



Baby Golden Eye Ducks – Leaving the nest for the first time

Lake Owasso Garden Club

MARCH

Next Meeting, March 9

6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting -- Our speaker will be Rene' Lynch on "Beegap Program". Rene is currently the President of Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota.

Presidents Message

The long, cold winter slowly moves along. Warm days and nights seem like such a long ways off. I am remembering some of the many things that I miss about the growing season and some that I do not.

I like the look and smell of the lawn after mowing. Sometimes just sit on the deck a while, with a beverage and take in all the sights, sounds and smells that the summer has to offer, nice to remember on a February night.

So what is one specific thing that you miss about summer and perhaps one that you do not? Spend a few minutes to think about that. We can have a little fun with it at the March meeting.

Angie and I are taking the Plant Propagation class through MSHS at the St Paul campus. To those of you who have not taken this class, I can recommend it, it expands your horizons a bit.

Per your vote, the 57 Chevrolet will be our entry in the Rose Parade this year. We do retain all the materials and may return the float in the future. Mark Armstead at Beisswenger's may be a source of mature decoration plants in the future.

Our order is in at South Cedar and we will pick it up the last week in April. The plants have about three weeks to expand outward and get a little taller. Hopefully we will have an earlier spring, so continue to think about plants you may contribute to our sale.

Think Spring!

Secretary's Report

Minutes of Meeting February 9th, 2015

23 members present

Ron Kvass brought the meeting to order at 8:20

The LOGC will be participating this year in the Rose Parade, June 29th, mark your calendars. Wendy Lucas will be in charge, with more to come at upcoming meetings.

Art in Bloom will take place April 25-27th @ the Mpls. Institute of Arts. Anyone interested in attending should contact Ron @ 481-9868.

Evelyn Larson and Lois Witzel attended the President's Tea @ the Masonic Home in Bloomington. I was inspired by everything that is being done.

- Pennies for Pines-collecting pennies at each of the club meetings and sending to FGC at the end of the year/sponsored by the DNR, Forestry to replant trees that have been destroyed either by fires or storms.
- Promote gardening by putting on demonstrations @ nursing homes or Senior High Rise
- Ames Tool Co. gives tools to groups free to garden clubs if you qualify by doing gardening with children.
- Plaques that are paid for by the FGC in honor of Vets or other organizations. (Note: I was traveling Monday to Tower Mn. and stopped at a roadside rest and there was a beautiful plaque in honor of our Vet's, one of the donors was the FGCM, amazing.

Evie and I also brought back 12 containers to be filled with fresh flowers for the April 11th Annual meeting at Como Conservatory. Check the Garden Dirt if you are interested in going. More to come.....

Garlands were also passed around for anyone who would like to make them for the Renaissance Festival. Evie will have a workshop to be announced. Our garden club receives \$2.00 for everyone completed. Let her know if you would like more or did not get any.

Our President attended "Ready to Grow" seminar in Wisc. , along with other members. Good speakers, merchandise and door prizes. (Same week-end as Pres. Tea)

Ron will bring the Hostas, Heucheras, and Clematis to the May meeting for sale. Three tables will be set up and everyone will have equal chance, he will also bring examples of plants grown at South Cedar Greenhouse.

Board meeting will be set up by Ron with all the committee chairs present and he has a list of topics to discuss and if you have any topics let Ron know.

VA Hospital flowers set for July 9th, 2015.

Our speaker for the evening was Katherine Aby on Espaliers. Useful information about growing, pruning and planting.

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Respectfully submitted

Lois Witzel, Secretary

Treasurer's report

Balance is \$9,602.03

Renaissance Garlands

Ann Albrecht, from the FGCMN put together garland packets for us to complete. Anyone who would like to start making them I will bring them to the Feb. 9th meeting. If that doesn't work for anyone wanting to complete the garlands give me a call or email EVIE LARSON 651-633-4434, or eyiel3@yahoo.com

"Flowers for Vets Project"

Dear LOGC members: Last year our club participated in the "Flowers for Vets Project". Just to refresh your memories, this project provides flower bouquets for the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. A large group from our club went to the VA on Thursday July 3rd and arranged around 20 vases of flowers for public spaces in the hospital. I believe all who went really enjoyed themselves.

Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota is doing this project again this summer. I told Ron Kvass that I would coordinate a group again. I am looking at two dates, July 2 and July 9th. Please let me know if you would be willing to help and what date works best for you. I will arrange a date based on the response I get from those who would like to participate. We also will need donations from member's gardens. Last year we got tons of filler (beautiful Hosta leaves, shrubbery, etc) which was so helpful.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you can help out with this service project. My email is bbpatient@gmail.com, Rebecca Patient

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

Plant 'Imagination'



The flaming hot pink of the three Jan Bos hyacinths are complemented by eight softer pink edged Innuendo tulips. If you love pink, you will fall 'head over heels' for this unique garden.

For that someone “special” make their winter day by sending flowers with a fragrance.

Taste That!

Fruit Salsa and Cinnamon Chips



This delicious salsa made with fresh kiwis, apples and berries is a sweet, succulent treat when served on homemade cinnamon tortilla chips. Enjoy it as a summer appetizer or an easy dessert.

INGREDIENTS:

2 kiwis, peeled and diced	1 tablespoon brown sugar
2 Fuji apples - peeled, cored and diced	3 tablespoons fruit preserves, any flavor
8 ounces raspberries(blueberries)	10 (10 inch) flour tortillas
1 pound strawberries	butter flavored cooking spray
2 tablespoons white sugar	2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar

DIRECTIONS:

- ^{1.} In a large bowl, thoroughly mix kiwis, Golden Delicious apples, raspberries, strawberries, white sugar, brown sugar and fruit preserves. Cover and chill in the refrigerator at least 15 minutes.
- ^{2.} Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
- ^{3.} Coat one side of each flour tortilla with butter flavored cooking spray. Cut into wedges and arrange in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Sprinkle wedges with desired amount of cinnamon sugar. Spray again with cooking spray.
- ^{4.} Bake in the preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes. Repeat with any remaining tortilla wedges. Allow to cool approximately 15 minutes. Serve with chilled fruit mixture.

OTHER CLUB EVENTS from *crosspollination* calendar

Wild Ones St Croix Oak Savanna

When: Thu, March 5, Refreshments and socializing begin at 6:30 pm with the main program at 7 pm

Where: FamilyMeans Building, 1875 Northwestern Ave., Stillwater,MN ([map](#))

Description: Tom Dickhudt, owner of Sunrise Native Plants and a board member of our Wild Ones St. Croix Oak Savanna chapter, will describe another way to enjoy native plants. Learn how to add chokecherry and wild leek (among others) to your menus “But perhaps not in the same dish,” says Tom. He’ll discuss where and when to find a variety of native edibles and how you can fit them into your cooking as well as your landscape.

Go to <http://www.crosspollination.weebly.com> for more events on calendar.



<http://www.crosspollination.weebly.com> Once there, There you will find a link to:

The *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 LOGC website and go to crosspollination! It's so easy.

Our Google Doc

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvDTcsB_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrblNUSDBWd250QlpGYWc

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT,

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

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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