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The pot-luck dinner was the best bargain in many a year. Imagine a twenty course dinner with fifteen salads and at least ten desserts for only one dollar! And the best part of it is that that same dollar will be used for coffee for the meetings throughout the year. The speaker, Mr. Richard Stadtherr, showed some choice slides of flowers and shrubs including some rhododendrons and azaleas that are being tested at the Univ. of Minn. They were very tempting but as yet, unproven for this area. The new flowers that we especially liked were the petunia varieties LINDA, a lovely salmon, CRUSADE, a red and white bicolor, BALLERINA, a pink, and THEODOSIA, a beauty with fringed edging. Dianthus, (or pinks) GAIETY, in various colors, and BRILLIANT, a red. Celosia, (or cockscomb) variety PAMPAS PLUME. The Powder Puff aster was different and the perennial daisy, ESTHER REED and MARK REGAL were outstanding. Mr Stadtherr also suggested it would be a good idea to prune late blooming shrubs and trees at this time and wait until after blooming to prune the spring blooming shrubs and trees. To renew an old hedge, cut it to six inches from the ground. This will make it branch out close to the ground and fill in nice and thick. He also gave this hint about Christmas cactuses that do not bloom well. They require a period along in October to set their buds, this means about 30 days in a cool darkened place, possibly a north room or a basement will do.

At the business meeting, show chairman, Mr. Earl Maffett informed us that show preparations are already starting. The Mpls. Sav. & Loan Assn. has promised full cooperation and we also understand they are going to give us some advertising before the show. The date of the show will probably be June 5-6 this year, although this is not definite at this time. Mr Rutherford has also promised us some show publicity on his radio program. Now all we need is good bloom and fair weather.

Everyone should plan on bringing iris to the show. It doesn't matter if you haven't shown before or don't know how to show, just have the right name in your head and your iris in your hand and bring it down the first morning of the show and someone will show you what to do with it. If you don't know the name of the iris, make an arrangement with it and enter it in the ~~show~~ show strictly for green hands arrangement class.

Membership chairman, Mr G.B.Gable, asked the members to bring a guest when they can. Many of these guests enjoy our meetings and join the Society.

In the annual argument about trophies, Mr. Jack Burns poured oil on the troubled waters by suggesting that the winners of the trophies at the show have a choice of either the traditional cup, a tray, or a vase. This was well received. Those members who have been winners in many shows want to get a change from the same old cups (?) while those who have yet to win their first major award feel that they should have the chance to get at least one "old" cup before they become obsolete.

A DUCK BOAT is a boat used by ducks that can't swim.

Check your iris

With this warm weather it would probably be a good idea to lift the covering on your iris, if the ground is thawed out better loosen the hay and remove part of it at least. If the ground is still frozen, leave it for a while yet.

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I understand Mrs Alma Oliver is somewhat of a whiz with a gun. Trapshooting I think. This sounds like a peculiar combination, gardening and shooting. It also surprised me to learn that Mr Joe Fliegel was a better than average lightweight prize fighter in his youth and that of course was several pounds ago. Mr and Mrs Larry Bray attended their first meeting since the auction due to an error in not getting their name on the mailing list. Its a good thing they have such forgiving natures.

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The hardiness report will be sent out soon so perhaps it might be a good idea to check your plantings for winter loss and damage as soon as possible. You should make some notes on the hardiness and performance of your newer varieties as the hardiness poll will include just about everything this year.

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A 500 year old recipe.

If you know what Lucca oil is, here is a recipe 500 years old, on how to make perfume from roses, white lilacs ( the use of white lilacs rather than purple lilacs is that purple lilacs have a liquid color as do most other purple flowers, and is apt to stain) and other fragrant blossoms.

Ingredients:

Flower petals (gathered as soon as opened)  
One jar with tightly fitting cover  
8 to 10 pieces of cotton or other wadding cut to fit jar  
salt (not iodized, they didnt have iodized salt in those days.  
Lucca oil.

