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**Outdoor Landscape Lighting**  
**by John Pletcher**

THE KANSAS  
**SPROUT**

November 2011

**From Our President**

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**SPROUT**

Albert Turner	Editor
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Greetings Fellow Gardeners,

Hope that everyone is healthy and well. Another Halloween has passed which means that we are nearing the end of the main growing season here in the Midwest. The leaves are falling and the garden bed cleanup has begun in full swing at my house. Lots of leaves have been picked up and mulched to amend the soil. The rain we had earlier this week has helped to loosen the soil that I could plant some bulbs and also helped as I had just put down fertilizer for the lawn.

I am starting to see that the holiday season is upon us and in the next couple of weeks it will be in full swing. I just love the sight of poinsettias. It is one of the few plants that I have in my house over the winter months.

I don't have a whole lot for this month except to say, preparation now will help you to have a beautiful lawn and excellent garden beds that will last throughout the summer months.

We have just elected the officers for the 2012 calendar year at our meeting last month. I just want to say congratulations to the new officers and I look forward to working with you all in the upcoming year.

We have also redesigned our membership form a bit. This was done so that we can let you volunteer for what you want to do or want you want to know more about as you enhance your gardening acumen. Remember we have a lot of members who have knowledge in different areas and please start to take advantage of that knowledge. That is the true purpose of the club. To share what we know and learn more about the things that we don't.

As Always, Happy Gardening  
Al Turner

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## **November 14 Meeting – Outdoor Landscape Lighting by John Pletcher**

On Monday May 9, 2011, John Pletcher, the Principal Designer for Natural Accents Outdoor Lighting Design, will be giving a presentation on outdoor landscape lighting. This is a timely topic since we all consider the addition of lights a valuable asset in the curb appeal of gardening. John will talk about the different types of lights that will accent, compliment and showcase the hard work that we put into our gardens

### **October Meeting – Annual Meeting and Photography Show**

The following officers were elected for the 2012 calendar year at the Annual Members meetings

#### **Officers**

President:	Al Turner
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President: (Membership)	Judy Schuck
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Programming)	Pam McCann
Secretary:	Leonore Rowe
Treasurer:	Karen Clark

#### **Board of Directors**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	LaDonna Ackerman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Holly Ramsey
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Juanita Ryan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Sherra Schuck
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Charlene Wetzsteon

### **Club News \* Club News \* Club News**

#### **2012 Club Memberships Due are now due**

If you have not paid your membership dues for the 2012 calendar year, please contact Karen Clark our Treasurer to ensure this is taken care of. Form is also attached if you need to mail in.

#### **Spring Plant Sale Committee**

I have distributed to the volunteers the list of plants and we will be setting up meetings shortly prior to placing our order for the Spring Plant Sale

#### **Awards 2011**

There is still time for folks to be awarded the following award for this calendar year.  
SPADE AWARD. This award is given to current members who sign up two or more new members during the year. I hope each of us will receive this award this year. The more the merrier!!

### Upcoming Programs for 2011

Nov 14 – Landscape Lighting’ John Pletcher  
Natural Accent Outdoor Lighting Design

**Dec 12 – Christmas Party – Strolling Strings,  
Annual Awards and Installation of New Officers  
for 2012**

### Board Meetings

November 28

December – No Board Meeting

### Missouri Botanical Garden Trip to St. Louis

Several members took a trip to the Mo Botanical Gardens on Oct 1, 2011. Below are some pictures from the trip



# Board Mtg. Minutes

## GARDENERS OF AMERICA / OVERLAND PARK

### BOARD MEETING

October 24, 2011

The Board Meeting for Overland Park Gardeners of America was held on October 24, 2011 at the Colonial Church in Prairie Village. Present were Al Turner, Leonore Rowe, Judy Schuck, Honey Barnekoff, Karen Clark, Rick Keck, Charlene Wetzsteon and Holly Ramsay.

President Al Turner led the meeting.

The August minutes were approved as printed in the Sprout.

**Treasury:** Treasurer Karen Clark reported a general fund balance of \$6504.15 and a scholarship fund balance of 4081.94. The scholarship fund is money transferred from the Olathe Group that was disbanded earlier this calendar year. Financial reports for August through October were distributed to Board Members. The report was approved.

**Membership:** Honey reported that there are five new members for the year. There are still a couple of folks who may join. She is still recruiting and encouraged others to do the same.

**Programming:** The November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Colonial Church. Outdoor Accent Lighting will give a presentation on landscape lighting featuring John Pletcher. The December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will also be at Colonial Church at 6pm. The Strolling Strings from Shawnee Mission East High will be the musical portion of the program. Honey will also install the newly elected officers. This will be a potluck dinner and members are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

**Editor:** Al Turner noted that the deadline for the Sprout will be on Saturday, October 29, 2011. He wants to encourage members to submit articles for the Sprout next year.

