



THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
*landscape arboretum*

**MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER**

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FOURTH ANNUAL WINTER OUTING

During the summer we all come out to the Arboretum to walk the trails and enjoy the plants, but during the winter months many Arboretum members stay at home and wait patiently for spring to come. On Sunday, February 10 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., the Arboretum Auxiliary offers you the opportunity to visit the Arboretum during the winter. If you are one of the hardy souls who visit us throughout the winter, you already know the winter beauty of the Arboretum. If this will be your first winter visit it probably will not be your last.

As always, the grounds are open for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. A few areas have been fenced and posted no skiing or snowshoeing in order to protect low growing plants or newly planted areas.

If you are not involved in these outdoor sports, come anyway. We have something for you too. Refreshments will be served in the new tearoom and tours of the building will be available. The Andersen Horticultural Library will be open and Mrs. June Rogier, the librarian will be there to show you around. As an EXTRA incentive to come out to the Arboretum we have arranged to have Tom and Cecilia Ramsey of TCR Productions offering a selection of their nature slides and their newest movie, "Snakes and Flowers". The Ramsey's do excellent work and it is well worth the drive to the Arboretum just to see their presentation.

ON THE HORIZON

The Dayton-Bachman Preview party has been scheduled for the evening of March 15. It will feature a Far Eastern motif. When plans are completed invitations will be sent out. Watch your mailbox and remember that this is a benefit for the Arboretum.

HELP NEEDED

Because of the shortage of petroleum products it is increasingly difficult to obtain plastic flower pots. With the spring plant sale preparations already under way, this shortage is being felt at the Arboretum. If you have any plastic or clay flower pots (4" or larger) that you would care to donate, they would be appreciated. Call..... Theresa Mieseler at 443-2460 to make the arrangements.

BIRD FEEDING STATION - by Jim Gilbert

The Arboretum bird feeding station, located just east of the new building, now has three suet and four seed feeders. Since October the birds have gone through about 200 pounds of sunflower seeds and 50 pounds of millet, so one can just imagine how active the feeders are. Better yet, stop by the bird feeding area and enjoy seeing and hearing all the activity. Species that I have observed consistently include  
: red bellied woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, downy woodpecker, purple finch, junco, American goldfinch, tree sparrow, black-capped chickadee white breasted nuthatch, cardinal and blue jay. Some of these birds rival in color the most beautiful flowers of summer. All of them are fascinating. At the present time we are making a list of trees and shrubs that provide food for birds to be planted in the bird feeding area. Hopefully, many can be planted this April.

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