

## **2017-2018 LMGC Garden History and Design and visiting Gardens Annual Report**

The Mission of the Garden History and Design Committee is to educate members about trends in historical and contemporary landscape and garden design. Our club has not had a submission since 2003 to the archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian Institution. This past year we focused our efforts on a submission of one of our club members' gardens, Barbara Burgum. The garden was successfully ushered through the process after being approved by our Zone Representative for Garden History and Design and is now in the process of being uploaded to the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian Institution which takes 4-6 months. I had the privilege working with Emily Johnson, an organized and skilled writer, who combined the history we already knew of the garden with interviews and articles we received from the homeowner. I provided photographs of the garden for the documentation and ushered it through the application and acceptance process. This garden required quite a bit of input from the homeowner due to its uniqueness, numerous architectural features and plant materials. It was a very collaborative process between the committee members and the homeowner.

Another ongoing effort is to verify and add to the list of Minnesota public gardens on the GCA website. The purpose is garden to increase awareness for visiting garden opportunities and local excursions.

Our committee successfully implemented the Pop Up Garden Tour concept. We held 3 successful pop up tours and hope to keep this up as part of the duties of the committee going forward. We are maintaining a list of members who would like to offer their gardens for pop up tours as well as a list of members who are interested in sharing their gardens with out of town visitors from other GCA Club members.

Respectfully submitted,

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