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**Calendar of
Friends Events**

January 25th- Monday.
Annual Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Fireplace Room.
Program: *Tour of European
Formal Gardens.* Peter Olin.
Free to Friends and Arboretum
members.

April 11th- Sunday. Special
Friends program. 1:30 p.m.
Auditorium. *Famous English
Women Gardeners.* Ann
Gore. Co-sponsored by the
Arboretum and the Department
of Landscape Architecture.
Friends free, Arboretum
members \$15, non-members
\$25. **See p. 6.**

April 26th- Monday.
Friends regular meeting.
1:00 p.m. Fireplace Room.
Program: *The Edible Land-
scape.* Shirley Mah Kooyman.
Free to Friends, \$7.00 non-
members. **See p. 7.**

July 26th- Monday. Friends
regular meeting. 1:00 p.m.
Fireplace Room & Auditorium.
Program: *Small Trees for
Small Spaces.* Jim Calkins.
Free to Friends, \$15.00
Arboretum members, \$25.00
non-members. **See p. 7.**

October 1-2-3- Friday,
Saturday, Sunday. Friends
Annual Book Sale. Friends
preview-Thursday, September
30th at 6:30 p.m.

October 25th- Monday.
Friends Regular Meeting. 1:00
p.m. Fireplace Room. Program:
*The Care of Framed Art
Work.* Jane Westerlund. Free to
Friends, \$7.00 non-members.

Report of the Friends Nominating Committee

Helen King, Helen Ohnesorge and Richard Isaacson, Friends Nominating Committee, make the following report. Offices that are up for election this year for a two year term are President and Secretary.

Our candidates are:

President: Susan Cross
Secretary: Paul Schlick

According to the Friends By-Laws, nominations of other candidates may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 1999 with written consent of those nominated.

Message from Susan

Susan Cross, President

Dear Members:

As another year ends and the Friends Annual meeting approaches, my thoughts turn to our accomplishments and what our future ambitions could be. Make a New Year's resolution to attend the January 25th meeting and bring your ideas for programs and appropriate projects for our group.

What we have done since our beginning in 1988 is quite impressive for a small group. Our book sale has grown to be an important event in the life of the Arboretum and has developed a steady following. Our earnings have allowed us to support the Library in a meaningful way. I believe we have spent our earnings wisely by:

- Buying the security system for the Library and helping to insert the first alarm strips

- Adding to the Andersen Horticultural Library's endowment each year

- Allocating money annually for Library books and serial publications

- Funding for print conservations and picture framing

- Setting money aside for the future purchase of compact shelving

- Buying heavy duty shelving for the preparation area for

- the book sale
- Providing two computer systems for staff

- Purchasing a large newsletter carousel for the periodical room

- Providing funds for wood panels for the Library

In addition to these monetary contributions, we have:

- Hosted the dedication of the 1988 building addition

- Hosted the Andersen Horticultural Library's 25th Anniversary celebration

- Jointly sponsored several education programs open to Arboretum members and the general public

- Held self-enrichment programs along with our meetings

Some of our future plans will be decided at the upcoming meeting as we elect new officers, decide our annual donation to the Library and choose new projects. Do we add another fundraiser, find a volunteer project or continue on the same course? A project one or several members could undertake is to be responsible for creating displays for the four display cases in the Library. Surely, members will have

suggestions for other projects too!

At the June Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Trustee meeting, its Board approved a new master plan that involves new buildings and the remodeling of the Snyder Building. A capital campaign drive will start in the future to fund the construction of a visitor center and other projects. The physical impact of these plans on the Library will be minimal. The remodeling project will allow the Library to consolidate the archives and provide a method to increase security of Library materials.

As the Arboretum is looking to the future, the Library must do so too. The endowment fund needs a larger base to provide for future operational needs. Individual members of the Friends can meet with Harlan Carvert, who arranges planned giving for the foundation, if they have questions about adding funds to the Library endowment.

Most members will be receiving a membership renewal notice with this newsletter. See you at the meeting.

