



*Caltha palustris* (Marsh Marigold), April 22, 2012

*This wildflower is common in swampy areas.*



*Dicentra spectabilis* 'Gold Heart' (Bleeding Heart), April 22, 2012

*Brilliant gold leaves are spring spectacular.*

*photo's by Anne Flipp*

## ***Lake Owasso Garden Club***

***MAY, 2012***

### **Presidents Message,**

It's May! This is our last month for speaker meetings until fall – garden tours and excursions for three months coming up! And, our most important event for the year is this month as well, our annual plant sale. Let's hope for a warm beautiful weekend and a sell-out. We will have a sign-up sheet for people to participate in working the sale at our meeting, so please check your calendars prior to coming. I greatly appreciate those members who have dedicated so much time and energy in planning and coordinating this event. Let's invite our friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to visit our sale and let's have fun too.

It has been a delight to see so many plants emerge so early this year. Hopefully we are truly out of the woods concerning any potential frost. My gut feeling is that we are and will have a fabulous summer. I am really enjoying the time I can spend in my garden. Every day when I come home, I take myself on a tour of my gardens and I always find something new that has bloomed or emerged. I am sure you are experiencing the same sort of thing. It feeds my soul and recharges me, as I'm sure your gardens do the same for you. Let's have a wonderful summer together as a club and as fellow gardeners.

See you in the garden,

*Mary Battee*

***Meeting, Monday MAY 14, social at 6:30***

Speaker at 7pm, 'Ecological and Xeric Gardening' by Fran Kiesling

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](http://www.mwgs.org) --- check it out for meeting locations and other information about speakers etc.

## *Secretary's Report by Lois Witzel,*

Minutes of Meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 30 members present

Mary Battee announced upcoming Plant Sale, Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>

Divide any plants you wish to donate to the plant sale and bring to Patti Costello. Flyers for the plant sale were passed around and should you need any they can be picked up at Kirsten Englebrechts.

If anyone is interested in CSA (Community Supportive Agriculture), for a nominal fee you can share fresh, organic produce every Mon. (delivered to Central Park) for the entire growing season. The fee can be shared by a group of 4 with plenty of produce for the week. See or e-mail Kirsten should you be interested.

Beth Oelke showed a chart of the annual flower bed for the Arboretum at Central Park. Very Impressive.

Beth also announced the Ramsey County Garden Club is celebrating 100 years and everyone should check out any activities/programs that may be going on.

Evie Larson had members of the LOGC at her home to put together garlands for the renaissance festival with \$2.00 going back to the garden club for every one that is completed and turned in. It was a fun time had by all.

Anyone needing the Horticulture Handbook contact Rose Diestler and for \$7.00 she can order a copy for you. Also check out [www.Rosevillepatch.com](http://www.Rosevillepatch.com) web site. Click on local and check out the blog by our very own Rose and see what she has to say. Rose is also a member of the Gavel Club and will be passing out flyers for our Plant Sale.

Patty Sullivan, green team meeting Tues. May 1st.

The LOGC board agreed to share our programs and meeting with the Minnesota Water Garden Society(MWGS) and evaluate after 1 year if we want to continue.

➤ New member---Barb Martinson /1366 Skillman

## *Treasurer's Report by Kirsten Engelbrecht*

TCF Bank balance was \$7,108.59 as of April 23, 2012

## *Audit Report*

The audit of the financial books for 2011 has been completed. All records are accurate and complete.

Mary Fowler, LOGC auditor

## *Exceptional Excursions*

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

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*

Plant Sale, May 18-19

Roseville Arboretum Workday -- Tuesday's, May 1,8,15,22,29, **June 5,12,19,26**, **July 3,10,17,24,31**, August 7,14,21,28, **Sept. 4,11,18,25**

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

## *"Sharing Garden Joy"*

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"

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

CLASS 7c: "DREAM FANTASIES"

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: HOSTAS “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 spray

DIVISION 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: VEGETABLES “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: SHRUBS “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. Planting Special Places (ideas – hillside, shady area, deck, window boxes, entry planters) Exhibit 2. Experiencing Garden Club (Why join **LOGC?** – tours, speakers, projects, friendships, etc.) Exhibit 3. Green and Growing (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 Exhibit title needs to be depicted – 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. Sending Thoughts - Greeting Card, max. size 5½ x 7 inches approx. A handmade card, no verse inside, no envelope, some plant material fresh and/or dried Class 2. Welcome Home – Wreath, max size outside width 12 inches, fresh and /or dried plant material. Class 3. Joyous Memories – Photograph, 4x6 inches max. unframed, 35mm 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"



*Epimedium x rubrum* (*Barrenwort*)



*Mertensia virginica* '*Virginia bluebells*'

This *Epimedium x rubrum* hybrid (red barrenwort) is a cross between *E. alpinum* and *E. grandiflorum*. It is a rhizomatous, clump-forming perennial which typically grows 8-12" tall and is primarily used as a ground cover or edger in shady or woodland areas. It has heart shaped leaves and red and yellow flowers in spring held on wiry stems. Its leaves emerge red tinted, age to green, then auburn in autumn. Epimediums are commonly called bishop's hat or barrenwort.

Easily grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soils in part shade to full shade. Prefers loose, organically rich loams with even moisture in part shade. Tolerates drought once established. Rhizomatous perennial which spreads faster than most other epimediums. Cut back any remaining old foliage in late winter.

The *Mertensia virginica* matures to 2' in height and has bell-shaped flowers that will transition from pink to purple and finally to blue. The blooms will last for many weeks in early spring (April and May) and will go dormant by mid-summer. Virginia Bluebells prefer soils typical of a woodland - a little on the wet side. It attracts female Bumblebees that fly in early spring.

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!*

## **Dean's Vegetable Soup**

*Prepare ahead of time and bring to a potluck.*

<b>4 LBS</b>	<b>Ground Beef or Ground Turkey</b>	<b>1 Large</b>	<b>Green Pepper</b>
<b>4 Cups</b>	<b>Chopped Onion</b>	<b>1 Cup</b>	<b>Celery Tops</b>
<b>4 Cups</b>	<b>Sliced Carrots</b>	<b>2 Cups</b>	<b>Cabbage</b>
<b>3 Cups</b>	<b>Raw Diced Potatoes</b>	<b>1 Cup</b>	<b>Diced Rutabaga</b>
<b>3-4 Qts</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>1 Lg. Can</b>	<b>Tomato Juice</b>
<b>1 Tbls. Ea.</b>	<b>Salt and Seasoned Salt</b>	<b>1 Tsp</b>	<b>Pepper</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Bay Leaves</b>	<b>1/2 Tsp</b>	<b>Sweet Basil</b>
<b>1 1/2</b>	<b>Beef Bouillion Granules</b>		

Brown and drain meat. Add all ingredients except the Tomato juice. Bring to a boil and then add Tomato juice. Let it sit for several days, and it can be frozen. Otherwise/then, simmer for 1 1/2 hours.

*Great for up at the lake, cabin, or camping*

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### *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 [raflipp@comcast.net](mailto: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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