

History Hunt in the Gardens

This year at the Art Fair we had a History Hunt in the Gardens hosted by Rethos.

Rethos is partnered with the Stearns History Museum for Central MN education program. Rethos purpose is to reimagine places comes to life through core services that help educate, motivate and strengthen communities. This nonprofit organization works to protect and promote communities shared environment and culture. They believe in the power of community. To read more about the Rethos organization visit www.rethos.org or contact Ann Marie Johnson at the Stearns History Museum at 320-253-8424 or email CentralMN@rethos.org

If you did not have a chance to do the History Hunt at the Art Fair then let's learn about the history of the beautiful Munsinger and Clemens gardens in these fun trivia questions with the answers.

Location of Munsinger Gardens

Question #1: Name three of the different geometric shapes of rock-lined garden beds?

Answer: Star, Heart, Triangle, (Others are Circle and Rectangle)

Question #2: Which of the following structures are found in Munsinger Gardens?

Lily Pool

Bulb Cellar

Cabin

Peacock Enclosure

Granite Horse Trough

Watercourse

Wishing Well

Spring-Fed Pool

Answer: All of the Above

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Art Fair in the Gardens

by Kathy Adams

Munsinger Clemens Botanical Society organized a delightful Art Fair on July 20th. It was a very pleasant day, sunny and warm, and was enjoyed by all in attendance including the artists and the food vendors. We closed the street again this year for food vendors and our visitors savored the variety of food offered by the food trucks. They relaxed in the safety of a quiet street away from traffic. We had a clear blue sky, perfect for a day in the Gardens to listen to music down by the river and stroll through the gardens and artists offerings.

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There was live music throughout the day with local musicians and our visitors indulged in the sights and sounds and the refreshing breezes coming off the Mississippi River. The Art Fair was well attended again this year with visitors from near and far.

MCBS acknowledges the support of the local community and we invite everyone back next year on the third Thursday in July!

See you on July 18, 2024!
Art Fair 2024

**Save the date of
July 18, 2024!**





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Question #3: How many small bronze oxen heads are on the ring encircling the fountain in the Lily Pool?

Answer: 8

Question #4: Part 1 – How many total granite steps make up the three paths on the moraine? (Hint: moraines are common in rock, gardens and intended to evoke mountainous environments.)

Answer: 37

Part 2 – What is the prominent flower color on the moraine?

Answer: Red

Location of Clemens Gardens

Question #5: In 1991, Clemens Gardens was officially named after a local couple who were neighbors and benefactors of the Gardens. What are their names?

Answer: Virginia & Bill Clemens

Question #6: How many separate gardens are there in Clemens Gardens?

Answer: 6 - Rose, Rest Area, Formal, Perennial & Treillage

Question #7: How many fountains are there in Clemens Gardens?

