

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER



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MORE ON THOSE BEAUTIFUL NURSERY AND SEED CATALOGS by June Rogier

Since April the Andersen Horticultural Library has been sending questionnaires to libraries, historical societies, and nurserymen in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota requesting information on WHO has collections of nursery and seed catalogs and the extent of such holdings.

Nursery and seed catalogs are in need of careful preservation. Their usefulness in horticultural documentation and history is undeniable. The value of older catalogs is seen in a recent sale of a nineteenth century catalog for \$1,000. "History starts this minute" with today's catalogs.

We will publish a directory of WHERE collections of nursery and seed catalogs may be found in the Upper Midwest. No collection is considered too small. We'd like to have as complete a directory as possible. If you have any information, please contact me at the library.

SPECIAL ATTENTION RENEWING MEMBERS

Under our new Membership Office procedure, which is based on the MONTH you renewed your membership starting with September, 1978, renewals will be sent out the month before your membership expires. Example: People getting memberships in September of 1978 will receive their renewal notice in August in time for a September 1979 renewal. We hope that everyone will try and keep their regular renewal month.

The new Membership Fees, which became effective in January, 1979, are as follows:

Individual Member	\$15.00	- Car and Driver free admittance with a membership, each passenger, 16 years or older, 50¢
Family Member	- \$25.00	- Car, Driver and all passengers free admittance
Contributing Member	- \$35.00	- The last three memberships give you the same privileges
Sustaining Member	- \$50.00	as the Family Membership, but will make it possible for
Supporting Member	- \$100.00	you to attain your Life Membership at a much faster rate.

GUIDES FOR ARBORETUM TOURS

The Arboretum's education program relies heavily upon volunteers. During the 1978 season 346 groups, 13,645 individuals, scheduled tours. Each of the large walking groups were subdivided into groups of from 12 to 15 individuals and supplied with a guide. Altogether, 650 guided tours were taken thru the Arboretum. Of these tours, 401 were lead by volunteers and 249 by staff members. Without the massive time commitment by volunteers this program could not be carried out successfully.

If you would like to participate in the program there are three training sessions being held this summer. They are:
July 5: The Arboretum Drive - Linda S. Sanford
August 2: Roses, Perennials, Herbs and Annuals - Mike Heger
September 6: Tree Identification - Linda S. Sanford

Training sessions meet in the Ordway Shelter at 9:00 a.m. For information and reservations contact Linda S. Sanford at 443-2460.

SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes require advance registration, call 443-2460.

Senior Citizens, 62 and over with identification, will be admitted to classes at the member rate. This does not apply to classes with limited attendance unless the class is not filled a day prior to the class.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING OF PLANTS & LANDSCAPES

Marija Skutans Netz

* July 10 thru August 14; every Tuesday morning at 10:00a.m. to 12:00 noon

* Limited to 15 students. Fee of \$25.00 for members \$35.00 for non-members. Reservations and fees must be received prior to the date of the first class.

The first class will be spent in classroom 2 as a lecture. At that time students will be informed about the materials they will need to supply for the rest of the class.

Marija Skutans Netz received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota. She has taken advanced studies in painting and aesthetics at the University of the Americas in Mexico and participated in water color workshops by many noted artists. Her experience includes one woman exhibitions, juried group exhibitions and commissions. She has taught University of Minnesota Extension Classes, at suburban Hennepin Vocational Technical Centers and free lance.

IDENTIFICATION AND CULTURE OF FERNS

Leon C. Snyder

* July 10; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Classroom 2

* Fee: \$2.00 for members, \$4.00 for non-members

This class will include the identification of common ferns in Minnesota and their garden uses. Microscopes will be set up to demonstrate some of the identification characteristics. If there is sufficient interest, a field class will be arranged.

Dr. Leon C. Snyder is the former director of the Arboretum and extremely knowledgeable in most areas of horticulture.

MAKING JAMS AND JELLIES WITH FRESH FRUITS

Isabel Wolf

* July 18; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Classroom 2

* Fee: \$2.00 for members, \$4.00 for non-members

There will be a discussion with the use of slides on the making of jams and jellies with all kinds of fruits, various methods including long cook, use of pectins and freezer types. Storage of jams and jellies and any problems that might be encountered will also be discussed. She will bring samples prepared in the food processing laboratory at the University. If you have difficulties, she is willing to diagnose problems if you bring along a sample.

Isabel Wolf is a specialist with the Agricultural Extension Service specializing in food and nutrition. She is knowledgeable in all areas of food preservation.

PLANTS OF THE PRAIRIE

Linda S. Sanford

* July 19, August 9 & August 30; 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

* Fee: \$6.00 for members, \$12.00 for non-members; Limited to 20 students

* Meet in the parking lot near the prairie area.

Three visits to the Arboretum prairie will provide students with an opportunity to observe the changing prairie flora over a period of time. A species list for the Arboretum prairie will be provided, but you may want to bring along your favorite field guide. Wear appropriate clothing, wet grass and deer flies can be expected.

Linda Sanford has been the Arboretum's naturalist for the past seven years.

GARDEN SALADS

Mary Mueller

* July 25; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Craftroom

* Fee: \$3.00 for members, \$5.00 for non-members

Learn to create tasty delights using common and unusual vegetables, fruits, herbs and dressings. Interesting and attractive ways of presenting the salads will be featured.

Mary Mueller is the manager of the Arboretum's Tea Room and has taught ethnic food classes in several community schools in the area.

The class will be held in the craftroom. Please use the outside entrance below the Tea Room Terrace.

