



## Forcing Amaryllis Bulbs

With winter comes the longer colder nights and nothing brightens up a room or day like a gorgeous flower blooming. One way to achieve this is to force a bulb which is a term used to describe the process that tricks a bulb to bloom out of season. Amaryllis bulbs provide a wide variety of color options from white to deep reds including some exotic striped varieties. The bulb will provide you will beautiful blossoms for seven weeks or longer. There are a multitude of bulb sizes and the larger bulbs will produce more flowers but you can expect to pay as well.

One of advantages of forcing a Amaryllis bulbs is that they require no chilling to start the process. This means you do not need to refrigerate the bulb before you plant them, and paperwhites is another bulb variety that doesn't require chilling. Most bulbs require 8-16 weeks of chill time before the bulbs will bloom.

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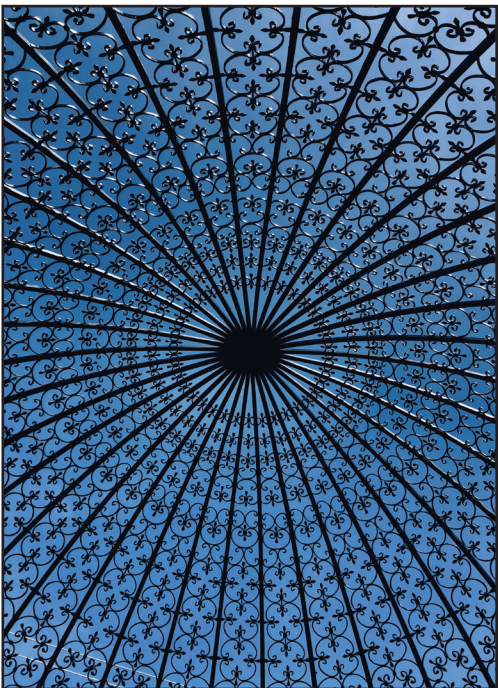




# 2019 Winners

## Photography in the gardens

**Best-of-Show**  
Erica Powers  
*"Behold"*



**Youth Hardscapes - 1st place**  
Sruthi Subramanian  
*"Bright Blue & Topsy-Turvy"*



**Hardscape - 1st Place**  
Erica Powers  
*"Spirale d'eau de Fontaine"*





### THANKS for the Root Beer Floats!

A big thank you from MCBS to all those who contributed to our Music in the Gardens concerts this year by helping us provide root beer floats to accompany the music enjoyed by so many concertgoers.

We are grateful to the following local businesses for their generous donations:

**Kemps | Bernick Pepsi | Coborn's  
Dairy Queen on 25th | Strategic Equipment**

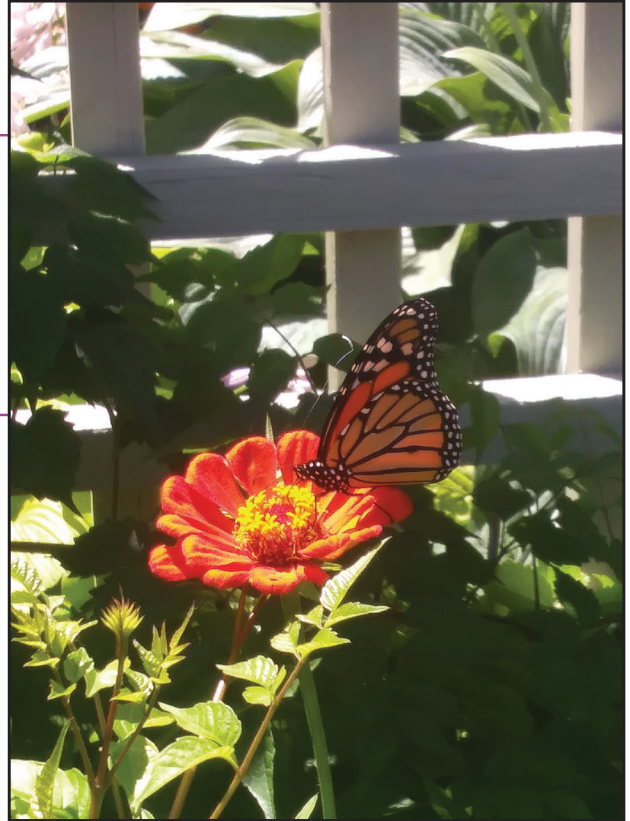
Our sincere appreciation goes also to our garden staff helpers, to those attendees who fed the donations jar, and to our 2019 volunteer servers:

