

1969

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1969

THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, INCORPORATED

The membership is gradually growing, 44 new members were added to the organization.

Four issues of our quarterly publication "Fringed Gentian" were sent to the members. Cards were sent notifying members of the Annual meeting.
The title of the garden was changed to Eloise Butler Wild Flower & Bird Sanctuary.
Memorials received during 1969 were -

54 in memory of Mrs. W. H. Tusler who passed away April 1st, 1969
39 in memory of Mrs. H. H. Livingston, who passed away in Aug.
From Mrs. W. S. Anderson & Caroline Derdiger for Mrs. John Seaberg
From Mr. & Mrs. Ross F. Waterbury for Anton Sundgren
From Mrs. & Mrs. Thomas Cochran for Mrs. T. J. Knudson, of Springfield, Ill.
From Mr. W. H. Tusler for Gottlieb Magny
From Geo. Bornhoft for Effie Bornhoft, Rush City, Minn.
From Ruth Brown for Francis Brown
From Ruth R. Hawkins for the O. M. Hawkins Family

Plans were being formulated for a new Shelter Building to replace the old structure place in 1912. Mr. W. H. Tusler was appointed Building Ch.
The original plans were to start the building in the spring of 1970.
After a number of discussions it was started in the late fall of 1969.
The Ground Breaking Ceremony took place October 23rd 1969 with a good attendance.

After many years of meeting outside in a cold temperature we have this lovely building to meet in.

May groups and visitors enjoy its facilities for many years.

Respectfully submitted

Maitha E. Crone

Secretary

Attest

Lemond + Lemberg chairman
Mrs. Ten
President

1968

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THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, INCORPORATED

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

When this Organization was incorporated in 1952, Mr. Clinton M. Odell, our first president and instigator had collected considerable over the establishment expense of the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden.

It was agreed at that time to place the balance in a Savings Account as a nucleus for an adequate building which was so badly needed.

It seems due to a number of circumstances we never got to that point until at this time when the occasion arose and if we all pull together we should finally realize this dream.

No one knows how much work our president, Mrs. Catherine Faragher has put into this project and we owe her our everlasting thanks.

The membership is gradually growing, 21 new members were added to the organization.

In many of my reports I have said "We are looking forward to an administration Building housing an office, Library and other necessary facilities.

Four issues of our quarterly publication "Fringed Gentian" were sent to the members. Cards were sent notifying members of the Annual Meeting.

Memorials received during 1968 -- A volume "Wild Flowers" by Homer D. House was received from St. Paul Circle of King's Daughters, in memory of Howard E. Bahneman, 1039 Winslow Ave. West St. Paul.

A volume entitled "Wildflowers in your House" by Josephine von Miklos, was received from the Tuslers and Martha Crone in memory of Mrs. Elmer G. Kurtz. She had been a devoted member for many years having passed away August 24 1968.

A memorial of \$200.00 from Mr. & Mrs. Drew Simonson in memory of Mrs. L. B. Newell. Two volumes of New York Botanical Garden were purchased with a portion of this memorial.

Again many letters of inquiries were answered, sometimes resulting in new members.

Respectfully submitted

Martha E. Crone
Secretary

Attest

President

1967

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THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, INCORPORATED

11 new members were added to the organization during the past year - they are

Mrs. Ester Amundson,	Moose Lake, Minn.
Mr. Goodrich Lowry,	Wayzata
Mr. Henry Kellar	2625 Colfax So.
Mr. P. Mosborg,	4921 Upton Ave. So.
Mr. Harry Thorn	4815 Garfield Ave. So.
Dr. & Mrs. Martin Peper	6996 Valley View Rd.
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lindstedt	5730 Camden Ave. No.
Diamond Lake Acres Garden Club	5740 Clinton Ave. So.
Mrs. John Reed,	4915 40th Ave. So.
Mr. Ben Shank	Deephaven
Mrs. Lewis Davis,	Grand Rapids, Minn.