DRYING AND PRESERVING FLOWERS, FOLIAGE AND WEEDS

Shilon Bedford

- * August 1; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Classroom 2
- * Fee: \$2.00 for members, \$4.00 for non-members

You can save those lovely summer blooms for fall arrangements. Learn to preserve plant material with glycerine, oolitic sand, silica gel, microwave oven and other methods. Arrangements using preserved materials will be demonstrated.

Shilon Bedford recently moved to Minnesota after completing a Master's degree in Horticulture in Colorado. She is employed at the Arboretum this summer to answer horticultural reference questions.

ROSEBOWLS, POTPOURRI AND OTHER FRAGRANT DELIGHTS

Sandy Tanck

- * August 15; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Classroom 2
- * Fee: \$2.00 for members, \$4.00 for non-members

Learn how to save the flowers and herbs from your garden to make potpourri, a fragrant blend of dried herbs, spices and a fixative to keep the fragrance of the garden in your home all through the year. The program will include an introduction th the aromatic herbs, techniques for drying, old-fashioned and modern "receipts". There will also be a host of ideas for using your potpourri to make holiday gifts including sweet bags, a fragrant tea cosey and sachets of different shapes and sizes. It will include demonstrations of mixing potpourri by the "moist" and the "dry" method.

Sandy Tanck is recently moved here from New Canaan, Connecticut where she developed a large herb garden of over 100 kinds of herbs. She will be working on a master's degree at the University of Minnesota.

BUTTERFLIES IN THE ARBORETUM

Jim Glibert

- * August 22; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Classroom 2
- * Fee: \$2.00 for members, \$4.00 for non-members

Did you see that butterfly flutter by? If you would like to learn more about butterflies this is your chance. The first part of the class will be spent in the classroom discussing butterfly life histories, butterflies and their food, gardening for butterflies, the butterflies that are likely to be seen at this time of year and their identification. Special mention will be made of the migration of the monarch. The second part of the class will be spent on a hike to see some of the butterflies in the Arboretum.

CORSAGE CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Betty Moen

- *September 12; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Classroom 1
- *Limited to 20 students. Fee: \$4.00 for members, \$6.00 for non-members

During the lecture you will learn how garden flowers can be used in corsages, how to handle the flowers, wire, tape and assemble them in a corsage. In addition information on how flowers may be worn in other ways will be given. In the workshop the students will make a corsage from garden chrysanthemums. Flowers, wire, tape and ribbon will be supplied. Students should bring a sissors and wire cutters.

Betty Moen has conducted many workshops on corsage craft. She is an accredited flower show judge of the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.

MINI BOOK TALKS

The Andersen Horticultural Library is offering a series of Mini Book Talks aimed at familiarizing you with the library's collections in horticulture, landscape architecture, botany and natural history. The meetings are held in the library at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Upcoming topics are:

- * June 27: Roses
- * July 25: Lilies, Daylilies, and Hostas
- * August 22: The Prairie
- September 26: Time of Harvest
- * Weather permitting after the talk we'll walk

TEA ROOM NOTICE

The increased costs of food and labor have made it necessary to simplify our menu. We are presently unable to offer our Chef's Salad, Herb Bread, or a choice of entrees; but we hope you will continue to enjoy our delicious soup, the main entree of the day, tossed salad, Granola Muffins, sandwiches, desserts and beverages.

It is our pleasure to serve you when you come to visit the Arboretum.

New Tea Room Hours:

Tuesday thru Friday

10:00 a.m. - Coffee and donuts

11:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Dessert & Beverage

Saturday and Sunday

11:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Lunch

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Dessert & Beverage

Monday - Closed

PLANT SALE NOTICE

The Auxiliary would like written notice of the failure of plant material bought at the 1979 Spring Plant Sale. Please include your name and address, the name of the plant and if it was bare-root or potted. Mail to:

Auxiliary Plant Sale
c/o Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
3675 Arboretum Drive
Chaska, Minnesota 55318

SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE ARBORETUM

July 7 & 8 - North Star Lily Society Show - Auditorium

July 7 & 8 - Iris Society of Minnesota: Late-Late Iris Show - Balcony Area

July 28 & 29 - Iris Society of Minnesota Rhizome Sale - Ordway Shelter - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

August 25 & 26 - Minneapolis Men's Garden Club Show - Auditorium

September 9 - North Star Rose Society Show - Auditorium

September 16 - Daffodill Society of Minnesota Show - Auditorium

October 14 - North Star Lily Society Bulb Sale - Auditorium

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM
3675 Arboretum Drive
Chaska, Minnesota 55318

HORTICULTURAL TOUR

Our tour of the Pacific Northwest with Dr. Snyder on Sept. 8 is filled but we have added a departure for Sept. 15-23 with Dr. Francis deVos. We will be visiting Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver to see public and private gardens as well as highlights of the area. Dr. deVos is the director of the Arboretum and has a broad background in ornamental horticulture which will increase your enjoyment of this tour. It is a beautiful time of year to visit the Pacific Northwest. For information and reservation form contact Ruth Wirtz, 16634 Devon Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343, 612-938-5220. Space is limited.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As some of you know, the Arboretum is currently expanding its prairie area by two acres. We are scheduled to seed in the prairie grasses and wildflowers in the spring on 1980. In order to be ready, quantities of seed need to be collected this summer and fall. If you would like to help, we are looking for someone to recruit and organize volunteers to do the seed collecting. If you are interested in helping please contact Linda Sanford at 443-2460.

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