



Our tour of Charles Anderson's farm and Mary Batte's home was quite the contrast of gardens. It was great fun and we had apples off the tree at the farm and wine and treats at Mary's. THANKS!!! To our host's



Lake Owasso Garden Club

September



MURIEL SAHLIN ARBORETUM

6th annual
Fall Plant Sale

Sept. 6-7, 2013

Fri., noon - 3:00 pm Sat. - 9 am - noon
2525 N. Dale St., Roseville

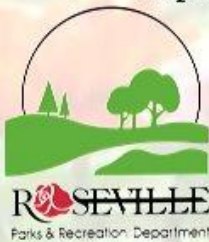


Fall is an excellent time for planting.

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 6th 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.

Do you have plants you can donate to the Roseville Arboretum Fall plant sale?

Contact Patti Sullivan 651-366-8965

Next Meeting is September 9th *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 Fuddrucker's 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.

6:30 PM, Social
7:00 PM Program, Fairy Gardens by Rene Lynch

Presidents Message

Dear Gardening Friends,

The summer tours were wonderful. Now we will meet again at the Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union, 2730 Snelling Avenue N. Remember social time with snacks at 6:30 and program at 7:00 p.m.

I usually mail order spring bulbs, since the bulbs are larger and usually true to advertised color; not always so with loose bulbs at nurseries nor packages at big box stores. Making a radical move, I've purchased bulbs from Cosco. Bargains lure me in plus I've liked their other products, so am trying their alliums, tulips and crocus. Ask me next spring and I can let you know how they did.

My watering bill will be healthy for August, but everything is green. Haven't been able to keep up with the weeds, so they are also healthy. My tree that tilted in the winds of a spring monsoon is looking good. I may have already told you this story. My neighbor came by and helped stake up the tree using ropes with garden hose lengths over the rope. We tramped down the soil around the tree and cut off about 10% of the branches. Bobby Jensen said on a 'Grow with Kare' that I should just take down the tree, it will die in about 2 years. Right now it looks good. Of the 3 ropes staking the tree, one is totally loose, another is semi loose and the third is still firm. I think it is a good sign that the roots are taking hold. We really want a tree in that location and planted an amelanchier tree since it is small and has an open canopy. If it cannot survive in our wind tunnel, I don't know what to try. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

Have a great Labor Day.

With thoughts of a cool fall day,

Wendy Lucas,
President, LOGC

Treasurer's report

The TCF balance was \$9,557.65 as of 8-21-13.

Kirsten Engelbrecht, Treasurer

Plant "Imagination"

Cacalia atriplicifolia



The common name is pale Indian plantain

Pale Indian plantain is an herbaceous perennial from the Asteraceae family. It grows in zone 3 to 8 and reaches a height of 3-6 feet and a spread of 2-4 feet. White blooms in July to August. It prefers full sun to part shade and it will naturalize. Prefers moist soils which do not dry out. Freely self-seeds in optimum growing conditions. If grown from seed, large basal leaves will appear the first year, but flowering stems may not appear until the second or third years. Flowering stems may be cut back to the basal foliage after bloom to encourage a lower, secondary bloom.

Features: flat-topped clusters (corymbs) of tiny, white tubular flowers atop thick, rigid, leafy flowering stalks rising from the basal foliage. Fan-shaped basal leaves (to 12" wide) are thick, leathery, and coarsely toothed and lobed. Stems and lower leaf surfaces are covered with a grayish-white bloom hence the "pale" part of the common name.

Taste That!

Tajadas - Fried Ripe Plantain



Tajadas are sweet-savory strips of ripe plantain that have been fried until golden and caramelized. The word *tajada* means "slice", and to make tajadas the plantain is cut lengthwise (**I prefer crosswise**) into long strips. Tajadas are often served alongside a full plate of food, like a garnish.

I tried this with Italian sausage and boiled potatoes that I sliced and fried with seasoning (Lawry's salt and Steak seasoning). Add a glass of Moscato d'Asti from Trader Joe's and you have a meal. Maybe sliced fresh peaches for dessert.

Choose ripe plantains for this dish, which look almost black on the outside, and are sweeter and less starchy than the green ones.

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 15 minutes

Ingredients:

- 4 ripe plantains
- ½ stick butter

Preparation:

1. Cut the pointy tips off of each end of the plantains. Use a sharp knife to score cuts through the skin down the length of the plantain in several places.
2. Peel the skin off the plantains, then slice each one in half lengthwise. Slice each of those pieces in half lengthwise as well, so that you have four long slices from each plantain. **Or, I prefer to cut them crosswise about 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick.**
3. Heat the butter in a non-stick pan over medium heat and fry the plantain slices until dark golden brown on each side.
4. Drain slices on a paper towel and sprinkle with salt. Serve warm.



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

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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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