



Macy's Flower Show, 2015 – Glass Art and Flowers

Lake Owasso Garden Club

Next Meeting, MAY 11

6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting -- Our speakers will be Katy Chayka and Peter Dzuik. These two are collaborators on a website called "Minnesota Wildflowers" that they are currently maintaining. Katy is a Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer and Peter Dzuik is a native plant enthusiast. Both have extensive experience working with natives and wildflowers. Peter will discuss native plants for part of the program and Katy will talk about the website they maintain. It will be an interesting and informative program!

Presidents Message

The P.A. system in the church is available to us, so speakers and your president will be better heard starting in May.

We are going to pick up our plants from South Cedar Greenhouse on Monday morning. It will be warm enough this week for them to flourish outside, especially all the annuals. The Hosta Farm and Rosy Dawn Nursery orders will also arrive this week. We are trying new things this year that should work out well.

Perennials are emerging earlier after our wimpy winter so this should be a good year for member plants. Patty has been such a gracious hostess for our plant sale for so long. It is with some sadness that this will be our last one at 868 Cannon. She found a place very good for her and especially for her orchids.

Thank you for everything Patty.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of Meeting April 14th, 2015

28 members and guests present

Ron Kvass brought the meeting to order @ 8:30

Evelyn Larson gave us an update on the garlands. A workshop was scheduled for the following Tuesday at her home. Garlands are still available if you should be inspired.

Wendy Lucas will be the contact person for the parade. Ron's 1957 Chevrolet will be the main attraction and Wendy suggested we could push a wheel barrel possibly filled with candy or flower seeds wearing the aprons provided us in previous parades. Mark your calendars for June 29th.

Sign-up sheets were passed around for the plant sale. May 15th and 16th check your schedule and sign in please with Kirsten Engelbrecht or call @487-7552 THANK YOU!

Evie Larson and Lois Witzel were recognized for the 9 flower arrangements that were made for the table decorations at the annual FGCM at Como Conservatory.

Bad and Good News /Flash: Patty Costello will be moving, so this will be the last year for the plant sale at the Cannon location. **Good News**, She is moving near Lexington/Victoria and will remain in the garden club. YEAH!!!!

Results of the March 23rd board meeting.

- Raise the price of annuals to \$4.00 (26 flats of 12 in 4" pots)
- Perennials \$3.00 per plant
- Specialty perennials priced accordingly
- Perennial wildflowers @\$4.00 per plant
- Hostas and Heuchera under \$9.00
- Clematis (18 @ \$9.00 per plant)
- Posters at plant sale with information as to where the money goes. (sample brought to meeting)
- Patti Sullivan agreed to LOGC planting a espalier tree.
- Having a board meeting again in the fall.

- Three hostesses at each meeting but 2 would be sufficient
- Pat Costello and Vatsala Menon agreed to each donate a hot pot
- Beth Oelke suggested we have one meeting a year designated to bringing a friend
- Ways to increase our membership. Sign- up sheets at the plant sale and follow up with e-mail/newsletter
- Rose Diestler suggested potential possibilities for future flower shows or other events for our club located at the numerous new buildings in our parks.
- Dick Flipp suggested we look into getting an amplifier mike for meetings.

Speaker for the evening was Peggy Nerdahl on “Jewels in the Garden”. Her slides and information on Martagons (lilies for shade) motivated me to seek and find. I’m off to the garden centers.

Respectfully submitted

Lois Witzel, Secretary

Treasurer's report

Balance is \$7,908.26

Lake Owasso Summer Garden Tours

Monday June 8th 6:30 Tour the garden of Beth Husby at 1700 Ridgeway Lane South Roseville and then on to the Experimental Gardens at the University of Minnesota St Paul Campus

Thursday July 9th Flowers for Vets Project at the VA All are welcome to come and arrange vases of flowers for the public areas of the VA hospital.