Mary Margaret & Gene Bjorklun	Janelle Notsch
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Sally Koester	Jan & Tom Stavros
Olivia Lynch	Janelle Von Pinnon
Kathy Matthies	Bill Vossler
	Mari Walker

**To all of you, thank you, thank you, thank you!**

### Youth Landscapes 1st place

Ruth Justin  
*"Monarch in Munsinger"*



### Youth Landscapes 2nd place

Sreya Subramanian  
*"Through the Looking (Sun) Glass"*



### Youth Landscapes 3rd place

Morgan Rodenburg  
*"Bug"*



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# Photography in the gardens & Photo of the Month

by Lora Honer

This year was our first year of accepting entries for the Photography in the Gardens online. I have to say, that we had some great interest in the contest. We hope to have continued interest in Photography in the Gardens in 2020. We will be accepting entries online for 2020 starting in December, but you can start taking pictures now. The gardens are a great place to take a walk no matter the season. And they are open year round. So enjoy all the beauty that the gardens and Minnesota winters have to offer. We look forward to seeing your photos next year.

We also want to thank everyone who participated in the Photography in the Gardens. This event is a great way to share your vision of the Munsinger Clemens gardens with family, friends, and the St. Cloud Area. Winning photos are displayed at locations throughout the St. Cloud area over the next year. In addition, the winners will be shared on our website and our Facebook page as well as in this issue of our Newsletter.

## Photo of the Month

This year, we had so many great photos entered that we want to share with you. So we will be selecting one photo that was entered in the Photography in the Gardens contest as the photo of the month on Facebook. We will share the photographers name, their photo title and the photo on Facebook. This way we get to share with you more of the wonderful photos entered. Be sure to watch our Facebook page to see what photo is selected for the month of December.



**Landscape - 1st Place**  
Erica Powers  
*"Joy"*

**Landscape - 2nd Place**  
Erica Powers  
*"Enchanted Glen"*



**Landscape - 3rd Place**  
Kimberly Hill  
*"Peacock Feather"*



*Thank  
You!*  
SO MUCH!

**Thank you for the Donations  
we received *In Memory of  
Faith Lorene Pederson.***





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Be sure to check the chilling time needed if you select a different bulb variety than Amaryllis or Paperwhite. Kits can be purchased which contain everything you need to force an Amaryllis locally or online.

First thing you need to do is select your bulb. Select the color and variety that you will enjoy for weeks to come. It is best to force amaryllis in soil as it reduces the risk of any rot forming on the bulb. You can choose to force your bulb in water, but fungal damage can occur if the bulb is too low in the water or if your home is too humid.

Next, choose the proper container. Bulbs do not need a large pot even though they have massive blooms and tall stems. You will want a container that provides great drainage and is about 1 or 2 inches wider than the diameter of the bulb. If you want a larger container, you can always put your pot in a larger container or basket like the one in our picture.

Now, let's fill the bottom of the pot with a couple inches of soil. Place the bulb about halfway in the container and fill up to the top with soil. The top third of the bulb should be sticking out of the soil when you are finished. You may need a bamboo or stake to help support the leggy leaves and stems as it goes taller.

Water the soil well but make sure that excess moisture drains away from the bottom. The key to an amaryllis blooming indoors is the temperature. The fastest and healthiest growth will occur if the pot is in a room that is at least 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not water your container again until you see growth. Continue to provide bright indirect light and evenly moist (not soggy) soil once leaves began to appear.

Do not use plant food until after you see your Amaryllis growing. It can take 2 to 8 weeks before growth to appear. Placing your bulb on a warming mat can help to stimulate the bulb. Once you began seeing growth, dilute your water soluble food by half and fertilize every 2 to 3 weeks.

Don't forget to rotate your pot every few days as it continues to grow to keep the stalk straight. Depending on the variety of amaryllis, it should take 6 to 8 weeks to bloom after potting. Place the flower in a location with indirect light to prolong the blooms once they appear. And that is all it takes. Now you can enjoy flowers all winter long.