**Scholarship:** Holly reported that the \$500.00 scholarship for Kansas State student Maryanne Maddeford has been paid.

**Care Committee:** No Report

**Refreshments:** No report

**Awards:** Karen will present the local awards at the Christmas Banquet in December.

#### **Old Business:**

**Sunflower and Pumpkin Contest Update:** Karen indicated that this had been a difficult year to do this. If we do this next year we should involve several elementary schools.

**Missouri Botanical Garden trip:** Honey said it was a successful trip. Honey and Sherra will submit pictures to publish in the Sprout.

#### **New Business:**

The group held an extensive discussion on plants to be ordered for the Spring Plant Sale. It was emphasized that members need to bring member grown plants for the sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Leonore Rowe, Secretary

The next board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on November 28, 2011 at the Colonial Church.

## November Lawn and Garden Tips

- ✓ Mow the lawn to chop and mulch dry leaves after they fall from the trees. Just let the fine particles disintegrate into the lawn.
- ✓ Clean your tools to prevent rust; remove dirt with a wire brush and soapy water-let dry thoroughly, lightly sand down wooden handles and rub them down with linseed oil, wipe the steel blades with vegetable oil.
- ✓ Drain garden hoses and sprinklers and store indoors for increased life.
- ✓ Turn compost pile to hasten breakdown.
- ✓ Before the ground freezes, make sure the soil around your trees, evergreens and large shrubs is moist.
- ✓ Protect tree trunks from frost cracks with tree wrap.
- ✓ If you are still planting, go with critter-resistant bulbs such as daffodils, alliums, hyacinths and fritillarias.
- ✓ Continue planting tulip bulbs. Pin sections of chicken wire over your beds so critters can't dig them up.
- ✓ For early and colorful daisies in zone 5 & 6, plant Grecian windflower (*Anemone blanda*) bulbs.
- ✓ Repair and replace tags.
- ✓ Do one last weeding. Don't add these weeds to your compost; it may not be hot enough to kill the seeds.
- ✓ Research shows that perennials are more likely to survive winter if you don't cut them off until spring clean up time. The exception is plants that harbor pests, such as peonies with botrytis or iris with borers.
- ✓ Add a thick layer of mulch, not to keep the soil warm, but to keep it at an even temperature.
- ✓ Geraniums need a resting period before replanting in the spring. Put plants in a dark, cool place like the basement or a closet. Leaves will turn totally brown. Water once a month until new growth starts sometime in Feb.
- ✓ After the ground freezes, apply winter mulch over strawberry plants.
- ✓ Cut and remove above ground growth of rhubarb and asparagus plants after they have completely frost-blackened, then spread a 1 to 2 inch layer of aged manure or compost around the plants.
- ✓ Cut back tall rose canes to 24 inches to prevent winter breakage.
- ✓ Check house plants for insects such as aphids and spider mites.
- ✓ Keep houseplants away from heat vents and cold drafts.
- ✓ Continue dark treatment of poinsettias for holiday blooming
- ✓ Plant and water amaryllis bulbs for Christmas blooms

## \*\*\* Did You Know? \*\*\*

### *Gardening is tough on hands: Protect them with Gloves!*

It is that time of year when gardeners face the inevitable; the season is closing down and it's time to clean and prep those tools for a winter rest. It is also the time when we begin to turn our thoughts to procuring gifts for friends and family for the holidays. This raises two intriguing questions. First, what is Scott rambling on about now? Secondly, how can he possibly link these two incongruous points?

I have many favorite tools in the garden, but the most readily available, most often used tools in my garden are... my hands. Digging, dividing, weeding, spreading mulch; sure there are actual tools that are designed to do these jobs, but no matter how many tools I have I often end up just doing these jobs, not just by hand, but with hands. So while we are thinking of protecting our tools (and with an eye to finding a great gift for our gardening buddies), let's review garden gloves and find the right gloves for you (or Mom, or Dad, or Sis...)

First of all they need to protect our hands. But from what? As always, the right tool for the job makes the job easier and more pleasant, so let's look at different jobs and the right glove for each.

#### **Choosing from a variety of Gloves**

For general garden use there are a LOT of different types of gloves. Dad always bought us the cotton work gloves; cheap, abundant, but they wear quickly and weigh a TON when wet, and holding all that water, chill your hands fast in inclement weather. And NO protection against thorns and prickers. An option, but not a good one. There are the composites, leather and cotton together; wear is better but the wet part is still an issue and only minimally better thorn protection. All leather gloves are another step up, but only a little. Still get wet, but they wear better and offer o.k. protection from thorns...