The membership at this time is 180

The assistance of an organization like the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden is a great factor in sponsoring the growth and perpetuation of the Wild Flower Garden. May the interest always continue. It is earnestly needed in this day of native places disappearing.

We look forward to some day having an administration Building housing an office, Museum and Herbarium of specimens.

Four issues of our quarterly publication "The Fringed Gentian" were sent to all members and many back numbers to new members.

Postal cards were sent notifying the members of the Annual Meeting.

Endless correspondence was taken care of during the year and . Inquires were promptly answered.

Respectfully submitted

Martha E. Crone

Secretary

Attest

Kenneth E. Arvey

President

1966

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1966

THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, INCORPORATED.

It has been most encouraging to note our growth in the past year, 22 new members were added to the organization.

Yet were saddened by the loss of a number of our members, Mrs. Amy Odell who passed away December 7th. She and her late husband, Clinton M. Odell were instrumental in the organizing of Friends of the Wild Flower Garden and the publication "Fringed Gentian". They also contributed greatly to the garden for many years.

Relatives and friends directed memorials to the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden in their memory.

Others who passed away during the year were Mrs. Estella Cummings from Preston, Minn. A book was received in her memory from her sister Mrs. Blance Hovelson.

A memorial was received from our member Miss Jane Strebel in memory of a friend Mildred H. Jones.

Miss Ida Swenson and Dr. L. S. Keyes also passed away during the year. Some members moved out of town and dropped out.

Four issues of our quarterly publication "The Fringed Gentian" were sent to all members.

Cards were sent to the members notifying them of the Annual Meeting and garden tour.

A great deal of correspondence was taken care of sometimes resulting in new members.

Respectfully submitted

Martha E. Crona
Secretary

Attest

Kenneth E. Avery
President

1965

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1965

THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, INCORPORATED.

The growth and progress of the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden is really stimulating. Their kind contributions have done much to ~~to~~ further the development and perpetuation of this fine reserve. 10 new members were added to the organization during the year. Some passed away and a few dropped out leaving a membership of 175.

Four issues of our quarterly publication "The Fringed Gentian" were sent to all members. Cards were sent to members notifying of the Annual meeting also the Garden Tour May 15th 1965. The Garden Tour was held inspite of rain and cold weather.

Correspondence during the year has been endless. All requests were answered. Sample publications were sent out, in many cases resulting in new members

Deepest condolence is extended to the family of Mrs. Grace Dayton, who passed away recently. Among her many activities she was a staunch supporter of the Wild Flower Garden. Her enthusiasm in furthering the garden will be greatly missed.

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Respectfully submitted

Martha E. Cron

Secretary

Attest

Kenneth E. Brown
President protem

1964

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1964

THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER, INCORPORATED.

16 new members were added to the organization during the year. However some dropped out leaving a membership of 185.

Four issues of our quarterly publication "The Fringed Gentian" were sent to all members. Cards were sent to members notifying them of the Conducted Tour thru the garden, May 16th 1964 as well as notifications of the Annual meeting.

The Garden Tour was well attended, the weather being ideal and the spring flowers at their loveliest. Many remarks of satisfaction were made by those attending.

A great deal of correspondence was taken care of during the year. Answers being promptly made.

During the late summer we were granted the extension of the garden area. The new addition is from Glenwood Ave. on the north, the Glenwood Drive on the west and the picnic grounds on east.. This is native territory and a fine bird study area as well. This expansion should be an incentive for a greater membership and great improvements.

It takes a great deal of effort to protect the garden against vandalism, therefore an administration Building housing an office, Museum, Herbarium of specimens etc. would be of much help.

The assistance of an organization like the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden is a great factor in sponsoring the growth of the Wild Flower Garden.

Respectfully submitted

Martha E. Crone
Secretary

Attest

Walter Lehner
President

1963

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL RE REPORT FOR 1963

THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, INCORPORATED.

27 new members were added to the organization during the year. A number have dropped out.

Total membership at this time is 190. Memberships terminate one year from the date of entry.