Susan

Friends Annual Book Sales

Richard. T. Isaacson

Head Librarian and Bibliographer

The 1999 Friends annual book sale to be held October 1-3, 1999 will be the tenth annual sale. Those members of the Friends who have been involved since the book sales beginnings find it hard to believe that this will already be the 10th sale. Because of its past success and importance to the Friends, a look backward is warranted.

The Friends book sale has been successful in many ways: the book sale has raised \$55,778.00 over its nine sales for Friends projects; it has run itself with minimal involvement from the Library staff; and it has generated much good will for Andersen Library by finding thousands of books and magazines new homes and readers.

The first book sale in 1990 was co-chaired by Jean Brown and June Rogier. In order to insure a reasonable attendance it was held in conjunction with an Arboretum wide event sponsored by Daytons/Target on May 12th and 13th with over 4,000 people attending. Because so much of the Snyder Building

was reserved for the Dayton's event, the book sale was held on the front terrace. Thankfully, the weather cooperated and it did not rain on our customers, although it did rain at night!

The books were sorted and carefully boxed in the 5 months preceding the sale by the fledgling book sale committee. Donations for the first sale included 4863 hardcover, 6546 paperbacks, and 9760 magazines. A total of \$5435.55 was generated from this sale. Thanks to the careful planning of Jean Brown and June Rogier and of course by Peg Gruver, the Friends President, the sale ran smoothly and laid the foundation for future sales. Notices were mailed out to local book sellers, a precedent that has been followed ever since.

The second book sale was moved to the Fall on October 4-6, 1991. This weekend was chosen because it was traditionally one of the largest weekends at the Arboretum for gate entrance fees. Also after experiencing the overtaxed facilities during the Dayton's weekend event,

the book sale committee looked for a weekend with no other large events. As in all subsequent sales, the sale was held in the Snyder Building auditorium. Sunday, the last day of the sale, became bag day (all you can pack into a grocery bag for \$2.00). This book sale was chaired by Susan Cross and netted \$4268,91. This also was the first sale held under the direction of the Friends President, Ruth Seaman. During this year the Friends purchased heavy duty metal shelving for the basement sorting area for the book sale. It was reported that "thirty people worked 400 hours sorting books" for this sale.

Susan Cross again chaired the book sale committee for the 1992 sale held on October 2-4. Gate attendance for this sale was 889 on Friday, 2554 on Saturday and 3329 on Sunday. \$4011.35 was netted from the sale.

The next book sale chair was June Ray who led her committee readying the collected materials for an October 8-10, 1993 sale. Donations of books and magazines were up from the previous years and a record \$5992.22 was netted from this sale. Sorting that year started in April. An added feature was a successful pre-

sale offering to members of the Friends on Thursday evening (another innovation which continued in future sales). As in all book sales, unsold items were offered to other organizations, this year the Friends of the Prior Lake Library.

For the next 3 successful years, Dick Owen served as capable book sale chair. In 1994, the sale was held September 30th to October 2nd and netted a record \$6410.90. As in all sales, many books were added to the collections of Andersen Horticultural Library throughout the year from donated materials. This year 93 titles were added including a 19th century book added to the special collections.

It had been suggested by the 1994 book sale committee that special signs be considered to advertise the sale to Arboretum visitors. Peg Gruver made a generous donation enabling the Friends to have special banners made that advertise the sale to Arboretum visitors. These signs have been used by all subsequent sales and have been a handsome addition. At the 1995 sale, held October 6-8, another record of \$6415.56 was raised. Dick Owen of this sale reported volunteers spending 521.5 hours on the sale. Of special note during this

sale was the specially marked books section organized by Ruth and Bill Seaman which proved a great success. Books were placed this year in the Library advertising the sale and soliciting book donations.

The 1996 sale was the last sale chaired by Dick Owen and also the last sale under Ruth Seaman, President. It was again a record sale with \$8012.96 raised. 5230 hardcover, 7606 paperback and 2649 magazines were sorted.

