



*'Connemara Lakes, Galway County, Ireland
"an Irish garden"*

If you want to get in the mood for St. Patrick's day hold the control key and click on the link below.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXQ03XUwe_s (Hold down the control key while you left click)

The Irish Tenors perform "Danny Boy" with a video.

You can skip ad in about 5 seconds. You can minimize the video if you like and just listen to the music while you read the newsletter. Want to listen again or watch the video? Just, un- minimize and click the bar at the beginning to replay..

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Lake Owasso Garden Club

"NEW LOCATION"

Next Meeting is March 11, 2013 -- 6:30 Social, 7:00 Program

We will be at,

***Affinity Plus
2750 Snelling Ave N, Roseville***

It is just north of Keller Williams building on the same frontage road, Next to the old Fuddruckers restaurant. On the east side of Snelling Ave. Park in back and go up to the second floor. (Stairs or elevator) The room is to your left.

Program

Native Plant Restoration

Jason J. Husveth

Presidents Message

Gardening Enthusiasts,

March is here bringing more sunshine, sap is running in the maples and brings gladness to my soul. The whole town is thinking spring. There is the Minneapolis Home and Garden show Feb. 27 to March 3. The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory spring show starts on March 23. The Macy's *Towers of Flowers* show starts March 27 promising us 'floral architecture, magnificent rolling landscapes and specialty gardens.' For the Bachman's spring Idea House, we will have to wait until April. So between snow falls and thaws we can find flowers to carry us over to the first blooms in our gardens.

I just read about a new petunia that has variegated leaves, the 'Glamouflage Grape.' The leaves have white edges and the picture of the flower on the internet looks similar to the pink wave petunia, which I see as purplish. Sweet alyssum should look great next to the white-edged leaf. Dreams of gardens peaceful and dreams of gardens joyful float in my mind.

May my mind focus on our next meeting, so I show up!

Wendy Lucas

Secretary's Report

Minutes of Meeting February 12th, 2013, 29 members present.

LOGC met at the Affinity Credit Union Bldg. Those of you unable to attend, this room was very nice with screens on the right and left of the tables facing forward, so wherever you sat your vantage point was very good. Elevators could take you to the second floor. Meeting brought to order by Kirsten Englebrecht at 8:15.

The LOGC will again be entered in the Roseville Parade on June 24th, 2013. Those of you new to the club, we alternate each year with the flower show being last year.

Pat Costello is again in charge of the plant sale held the week-end after Mother's day, Fri. May 17th and Sat. May 18th. Start thinking about dividing which plants that are lovely but have become more than a handful.

Dick Flipp (master of the house) is working on a web page with our sister club, the **Minnesota Water Garden Society**. His idea is to have a web site at the bottom of our newsletter directing members to their web site with information on upcoming events and meetings and also a roster of members.

Friend's Sale is Mother's Day week-end held at the Minn. State Fairgrounds.

Mary Battee is handling publicity and will notify newspapers of any upcoming events.

Our speaker for the evening, Aria Carmichiel, "Cunning Combinations" showed slides on using plants in a different way. I always learn something, very interesting.

Host for March 11th: Deb Ferrington, Joyce Lasecke and ?.

Host for April 8th: Evie Larson, Sue VanZanden and Lois Witzel

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Witzel, Secretary

Treasurer's report

TCF balance was \$8,625.40 as of February 21, 2013.

Plant "Imagination"

THE SHAMROCK



The **Shamrock**, is a three-leaved plant similar to a clover, which is an unofficial symbol of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Shamrocks are said to bring good luck. This flower is related to an Irish tale of St. Patrick, which tells of how Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Trinity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a Shamrock on his feast day.

Three-leaf clover grows all over the world from Tasmania to South Africa and from North America to England. It's just called by some other name in those places. Indeed it could be argued that the plant doesn't grow in Ireland at all. As Charles Nelson, one of Ireland's leading botanists puts it, "Shamrock exists only on St Patrick's Day. Every other day of the year it's known simply as young clover." The shamrock has been a symbol of Irish identity for centuries and has played significant roles in both the legends and history of the Emerald Isle. According to some Irish legends, the Druids of the country's Celtic past believed the shamrock was sacred because of its three leaves, three being an important number in the Druidic religion.

The shamrock is often part of the bridal bouquet and the groom's boutonniere in Irish weddings, an inclusion that symbolizes a wish for good luck during the marriage. On St. Patrick's Day, it is part of a toasting ritual called "drowning the shamrock," according to Irish culture. It has also been the subject of poetry such as in Thomas Moore's ballad "Oh the Shamrock" of 1812 and in politically-charged songs like "The Wearin' O' The Green" of 1798.

An Irish Country Garden ---- A 200 year old house and a timeline of the garden changes over several years.

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<http://www.esatclear.ie/~email/an%20irish%20country%20garden.html>

Exciting news!

Member tours are coming back this summer. Please consider sharing your garden with your garden club friends. There will be a sign-up at the March meeting. We need two members for June, July, and August. The dates are same as our meetings, second Monday of each month. If another date works for you, let us know.

Contact Char Ethen, Lois Witzel or Sue VanZanden for more info.

Taste That!

Have I got the best recipe for you! It's an Irish beef stew with Guinness (a very dark beer) and excellent red wine.

Irish Beef Stew Recipe

- **Prep time:** 15 minutes
- **Cook time:** 1 hour, 50 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 1/4 pounds well-marbled chuck beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch pieces (NOT extra-lean)
- 6 large garlic cloves, minced
- 6 cups beef stock or canned beef broth
- 1 cup of Guinness beer
- 1 cup of fine red wine
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon dried thyme
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) butter
- 3 pounds russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 7 cups)
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cups 1/2-inch pieces peeled carrots
- Salt and Pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

1 Heat olive oil in heavy large pot over medium-high heat. Lightly salt the beef pieces. Working in batches if necessary, add the beef (do not crowd the pan, or the meat will steam and not brown) and cook, without stirring, until nicely browned on one side, then use tongs to turn the pieces over. Continue to cook in this manner until all sides are browned, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and sauté 1 minute. Add beef stock, Guinness, red wine, tomato paste, sugar, thyme, Worcestershire sauce and bay leaves. Stir to combine. Bring mixture to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, then cover and simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

2 While the meat and stock is simmering, melt butter in another large pot over medium heat. Add potatoes, onion and carrots. Sauté vegetables until golden, about 20 minutes. Set aside until the beef stew in step one has simmered for one hour.

3 Add vegetables to beef stew. Simmer uncovered until vegetables and beef are very tender, about 40 minutes. Discard bay leaves. Tilt pan and spoon off fat. Transfer stew to serving bowl. Add salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with parsley and serve. (Can be prepared up to 2 days ahead. Cool slightly. Refrigerate uncovered until cold, then cover and refrigerate. Bring to simmer before serving.)

Yield: Serves 4 to 6.

NEW NEWS!!!!

The online document for sharing club activities with other garden clubs is being developed, and will be called CrossPollinations. Look for it in the future. You will have a calendar of events for many different clubs. A chance for others to join us and for us to try their events.



Sister Club

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 www.mwgs.org --- check it out for meeting locations and other information about speakers etc.

Address and directions for our meetings--

**Affinity Plus,
2750 Snelling Ave N,
Roseville, MN, 55117**

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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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GOOGLE DOC for Lake Owasso Garden Club -- Check it out.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvDTcsB_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrblINUSDBWd250QlpGYWc