



Coreopsis auriculata 'Nana' - May 25,2012

Bright colored flowers make wonderful cut flowers. attracts butterflies too!

Corydalis lutea - May 25,2012

Bright yellow flowers above a delicate filigree of tiny green fern-like leaves.

photo's by Anne Flipp

## Lake Owasso Garden Club

JUNE, 2012

Summer is here and we will be touring gardens, weeding gardens, and other fun stuff. The newsletter will continue through the summer even though we do not have our normal monthly meetings. Please send me any news, articles or events that you would like to be published in the newsletter. Our annual plant sale went well and we had a large number of people leave their email address showing an interest in being notified of next year's sale. Many expressed an interest in our club. They have been sent an invitation to join us on Monday. So look for them and make them welcome and assure them they do not need to be an expert to join us, only a willingness to share the joy of gardening.

Dick Flipp, editor

# Meeting, Monday JUNE 11, Meet at Roseville City Hall to carpool at 6:30 or, If you come late you can meet at,

1516,1524 Mississippi River Blvd, St. Paul, and 1847 Eleanor Ave. St. Paul Glenn Ray, and Jerry and Lee Shannon

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 <a href="www.mwgs.org">www.mwgs.org</a> --- check it out for meeting locations and other information about speakers etc.

### Secretary's Report by Lois Witzel,

Lake Owasso Garden Club Minutes of May 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m., with 20 members attending.

Fran Kiesling spoke on xeriscaping and the importance of water conservation.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m.

Pat Costello discussed the plant sale. A sign-up list for work hours was distributed. Members are encouraged to divide their plants, and label them with name, color of bloom, sun/shade and height. Most plants are \$3.00.

Rose Diestler distributed Horticulture Society booklets to those who purchased them. She also passed out booklets for the flower show, which contained the schedule and the design rules for all the divisions. Rose described the individual divisions. The flower show ill be held August 4 & 5 at the Roseville Public Library. Please call any of the committee members if there are questions on the design rules. Any volunteers for the educational storyboards should call Rose.

Richard Flipp announced that the Water Garden Society is interested in becoming a sister club.

Ron Kvaas updated us on the La Crosse tour on July 13 & 14 Three member gardens are scheduled for Sunday morning, with gardens by the river on Saturday.

In June, a tour of Funkie Gardens and other sites by Taylor Falls is scheduled. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

### Treasurer's Report by Kirsten Engelbrecht

TCF Bank balance was \$7,907.67 with two checks outstanding in the amounts of \$75 and \$482.87 as of May 22, 2012. The LOGC plant sale profit estimate as of May 26, 2012 is \$2220.66. This includes the sale profit from the 6 hour sale held at my house on Saturday May 26. The remaining plants will be available for a short time for \$3 to members who missed the last sale and still want plants. There is still a nice selection of plants for members.....including some beautiful geraniums in soft pink and bright fushia, and of course.... lots of fun and unusual perennials.

On June 4....I will share the remaining inventory of plants with the Minnesota Horticulture Society. The MSHS screens candidates for free plants for local community garden projects. The candidates are given my email and telephone number and will schedule a day to select plants at my house for their garden projects.

Thanks to everyone who helped with providing many plants and staffing the 3 days of plant sale. A special thanks to Ron Kvaas who helped with every aspect of the sale including putting up and taking down the fabulous signs that brought in the customers. Also a special thanks to Richard Flipp, who took the list of new customers and emails and typed it all up and wrote up a friendly invite to the follow-up sale and a summer tour. Pat Costello's gardens looked so perfect for the sale and she always makes everyone so comfortable!

Best Regards, Kirsten Engelbrecht

### **Exceptional Excursions**

June 16, Saturday--- Funkie Gardens, Landscape Alternatives, Fraconia Sculpture Park, Chateau St. Croix Vineyard

Meet at Roseville City Hall to carpool

July 13-14, ---Overnight La Crosse International Gardens, Myric Hixon Eco Park, Norskdalen, Two private gardens

August 18, Saturday --- Venero Gardens, Excelsior, Glenn Ray's yard in summer, Minnetonka

# Community Outreach

#### MURIEL SAHLIN ARBORETUM

On Tuesday May 21st, Beth Oelke, Mary Fowler and Char Ethen planted our annual garden at the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum. Please take time to go see the wonderful design. It turned out great!! Thanks, to all on the committee who made it happen. The Arboretum is located in Central Park on Dale St. just south of County Rd C

Also, every Tuesday is *volunteer day* at the Arboretum. Even if you only have a half hour to spare, every little bit helps. Patti Sullivan, Walter or Peter are there to show you the ropes. If not, there are always weeds to pull.