Susan Cross was elected President of the Friends in 1997 and appointed Helen King and Bill Scarff as co-chairs of the 1997 book sale. This sale netted a record \$8162.20. The book sale committee commented on the improved quality of the books received. Also the sorters tried to eliminate more books that were not thought salable in the sorting process. The book sale committee also especially thanked Bud Sand for providing so many quality boxes for the sale.

Last years sale again ran smoothly under the direction of Helen King and Bill Scarff. It netted \$7278.00. Another statistic is worth noting, at the start of the sale on Thursday night, 701 boxes of books were

counted. At the end of Friday's sale, 561 boxes were counted, with 502 boxes remaining after Saturday sales and only 255 boxes at the end of the sale on Sunday.

The sale now is a depended-on feature of the Fall calendar at the Arboretum. The sale has built up a reputation for quality materials and is one of the few sales that book sellers always put on their schedules. We do have many repeat buyers for the sale. The Friends book sale committee can be proud of their many years of dedicated, hard work that has proved so successful.

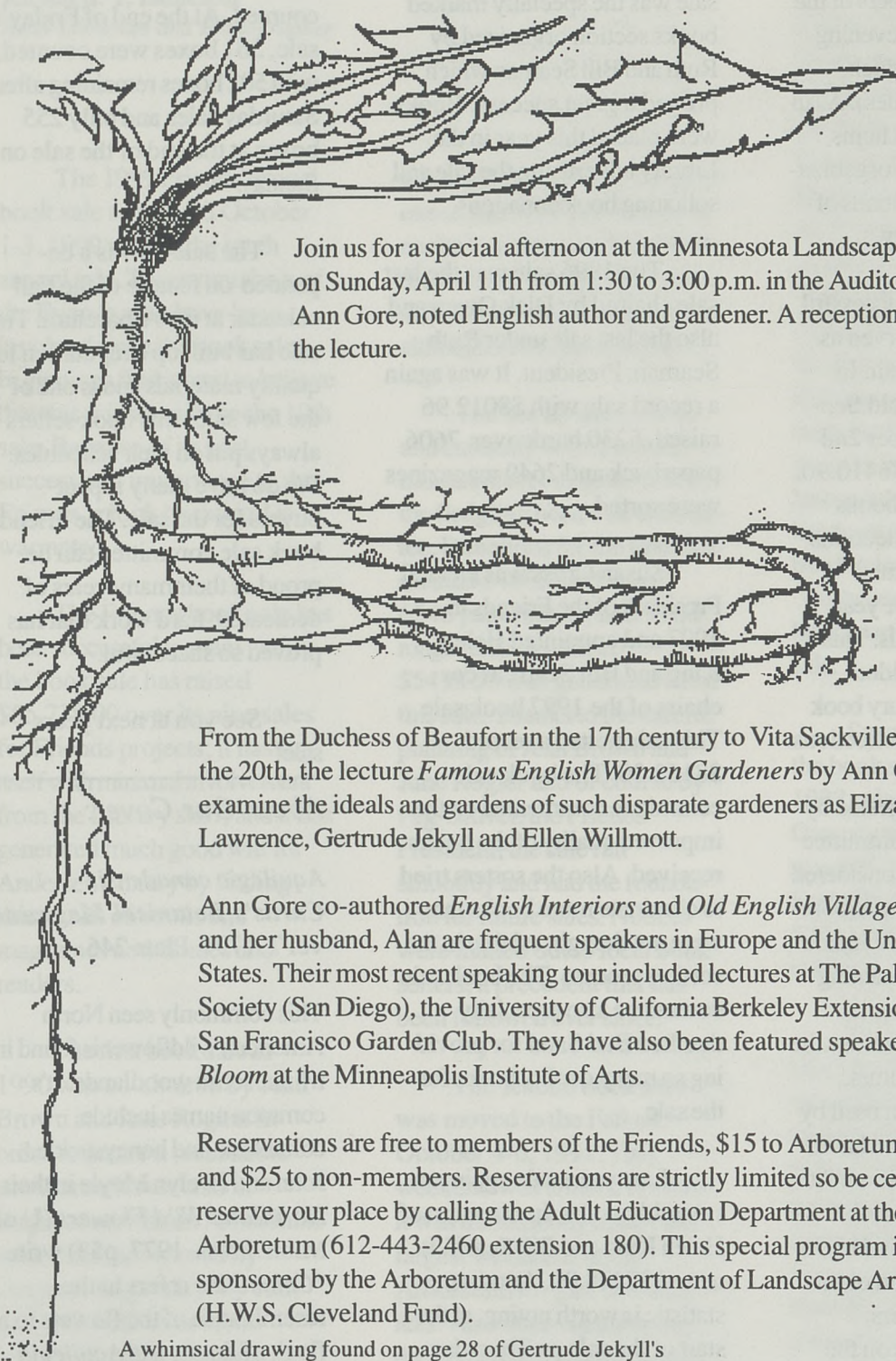
See you at next years sale!