Four issues of our quarterly "The Fringed Gentian" were sent to all members. Cards were sent to all members notifying them of the Conducted Tour thru the garden May 11th, 1963 as well as notifications of the Annual Meeting. The weather the day of the Tour was cold and rainy therefore a poor attendance.

New members receive many back numbers of our publication, they may be used for reference on various subjects. A large per cent of the new members obtained this past year was greatly due to our member, Mrs. Donald Bridgman. She sent out more than 400 letters to various groups in Edina and adjacent territory soliciting members. Membership application blanks were enclosed.

Mrs. Bridgman assumed all expenses of printing and postage for this project, well over \$50.00, giving this as a gift to the organization. A great deal of credit is due Mrs. Bridgman, for her wonderful contribution.

A large volume of correspondence is received during the year in reference to the garden. Answers are made promptly and sample publications sent which often results in new members.

The purpose for which the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden, Inc., was established has proven successful, and with its continued growth and support can accomplish a great deal. May there always be sufficient interest to continue.

Respectfully submitted

Martha E. Crone
Secretary

Attest

Walter Lehnert
President

1962

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1962

THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, INCORPORATED

20 new members were added to the organization during the year. A number moved away and dropped out.

Total membership at this time is 166. Memberships terminate one year from the date of ~~of~~ becoming a member. Some of these members reside in various states such as New York, Florida, Wisconsin, Nebraska, North Carolina, Virginia, Michigan and Iowa. Many of these were obtained thru correspondence.

Four issues of our quarterly "The Fringed Gentian" were published and sent to all members.

Cards were sent to the membership notifying them of the annual meeting as well as of the Conducted Tour thru the garden, May 12th, 1962. The tour was well attended, many coming from great distances. The weather was ideal and many flowers were in bloom. Such a tour greatly serves to acquaint the members and friends with the value of the garden.

A wild flower garden requires a great deal of attention, therefore it is hoped that many citizens will be interested enough to contribute a small amount yearly to help with its maintenance.

New members receive many back numbers of our publication "The Fringed Gentian" at least 50 pages at this time. Reference can be made to these back numbers for timely information on various subjects.

Your secretay wrote to Mr. Howard Moore, Supt. of the Park Board in reference to extending the water system to far reaches of the garden. This is being worked out and we expect a report.

Respectfully submitted

Martha E. Crone
Secretary

Attest

Walter Lehner
President

1961

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1961

THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, INCORPORATED

19 new members were added to the organization during the year. A number of our faithful supporters passed away during the year - Miss Frances Andrews, Mrs. Gertrude Cram, Mrs. Sara Webb and Mr. Samuel Gale.

Total membership at this time is 165. Memberships terminate a year from the date of entry. It is interesting to note that we have members in many states - New York, Florida, Wisconsin, Nebraska, North Carolina, Virginia, Michigan and Iowa.

Considering how important the developement of the garden is for both the present and future enjoyment, it is imperative that there should be a far greater number of members interested in this project.

Four issues of our publication "The Fringed Gentian" were sent to the members.

Cards were sent to all members inviting them and their friends to the Open House and Conducted Tour thru the Wild Flower Garden, May 20th, 1961. It was well attended, many coming from out of town. The weather was ideal and the spring flowers at their best. Numerous requests were received for more such tours. This gives the members and friends an excellent opportunity to see what is being accomplished in the garden.

New members receive many back numbers of our publication, at least 50 pages at this time. There are many timely articles in these back numbers which are of interest to many.

Countless inquires are answered during the year by mail, often these become members.

As time goes on the value of the garden increases, therefore it is necessary to protect this native area and keep it in its natural condition. Relaxing for just a moment would be ruinous. The future of the garden rests upon those who are interested enough to contribute a small amount yearly.

We were fortunate indeed to have had this garden established in 1907 by a few far-sighted persons. But not much progress was made until recent years and this couldn't have been possible without the additional help extended at present.

Respectfully submitted

Attest

Martha E. Leone
Secretary

Dorothy Walton Binder
President

1960

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1960

THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, INCORPORATED

25 new members were added to the organization during the year. A number of our faithful supporters passed away since our last annual meeting and several others moved away or dropped out. An effort is generally made to further interest those dropping out.

