Hi to all Master Gardeners,

Finally it is officially SUMMER! And it feels like it, too.

No meeting this month and the reunion is on Friday. No meeting until the night of set-up for the fair on July 24.

Friday is our big Reunion at the History Center (in place of our meeting this month).
- Gathering at 4:00
- Remembrances 4:30
- Meal at 5:00
- Julie speaks at 5:45
- Photos at Discovery Garden at 6:30

Master Gardeners can come at 3-3:30 to help set-up and prepare the tables. Please remember your dish to share and plant or flower arrangement for the tables. Ruth said the Hydrangeas are planted and the gardens are ready! The new sign will look wonderful.

Kanabec County Fair MG theme this year is: “Edible Container & Landscape Gardening.” Angie and Pete need containers planted and it is your choice using the theme. They also will need garden art and ideas and items for Veggie man and woman. We will set up for the fair on July 24, less than 4 weeks away.

The Community Garden is abuzz with all the gardeners planting and tending their gardens. All the plots have caring gardeners enjoying them. We have a plot for the soup garden and it is planted also. Each Wednesday at 4 – 6 any and all MG are invited to join in on the fun at the garden. Come at take a look at what the gardeners are doing.

Have a wonderful week and hope to see everyone on Friday.
Barbara

MARTHA STEWART GETS EXPERT ADVICE FROM JEFF GILMAN!
Jeff Gilman, Extension Horticulturist, appeared on The Martha Stewart Show in 2 segments talking about homemade garden remedies. Check out the videos at www.marthastewart.com/248663/garden-remedies-2#251406

MINNESOTA GOOSE GARDEN
The Minnesota Goose Garden located near Sandstone, Minnesota, is a native Ojibwe flora preserve and sculpture garden created by artist Susan Swerda Foss (former Kanabec County MG) and her husband Rodney Foss, an electrical engineer. The garden, which is laid out on 5 acres of what was formerly a hayfield, is inspired by the work of ethnologist Frances Densmore (1867-1957).

In 1989, Susan began documenting the flora used by the Ojibwe for food, medicine, utility, and ceremony. Planting began in 1991 and three of the plantings are living sculptures: a Canadian goose in nesting position, a gosling, and a nest. A mile of paths winds within the garden and signage identifies each plant and its use. There are also two life size human-likeness sculptures as well as Ojibwe animal totem statues.

The garden is open to the public, June 1 through October 1, and to school groups by appointment. Call 320-390-2323 for open hours or additional information. Suggested donation is $5 per person. Email inquiries can be sent to Susan at info@minnesotagoosegarden.com. The garden is located 3 miles west of Grindstone Lake near Sandstone, MN; directions are found on the website, www.minnesotagoosegarden.com.

Minnesota Goose Garden is a non-profit organization. Partial funding for the sculptures was made possible by a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Partial funding for the dozer work, purchase of flora and the Minnesota Goose Garden sign was made possible by a grant from the McKnight Foundation.
### GARDEN TOURS & EVENTS

**July 13, 12th Annual Garden Tour & Breakfast**, Kanabec History Center, Mora  
Gardens open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; continental breakfast served 9 to 11 a.m.  
Advance tickets $12 or $10 with KHC membership; tickets on July 13 $15 (no discounts)

**July 13, Extension Master Gardener Learning Garden Tour, Hennepin County** (S. Minneapolis, Edina, & Bloomington)  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  

**July 13 & 14, North Star Lily Society – Annual Lily Show**, Bachman’s Garden Center, Lyndale Avenue in Minneapolis  
1 to 5 p.m. on July 13; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 14  
A wide variety of Lillium stems grown by members are on display including: Martagons, Asias, Orientals, Orienpets, Trumpets, Longiflorum Asias, species and more. Also on display are floral designs incorporating lilies and a lily photo contest.  
Contact: www.northstarlilysociety.com

**July 18, Annual Art Fair in the Gardens**, Munsinger and Clemens Gardens, St. Cloud  
Browse and purchase artwork by Minnesota artists while enjoying the Munsinger and Clemens Gardens at the height of their summer beauty.  
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Free and open to the public  
For information, go to www.munsingerclemens.com

**July 25, Horticulture Night**, West Central Research and Outreach Center, Morris  
Tours of the University of Minnesota's Horticultural Gardens, an All-America Selections display site. Activities include gardening technique demonstrations, games in the Children's Garden, a picnic dinner, and more.  
5 – 9 p.m.  
Admission is free.

**July 27 & 28, 16th Annual Water Garden Tour**  
13 unique gardens in the northern half of the Twin Cities Metro Area.  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
For information and to purchase tickets, go to www.mwgs.org or call 612-803-7663. Tickets can also be purchased at the gardens on the days of the tour.  
Tickets are $20 per person, or $15 with advance purchase. Children 15 and under are free with paid adult.

