



**I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose
I would always greet it in a garden.**

- Ruth Stout

March 27, 2007

Dear MSHS Garden Club Officers & District Officers,

Happy Spring! I'm hoping that you are each well and have had a good start to your spring! I am so anxious for the weather to warm up and to get outside and work in my gardens - I almost feel like I can hardly stand it this year. I have put together pots of pansies and tulips and have them on my porch so that I see them right away when I get home everyday. I trust that each of you is as anxious as I am to really get outside and garden.

Please do share the information in this letter and packet with your members. We rely on you to spread the news!

Spring Garden Club / District Meeting

Our meeting is **April 21, 2007 from 10-1pm**. These meetings are open to ALL garden club members, officers and district officers! Our meeting will go from 10-noon and be followed by an All Season Containers presentation by Duane Otto. Duane is a Head Landscape Gardener with the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and owns FloraDora Nursery in Watertown, MN. Duane is known for his outstanding containers and has a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening.

Please email or phone me by April 16th if you will be attending. We will have morning refreshments, door prizes and lily bulbs for sale! There is no charge as we just hope you will be able to join us.

MSHS District Garden Club Member Support Funds

As I reported to all garden club officers in your renewal mailing last August 2006 and at our Fall Garden Club / District Meeting, MSHS reinstated District Garden Club Member Support Funds for 2007.

I have listed for you below, the dollar amount paid out and mailed to each MSHS District President. I have also included in your packets the District Officer listing. If you are not familiar with your District reps, I'd like to encourage you to contact them.

District 1	\$159	District 5	\$384	District 8	\$ 78	District 12	\$41
District 2	\$ 37	District 6	\$ 37	District 10	\$121	District 13	\$29
District 4	\$ 51	District 7	NA	District 11	\$ 44		

Total Funds paid out for 2007: \$981

If you have any questions about District Garden Club Member Support Funds, please let me know.

MSHS Annual Report

I would like to call your attention to the March/April issue of *Northern Gardener*. In this issue you will find the Annual Report for our Fiscal Year 2006. This annual report covers the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Again this year we have exceeded our budgetary projections. We continue to manage our resources to the best of our abilities. Along with the financial information in this annual report you will also find a list of the many donors, volunteers and outreach projects we are involved in. We thank each of you who volunteer or make monetary donations to the society. We encourage all members to think of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society in your estate planning also. We realize we cannot fulfill our mission without the help of our many members and wish to thank you again for your many ways of support.

North Shore Garden Tour

This year we will be doing a garden tour again as a fundraiser for the society. In a means of reaching out to our out state members we will be having our garden tour on the North Shore of Lake Superior. Hosted by the Duluth Garden and Flower Society we will be featuring 6 gardens, including Tom Kasper's garden, which was featured in the March/April issue, the Glensheen Mansion will be included also. This tour will be the **weekend of August 4th** and I encourage you all to take a trip to Duluth this summer and see some of the beautiful gardens along the lakeshore. Watch for more information in the May/June and July/August issues of *Northern Gardener*.

New Publisher for Northern Gardener

I would also like to let you know that we have a new publisher for *Northern Gardener*. Tom McKusick comes to us with over 13 years experience in the publishing and advertising sales fields. We have already seen the benefits of Tom's experience and look forward to many new ideas coming for *Northern Gardener*. Contact information for Tom is in each issue of the magazine and also on our website. TomM@northerngardener.org

Submissions for Northern Gardener Calendar of Events

Items for the *Northern Gardener* Calendar of Events and the Web site should be submitted via e-mail to Brenda Harvieux at BrendaH@northerngardener.org. Listings are published as space permits. For an example of the format please refer to the calendar listings starting on page 4 of every issue. Calendar items must be received via e-mail at least two month's in advance of the issue date as follows:

- 🌸 For the July/August issue items must be received by May 1
- 🌸 For the September/October issue items must be received by June 28
- 🌸 For the November/December issue items must be received by August 30

Reminder about Member Benefit for NEW Members

New MSHS members will receive a \$25 White Flower Farm merchandise credit. The White Flower Farm New Member Incentive does not qualify for renewing members, this must be a new membership (expired members that have been lapsed for 12 or more months do also qualify). The credit will be activated 30 days after the purchase of the MSHS membership & is valid for twelve months. The credit can be redeemed by phone or by placing an order online with White Flower Farm www.whiteflowerfarm.com. All memberships that qualify will receive a special insert with their MSHS membership card. The parameters around this program were set by White Flower Farm. The new member must be paying their MSHS dues for a full year; pro-rated dues do not qualify.

This New Member benefit is a great offer for those potential garden club members or for members that have a lapsed membership with MSHS!

Your Clubs MSHS Member Roster

I'm including your club's roster in this mailing – I only mail it to the Membership Officer. There are two copies, one for you to return to me with any corrections and the other for you to keep for your records.

Garden Club Officer List

If I have made errors with the officer information or with your clubs roster, please let me know & I will correct. If there is an error, it was strictly a human error and please accept my apologies.

I hope to see you each at our spring Garden Club / District Meeting on April 21st. Please remember that all officers & members are always invited to the Garden Club / District meetings.

Best to you each!

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