Owasso Garden Club

JANUARY

Presidents Message

Dear Gardening Enthusiasts,

Surprising news when we lost our meeting location at Affinity Bank. We thought we were set through May, but bank officials decided to end guest use of facilities since they needed more space for their operations. Ron Kvass was given the news and he took the lead in finding us a new location. The Presbyterian Church of the Way in Shoreview is allowing us to use a room in their church for free. Ron, Kirsten and Vatsala have visited the church and reserved it for our use in January and February. It is currently the only facility with no charge. If we want to pay for a room, we would need to look at a dues increase. Ron will talk to us about what he has found. Thanks to Ron, Kirsten, Vatsala, Dick Flipp and others for looking for a new club home.

The church is about a half mile from Patti Costello's home (think spring plant sale), so it's still in our neighborhood. The address is 3382 Lexington Ave N, Shoreview, MN 55126, which is basically Lexington Ave. and Cannon Ave.

We will need to set up and take down chairs and tables for each meeting so think about whether you could come early or stay late.

Regards,

Wendy Lucas
president LOGC

P.S. Today I found a couple of bags of spring bulbs. I will attempt to pot up and leave out of doors for 6-8 weeks to see whether I can force them to bloom for me this spring

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 November 11th, 2013

25 members present

Wendy Lucas brought the meeting to order @8:20.

The slate of officers was presented. Rose Diestler made a motion to accept the officers, Beth Oelke seconded the motion.

Officers for 2014

President-Wendy Lucas

Vice-Presidents-Rebecca Patient/Angie Hoffman-Walter / Vatsala Menon and Irene Brink

Secretary- Lois Witzel

Treasurer-Evie Larson

Mark your calendars for the Christmas Party Dec. 9th, @ the Flame.

Kirsten Engelbrecht passed out sheets with the approved and actual budget for 2013 and the 2014 budget. Our yearbook cost considerably more than what was budgeted. Discussion ensued as to whether we should have it on line. A show of hands indicated a majority of the members would like to continue to have a yearbook in hand for reference, more on this to come at the Jan. meeting.

Also, our \$100.00 donation to the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum will be given in memory of Lorraine Schauer who for many years was a driving force in the LOGC.

Patsy Costello made a motion to accept the 2014 budget and Rebecca Patient seconded the motion.

It was announced that after several years Lois Paulat will no longer be decorating the tree @ the arboretum. Lois and her crew did some beautiful wonders with the tree in the entryway. Bev Montain has taken over and is looking for volunteers.

Also, positions in leadership still to be filled: Publicity, Sunshine and a Chair person for the Flower Show. If you are on the fence about volunteering, now is the time to step forward and get your feet wet. Meet not so old and new members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Witzel, secretary



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"



Snowdrops (Galanthus nivalis)

Snowdrops will pop out even before the crocuses and can even survive a late snow by waiting until the weather is more suitable. Small, white, bell-shaped flowers of the snowdrop are suspended from short, delicate stems and will only reach about six inches unless you plant one of the newer hybrids which can get up to ten inches. Well-drained soil that is kept moist will keep them doing well in hot weather, they do not like getting dry. These little snowdrops need a cold winter in order to really do well. Welcome to Minnesota. Zones 2-7

So if you decide to plant them find a sheltered spot. Start the bulbs or do your dividing in spring after the last frost. They are nice around the base of trees or under shrubs.

Taste That!

Chicken & Vidalia Onion Dumplings - Serves 4-6

2 Vidalia onions, 1 diced finely and 1 roughly chopped
3 Tbsp olive oil, divided
1 C all purpose flour
1 ½ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
¾ Cup Milk
1 ½ tsp chopped fresh thyme and sage
2 large carrots, roughly chopped, about 1 ½ cups
2 cloves chopped garlic
6 cups Chicken broth
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons flour
½ cup frozen peas (note: I don't add the peas - Anne)
1 rotisserie chicken, meat pulled, about 3 cups
¼ cup heavy cream (note: I don't add the heavy cream - Anne)
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

In a 6 quart pot, heat 2 Tbsp olive oil over medium heat. Add the finely diced onion and cook until tender and just beginning to brown. With a fork, mix together flour, baking powder, salt, and milk into a dough. Fold in the herbs and cooked finely diced onions. Add remaining Tbsp of oil to pan, then the roughly chopped onions and carrots and cook until they begin to soften, about 6-8 minutes. Add garlic and cook 2 more minutes.

Combine the cornstarch and flour in a small bowl. Slowly add the heavy cream to the cornstarch/flour mixture. Add the chicken broth to the pan and bring to a boil. Whisk the cream mixture into the broth and continue cooking and whisking until thickened, about 5 minutes.

Add chicken broth, bring to a boil. Add peas and chicken. Drop spoonfuls of dough into the broth; should be about 12. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover and cook for 15 minutes. Add heavy cream and season to taste.

Note: I leave out the peas and the heavy cream.



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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