**August 10, Minnesota Garlic Festival**, McLeod County Fairgrounds, Hutchinson  
Family friendly, fun-filled, and fragrant event for lovers of garlic. This annual festival features garlicky foods, celebrity chefs, cooking demonstrations, music, area artisans, goofy games…and lots of GARLIC – all in support of a healthy environment, sustainable farms and vital rural communities in Minnesota.  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Cost: Adults: $5; Kids under 12, $3; stroller/carried babies free. $1 parking per vehicle  
For information, go to www.mngarlicfest.com

**August 18, Annual Como Park Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival**, Como Park Japanese Garden, St. Paul  
Explore the art, music, food, martial arts, and cultural traditions of Japan at a family-friendly event reminiscent of Japan's annual Obon holiday. At dusk, stone lanterns and hundreds of floating paper lanterns throughout the Japanese Garden pond and the Frog Pond will create a vision of peacefulness and harmony.  
3 p.m. - dusk  
Admission: $5 per person; children ages 3-12 and Seniors 65+ $3; children 2 and under free.  
For information, go to www.comozooconservatory.org/events

**August 24-25, Public Opening of the Harrison Collection at High Point**, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chanhassen  
This new outdoor collection donated by Alfred & Ingrid Lenz Harrison of Wayzata features 23 sculptures created by internationally renowned artists. The collection has been installed on three acres along the Arboretum’s scenic Three-Mile Drive.  
8 a.m. – 8 p.m. or sunset  
Free with Arboretum admission  
For information, go to www.arboretum.umn.edu or call 952.443.1400.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

From Dr. Mary Meyer:
Just a reminder that you may want to promote this online module as tomato questions start coming:

Developed by the North Central Consumer Hort Working Group and the NC IPM Center. Upon completion, participants receive a certificate that can count toward advanced training for Extension Master Gardeners.

From Julie Weisenhorn:
Extension entomologist, Vera Krishik, in collaboration with the Xerces Society, has produced a fabulous new educational website and presentations called "Pollinator Conservation"! Included are many great resources AND five online presentations as part of "Bee-Friend Pollinators" workshops (four of the five are recorded). Watching these and studying this website overall can be counted toward MG CE hours. Here's the link:

From MN Department of Agriculture:
Dealing with this Year's "Most Wanted" Pests and Diseases: Fruit and Vegetable First Detectors – Wednesday, July 24, 2013; MacMillan Auditorium, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum; 8 a.m. - noon.

This workshop will have in depth sessions on pests of new concern for Minnesota fruit and vegetables, including:
- Spotted wing drosophila.
- Brown marmorated stink bug.
- Goss’s wilt of sweet corn.
- Exotic downy mildews of basil and cucurbits.

Anyone may attend, but attendance is required for those who want to be part of the Minnesota Fruit and Vegetable Pest First Detector volunteer program. This volunteer program will help find as quickly as possible new invasive species affecting Minnesota’s fruits and vegetables. For details about becoming a First Detector Volunteer, go to www.extension.umn.edu/pesticides/fdfruitveg.

Program fee is $25 and includes gate admission to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and attendance at the workshop (Enjoy the Arboretum before or after the workshop). Morning beverages and lunch is on your own. There is a cafe in the building.

To register for the workshop, go to www.arboretum.umn.edu/gardening.aspx or call 952-443-1441.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR -- August 22-September 2
It’s time to schedule that annual visit to the State Fair. Here is a list of the exhibits in the Horticulture Building to help you make your plans.
Aug. 22-23, Minnesota State Fair Plant Show
Aug. 24-25, State Fair Gladiolus Show
Aug. 26-27, Minnesota State Fair Flower Show
Aug. 28-29, Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, “A Standard Flower Show”
Aug. 28-29, MN State Florist Association, Professional Designer of the Year – Semi Finals
Aug. 30-31, Orchid Society of Minnesota, Annual State Fair Show
Aug. 30-31, Minnesota Bonsai Society, 2013 State Fair Bonsai Show
Sep. 1-2, State Fair Dahlia Show
Shows open at noon of the first day, following judging
Free with State Fair admission.

KAREN OBERHAUSER – WHITE HOUSE CHAMPION OF CHANGE FOR CITIZEN SCIENCE
On June 25, University of Minnesota Extension specialist Karen Oberhauser was named a White House Champion of Change for Citizen Science. The national award recognizes her critical research on the habitat and conservation of monarch butterflies and her use of volunteer "citizen scientists" to collect data over long periods and broad geographic areas.

Dr. Oberhauser has spent decades researching monarchs, helped by data collected through citizen science projects at the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project, developed at the University of Minnesota to create greater understanding about the decline of monarch populations due to habitat loss.