Saturday July 11th 9:30 AM Tour the garden of Myra Peterson in Cottage Grove 8284 Indian Blvd Cottage Grove We will visit Whispering Gardens 11180 70th Street South and Rustic Gardens 12811 Norell Road South Hastings

Monday July 13th Tour the garden of Kate/Mark Podowski 253 Russell Ave So Mpls 612-374-9033 or 612-532-1370 Mpls and Kathy Ripke and Jay Peterson 240 Upton Ave So 612-377-4677 followed by the garden of Lois Weitzel 824 West County Road B2

Monday July 27th Rain Garden Tour with Sage Passi Washington/ Ramsey Watershed District 612-598-9163

Monday August 10th 6:30 Tour the garden of Angie Hoffman-Walters 2074 Cleveland Ave North Roseville and Therese and Marti Malone 3223 West Owasso Blvd. Shoreview Mn

"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

***OTHER CLUB EVENTS** from [crosspollination](http://www.crosspollination.weebly.com) calendar*

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

Twin Cities Rose Club Master Rosarians Plant Sale

Sat, May 2, 10am – 1pm, **Where:** Twin Cities Rose Club, 3834 Queen Ave. N., MPLS,MN [map](#)

Wild Ones St Croix Oak Savanna

When: Thu, May 7, 7– 8:30pm, **Where:** FamilyMeans Building, 1875 Northwestern Ave., Stillwater,MN ([map](#))

Description: Spring Warblers Chase Davies, St. Paul Audubon Society. Our native plant group usually partners with St Paul Audubon for one program each spring. It's off-topic from gardening, but the program highlights and celebrates one of the many benefits of the natural landscapes we enjoy here in the Twin Cities. **Go to** <http://www.crosspollination.weebly.com> **for expanded description.**

Burnsville Native Plant Market

When: Sat, May 30, 9am – 1pm

Where: Parking lot across the street from Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway, Burnsville, MN ([map](#))

Description: Native wildflowers, ferns and grasses will be available for sale from multiple vendors. Cash or check only. Event will occur rain or shine.

More event information available at www.burnsville.org/nativeplants. Open to everyone.

Plant "Imagination"



LILAC, Syringa vulgaris

Botanical name: Syringa

Plant type: [Shrub](#)

USDA Hardiness Zones: [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#)

Sun exposure: [Full Sun](#), [Part Sun](#)

Soil type: [Any](#)

Soil pH: [Neutral to Slightly Alkaline](#)

Flower color: [Red](#), [Pink](#), [Yellow](#), [Blue](#), [Purple](#), [White](#)

Bloom time: [Spring](#), [Summer](#)

Who doesn't love lilacs? The ideal lilac shrub has about 10 canes and produces flowers at eye-level—all the better to enjoy that sweet, haunting fragrance.

Lilacs do come in seven colors but most are familiar with the common lilac, *Syringa vulgaris*, which blooms in the northern states for 2 weeks in late May. However, there are early-, mid-, and late-season lilacs, which, when grown together, ensure a steady bloom for at least 6 weeks.

Lilacs are hardy, easy to grow, and low maintenance. They can grow from 5 to 15 feet tall, depending on the variety. The fragrant flowers are good for cutting and attractive to butterflies.

Taste That!

Almost Flourless Orange and Almond Cake with Marmalade

Ingredients

1 orange
3 eggs
1 cup confectioner's sugar
¼ cup plain flour, sifted
1 tsp baking powder
1 cup ground almonds
½ cup marmalade
Confectioners' sugar for dusting Options: small carton whipping cream, rind of 1 orange

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease an 8-inch springform cake tin and line it with wax paper.

Put the orange in a pan, cover with water and simmer for 1 hour(or nuke in microwave for around 25 minutes) until soft. Cut the orange in half, remove the seeds and puree in a food processor.

Beat the eggs and sugar until pale and thick. Fold in the flour, baking powder, almonds and orange puree. Pour into the tin and bake for 1 hour.

Melt the marmalade in a small pan, then pour through a fine sieve, pressing to get all the juice out. Spread the rind-free juice over the cake.

When cool, sift the confectioners' sugar over the cake. Mix whipped cream with the orange rind and serve alongside.



<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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