

On November 1st, Anne collected from our garden



(Astilbe "Color Flash", Mums, Sedum, Burning Bush, Monkshood, Coral Bells, Blood Grass)

Flower arrangement and photo by Anne Flipp

Lake Owasso Garden Club

NOVEMBER

Next Meeting is November 11, at Affinity Plus, 2750 Snelling Ave N, Roseville, MN, 55117

6:30 PM, Social

7:00 PM Program, Beyond Green-Different Foliage Colors

Michelle Riedel

Presidents Message

Dear Gardening Friends,

Golden leaves clinging to the trees as I look out my window making it a beautiful day. My gardens are as clean as they will be, since I leave a lot of stems to be my natural snow fence for my sidewalk and driveway. I've moved a bag of dirt into my home so I can add soil to my pots later to decorate for the winter holidays. I'm not sure where I will buy my special greens with Linder's closed.

With this short pause between closing of the gardens and holiday decorating, I am reflecting on our club.

- Fabulous speakers were secured by Ron plus extra trips to electronic stores so presentations could be given.
- Wonderful member garden tours arranged by Char and the members going over the top to prepare their gardens and welcome us and offer beverages.
- Special outings to nurseries opened our eyes to more garden possibilities.
- Miserable spring with terrible weather seemed like doom for the plant sale, but Patty's home sheltered us, money was saved by wisely choosing the best looking plant materials, babysitting the plants for three weeks by members of the plant sale team, and extended sales at Kirsten's home left us with a good profit for the club. We make miracles happen.
- Additional funds were generated by Evie as she coordinated the creation of garlands for the Renaissance Festival.
- Newsletters that are like mini magazines with club information, colorful photos, a plant feature each month, and recipes for the season. Such a professional publication.

We have a talented, talented club. Thank you for all you do.

Your gardening friend,

Wendy Lucas, LOGC President

Secretary Report

Minutes of Meeting October 14th, 2013

22 members present

Wendy Lucas brought the meeting to order @ 8:30.

Slate of officers for next year was presented and will be voted on at the Nov. meeting.

President, Wendy Lucas

Vice President, Rebecca Patient, Angie Hoffman-Walter, Vatsala Menon, and Irene Brink. Because of the level that this position requires it was decided that several persons would take over.

Secretary, Lois Witzel

Treasurer, Evie Larson, Kirsten Engelbrecht

Wendy announced that the by-laws should be revised as it has been over 5 years since they have been addressed. Kirsten Engelbrecht also proposed we form a budget committee for 2014.

Dues are payable for 2014. LOGC members are \$25.00 and if your spouse is joining add \$15.00. Also, Minnesota Horticulture Society dues are \$37.00 which includes a subscription to the Northern Gardener magazine.

Federated Garden Club annual meeting is Sat. Oct. 26th. @ Bachmann's on Lyndale Ave.

Holiday Party at the Flame in Rosedale, Dec. 9th from 6-9:30.

Sue VanZanden volunteered to write a Thank You note to Linder's for the use of their plants in making our parade float and the flower show entrance at the library look so inviting.

Our speaker for the evening was Joanne Sabin on "Beautiful Bees in the Garden," What They Do and How to Support Them. I thought she was excellent, very knowledgeable. Most important is the improper use of pesticides which kills and weakens honeybees.

Submitted by Lois Witzel, Secretary

The sounds of summer are wonderful when the windows are open and you hear the chattering of critters outside. **Beware** when you bring your plants in for the winter and you're in a peaceful sleep and that same sound is within 6 ft. from you **inside**. The bedroom became off limits with doors closed until we found the critter the next morning on the floor. I like to think my little tree toad is safely outside and found a warm home in the dirt.

If you did not attend the meeting you missed the opportunity of taking home vegetables from Chuck Anderson's garden. What a nice treat. Thank You.

Lois Witzel

Treasurer's report

The TCF balance is \$9,480.70 as of October 18, 2013. The club is in great financial shape!

I have prepared a review of the 2013 budget comparing what we approved and what the actual figures are with in regards to income versus expenses. It looks like we are just about right as far as what we had projected. All the chairs have been very careful with their expenses, so I believe we will stay within our projected budget for the year.

Our profit for the plant sale was just \$40 less (\$2,316) than the plant sale profit in 2012 (\$2,356). We grossed less money for the plant sale but we sold all the plants after the second plant sale at my house. Not bad for a wet and cold spring!

Good news!

Five members met on Saturday, November 2 to create a budget to for the 2014 LOGC calendar year. The budget includes all of our estimated income and expenses for the coming year. I will be at the next meeting to answer any questions. Thanks to Theresa Malone, Ron Kvaas, Vatsala Menon, and Wendy Lucas for their help on this important project.

Both the proposed budget below and a comparison chart of 2013 versus 2014 are published on our online Google Document.

