



# October, 2022, Newsletter



## Current News & Notes

The annual and perennial beds at the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum in Roseville that are maintained by the Lake Owasso Garden Club will close soon, if not already, for the season. The arboretum, started in 1998, was



Above: Entrance to arboretum on Dale Street

funded by several individuals, and the Lake Owasso Garden Club who received a grant from the Shell Oil Company and had to come up with funds to



match the grant. That first expenditure was for a collection of shrubs seen near the wedding gazebo which was purchased with memorial money and other funds in memory of a LOGC member who passed away. Did you know that Muriel Sahlin, who loved Central Park, left a bequest of \$500,000 sometime in the early 2000s to Roseville's Central Park Foundation after her death in 2000

at age 84? A little bit of history—the Roseville park system was shaped in the 1960s under the leadership of Frank Rog who was head of Park and Rec at the time. The Central Park Foundation, which collects donations on behalf of park improvements and gives it to the park and rec department for specific projects, started in 1965.

A big overhaul of the park, including improvements to the arboretum, took place in 2015 through 2016. The arboretum consists of 8 acres with a central fountain, theme gardens, paved paths, and a pavilion for special events, such as weddings.

When the Roseville Park and Rec Dept. decided to add the raised annual bed, the LOGC was asked to design, plant, and maintain the bed. For 8 plus years it has been a teaching tool for/by LOGC members.



Annual raised bed just inside entrance planted by LOGC in 2022



Activities at the Arboretum in the past or present by LOGC include purchasing the shrubs by the entrance gazebo, helping to weed and keep up the grounds, putting in and maintaining the butterfly garden, taking care of the rose



Above: Butterfly perennial garden at Arboretum



Above: Fountain at the Arboretum

garden in Central Park, planting and maintaining annual planters by City Hall and by the Library on Hamline, and planting a vegetable garden to teach children at the Lake Owasso Children's Home how to grow and use a vegetable garden.



## **Monthly Meeting Notes**

The October meeting will be on Monday, October 10; social time starts at 6:30 with snacks and beverages. We will be back at Presbyterian Church of the Way at 3382 Lexington Avenue in Shoreview. Masks are optional; please contact Joyce if you would like to provide snacks and beverages on October 10. If anyone wants to view this meeting by Zoom instead of in-person, please let Joyce know.

At 7:00, we will hear Jane Horn speak about a prize winning garden. This will be followed by a business meeting at 8:05 pm. We are still looking for people to serve as President, Vice President, and Secretary starting January 1, 2023. If we only have a Treasurer, we will hold a meeting in January 2023 to divide up the months among members to organize speakers and tours. It may be that we only have a few activities other than the plant sale in 2023. The slate of officers needs to be voted on at the October meeting for the coming year.



## **Upcoming Club Activities**

- October 1--LOGC Garden Expo at Ramsey County Library on Hamline on Saturday, 10/1, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Open to the public.
- October 10--Speaker at October meeting will be "A Walk through a Prize-Winning Garden" by Jane Horn (who also presented in April of 2021 on the Keukenhof Gardens in the Netherlands). Guest are welcome.
- November 14--Speaker at the November meeting will be Dr. Ashley LaBore, doctor of Physical Therapy and Certified Orthopedic Manual Therapist on "Staying Fit for Gardening." Guests are welcome.
- December 12—members only holiday party. We have 16 members who would like to attend. We will either rent a private room at a restaurant or accept Lorene & Jim Roste's offer to host the party in their home. Waiting to find out whether a few more will respond yes to this [poll](#).



## **Volunteer Activities:**

**2023 Officer Slate:** We are seeking nominations for the positions of president, vice president, and secretary. Lorene Roste is the nominee for Treasurer. The slate of 2023 nominees will be presented and voted on at the October meeting. Please contact Vatsala Menon, Nominating Chair, if you are interested in any of the officer positions. 612-802-6563 or [vatchimenon@gmail.com](mailto:vatchimenon@gmail.com)

If you can help clean up the Arboretum perennial and annual beds at the end of the season sometime in October, please contact Vatsala for a date and time to be there.



## **Thank You!!!**

Thank you to Kirsten, Beth and Irene (and others who helped) for their work in maintaining the raised annual bed and the butterfly perennial bed at the Roseville Arboretum this past spring, summer, and fall so they always look nice. Thank you to new member Mary Yohn for redesigning our club brochure.



## **Membership Information**

If you are planning to join the club for 2023, please send or drop off your check or cash for \$25 NO LATER THAN November 15 to Lorene Roste at 885 Brenner Avenue in Roseville. Sorry, no Venmo, Paypal, credit card, etc. WELCOME to NEW MEMBER Mary Yohn who, upon joining, instantly took on the re-design of our Club brochure in time to use it at the library expo. It looks great!

Membership dues are \$25/year for a single/couple membership. They are paid every October for the following year. Of the \$25, \$15 stays with the Club, and \$10 is forwarded to the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota which provides a quarterly email newsletter, an annual spring get-together for members of various garden clubs in Minnesota, and scholarships to horticulture students. People who join mid-year pay pro-rated dues of \$2.00 a month for the year in which they join.



## **Financial Report**

The Lake Owasso Garden Club is a nonprofit organization which has three sources of income: member dues, occasional donations from members and/or guests, and the net profit from their annual sale of garden plants. The balance of funds available in the bank as of May 20, 2022 is \$19,094.85. Funds are used to pay the monthly speakers, occasionally fund special projects to benefit the members, cover Club expenses, and to underwrite annual donations to the following: Minnesota Horticulture Society, the Roseville Arboretum, the Como Park Conservatory in St. Paul, and scholarships distributed by the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota.



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