About Our Cover:

Aquilegia canadensis
Curtis's Botanical Magazine
vol 7. 1794. Plate 246.

This commonly seen North American wildflower is found in Minnesota's woodlands. It's common names include columbine and honeysuckle. John and Evelyn Moyle in their *Northland Wild Flowers* (U of Minn. Press, 1977, p53) write "*Columbine* refers to the resemblance of the flowers to a flock of doves and *Aquilegia* likens the spurs to claws of eagles."

Famous English Women Gardeners: a Lecture by Ann Gore



Join us for a special afternoon at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on Sunday, April 11th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium with Ann Gore, noted English author and gardener. A reception will follow the lecture.

From the Duchess of Beaufort in the 17th century to Vita Sackville-West in the 20th, the lecture *Famous English Women Gardeners* by Ann Gore will examine the ideals and gardens of such disparate gardeners as Elizabeth Lawrence, Gertrude Jekyll and Ellen Willmott.

Ann Gore co-authored *English Interiors* and *Old English Villages*. Ann and her husband, Alan are frequent speakers in Europe and the United States. Their most recent speaking tour included lectures at The Palladian Society (San Diego), the University of California Berkeley Extension, and the San Francisco Garden Club. They have also been featured speakers at *Art in Bloom* at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

Reservations are free to members of the Friends, \$15 to Arboretum members and \$25 to non-members. Reservations are strictly limited so be certain to reserve your place by calling the Adult Education Department at the Arboretum (612-443-2460 extension 180). This special program is co-sponsored by the Arboretum and the Department of Landscape Architecture (H.W.S. Cleveland Fund).

A whimsical drawing found on page 28 of Gertrude Jekyll's *Children and Gardens* (London: Country Life, 1908).

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The Edible Landscape

Shirley Mah Kooyman

*1:00 p.m. April 26th.
Fireplace Room.*

Vegetables need not be relegated to a back corner in the garden. Today's cultivars are as ornamental as functional and can add interesting elements to your home landscape. Learn how to use common and uncommon vegetables with flowering annuals and perennials to create interesting combinations.

Ms Kooyman has a BA in botany from Smith College in Northampton Massachusetts. She also has done graduate work in plant taxonomy at the University of Florida. She has been a member of the education department at the Arboretum for about 15 years. Shirley currently is Adult Education Manager and arranges most of the Arboretum's classes.



photo by Bill Seaman



Small Trees for Small Spaces

Jim Calkins

*1:00 p.m., July 26th
Fireplace Room*

Many of us have limited space for commonly planted large trees. Discover which smaller trees provide interest and function best in your landscape, which ones are hardy for Minnesota's climate, how they fit into your landscape space and what is available at nurseries.

Jim Calkins, Ph.D., is a horticulturist, researcher, and teacher with extensive experience in plant selection and culture. He specializes in native plants and is on staff at the University of Minnesota, Department of Horticultural Science.



1998 Book Sale (photo by Bud Sand).