The gloves I see on the market that I think are great are these new spandex/ lycra composites. As a chunky handed male, most gloves fit me pretty well, but ladies have had a hard time finding gloves that fit. Companies

#### **Gardening gloves for those who don't like gloves**

Maybe you don't like gloves (or that curmudgeon on the list is just too tough to wear 'em). The answer there may be one of the new spray-on gloves; a silicon spray that seals those hands from the grime (and oils from things like poison ivy), making clean-up a breeze. A glove for those that don't like gloves...

like **Foxgloves** have come up with one-size-fits-all, stylish, colorful gloves that fit PERFECTLY, have no absorption at all (wash your hands with these still on!), wick moisture away, and because of the hard wearing nylon on palms and fingers, last with hard use for at least the season (building a stone wall last winter I went through three pairs of leather gloves in a month). These are great gloves for the ladies, but a little girlish for most guys. Fellas, if you want the same features in a more masculine glove, try **Bionic gloves**. They'll look familiar if you've ever watched sports, as this is the same company that supplies both the MLB and NFL (they make gloves for EVERYTHING). Pretty tough and very convenient...

If wetness is the key factor of concern (and in the winter and early spring they sure are) rubber coated gloves are a sure fire way to keep body, mind and hand comfortable. **Mudgloves** are leading the pack here.

They make a heavily coated glove that sheds water like the proverbial duck's back; lots of color choice again, and they won't break the bank. Keeping hands dry while mixing chemicals is a whole different game and requires a nitrile glove (chemically as well as water impervious); while Mudgloves does make one, I think this job is best handled in a disposable manner with a box of nitrile disposable gloves (available at most pharmacies). A specialist glove for a specialist job...

#### **Gloves for gardening with roses**

Speaking of which, when handling roses or other thorny customers, a gauntlet makes more sense than regular garden gloves. No, not from that suit of armor; there are **rose gauntlets** with protection to the elbow that will stop even the blood-thirstiest thorn from drinking freely. Sure it seems like a luxury now while you are sitting in front of the computer, but wait until you are up to your armpits in a beach rose or barberry and then tell me if it's a luxury or a necessity. Yeah I thought so; order a pair for that rose gardener on your list while you are at it. They will be thanking you for years to come... So think about those hands as they are mousing and typing away; soon enough you will be calling on them to haul leaves from underneath shrubs, mix anti-dessicants and haul wood and shovel snow. So will most everyone on that Xmas list. Let's all make sure we work protected out there; we want those fingers to bring you back here time and again, so get the gloves you need now. Your hands will thank you...

## MISSION

To promote gardening education and related environment issues to the membership and the gardening public, through charitable, education and scientific means.

### Submitting articles for the Sprout

If you have something to share with others, email me and I will put it in the Sprout. I must reserve the right to do some minor editing if necessary for space. Articles to be submitted for the Sprout must be turned into Al Turner ([turner.albert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:turner.albert@sbcglobal.net)) by the last Monday of the month. Any articles or suggestions welcome. If it is an already published article, please note where it came from, the date and who the author is. Thank you

**Membership annual dues: single \$20, or self plus 1 other family member only \$33**

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### **Gardening Partners – Discount Program**

These discounts are a benefit to you for being a member of TGOA. Let's make the most of their generosity and send them some business

Aqua Terra – Water Gardens	Audrey Seeley Nursery & Garden Center
Baer – wooden decks & fences	Bird Botanicals – orchids
Clearfield Farms	Colonial Nursery
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Application for Membership

Yearly Dues - Circle One

Individual - \$20.00

Family - \$33.00 (2 Members)

Life – \$200.00

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal ( )

New ( ) – How did you hear about our club? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (mo/day) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Programs and Committees**

Some of the activities that we need volunteers for

\_\_\_\_ Telephone

Call a list of no more than 5 names when needed

\_\_\_\_ SPROUT Newsletter

Assist in writing articles or author a monthly column

\_\_\_\_ Publicity

Write releases to distribute to media about meeting activities

\_\_\_\_ Cookies / Refreshments

Supply snacks or refreshments once a year at a meeting

\_\_\_\_ Plant Sale

Volunteer to work a shift at the Annual Spring plant sale, work on the plant selection committee or assist in growing plants from seed for the plant sale.

**Areas of interest or expertise that you would like to share with club members**

Annuals

Shrubs

Shade Gardening

Perennials

Ground Cover

Garden for Cutting

Hybrids

Fruit Trees

Garden Design

Hostas

Composting

Garden Equipment

Herbs

Bulbs

Water Gardening

Roses

Houseplants

Hydroponic Gardening

Vegetables

Seed Germination

Landscape

Other Organizations or Hobbies:

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