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Community painting by featured painter Adam Spaeth and Guests of the Gardens

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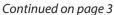
Written by Jill Florek, MCBS Co-chair and Art Fair Committee

It was a beautiful day at the Art Fair even though the weather was humid but plenty of people turned out to see the fantastic array of art from various artists from around the local area and throughout the state. This event has grown over the years and marked the twelfth annual Art Fair in the Gardens. It not only had art but live music with returning native flute player Carlos Quinche and on stage were Cristina Seaborn Quartet, Nelson and Hamilton and ended the event with the Pachanga Society.





Pictured here is the gift basket donated by Grande Depot.





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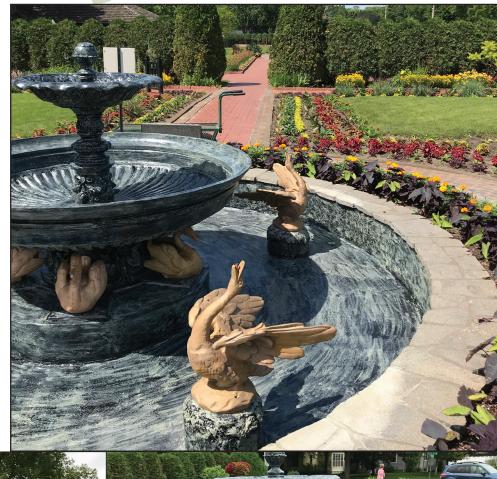
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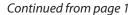
Restoring Beauty in the Gardens

By Munsingers Clemens Botanical Society Member

There is nothing quite as rewarding as taking something that was destroyed and return it to it's former glory. We are very pleased to announce that the fountains that were damaged by vandals this last winter have been replaced. The new fountains are beautiful. We would like to give a special thanks to all those who donated funds to aid in this project. We are very fortunate to have such a generous community. Be sure to stop by the gardens and check out the new fountains. And of course, the flowers.







It also had more food vendors to give a variety of food to enjoy.

This year had a featured painter Adam Spaeth that provided a community painting for all to participate in the painting of a peacock on canvas. This painting was given away at the end of the event. The winner of the painting was Emerson Friese of Sartell, MN. Congratulations Emerson! Another item of giveaway was a beautiful gift basket from The Grande Depot. The winner of the basket was Janet Kaproth of

St Cloud, MN.

"You couldn't ask for a better place to hold an art fair. The flower gardens and music made for a perfect setting. There was a good selection of inspirational artist as well as various choices of foods and drinks. I am glad I took the day off to enjoy this event."







organization. Many hours are put in planning for this day. MCBS thanks the wonderful garden staff that did an outstanding job getting the gardens prepared for this big day. Nia Primus, the garden supervisor and her staff pay particular attention to the flowers and the entire gardens to make them looking their best for the community and all the visitors. The art fair brings in people from all over the state and out of state. People mark their calendars to vacation in Minnesota to attend this event. MCBS thanks the City of St Cloud and all

"My second year at Munsinger, and definitely the most beautiful setting of any art show I've attended in the three years that I've been participating in central Minnesota art fairs! Looking forward to next season!"

~Ray Maier

- Springwood

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FLOWERS THAT ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRD

by Lora Honer

Hummingbirds are a beautiful and intriguing birds that I really love seeing. I have put out hummingbird feeders for years and have managed to attract a few but I have heard that nectar from flowers are better for them. So I started looking at what flowers I could plant that would look beautiful and attract this unique little bird. I discovered a few options. Whether you are looking for annuals or perennials, there are some possibilities for both. One of my favorite that I plant every year is scarlet runner beans. I plant them in pots every spring with trellis so the beans have something to climb up as they grow. They can grow up to 20 feet high and look beautiful on my deck. And the hummingbirds love them.

Nothing is more enjoyable then watching hummingbirds jump from bean blossom to blossom. Another added bonus to

PERENNIALS

Hollyhock
Columbine
Butterfly Weed
Bell Flower
Bleeding Heart
Foxglove
Coral Bells
Cardinal flower
Lupine
Bee Balm
Trumpet Vines

ANNUALS

Calibrachoa
Dianthus
Fuchsia
Hibiscus
Morning Glory
Nicotiana
Salvia

Torenia

scarlet runner beans is that you can let the beans grow and dry on the vines. And now you have starter seeds for next spring planting. So go ahead and pick your favorite flowers and enjoy the hummingbirds all summer long.

Trumpet

Vines

Scarlet Runner Beans





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Thank you to all of these businesses for their donations and support the Music in the Gardens.



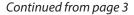




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the garden staff for their assistance, attention to details and extra prep work they put in to make this event as successful as possible. The MCBS board members could not have done it without the support.

We are looking for more artists so if you are interested in exhibiting in the event go to our website at www.munsingerclemens.com and inquire at the Events Page for Art Fair in the Gardens or email eventinquiries@munsingerclemens.com with photos of your art work.

We are also looking for artists that would be interested in demonstrating their art while at the event. Inquire at our website or email to the above email address.

Next year's date for the Art Fair in the Gardens will be July 16, 2020. Watch our website for more information in 2020.

"What a wonderful even
the vendors were diversely
picked for all interest.
The music was a beautiful
touch to sit in the shade and relax.
The food was wonderful."



Photography in the gardens

You can now enter the 2019 ONLINE photo contest online anytime ENTRY now through November 1st, **FORM** 2019. Just a few clicks and your photos are submitted. You can even do it right from your smart phone. Even while you are at the gardens. More details and information can be found online at

http://www.munsingerclemens.com/photo-contest/



What makes a great photo?

Are you thinking about entering a photo into our Photography in the Gardens photos contest but wondering what makes a winner photo? Here are some things to keep in mind when you are taking photos.



Always remember that your photo has to tell a story. Some photos in the gardens might tell a story about peace and tranquility. While others are about being full of life, beautiful and standing out in a crowd. Tell your own story about the gardens.



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great photo. Whether your final photos are black and white, sepia or full color, contrasting colors within your photos are absolutely required to.

Remember to consider the "Rule of Thirds" doing the photo taking process. Applying this rule to your photos can help you take balanced and interesting photos. It identifies lines in a photography that you place objects of interest within your photo.

Don't forget to also look at the layering within your photos. Blurry items of color in the background can really make your foreground items stand out or vise





versa. Focusing your photo on the items in the background can provide a completely different look and feel for the same photography.

Keep in mind, that you should put your own spin on your photographs and always have fun. Taken risks and breaking the rules of photography, can provide unexpected results. You'll never know until you try. So head out to the gardens and let your creative juices flow. You might be surprised with what you come up with. We look forward to seeing everyones photos of the Munsinger Clemens Gardens.





Looking for Volunteers to help plan our events: Music in the Gardens, Photography in the Gardens & Art Fair in the 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.



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