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From the President's Desk....

Besides the rhododendrons and iris that Connie collected, she also planted many different primroses, or *Primula*. The name *Primula* is taken from the Italian word for spring, "primavera." Most are in bloom in the spring.

The candelabra primroses are show-stopping, among the most asked about of all. They are hardy perennials, with a strong stem to 18 inches, with 1 to 6 whorls of flowers up the stem.

Primula japonica come in varying shades of red, magenta, pink, to white. Other varieties can flower in shades of yellow, purple, pink or orange. All prefer a home in light shade, with cool moist soil. If happy, they can self-sow into large colonies. Look for the many primula when visiting the garden in the spring.

~~Kathie Arehart, CHG President



Candelabra Primroses by the path.



Rosa 'Gold Lace' has bloomed all summer.

2023 Calendar of Events

As new events are scheduled, we will post them on our bulletin board and web page.

***Visit our website often for up to date details.
Share your photos of CHG on our Facebook page.***

The Garden is always open from dawn to dusk for your enjoyment, to visit, walk or sit and enjoy. Please avoid walking on closed pathways and grass.

The Garden House, with gift shop, library and gallery will be open from 10:00 to 2:00 daily. It will be staffed by volunteers every day.

The Gift Shop, just inside the front door, has been restocked with useful and interesting items, and is ready for your visit between 10:00 and 2:00 any day of the week.

Late Summer Perennials

What is that unusual plant with the big red leaves in the shady end of the perennial bed? It is *Rodgersia pinnata* 'Chocolate Wing', one of the lesser known perennials in the Connie Hansen Garden. It likes a shady, damp place to live, and sends up its elegant dark red foliage in summer, along with plumes of little blossoms. We had Priscilla stand behind, to show the size of the leaves.



Priscilla enjoying the Rodgersia.

The Summer perennials that bloom into Autumn are the backbone of the summer garden.



Thalictrum flavum, Linaria & Tanacetum



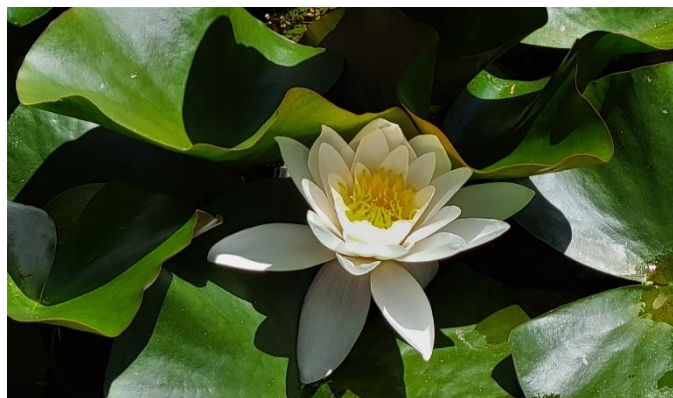
Filipendula 'Queen of the Prairie' likes damp areas. Connie Hansen liked wide drifts of this perennial.



Clematis 'Polish Spirit' outside the window



The Heathers change with each season.



The water lily is still in bloom.

More Perennials – often mixed with annuals

Although shrubs and perennials form the backbone of the summer garden, the annuals fill in the spaces between them with color and contrast. You can change the color palette of your garden every year.



The garden has many varieties of Astilbe.



The Drive entry is a mix of perennials with annuals.



A new Dierama with graceful purple bells



Helianthus 'Lemon Queen' in the Morning Garden.



Grasses offer motion to the mix of flowering shrubs, perennials, and annuals in the East Garden.



Two views of the same bed: silvery (above) in the spring, & vibrant (below) in September.





A flock of Red Zinnias

It may have started with a seed...

When you visit Connie Hansen Garden in the summer, you will often see flowering annuals and perennials you might never have seen before.

One of our volunteers, Joan, loves to peruse the seed catalogs. She frequently finds some unusual varieties to try and can't resist purchasing the seed. She also saves seed from many varieties that she likes, to grow another year.

If you want to save seed, too, be sure to collect the seed when it is fully mature and the weather is dry. I put mine in small paper bags in a dark dry place for a week or two to be sure it is totally dry. Then I crush any pods, if necessary, to release the seed and store it in a small envelope, cool and dry, through the winter.

Be sure to label your envelopes with as much information as you know about that seed— name, color, location for growing, etc.

Starting seeds is usually not difficult, but there are a few important things to know.

Larger seeds such as sunflower, calendula, nasturtium, cosmos, sweet peas and such are best started where they are to grow, after the soil warms and can be crumbled to a fine texture. Cover the seed with a quarter inch of soil, pat it down to compact the soil a little bit, and water well. Keep the soil moist until seedlings appear and become established, then provide moisture when needed.

Be careful not to start indoors too early! Indoor starting to plant out later requires a cool, very bright location. A fine soil medium or purchased potting soil works best. Barely cover the seed with soil or sow right on the surface. Mist gently to keep moist. When the seedlings reach about half an inch high, transplant them into individual pots, 2 to 4 inches in diameter and continue to provide bright light. Cool temperature will encourage sturdier seedlings.

If your timing is right, the seedlings will be ready to put out as soon as the weather allows. Seedlings kept indoors too long will stretch into spindly, useless starts.

Then you say, "but you have a greenhouse!" Indeed I do, and it is kept at 60 degrees or less, and is as light as it is outdoors. If you just don't have a useful location, take advantage of the plants sold by nurseries in the spring to give you happy summer color.



This "Painted Daisy" – *Chrysanthemum carinatum*, started from seed purchased from a seed catalog, under the name 'Jolly Joker'; also sometimes sold as 'Court Jester'. Easily grown annual, gets about two feet high, with showy daisy blooms with bands of various color around a dark center.

~~~Karen Brown

## More Annuals Grown from Seed



*Salpiglossis, with amazingly intense color.*



*Berkheya purpurea 'Zulu Warrior'*



*Schizanthus and a honeybee*



And of course, *Verbena bonariensis*, with a Skipper.

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\_\_\_ Senior individual \$15            \_\_\_ Senior family \$25  
\_\_\_ Supporter \$100                   \_\_\_ Sponsor \$500  
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