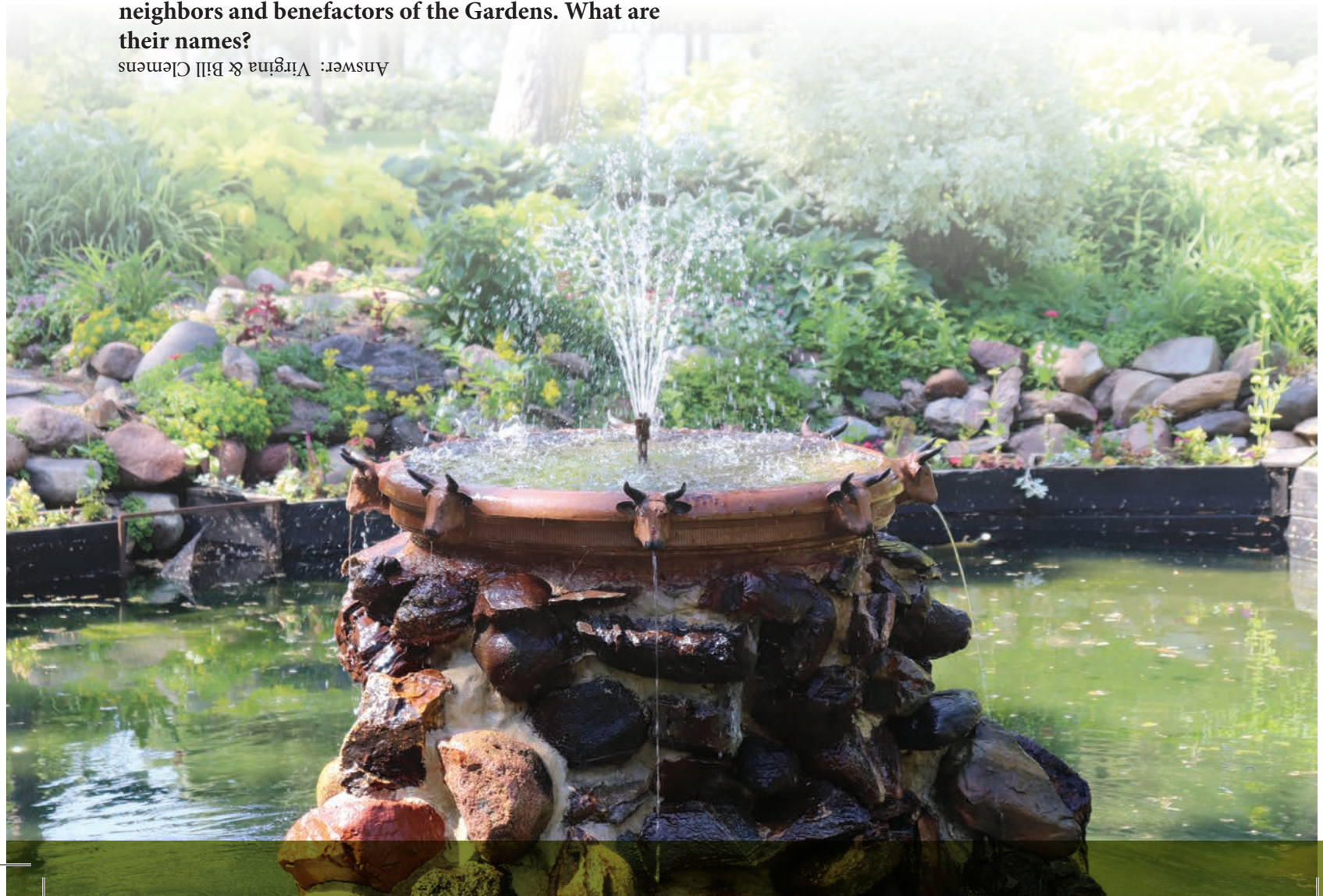
Answer: 5 - Janney Crane, Renaissance Fountain with Cranes, Windsor Court, Perennial & Three Cranes

Question #8: The Treillage Garden consists of 4 single-color beds. Name the colors?

Answer: Red, Blue-Purple, Yellow & Pink

Question #9: What Alabama company manufactured the cast iron and bronze features in Munsinger and Clemens Gardens?

Answer: Robinson Iron



THANK You To Our Root Beer Float Sponsors

We'd like to Thank the following businesses for their generous donations and support for the Music in the Gardens.

