

2019-2020 LMGC Garden History and Design and Visiting Gardens Annual Report

The mission of the Garden History and Design and Visiting Gardens Committee is to educate members about trends in historical and contemporary landscape and garden design.

Minnesota, and our club in particular, has not had many submissions to the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian Institution. In 2019 Caroline Rather began the process of documenting Mr and Mrs Gerald Erickson's marsh restoration located in Woodland, Mn. This year we continued to document the marsh through a photographic study gathering information from the marsh restoration company and input from the Ericksons. The procedures and submissions process follows very stringent guidelines to which we are adhering. We are finishing the photography portion of the process at which time the file will be submitted to The Archives of American Gardens.

Our committee successfully held 4 pop up garden tours. In July 2019 we visited Heidi Heiland's garden. Heidi was on site for a tour and to share her incredible horticulture knowledge. In August 2019 we visited B J Dahlberg's home and gardens. BJ is a long time member and Emeritus Horticulture Judge with the GCA. It was a pleasure to see her and hear her stories of her gardens. We then walked to Barbra Burgum's beautiful gardens. Her gardeners were present to guide us through the variety of different gardens surrounding Barbara's home. In May of 2020, due to the Covid 19 and social distancing, we had a Drive By Pop Up at Lisa Melamed's home to view her 50 year old blooming crab apple trees and tulips.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Melamed