Roseville Arboretum Workday -- Tuesday's, June 5,12,19,26, July 3,10,17,24,31, August 7,14,21,28, Sept. 4,11,18,25

### "Sharing Garden Joy"

Roseville Arboretum, August 3-5, --- Flower Show, Roseville Library

That is the theme title for the 2012 Lake Owasso Garden Club's Standard Flower Show.

The show will be at the Roseville Public Library August 4th and 5th with setup on the 3rd. All members are urged to participate by entering and/or serving on one of the show committees.

Short information sessions will be held at the March, April and May meetings. These will serve to refresh our memories about the different aspects of a flower show and will explain any NGC rule changes that may have occurred in the past two years.

When purchasing plants, bulbs, seeds that you may want to use to enter in the show, SAVE the complete name of the item as listed on the package. You will need this information when filling out your entry tag.

Also, please save any green glass bottles (beer, pop, wine, etc) to use for horticultural specimens at the show.

#### FLOWER SHOW INFORMATION

**Volunteers are still needed,** so the schedule can be printed. Please, sign up at the April meeting. The Special Exhibits Schedule with ideas is printed below so you can get a head-start on your entries.

### "Sharing Garden Joy" LOGC Flower Show, Aug. 4 & 5

**DIVISION I: DESIGN "GARDEN SURPRISES"** 

Eligible for: Award of Design Excellence **SECTION A**: "CREATING COLOR COMBINATIONS"

Classes 1, 2 and 3 Eligible for Tricolor Award

All fresh plant material

Class 1: "RAINBOW PROFUSION" - a mass design

a. Advanced

b. Novice

Class 2: "DAPPLED LIGHT"

Class 3: "WATER REFLECTIONS"

**SECTION B**: "ANGLES AND SHAPES"

Classes 4, 5 and 6 Eligible for Designers Choice Award

Fresh and/or dried plant material

Class 4: "DOUBLE DELIGHT" - using two containers

Class 5: "FORMS ABOUND"

Class 6: "TWISTING PATHWAYS"

a. Advanced

b. Novice

**SECTION C: "IMAGINING ELFIN FAVORITES"** 

Classes 7a, 7b and 7c Eligible for Petite Award

CLASS 7a: "FAIRY CHARMS"

5 inch max., height, width & depth – all fresh plant material

CLASS 7b: "PIXIE PLACES"

8 inch max, height, width & depth – fresh and/or dried plant material

#### DIVISION II: HORTICULTURE "GARDENERS' PRODUCTION"

Eligible for: Award of Horticultural Excellence

#### SECTION A: ANNUALS "Several Favorites"

Class 1: Tagete (marigolds) - 3 blooms

Class 2: Zinnia (Z. elegans, etc.) – 1 stem

Class: Celosia (Cockscomb) - a. small 3 booms b. large 1stalk

Class 4: Any other suitable specimen

#### **SECTION B**: <u>HOSTAS</u> "Reliable Backdrops"

Section eligible for one (1) Award of Merit

Class 5: 1 leaf width up to 3" across widest part – 2 leaves

Class 6: Medium leaf width -3" to 6" across widest part -2 leaves

Class 7: Large leaf width -6" to 8" across widest part -1 leaf

Class 8: Extra large leaf width – over 8" across widest part – 1 leaf

#### **SECTION C**: PERENNIALS "Everlasting Alure"

Section eligible for one (1) Award of Merit

Class 9: Echenacea purpurea (Coneflower) – 1 stem

Class 10: Gaillardia compositae – 1 stem or 1 stray

Class 11: Phlox bifida or divaricata – 1 stem

Class 12: Any other suitable specimen

#### SECTION D: HERBS "Pungent Sprigs"

Class 13: Ocimum basilicul (Basil) – 3 stems

Class 14: Rosemarirus officinalis (Rosemary) – 3 stems

Class 15: Thymus vulgaris (Thyme) – 3 stems

Class 16: Any other suitable specimen

#### **SECTION E**: ROSE "Regal Gems"

Section eligible for one (1) Award of Merit

(Blooms shown with one or more sets of leaves)

Class 17: Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – 1 bloom disbudded

Class 18: Floribunda or Polyantha – a. one bloom b. one spray

Class 19: Shrub or English rose – a. one bloom b. one spray

Class 20: Miniature – a. one bloom b. one spray

Class 21: Miniflora – a. one bloom b. one sprayDIVISION II - CONTINUED

#### SECTION F: CORMS, BULBS, RHIZOMES, TUBERS "Showy Savers"

Section eligible for one (1) Award of Merit

Class 22: Dahlias x hybrid – a. small – 3 blooms, large -1 bloom

Class 23: Gladiols iridaceae – 1 spike with 1 or 2 leaves

Class 24: Lillum liliaceae (L.tgrinum, etc.) (Lily) – 1 stem

Class 25: Any other suitable specimen

#### **SECTION G**: <u>VEGETABLES</u> "Tasty Harvest"

Class 26: Phaseolus vulgari (beans) – 9

Class 27: Cucurbita pepo var. melopepo (summer squash) – 3

Class 28: Capsicum annum (peppers) – a. large 2, b. jalapeno – 5

Class 29: Any other suitable specimen

#### **SECTION H**: FRUIT "Juicy Treats"

- Class 30: Rubus idaeus (raspberries) 12
- Class 31: ragaria x ananassa (strawberries) 6
- Class 32: Rheum rhabarbarum 3 stalks
- Class 33: Any other suitable specimen

