

The Miller Garden Club Newsletter September 2002



The Miller Garden Club will meet, as usual, on the third Saturday of the month, September 21 at 10am, at the Aquatorium in Marquette Park. Our featured speaker will be Deb Weiss. See story below.

A Hearty Hello to One and All,

Oh, the crickets are chirping, the lawn needs a "burping" and most of us are kinda tired of gardening at this point, eh? The drought and the heat and the West Nile fever fear have just about done me and my plants in...what about you? I think there's just one word that could cheer me on:

B O N S A I ! ! !

As in miniature trees, as in dish gardens, as in tiny Japanese wonders, as in, hey, I can do that!!

Deb Weiss, art teacher at Emerson School, will tell us all about bonsai at our next meeting. She has many years of experience with the tiny trees and will demonstrate the best techniques for starting your own plant and making it grow strong. Did you know you can train the limbs with wires to grow in whatever direction you choose? Talk about taking a bough...oops, sorry for that one, superstars. Anywhoooo, come see and hear Deb's good demonstration and discover a new way to admire and enjoy the beauty of plants.

And if that isn't enough for you to do, how about joining us after the meeting as we wander the dunes west of the Aquatorium in search of the elusive **FRINGED GENTIAN**? Last year, those of you who were lucky enough to find some of this marvelous wildflower growing know it's beautiful and worth the effort to find it. Chuck Hensel led us last year; this fall your intrepid newsletter writer will (after a tutoring session with Chuck) lead the search. Here's a picture to whet your appetite:



*It's purple and
really pretty -
Trust me!*

From *Plants and Pests* published by Purdue U. Cooperative Extension Service: Now's the time to fertilize the turf and remember to cut the grass once more before winter. Entering the winter with very long grass will make the turf more susceptible to disease and will delay greenup in the spring. Fertilize again in November.

Members on the mend: Bob MacAllister underwent surgery in August, is home now and doing well. Tom Eaton is still in the hospital as of this writing. We hope to have Tom home soon. Both members are enjoying flowers/plants sent to them from the club.

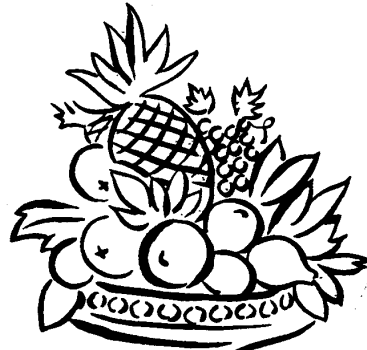
South Shore mayhem: Some people love plants and planters so much they simply couldn't resist our cast concrete decorations placed at the South Shore station in Miller last fall. So, since two of the planters fell prey to these botanically- challenged vandals, it was decided to remove the two remaining planters before they met the same fate. They're in safe hands in a secret location. A new approach is under discussion with the Ways and Means Committee.

Aquatorium Agua: We're talking sprinklers here, people. They're working on 'em. "When you see water spraying from the ground, they're on," says Mertha at Froggy's.

The Ultimate Deer Solution: Judging from the latest comments on our website I guess you all have had enough of deerly darling critters nibbling at your salad bar, I mean hosta bed... Maybe this is the fix you've been looking for:

Roast Venison

6 or 7 lb. saddle or leg roast
¼ c. vinegar
½ c. water
flour
garlic salt
currant jelly (optional)



Mix vinegar and water. Wipe meat with this diluted mixture. Set oven for 450 degrees. Roast at this temperature for ½ hour. Dredge roast with flour and garlic salt. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and continue roasting until meat is done. Total cooking time equals 20 mins. per lb. Once flour has browned, glaze roast with currant jelly, if desired. Add water to roasting pan to keep juices from sticking. Baste frequently. From: *The Brown County Cookbook* by Nancy Ralston and Marynor Jordan.

Thank you section:

Judy Ayers for hosting a very enjoyable potluck luncheon after the last club meeting. Ditto to Judy for gathering the calligraphers who helped address your newsletter this month: Ernie Oppman, Pat Cronin, Bob MacAllister, Marco and Jean Benavidas and yours truly (with Tom Eaton in the hospital, we had no mailing labels :(... please get well soon, Tom.

Sandy Appleby for the gorgeous photos of the garden walk. See several pix on the website

www.millergardenclub.com

To Beau and Frank, always, for helping with all things bright & beautiful!

See you at the meeting and plan to come along on the walk!

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