



The Lake Minnetonka Garden Club

invites you to our

Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 19, 2025

12 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. Meeting

Lafayette Club - Lakeview Room

2800 Northview Road, Minnetonka Beach

Please join us for our Annual Meeting
celebrating our club's achievements,
awards & committee reports

— Complimentary valet service will be provided —

RSVP Required no later than June 12th

**We will be unable to provide lunch for
those who do not RSVP**

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More than anything, I must have
flowers, always, always... I perhaps
owe becoming a painter to flowers.

– Claude Monet



Conservation Corner



100 Years of Conservation: The 1980's

The GCA Conservation Committee and the NAL Committee continued to expand topics of concern in the early 1980's. The focus started to switch from cleaning up conditions and saving endangered species, to changing the factors that were causing the issues. With a continued focus on education, the GCA hosted symposiums and lectures to raise public awareness. Scholarships in environmental science and landscape architecture were offered to support the next generation of conservationists.

The GCA started to collaborate with national groups like the National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy and the Audubon Society. The NAL was becoming a real voice in Washington DC and in 1987 they took a major step by hiring a "Consultant" who would be the GCA's "eye and ears but not out mouth" in Washington. With all the enthusiasm for reaching out to the public and members of Congress, it became apparent for a tool to express the "Opinion of The Garden Club of America" thus in 1989, the vehicle of position papers was created. – Holly Adams

Quotes and inspiration taken from the 2019 GCA Publication "The History of Conservation and National Affairs & Legislation"

Hort Hints



Cold-Hardy, Beautifully Fragrant: A New Frontier in Plant Breeding

There's nothing like the scent of a fragrant shrub drifting through a garden. From clove-scented azaleas to sweet midsummer roses, fragrance connects us to memory and place. But for northern gardeners, many intensely scented plants aren't built for winter survival. Fortunately, researchers at the University of Minnesota are working to change that.



We explore three unique breeding efforts at the U of M: scentless lilies for sensitive noses, fragrant yet hardy shrubs for cold climates, and aromatic grapes for northern wines—along with the surprising challenges of breeding plants that both smell and survive beautifully.

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– Nancy Guldberg