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| Lake Owasso Garden Club Proposed Budget 2014 with Detail | |
| Estimated Income Dues Received <i>Regular (2013 - 35 @ \$25)</i> <i>Lifetime (2013 - 4 @ \$15)</i> Plant Sale Renaissance garlands Total Income | Proposed 2014 Budget \$800.00 \$60.00 \$4,500.00 \$75.00 \$5,435.00 |
| Estimated Expenses Club Program Speakers Scholarships (U of M; Tech) Donations Como Conservatory Minnesota Green/Hort Society (membership & donation) Nature Conservancy Landscape Plant Development Center Parade Flower Show <i>Ribbons, etc</i> <i>Lunch for Judges</i> <i>Printing of Schedule - handbook for club members</i> <i>Printing of hand out at the Library</i> <i>Entrance Display</i> Plant Sale Library Planting Roseville Arboretum Memorials Membership to FGCMN Board Member Expenses Newsletter Yearbook Misc Printing (Flyers and Brouchures) <i>Flyer printing</i> <i>Printer Cartridge</i> Sunshine Club Historical Album Holiday Party <i>Door Gifts & Decorations</i> <i>Tax and Tip</i> Total Expenses | \$900.00 \$1,000.00 \$100.00 \$100.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$200.00 \$2,000.00 \$100.00 \$350.00 \$50.00 \$35.00 \$300.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$200.00 \$5,435.00 |
| Income vs Expense | \$0.00 |

Membership Information

I have LOGC membership paid for 18 members. Please bring your checkbook to the next meeting if you have not paid for your 2014 membership (\$25) yet. I will send in the FGCM roster and dues after the meeting November 11.

For those of you who wish to renew or join the Minnesota State Horticulture Society, I am collecting MSHS dues at the **garden club rate of \$37** at the next LOGC meeting November 11.

Please note the following membership rates:

MSHS Garden Club Rates 2014:

\$37 for an Individual garden club member (Does not include two free tickets to the spring shows)

\$40 for a Dual

\$55 for a Household (Does include the two free tickets)

Please note our Northern Gardener level is \$62 and the Subscription only option rate is \$34 for non-garden club members

Renewal & new membership materials are due to MSHS by November 4th.

Members can join MSHS at any time throughout the year. They would start their subscription to *Northern Gardener* with the next available issue. Their membership card would be mailed within one week after receipt. I will have a sheet listing all the MSHS membership benefits and rates at the next meeting. Remember to bring your checkbook.

Kirsten Engelbrecht, Treasurer

LOGC Members Only Holiday Party

The December meeting is our Holiday party! This year it will be at the Flame Restaurant, Rosedale Center on Monday, December 9th, at 6:00 pm. Each member pays for their own meal.

An email evite has been sent out, you can RSVP by clicking on the yes, maybe or no in the evite. If that doesn't work for you, you can either email Pat Costello cospat17@gmail.com or let us know at the November 11th meeting. Hope you can make it, the more the merrier!

Virtual Garden

Check out these great garden pictures,

<http://myvirtualgarden2.blogspot.com/2013/09/mosaiculture-exhibition.html>

Plant "'Imagination''

*The Chinese Lantern, **Physalis alkekengi***



The Chinese Lantern is a herbaceous perennial that bears white flowers. The flowers are insignificant and not the reason for which the plants are grown. The plants are grown for the 2-inch wide papery pods or "calyxes" (calyxes) that eventually envelop the flowers. Each of the pods later encases a berry with seeds. In fall, they turn bright orange! These pods are reminiscent of some traditional Chinese lanterns and even more so for their papery texture -- thus the name. Leaves are heart-shaped. Plants are low-growing, reaching at most 2 feet in height. **Zones 3-9**

Grow Chinese lanterns grow best in full sun, but can be grown in partial shade. Grow them in a well-drained soil. When young, plants need to be kept watered and fertilized; once established, the plants become reasonably tolerant of poor soils.

Chinese lantern plants are invasive plants spreading via underground rhizomes. They also are poisonous plants -- a concern if you have children or pets in the yard.

Chinese lantern pods are used in Halloween crafts (due to their orange color) and dried flower arrangements. The color immediately calls to mind the jack-o-lantern popular in the fall. When the pods change their characteristic orange to reddish-orange color, it's time to harvest them. Cut the stems off at ground level to remove them. Strip the leaves off, then suspend the whole plant, upside down, from a nail or string. Dry the harvested pods in dark, cool places with good ventilation for a couple of weeks.

Taste That!

Meatball Roll-Up with Raspberry Chipotle Sauce



Ingredients

- 1 Starter crust (Schwan's carries these)
- 16 Italian style meatballs
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp seasoning (coarse salt, pepper, garlic, parsley, chives)
- 1 Cup raspberry chipotle sauce,
A colorful, sweet and spicy dipping sauce for this showy appetizer.

Steps

1. **Preheat** oven to 425°F.
2. **Cut** crust into 16 slices starting from the center and leaving edges uncut.
3. **Place** meatballs in center of cut crust and roll to outer edges. Push down slightly to secure.
4. **Brush** olive oil over crust and sprinkle with seasoning.
5. **Bake** for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.
6. **Pour** prepared raspberry sauce into a round serving dish and place in center for dipping sauce.



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--

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

It is just north of County Rd C. on the frontage Rd. next to the old Fuddruckers restaurant on the east side of Snelling. Park in back and go up to the second floor. (Stairs or elevator) The room is to your left.

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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