#### SECTION I: CONTAINER PLANTS "Abundant Variety"

Section eligible for one (1) Award of Merit

Maximum 10 inch pot top diameter

- Class 34: Single potted plant
- Class 35: Combination planter 3 or more specimens
- Class 36: Single potted Succulent
- Class 37: Combination succulent planter 3 or more specimens

#### **SECTION J**: <u>SHRUBS</u> "Structural Stems"

Maximum 24 inch stem length

- Class 38: Hydrangea 1 flowering stem
- Class 39: Flowering foliage 1 stem
- Class 40: Foliage without flowers 1 stem
- Class 41: Shrub with berries 1 stem

#### Division III: Special Exhibits "Capturing Beauty"

**Section A:** Educational Exhibits: "Sharing Knowledge" Exhibit 1. <u>Planting Special Places</u> (ideas – hillside, shady area, deck, window boxes, entry planters) Exhibit 2. <u>Experiencing Garden Club</u> (Why join LOGC? – tours, speakers, projects, friendships, etc.) Exhibit 3. <u>Green and Growing</u> (uses of waste, organic gardens, plant sales, composting — The exhibit has to be 18 sq. feet; there are "story boards" you may use, written information needs to be brief/to the point, use pictures, display must have some plant material, use area in front of board, make handouts available if necessary. The <u>Exhibit title needs to be depicted</u> – the ideas are listed to give just that - *ideas*. Select one or two ideas not everything. Your exhibit is a teaching tool. Printing/signs readable from at least 3ft in front of table, better if larger.

**Section B:** Artistic Crafts "Creating Design" Class 1. <u>Sending Thoughts</u> - Greeting Card, max. size 5&1/2 x 7 inches approx. A handmade card, no verse inside, no envelope, <u>some plant material fresh and/or driedClass 2.</u>
Welcome Home – Wreath, max size outside width 12 inches, fresh and /or dried plant material. Class 3. Joyous Memories

- Photograph, 4x6 inches max. unframed, 35m or digital

- 3a. Single bloom
- 3b. Garden View

These items can be made **ahead** of time – now in fact. Many of you probably do make greeting cards. If not, try it. Chose a holiday, a sentiment, you don't need writing if your design depicts the occasion.

The wreath can be made on a base or the base can be a part of the design. A ribbon or some article (such as pinecones, pods, etc) may be used as long as it is not plastic or other artificial material). Again, fresh and/or dried material may be use.

Photographs: At the last show we heard many of you say – "Oh, I could have entered a picture of …." Yes, you could and we want you to so we have made it very easy – no frames, not even mats, the size is one you can get easily at COSCO or wherever you take you film or digital work. Bring on those pictures of your yard, deck plantings, the special clematis, blooming crabapple tree, whatever.

# Plant "Imagination"





Tradescantia x andersoniana 'Little Doll'

Salvia nemerosa 'East Friesland'

**Tradescantia x andersoniana 'Little Doll'** is a dwarf Spiderwort. Flowers are pale lavender-centered with golden stamens. Blooms sparkle on the little plants from spring through fall. Can be used as a border or in a rock garden.

**Salvia nemerosa 'East Friesland'** has spikes of violet-purple, tubular flowers with light green, aromatic foliage in June and July. It will attract butterflies, bees and birds.

Do you have an unusual plant? If so take several digital pictures and send them to me along with the Latin name.

"Imagine" your favorite plant featured here!

# Taste That!

# **Crock Pot Easy Supper**

Prepare in the morning, slow cook in crock pot, and it will be ready when you get home for supper.

Equal Quantities of Raw Hamburger (or substitute), Scalloped Carrots, Scalloped Potatoes and

Diced onion to taste.

1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 Can Vegetable Beef Soup

Place alternate layers of hamburger, potatoes, carrots and onions in crock pot until full.

Then mix the soups together and pour over the top of the layers.

Slow cook on low in crock pot all day. Alternate method: Cook covered in oven at 350 degrees for 1.5 to 2 hours.

**Alternate method 2: Microwave 40 minutes** 

For best results slow cook in crock pot.

Great for those days when there is little time, ready to eat when you get home.

### 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 (please title, include latin names of plants), news items, and commentary, preferably via email to <a href="mailto:raflipp@comcast.net">raflipp@comcast.net</a> is by the <a href="mailto:25th of each month">25th of each month</a>. 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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