



Ireland

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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NOTICE OUR NEW LOCATION! STARTING IN JANUARY

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

Our next meeting will be Monday, MARCH 10

6:30 pm – Social

7:00 pm – Speaker will be Marty Bergland and she will be speaking on kitchen gardens. Marty Bergland is a lifelong gardener and a Master Gardener Emeritus. Marty helped develop the Garden-in-a-Box Program and is the author of several publications.



Lake Owasso Garden Club

MARCH

Member Tours

Please consider sharing your garden on a member tour this summer. We are looking for members to share their gardens in June, July or August. You can email Rebecca Patient at bbpatient@gmail.com if you are interested. There will also be a sign up sheet at our next meeting. Don't be shy!! We love to look at your gardens.

Thanks, Rebecca

Presidents Message

Dear Gardening Friends,

As I was in Aldi's looking for a few items, I happened upon a three foot Dracaena and it called out to me: "I can give life to your living room; I don't need much light; I'm GREEN!" Who could refuse an offer like that. Wrapping it like a baby in a blanket, it was warm all the way home.

In the February meeting we had a great start to discussing club spending goals. We'll continue that discussion at our March meeting. How we serve the community as well as ourselves is an important topic.

Art in Bloom Lectures and Tour

"Friends of the Institute" has an *Art in Bloom 2014* special offer. Purchase 10 or more tickets to one or a combination of lectures during *Art in Bloom* and our club can receive a private, docent-led tour at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts – a \$125 value. Shortly I will be receiving more information on this opportunity. If there enough interest in lectures by club members and our friends, we could receive a docent led tour. I'm always interested in what others have to say about arrangements. I'll keep you informed when I receive more information.

Wendy Lucas

Treasurer Report

Balance at the end of Feb. \$7,789.67

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 February 10th, 2014

26 members present

Wendy Lucas brought the meeting to order @ 8:15 in the larger room across the hall @ the church. Lighting was good, screen was visible and plenty of seating with ample room for the serving table and no crowding. With the help of Kathy Day who worked with the Pastor has secured the room which will be available to us at no charge. Ron Kvass indicated the meeting room at the Roseville Oval was no longer available.

Wendy passed around sheets with the results of the survey as to where we should meet. Twenty two members responded. Deb Farrington suggested we address the comments given in the survey. Wendy commented on the reserves in our treasury being higher than what we need and perhaps the garden club could donate more. Suggestions were made to keep our donations local (in Roseville). Various suggestions were to plant and enhance the grounds around the church where our meetings are taking place or help children's groups or nursing homes with gardens, also a service project for the Vet's hospital where the LOGC is responsible for bringing fresh flowers one week during the summer. Discussion will continue of this next month. Any suggestions bring to the March meeting.

Your LOGC booklets will be ready at the March meeting.

Plant Sale will be May 16th and 17th. Anyone wishing to order plants prior to the sale should e-mail Kirsten, Ron or Patti. These would have to be full flats or perhaps an individual would share a flat with you.

NEWS FLASH.....Mary Shannon formerly Mary Battee (Past President) recently tied the knot. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the new bride and groom.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Witzel,

Olympic Champion Bouquets at Sochi

Olympic medal counts are rising and team red-white-and-blue is still in the hunt for top of the pack. As you watch the award ceremonies occurring at Medals Plaza, with each champ's home flag raised high and the national anthem playing, take a look at the flowers handed off by specially trained flower girls. There's a story there.

A lot of thought went into the bouquets each champion receives. Colors come first, with deep purple statice and yellow goldenrod primarily representing the wealth of the Krasnodar Region. The stiff-leaved goldenrod also is known to have healing powers. The mix of green and white chrysanthemums symbolize the stark contrast of valleys, meadows, and mountains that stretch along the Black Sea coast.

Then there's historical significance. The eucalyptus, which is included in all gold, silver, and bronze bouquets, was once planted in Sochi long ago, to drain the wetlands. The laurel, know as the symbol of winners, also conveys the warmth and hospitality of the people of Caucasus. Salal or "lemon" leaf round out the bouquets. While the flowers were ultimately imported from South America, they hold significant meaning to Russia.

Plant "Imagination"



MARSH MARIGOLD

Caltha palustris is a perennial herbaceous plant of the family Ranunculaceae, native to marshes, fens, ditches and wet woodland in temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

It becomes most luxuriant in partial shade, but is rare on peat. Height is up to 31 in tall. The leaves are rounded to kidney-shaped, across, with a bluntly serrated margin and a thick, waxy texture. Stems are hollow. The flowers are yellow, (1–2 in) diameter, with 4-9 (mostly 5) petal-like sepals and many yellow stamens; they appear in early spring to late summer. The flowers are visited by a great variety of insects for pollen and for the nectar secreted from small depressions, one on each side of each carpel. Carpels form into green sac-like follicles to 1 cm long, each opening to release several seeds.

It grows wild in our wetland behind our house.

Taste That!

Dublin Coddle

Try this rustic Irish classic for a hearty and delicious family meal.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound bacon slices
- 2 pounds pork sausage links
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic
- 4 large potatoes, thickly sliced
- 2 carrots, thickly sliced
- 1 large bunch of fresh herbs, tied with string or in a cheesecloth bag
- black pepper
- 2 cups apple cider or water
- fresh parsley, chopped, for garnish

Preparation:

Lightly fry bacon in skillet until crisp; drain. Crumble the bacon and place in a large saucepan or Dutch oven. Pour off most of the bacon drippings, leaving a few teaspoons. Brown sausage in the skillet drippings. Remove and add to the pot with bacon. Add the onions and garlic to the skillet and cook over medium-low heat until softened. Add the onions and garlic to pot along with potatoes and carrots. Tuck the bag of herbs in the middle of the sausage and vegetable mixture. Sprinkle with pepper. Add the apple cider, cover tightly, and cook 1 1/2 hours over medium-low heat; do not boil. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Serves 6.



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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