Amaryllis Bulbs  
Chill time: None

Crocus Bulbs  
Chill time: 8-15 weeks

Daffodil Bulbs  
Chill time: 2-3 weeks

Grape Hyacinth Bulbs  
Chill time: 8-15 weeks

Hyacinth Bulbs  
Chill time: 12-15 weeks

Iris Bulbs  
Chill time: 13-15 weeks

Paperwhite Bulbs  
Chill time: None

Snowdrop Bulbs  
Chill time: 15 weeks

Tulip Bulbs  
Chill time: 10-16 weeks







### Hardscape - 2nd Place

Timothy Engle  
*"The Fountain"*



### Landscape - 3rd Place

Linda Brown  
*"Tucked Away"*

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### Do you have a passion for the Munsinger-Clemens Gardens?

DID YOU KNOW that there is an opportunity to support the Gardens and get a tax break in addition? Instead of taking the minimum required distribution from your 401k or IRA, which becomes taxable income, you can donate all or part of it directly to the Munsinger-Clemens Botanical Society. Because you never receive the money it is not taxable as income. Thus no tax and You support the thing you have a passion for. It is truly a WIN – WIN situation. Talk it over with your tax advisor. It is really a simple process.

### Best-of-Show

Erica Powers with *"Behold"*

### Youth Landscape

1st Place - Ruth Justin with *"Monarch in Munsinger"*

2nd Place - Sreya Subramanian with *"Through the Looking (Sun) Glass"*

3rd Place - Morgan Rodenburg with *"Bug"*

### Hardscapes, Youth:

1st place: Sruthi Subramanian with *"Bright Blue & Topsy-Turvy"*

### Adult Hardscape

1st Place - Erica Powers with *"Spirale d'eau de Fontaine"*

2nd Place - Timothy Engle with *"The Fountain"*

3rd Place - Kimberly Hill with *"Peacock Feather"*

### Adult Landscape

1st Place - Erica Powers with *"Joy"*

2nd Place - Erica Powers with *"Enchanted Glen"*

3rd Place - Linda Brown with *"Tucked Away"*

### Honorable Mentions

Timothy Engle with *"The Walk"*

Ryan Vadnais with *"Hidden River"*



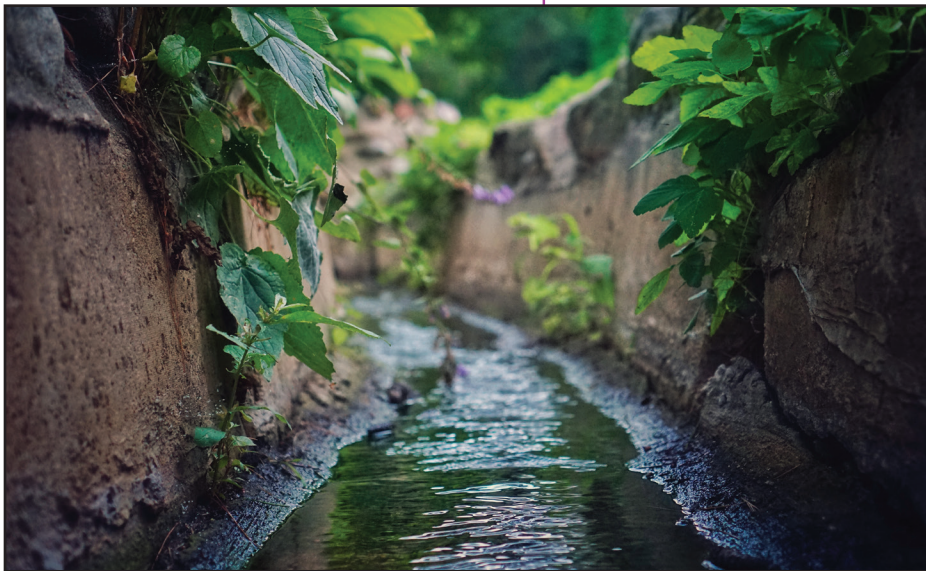


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*Thank you*  
**Thank you for the**  
**Donations we received**  
***In Memory of Sigri L. Pull.***



**Looking For  
Volunteers To Help  
Plan Our Events And  
Join Our Board:**

**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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## RAP

## Membership Application and Renewal

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50-\$99 (Basic Membership)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$100-\$249

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$250-\$500

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Gifts over the Basic Membership may be designated to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Music in the Gardens \_\_\_\_\_ Art Fair in the Gardens

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