



'Baby hummingbird taking a break on Royal Standard Hosta'

photo by Kirsten Engelbrecht

Lake Owasso Garden Club

September, 2012

On Tour, good time by all



Community Outreach

MURIEL SAHLIN ARBORETUM

Beth Oelke, Mary Fowler and Char Ethen planted our annual garden at the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum. Please take time to go see the wonderful design. It turned out great!! Thanks, to all on the committee who made it happen. The Arboretum is located in Central Park on Dale St. just south of County Rd C

Also, every Tuesday is ***volunteer day*** at the Arboretum. Even if you only have a half hour to spare, every little bit helps. Patti Sullivan, Walter or Peter are there to show you the ropes. If not, there are always weeds to pull. Roseville Arboretum Workday -- Tuesday's, [Sept. 4,11,18,25](#) [See plant sale flyer below.](#)

"Sharing Garden Joy"

That was the theme title for the 2012 Lake Owasso Garden Club's Standard Flower Show.

Here are the **winners**, of our big rosette Awards for Arrangement Design

The Tricolor Award for all fresh plant material Bev Montain

The Designers Choice Award for fresh and/or dried plant material Rose Distler

The Petite Award for miniature arrangements Wendy Lucas

Special Novice Award Amanda Oelke

The Design Excellence Award for best arrangement overall Wendy Lucas

The Education Award for best Display Kirsten Engelbrecht

The Award for Artistic CraftsNorene Feldsien

In Horticulture the winner of :

Award of Merit for Section B, Hosta Ron Kvaas

Award of Merit for Section C, perennials Beth Oelke

Award of Merit in Section E, RosesRose Distler

Award of Merit in Section F, corms,etc Evan Dreher

Award of Merit inSection I, Container plants Patti Paulson

Award of Horticulture Excellence, best overall Kathy Day

The judges appreciated the beautifully clean, well conditioned, and skillfully presented plant material. They were impressed! So many individual efforts went together to create this impressive flower show. Thanks so much!

Norene Feldsien

Plant "Imagination"

Partridge Pea, submitted by Ron Kvass

Chamaechrista fasciculata

Caesalpinia family (Caesalpinaceae)

Description: This native annual plant is ½-2' tall, branching occasionally. Shorter plants are erect, while taller plants are inclined to sprawl. The slender hairless stems are initially light green, but become reddish brown. The alternate compound leaves are medium to dark green. They have petioles with nectaries that attract insects. Each compound leaf has up to 20 leaflets, which are somewhat sensitive to touch. A leaflet is about 2/3" long and 1/3" across. It is hairless and oblong. The bright yellow flowers appear along the major stems near the axils of the leaves. They are about 1" across, and have an open, irregular shape. Each flower has 5 rounded petals that vary in relative size, and there are about 10 reddish stamens. There is no floral scent. The blooming period is quite long, from mid-summer to fall. During the fall, pods develop that are initially hairy green, but later become hairless and dark brown. They are about 2½" long, ¾" across, and rather flat. The seeds are dark brown, rather flat, and slightly pitted. The root system consists of a central taproot and smaller auxillary roots.



Cultivation: The preference is full sun and average to dry conditions. The soil can contain sand, loam, gravel, or clay, to which this plant will add nitrogen. It favors poor soil because of reduced competition from other plants.

Partridge Pea is easy to grow, but can spread readily in dry, open situations. It's not usually bothered by disease.

Habitat: Habitats include mesic to dry black soil prairies, sand prairies, savannas, limestone glades, abandoned fields, open areas along railroads and roadsides. Sometimes Partridge Pea is deliberately planted to stabilize banks around ditches and other areas, from where it frequently escapes. This plant favors disturbed areas.

Faunal Associations: Long-tongued bees are responsible for pollination of the flowers, which includes such visitors as honeybees, bumblebees, Miner bees, and large Leaf-Cutting bees. They are attracted to the food pollen of the purple anthers, and are then dusted by the reproductive pollen of the yellow anthers. Two species of bees that are supposed to be oligoleges of Partridge Pea are *Anthophora walshii* and *Svastra atripes atripes*. Sometimes large Leaf-Cutting bees cut off portions of the petals for their brood chambers. The flowers are cross-pollinated primarily, but are sometimes self-pollinating. The petiolar nectaries attract a completely different assortment of insects, which includes such visitors as Halictine bees, wasps, flies, and ants. Unusual visitors to the nectaries are Velvet Ants (Mutillidae), which are hairy wingless wasps (in the case of the females). The caterpillars of several Sulfur butterflies feed on the foliage of this plant, including *Eurema lisa* (Little Sulfur), *Eurema nicippe* (Sleepy Orange), and *Phoebis sennae cubule* (Cloudless Sulfur). The seeds are an important food source for the Bobwhite and Greater Prairie Chicken. The leaves are suspected of being toxic to livestock, and are not favored by mammalian herbivores. White-Tailed Deer may browse on the foliage in limited amounts.



Photographic Location: The photographs were taken at Judge Webber Park in Urbana, Illinois.

Taste That!

Candied Caramel Crispix **Compliments of Sheila Munich**

Add 1 large bag of Crispix and nuts in a paper bag

Mix together in pan:

1 cup butter

2 cups brown sugar

¾ cup light Karo syrup

Boil together for 2 minute, remove from heat and **then ADD ½ tsp baking soda.**

Pour over the cereal/nuts that are in the bag

Place the entire bag in the microwave and heat for 1 minute---- remove and shake well. Repeat this a total of 4 times. (4 of the 1 minute intervals)

Spread on parchment paper or tin foil and cool.

After cooled, break apart.

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 --- check it out for meeting locations and other information about speakers etc.

STATE FAIR MWGS water garden, check it out! Located between the Food Court and Horticulture Bldg. Monitors will be there to answer questions. Anne and I will be July 27th Noon to 3 pm come visit a nice garden.


MURIEL SAHLIN ARBORETUM

5th annual

Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012
8:00 a.m. - noon
2525 N. Dale St., Roseville



Fall is an excellent time for planting.
 Come and see our wonderful selection of perennials which may include: Hosta, Astilbe, Day Lilies, Rudbeckia, Iris, Sedum, Peony, and many more.
 Flower arrangers will be on-site to assemble dried and fresh floral arrangements and corn stalks.

All proceeds from the 5th Annual Fall Plant Sale help fund projects at the Arboretum.


 We rely on the help of many volunteers to maintain the gardens. If you are interested in joining the "Green Team" of volunteers, please contact Patti Sullivan at (651) 366-8965.
 The Arboretum is available for rental for that special occasion. Weddings, memorial services, meetings, senior photos . . . For more information contact Jill Anfang at (651) 792-7102.

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 **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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