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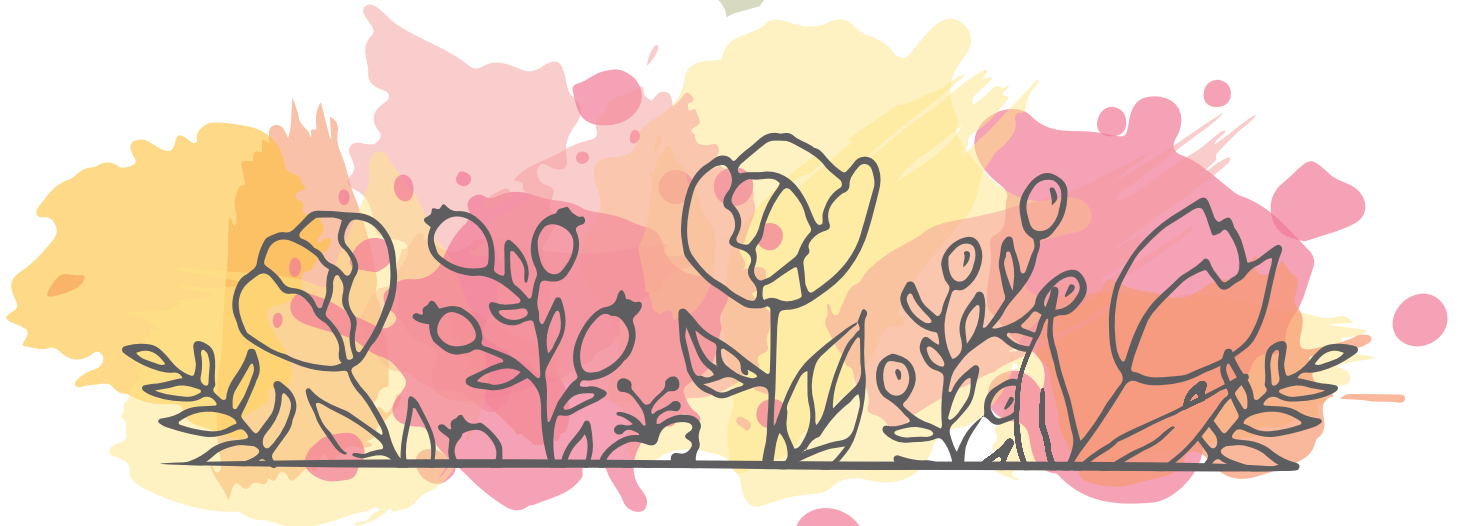
Thank You

Volunteers:

To our wonderful volunteers, our sincere THANKS to all that helped serve the root beer floats to accompany the music. Your willingness to give your time is greatly appreciated. It allows us to continue to fulfill our mission and serve the hundreds of people in our community each season.

We couldn't have done it without you!





Thank you

Gardens Staff:

MCBS would like to Thank Nia Primus the garden supervisor and her garden staff for all the hard work that was put into the flowers, lawn, landscaping, and maintenance to make the gardens look their best for the Art Fair and the Music Concerts. All the extra prep work beforehand to get us ready for the events was much appreciated. The events were a success and MCBS would not have been able to get there without everyone involved. The board members could not have done it without your support and assistance.

Thank you again for a beautiful season!

The MCBS Board Members

Musicians:

MCBS is grateful for the performances of our music groups that put on a wonderful show each and every year to the community. You're amazing and truly appreciated! It has been such a pleasure to hear the beautiful music you've created. A million thanks to you for your music.

We look forward to next year!



Looking for Volunteers...

Help Plan Events and Join our Board

The board is in need of volunteers for serving on the board of directors beginning March 2024. The board members are all volunteers that help bring support to the gardens through annual memberships and the planning of the events that take place in the gardens such as Music, Art Fair and Photo Contest. The current group of volunteers have been a part of the organization for a number of years and keeps giving of their time because they love the gardens, like bringing people together, and helping with a non-profit organization. The organization is a casual fun group that meets once a month from March to November. Truly consider this organization as one to give your time to and you will feel rewarded supporting the beautiful gardens.

Munsinger Clemens Botanical Society is a non-profit that plans events in the gardens as well as raising money to help support the gardens. You would not be gardening at Munsinger or Clemens Gardens but helping with events. Please contact us if you would like additional information.

2023 Photo Contest currently running:

You can enter your photos online now for the 2023 Photography in the Gardens contest. You submit and pay for your entries completely through the online process. This provides visitors of the gardens who do not live close to the St. Cloud area the opportunity to enter their photos. ALL entries must be entered online to be eligible. All Juniors (18 and under) can enter their first photo free of charge.

This year's contest runs until November 1st. Photos entries must be entered by Midnight on November 1st. If you want to submit photos this year, check out the rules and entry details on our website: www.munsingerclemens.com.





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