Four quarterly issues of our publication "The Fringed Gentian" were sent to the members.

The open house and Conducted tour through the garden on May 14th, proved very successful and requests are being made for another such tour.

The garden was in beautiful condition considering the severe past winter. The new labels are very attractive.

A lovely addition to the garden is the placing of two beautiful Kasota Stone benches near the Curator's cabin by Mrs. Raymond Beim, daughter of Clinton M. Odell, in his memory. Also the placing of 3 regulation benches in the lower garden. The benches are greatly appreciated by visitors.

In addition to the regular work the following projects were carried out-- Practically all of Violet path has been redone as well as the large Bird's-foot violet bed in the upper garden. Several other beds were established. Perhaps it is difficult to understand that compact beds of wild flowers soon are run out by more aggressive plants, therefore have to be replanted.

Many Trilliums were lost during the severe winter, these were replaced. A heavy layer of leaves is spread on the new fern bed to keep down weeds and stop erosion. Other plants in the prairie garden were covered with hay since the exposure to the winter sun is disastrous.

Extensive bird feeding is carried on during the winter.

Our paid up membership is approximately 180 at this time, memberships terminate a year from the time of entree. New members receive many back numbers of our publication (49 pages at this time).

5 Kodachrome illustrated lectures of the garden were given to various groups by your Secretary. These often arouse new interest.

In addition to the garden serving as a Wild Flower Reserve, it plays an important role as a nature preserve. With the great amount of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Campfire, Schools and others enjoying the facilities of the garden, it seems that more young folks should be interested in the furtherance of the garden.

The fine support given this undertaking by members of the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden, is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted

Attest

Dorothy Walton Bender
President

Martha E. Crone
Secretary

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1959

THE FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN, INCORPORATED.

Perhaps this annual report should start on the note of my retirement in January after 26 years as Curator of the Wild Flower Garden. Yet the Leadership was turned over to the capable hands of Mr. Kenneth Avery who has already been connected with the garden the last several years. We look forward to great accomplishments under his leadership.

A difficult year was ahead considering the severe blow dealt the garden due to weather conditions of the previous year. Lack of moisture during the summer and a cold snow-less winter. Great damage is to be expected which will take a number of years to remedy. These are the ups and downs the garden meets occasionally. Here is a splendid opportunity for Friends of the Wild Flower Garden to help.

Four Quarterly issues of our publication "The Fringed Gentian" were sent to the members. Recently Mr. Chas. Doell suggested that this publication should have a greater distribution. Therefore new members are needed for our continued progress and to keep up our working balance in order to remain solvent during stress periods. A wider support of individuals would be well. Only 4 new members were added during the year. A membership drive would help greatly.

12 lectures illustrated with kodachrome slides of flowers and scenes taken in the garden were presented to various groups by your Secretary. These serve to acquaint many with the facilities of the garden.

During the summer a memorial was placed in the upland garden for the late Clinton M. Odell by his friends, in the form of a bench or settee of native Minnesota stone. Dolomite from the Mankato Stone Co.

Mr. Odell was the Founder of Friends of the Wild Flower Garden and a great benefactor of the garden.

A suitable bronze plaque is attached to the bench.

All contributions were acknowledged by the Secretary. A list of the contributors follows --

Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter
Mrs. John T. Magaw
Mrs. Clarence Tolg
Mrs Dorothy Binder
Mr. Wm H. Hale
Mr. & Mrs. R. Leuthold

Mrs. C. S. Hoyt
Mr. Geo. E. Luxton
Mr. Earle Brown
Mr. R. E. Cole
Mr. S. W. Dwinnell
Mrs. Martha Crone

Contributions can still be made.

Great appreciation is extended to the members of Friends of the Wild Flower Garden for their devotion to the furtherance of the wild flower garden.

Respectfully submitted

Martha C. Crone
Secretary

Attest

Dorothy W. Tolg Binder
President