

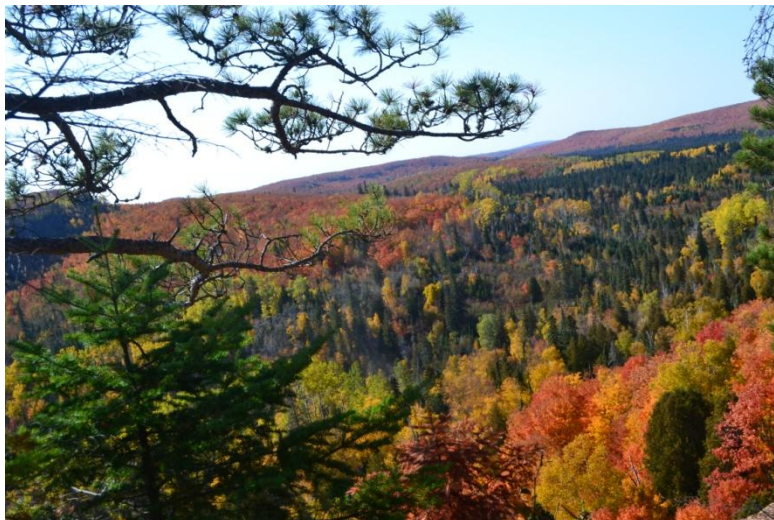


'Fall has arrived in northern Minnesota'

*All photo's by Anne Flipp*

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

***October, 2012***



### ***President's Message,***

It seems like this year has flown by, and it's remarkable to see that fall is here. Rustic colors of Gold, orange, yellow, pink and lavender are popping from trees, mums, lavender and sedum. Cleaning up the garden and preparing for winter becomes a top priority. Let's remember to get those spring bulbs in the ground soon. We will be glad to see them sprout up through the snow in early spring.

We had a host of fabulous tours and projects throughout the summer months that gave me inspiration for my own garden. The burm project I have been working on is nearly complete and I will start thinking about projects for next season. It all takes time, money and energy. That's OK, I have fun in my garden whenever I get a chance to be with it. Our monthly meetings and programs have started again and I am looking forward to our October speaker program on "Shade Gardening". I am challenged to find plants that have the interest and variety for my shaded areas. I hope to see all of you there and let's bring a friend.

Mary Battee

### ***Treasurer's Report***

It is time for me to collect dues for 2013 and to update the Federated Garden Club Roster. Lake Owasso Garden Club membership is \$25/ year for our regular members. Our LOGC members who have been honored with a FGCM "life membership" pay just \$15.

I hope to update and submit the Federated Roster by the due date of December 1. Please bring your checkbook (or cash) to our October meeting.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the programs and tours that Ron Kvaas and other members have worked to create and coordinate this year. We have two terrific speakers and the holiday party still to come on the LOGC calendar for 2012.

The budget committee meeting was held at my house on Sept. 24. Budget Committee members were Mary Battee, Ron Kvaas and myself representing the executive board and Evelyn Pallas and Vatsala Menon representing our membership.

I will review and discuss the proposed 2013 budget at the **October** meeting. I have prepared a spreadsheet comparing the actual budget to the budget approved for 2012. We did well predicting our expenses last year, as we were just \$27 away from balancing expenses with income! We will take a vote to approve the 2013 budget at the **November** meeting.

Note also that the nominees for the candidates for the executive board are to be announced at the **October** meeting. A vote to approve the candidates will occur at the following **November** meeting. The TCF checkbook balance for August is \$9,298.32

Best Regards, Kirsten Engelbrecht

### ***Secretary report***

LOGC Garden Club Minutes of September 10th, 2012

The business meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., with 24 members present.

A thank you was given to Ron Kvass for the popular summer excursions and to Rose Diestler for the ever successful plant sale, and to all those who worked with them. Congratulations for a job well done.

Kirsten Engelbrecht reported on the profits for the plant sale in the amount of \$2356.00. She also requested volunteers for the Budget committee.

Wendy Lucas is in charge of nominations for officers. Positions still open are vice president and president. Call Wendy if this is something you may be interested in.

**October is club dues** (\$25) and horticulture which is due the 1st of October (\$37).

**Mark your calendars** for the Christmas Party @ "The Flame" Rosedale on Monday December 10th.

Beth Oelke attended the memorial service for Joan Cooper (former member) and spoke of all her accomplishments and suggested the LOGC check on guidelines for planting a shrub or tree in her name at the





arboretum.

FYI---for those of you who know Lorraine Schauer (life member-LOGC) she is now residing at Sholom home, (# Grand 305), 740 Kay Ave. St. Paul, 55102.

Our speaker for the evening was David Zlesak on growing roses. Due to difficulties with the projector he was unable to do his slide show. However, having not grown roses for several years after listening to him, I am tempted. He was informative, knowledgeable, humorous, animated and I found him to be delightful. My opinions are not necessarily those of the LOGC.

Submitted by Lois Witzel, Secretary LOGC

## ***OUR NEXT MEETING, October 8, 2012***

***6:30 social***

***7:00 program***

***Shade Gardening*** presented by Mark Armstead, from Linder's Garden Center

### **Plant "Imagination"**

## ***THE MAPLE TREE***

Maple trees are common throughout the United States, however they are mostly seen in the temperate portions of the country. More than 200 species of maple trees exist, growing anywhere from 15 to 70 feet tall. Maple trees are best known for their brilliant fall foliage and for maple syrup production.

Native Americans first used maple sap to create a sweet substance they called "sweetwater." Maple sap is in season in what is known as sugar season, for four to six weeks. March, the prime month, is when the sap runs. It takes up to three decades for sugar maples to be ready to be tapped for syrup. The production of 1 quart of syrup requires about 10 gallons of sap.

Maple trees' wood has many uses. The most valuable maples for timber are the sugar maple and the sycamore maple. Sugar maple wood, also known as hard maple, is used to make items as diverse as bowling pins, drums and butcher's blocks. Flame maple trees and quilt maples are prized for their highly decorative wood grain. Maple is also often used to make instruments, such as guitars because it carries sound waves well.

Regardless of the species, all varieties of maple tree leaves have three principal veins. These veins radiate up from the base of the leaf. However, not all maple leaves are lobed in accordance to the veins, most species do. When young, maple leaves are bright red but soon fade into green. Maple tree leaves can range from red and yellow to purple in the autumn. Color depends on the variety of maple tree.

Maple trees require nutrient-rich soil with good drainage in order to thrive. If planting a maple tree, choose a spot that receives full sunlight. The best time to plant a maple tree is in the fall but before the first frost. Maple trees like a good deal of moisture, and recently-planted trees should be watered on a regular basis. In order to produce sap, sugar maples need nighttime temperatures to drop below freezing.

***This is the time of year to appreciate the magic of the Fall colors***

# *Taste That!*

## *Tomato Pesto Dip*

- 8 oz. Cream Cheese Spread
- 7 oz. Buitoni Pesto with Basil
- 4 oz. Crumbled Feta Cheese
- 1 Small Package Sliced Almonds
- 2 Containers Grape Tomatoes
- 1 Jar Balsamic Vinegar

Slice grape tomatoes in half (or quarters if the tomatoes are large), marinate tomatoes overnight in balsamic vinegar.  
Spread cream cheese on platter  
Spread pesto over cream cheese  
Sprinkle crumbled feta cheese over pesto  
Sprinkle sliced almonds  
Top with marinated grape tomatoes

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.

### *Address and directions for our meetings*

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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