

## Lake Minnetonka Garden Club - Awards Report – 2018

The LMGC decided to present Service Awards for members of the Club who have been involved with the LMGC. The awards were given in increments of five years with service greater than 40, 45 and 50 years.

The decision was also made to choose a worthy recipient for the Horticulture Commendation Award.

### Awards 2018:

#### Certificates of Years of Service

For those who have been members for greater than 40 years, certificates were given to Rusty Huff (41 years), Ronnie Winsor (42 years - accepted by her daughter Kitty Petit), Margie Ankeny (42 years), and Marnie Hensel (43 years)

For those who have been members for greater than 45 years, certificates were given to Betty MacMillan (45 years), Gail See (46 years), Barbara Savage (46 years), and Norma Phelps (48 years – accepted by her son David Phelps). David Phelps said that his mother would have been honored and quietly proud. He showed a lovely picture of a geranium that was a 1976 GCA picture owned by his mother.

Betty MacMillan mentioned that the mothers and mothers-in-law of the recipients were the first members of LMGC and she thanked them.

Marna Fullerton said that her 50+ years in the LMGC have been a delight and that her love of flower arranging came from LMGC. She stated that Jane Noland was a wonderful arranging partner and she read part of a poem written by Jane. A copy of the full poem will be saved in the LMGC archives with these minutes.

*To the tune of Bell Bottom Trousers  
At the bottom darker blossoms,  
Lighter ones on top.  
Condition all mater-i-als  
Or else your flowers flop.  
At the bottom bigger blossoms,  
Smaller ones up high.  
We all learned the classic rules  
And never questioned why.  
It's all about ...  
Contrast and harmony  
Rhythm and balance too...  
We're arranging flowers - Like our judges taught us to.*

Muffy MacMillan said that all the daughters of LMGC members are blessed to follow in their mothers' and grandmothers' footsteps and she thanked them.

#### Horticulture Commendation Award

Presented to John and Jennifer Thull from the U of M Research Vineyards. They manage over 10,000 plants and their latest super star is the Itasca Grape. They also manage over 300 varieties of pumpkins, squash and gourds. They have put in more than ten years of service at the University of Minnesota.