

February 7, 1994

To: Members of the Perennial Society

From: Frank Greer, President

Despite the snow and cold outside, it is time to think **green** once again. Hopefully you all have enjoyed perusing the spring catalogues and are anticipating the resurrection of all those bulbs you planted last fall.

It was a small group of 16 persons who met January 16 on a snowy afternoon at Ohlbrich Gardens for our annual brunch, which traditionally kicks off the year's activities. John Cannon and John Frisch did a fabulous job once again of putting together the musical slide show from slides that members had shot in their gardens this past year. The theme was "color" in the garden and it ranked way up there in the "absolutely" do not miss category.

I have spoken with a number of you about the program planned for the coming year, a synopsis of which follows. It is my intention to have a program with a wide variety of speakers and garden tours which will interest everyone. A tentative 1994 schedule follows:

FEBRUARY 24 , 1994 7:00PM Ohlbrich Gardens

Please note this is not the third Wednesday, or the fourth Wednesday, but the fourth Thursday. We had trouble getting a meeting room at Ohlbrich. Our speaker will be **Neil Diboll of the Westfield Prairie Nursery**. Neil is on the national speaker's circuit and will address the society on "Prairie Plants for the Perennial Garden". Neil will also tell us about the history of his nursery, bring along his newest catalogue, and give us the information on the open houses at the nursery for this year. Please come and bring a friend. I'll be embarrassed if we don't have a good crowd!

MARCH 17, 1994 7:00PM Ohlbrich Gardens

This will be a joint meeting with the Hosta Society on the third Thursday. Our guest speaker will be **Mike Heger of Ambergate Gardens** near the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Mike's specialty is the martagon lily and he will speak on "Martagon Lillies and Other Plants for the Shady Garden". He will also tell us about his business and have his newest catalogue available. Mike's catalogue is a good source for unusual plants.

APRIL 21, 1994 7:00PM Ohlbrich Gardens

Another joint meeting with the Hosta Society on the third Thursday. Our guest speaker will be **Sherri Combs of the Soil & Plant Analysis Lab** of the University of Wisconsin. Sherri will conduct a soil workshop dealing with soil analysis, fertilizers, and how to improve the typical garden soil in the Madison area.

May, 1994

A Saturday morning or evening garden tour of two gardens--one specializing in early spring bulbs and one featuring primroses. The exact time and date will depend on the weather. In addition, we have tentatively planned a members sale at the Middleton garden of Tom Cottington, our vice president, on the morning of May 28th. Plants for sale will

have been donated from members own gardens and all proceeds will go into a speaker's fund, for future meetings.

June 22, 1994 7:30 PM

Two years ago we toured the **MacFarland garden of Todd and Wendy Meicher**, at night, in the dead of winter. Many of you have requested a repeat tour of the garden in summer, so here is your chance. This small suburban garden has it all--an antique Japanese tea house, ponds, stream, waterfall, dwarf conifers, an outstanding iris collection. The tour is planned for the evening so you can appreciate the garden's outstanding lighting system as evening fades into darkness. This event is in the don't miss category.

JULY 16, 1994 10:00AM

We are planning to visit the gardens on the Ohlbrich Garden Tour (Monona and Waunona) as a group, as we did last summer. Details to be announced. We will probably meet at Ohlbrich.

AUGUST 17, 1994 7:00PM

Marlin Sachtjen will lead us in a tour of her renoun garden on River Road in Waunakee. The highlights of this garden in mid August will be the prairie plantings as well as the infamous rock garden. This spectacular garden is featured in Pamela Wolfe's **Midwest Gardens**, published in 1991 by Chicago Review Press. If this book is not in your personal library, it should be as it is a great source of inspiration (all 204 pages).

SEPTEMBER, 1994

We are hoping to feature **George Schmid** from Georgia and author of **The Genus Hosta**, in an evening lecture at Ohlbrich Gardens. This will be a joint meeting with the Hosta Society with the exact date to be announced.

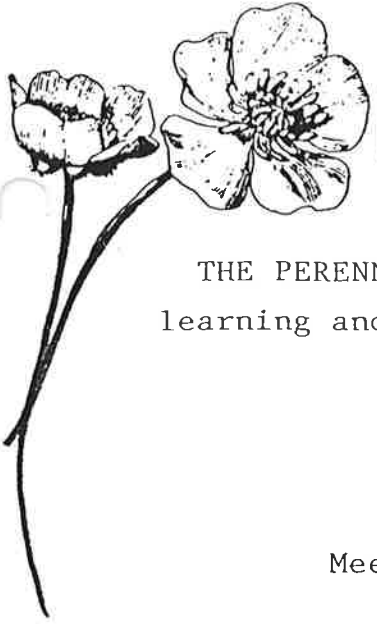
OCTOBER 19, 1994, 7:00PM OHLBRICH GARDENS

Our guest speaker will be our vice president Tom Cottington who will present a slide and sound show illustrating the thirty year development of one man's garden--his own. This will tell you a lot about gardening in Madison and all its possibilities, as well as its trials and tribulations.

NOVEMBER 16, 1994, 7:00 PM OHLBRICH GARDENS

We are honored to have Marlin Sachtjen talk about perennials in her garden as well as put in a plug for her forthcoming book **MARLIN'S GARDEN**. After touring her garden in August, you should all be anxious to hear more about it.

Finally, to support all of these activities, we need dues paying members. See the next page!!



THE PERENNIAL SOCIETY

THE PERENNIAL SOCIETY is an organization to foster fundamental learning and the open exchange of personal experience in perennial gardening for the novice and professional.

We welcome your support and membership.

Meetings are held at: OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS
3330 Atwood Avenue
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The third Wednesday of each month (except Dec.)

7:00 pm

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