Put the pieces of wadding in a shallow dish and saturate with Lucca oil. Now first, a layer of salt on the bottom of the jar, then a layer of flower petals, then one piece of the oil soaked wadding, then more salt, petals and wadding until the jar is filled. Seal the jar air tight and place in the sunshine for 14 days. the more sunshine the more fragrance. Do not break the seal during the 14 days, after this time however stir it up and drain off the perfumed oil. There is a city in Italy named Lucca or Luecca so its entirely probable that Lucca oil is olive oil, at any rate either olive oil or almond oil will do nicely but of course DO NOT use mineral oil.

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A carnation smell just like a carnation, a lilac like a lilac, and sweet peas like nothing else but sweet peas, but take the iris, does it smell just like an iris ? NO indeed! Iris smell like hay, clover, orange blossoms, grapes, jasmine, cinnamon, lily of the valley, cloves, roses, sweet peas, gardenias and there are even a few stinkers among them.

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A POLYCLINIC is a place for sick parrots.  
ABSINTHE: what makes the heart grow fonder.  
SWEEPSTAKES: cheap hamburger.  
ABUNDANCE: a dance in a bakery.  
QUARTER DECK: 13 playing cards.  
BOYCOTT: a short bed.  
COCKADE: chicken soup  
CUB REPORTER: a baby bear employed by a newspaper  
COINCIDE: the act of one coin killing another.

Next Meeting March 25th

Our next meeting, Thursday, March 25th at the Hasty Tasty restaurant, 1433 West Lake St., Minneapolis, will be a dinner meeting. Our guest speaker will be the very well known Mr. Orville Fay. Mr Fay is from Wilmette, Ill. and the originator of 1863 years Dykes Medal winner, Truly Yours, and the very beautiful rose-pink, Mary Randall which is a strong favorite to win the Dykes Medal this year. Some of his other outstanding creations are to mention a few, Tranquility, Black Hills, Zantha, New Snow, Fire Dance, Pink Cameo, Twilight Sky and Desert Song. In our estimation, Mr Fay is one of the worlds foremost iris hybridizers. He has promised to bring along some color slides of the newer things.

As the demand for reservations for this meeting will be extremely heavy, and as the dining room at the Hasty Tasty will accomodate only about 125 persons, it is advisable to get your reservations in early. You may either telephone or send a post card to the program chairman, Mr Russell Frey, 2214 Lyndale Ave. No., Minneapolis, telephone HYland 6474. St. Paul members, if you wish, may call Mr. Gus Sindt at VAn buren 5032. Mr. Frey would like to have all reservations in by March 22nd if possible. The cost will be \$2.00 per person and roast beef will be served unless you request baked pork chops at the time you make your reservation. Serving will begin promptly at 6:45 PM.

Its a date then for THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH AT THE HASTY TASTY.

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Attention

The new mailing list is included as a part of this bulletin. If your name does not appear here this will be the last issue of the News and Views you will receive, therefore you should check with the Secretary, Mrs Esther Berger, 2236 East 42nd St Minneapolis, Minn. telephone DUport 2605. Either we have made an omission or you have forgotten to pay your dues. (We hope its nothing more serious than this)

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Oh! Whats The Use Dept.

When the moon shall have faded out from the sky, and the seas shall be frozen over and the ice-caps shall have drifted toward to the Equator from either pole, and no boats shall cut the waters, nor wheels turn in mills; when all cities shall have long been dead and crumble into dust, and all life shall be on the very last verge of extinction on this globe; then, on a bit of moss, growing on the rocks beside the eternal snows of Minnesota, shall be seated a tiny insect, preening its antennae in the glow of the worn out sun, representing the sole survival of animal life on this our earth, a melancholy "bug".

Stolen from Dr. W. J. Holland.

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- ACCELERATE: noise made when eating celery.
- RENEGADE: a bridge player who does not follow suit.
- ANEMONE: a very mild laxative.
- COLD WAVE: waving at someone you dont like.

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