

Lake Minnetonka Garden Club

100th Anniversary Chair Report 2024-2025

It has been my pleasure and honor to work on the 100th anniversary for LMGC. While I have made lots of progress there is still work to be done in the next year.

- Lisa Melamed is working with a team to create a 100th anniversary book that will highlight and memorialized all the wonderful work that LMGC has done in the last century. Their work will continue through the next year. Continue to check in with Lisa to see how we can support her.
- I have been working with AnnMarie Murry to create a cache pot & trays with the 100th anniversary logo that will be sold to our membership. The sample tray arrived just this morning, it looks beautiful. I will continue to work with her to get a sample of a cache pot.
- I have done some research about a possible trip during out 100th year. I'm still working on the best location/ time of year for the trip.
- It is most likely that we will have our 2027 annual meeting at the MN Arboretum. The details still need to be ironed out. The meeting will be an elevated meeting. We will have some surprise swag for the members to take home, possible logoed hats and or cups.
- One of my goals this past year was to reach out to St. Paul Garden Club to possibly have a combined meeting in 2027 (which is also their 100 anniv.) I did speak to Beth Jackson (beth.jackson@outlook.com). In my two conversations we were on very different pages and I'm not sure this will work. The location seemed to be the biggest hurdle. I can't see many of our members traveling to St. Paul for a meeting and they weren't too keen on even meeting halfway in Minneapolis. We also had some very different views/ideas as our members dues pay for our programs.
- I missed the goal of working with the Hort chair to have a flower or plant named in honor of our 100th anniversary. This should be added for next year.
- I have been working on getting ahold of Margot Shaw, editor-in-chief of Flower Magazine and author of "Living Floral" to possibly come and speak to our club during out anniversary year. It has not been an easy task to say the least. In the last couple weeks, I have gotten a phone number and left messages with her assistant, Julie Doll, who oversees her calendar. I hope to speak to her in person soon. This could possibly be a bigger meeting like the one we did with Laura Dowling.
- I believe the biggest gift we have give our community is our endowment and would like that to continue to be the focus of where members funds go leading up to our 100th anniversary.
- I am thrilled to announce that Holly Adams with take over as the new 100th Anniversary Chair
- The Program Chair for our 100th anniversary year will be Kimberly Walsh. I look forward to working with both Holly & Kimberly to come up with some great programs for our big birthday!

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa B. Johnson

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