

# Minnesota State Horticultural Society

## 2007 Annual Report



**THANK YOU** As you will see in this year's annual report, it has been a great year for The Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

On October 4, 2006, MSHS and our members were privileged to be a part of an organization that **celebrated 140 years** of educating, encouraging and bringing communities together through the love of gardening and horticulture.

In the years ahead, we will continue to look for ways to reach out to our members throughout the state. This year we accomplished it in a variety of ways. Our **garden tour of the North Shore** was a great success, and we thank our members and volunteers for all they did to make it so. With the revival of the **MSHS Quilt**, we received many beautiful quilt blocks; through the volunteer efforts of our members, we created a quilt that one lucky person won in March 2008. We have reached out to our many industry partners and are having some of our **educational programs at their locations**. We would not be able to accomplish many of our outreach efforts without our **volunteers** who have helped to create beautiful gardens, worked in our bookstore, and helped us at events and in the office. For this we give a heart-felt **thank you**.

**Memberships** will continue to be the largest revenue source in our budget, and we encourage everyone to talk to your friends and relatives about the society. Introduce them to our wonderful publication **Northern Gardener** and the many benefits we have to offer. We continue to grow and expand into new avenues every year; get involved with us and you will grow too.

ROSE EGGERT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

# Membership

THANK YOU, MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society remains one of the largest and oldest member supported horticultural societies in the United States. Each and every one of you continues to make this possible. Thank you!

Strengthening our current relationships with our members remains one of our main membership goals. We continue to expand the many ways we communicate with our members. The *Northern Gardener*® is our main voice, but we have also discovered that our monthly Northern Gardener E-News is a very effective tool in notifying and reminding members about events, classes, member benefits and volunteer opportunities. We also completed a redesign of the Northern Gardener Web site [www.northerngardener.org](http://www.northerngardener.org) to make it more informative, inspiring and easier to navigate. Our Web site is an excellent resource for all northern gardeners. If you haven't checked it out lately, please do so.

Another important membership goal is to reach new members. As members and advocates of MSHS, you are our best resource to accomplish this. Introduce someone you know, who has an interest in gardening, to MSHS, *Northern Gardener* and all of the year-round member benefits. Help spread the joy and importance of gardening this year.

Your annual membership dues also allow MSHS to continue our signature program, Minnesota Green. This program promotes community gardening as a means to strengthen neighborhoods by connecting people and plants. Thank you again for your continued support.

## NORTHERN GARDENER MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 6 issues of *Northern Gardener*® magazine
- Discounts with nurseries, greenhouses & merchants (see page 5)
- Two free tickets to the Minneapolis Spring Home & Garden Show
- Two free tickets to the Minnesota Home & Patio Show
- MSHS 15 percent merchandise discount
- One 25 percent off merchandise coupon
- Discounts on classes with MSHS & the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Discounts on tours with MSHS
- Access to our extensive lending and reference library
- E-Newsletter
- New members also receive a \$25 merchandise credit with White Flower Farm mail order nursery

## Membership at a glance

### MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION

Northern Gardener Membership Level (Two members per household)	8,228
Subscription Only to <i>Northern Gardener</i>	3,218
Garden Club Membership Levels	1,900
Sponsor Membership Levels	388
Master Gardener Membership Levels	74
Commercial Membership Levels	73
Miscellaneous (Life Members, Complimentary, Advertisers, Exchanges)	404
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,285</b>

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP COST

Northern Gardener Membership Level	\$60
Sponsor Membership Levels	\$100 - \$5,000 and above
Garden Club Membership Levels	\$35 / \$50
Master Gardener Membership Levels	\$35 / \$50
Commercial Membership Levels	\$200 / \$300
Subscription Only to <i>Northern Gardener</i>	\$34



# Minnesota Green

## CONNECTS PEOPLE THROUGH PLANTS

Minnesota Green is a nationally recognized program that secures and redistributes over \$100,000 worth of seeds and plants to community gardens and programs that are involved in food production and beautification projects each year.



Good Counsel Community Garden, sponsored by the Center for Spirituality and Rural Ministry in Mankato.

### GROUP AFFILIATIONS

City/Government	10
Community Garden Plots	7
Education	12
Garden Club	13
Housing	14
Neighborhood Group	14
Nonprofit	27
Religious	13
Miscellaneous	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>

### NUMBER OF GROUPS IN PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

County	# of Groups	Percent
Anoka	6	5%
Blue Earth	1	1%
Carver	2	2%
Chisago	1	1%
Dakota	3	3%
Hennepin	54	47%
Kandiyohi	1	1%
Morrison	3	3%
Pine	1	1%
Ramsey	22	19%
Scott	2	2%
St. Louis	2	2%
Stearns	5	4%
Wadena	2	2%
Washington	7	6%
Wright	1	1%
Wisconsin	1	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>7 county metro</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>74%</b>

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## Minnesota Green Donors

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR DONORS WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY SPACES THROUGH MINNESOTA GREEN:

America the Beautiful Fund	Suzanne Drost	Linders Garden Center	Laura Schneck
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Cub Foods	Lake Owasso Garden Club	Renees Garden and National Gardening Club	Waldoch Farm and Garden

# 2007 Awards Highlights

FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HORTICULTURE AND GREENING EFFORTS



Cornercopia Student Organic Farm, St. Paul.

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) statewide awards program recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to horticulture and greening efforts in public gardens, community projects, and through exemplary community achievements. Individuals, projects and activities of neighborhood groups, governmental organizations, garden clubs and communities that have meritoriously contributed to gardening and rejuvenating communities through plants will be honored each year with a certificate of commendation from the Governor.

## **INDIVIDUAL STATE AWARDS**

### **Special Recognition**

*Duane Reynolds*

### **Bronze Award**

*Gary Schaben*

### **Outstanding Youth Award**

*Candice Lipinski*

### **Bruce Bersford Educator's Award**

*Louise Worm*

### **Bob Churilla Golden Rose Volunteer Recognition Award**

*Jerry & Lee Shannon*

## **GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

### **Garden Club Member of the Year**

*Linda Helgeland*

### **Garden Club of the Year**

*St. Anthony Park Garden Club*

## **GREENING AWARDS**

### **Community Garden Award**

*The Friends of Horton Park*

*The Hamline Midway*

*Environmental Group*

*The Hamline Midway Tree Team*

*The Midway Greenspirit*

*Community Garden*

### **MN Recreation and Parks Association Award**

*Grand Marais Harbor Park*

### **St. Paul Garden Club Award**

*Cornercopia Student Organic Farm*

### **K.E.E.Y. Award (Kids, Education, the Environment & You)**

*Kimball Elementary Youth Garden*

### **Minnesota State Horticultural Society President's Award**

*GardenWorks*

### **Governor's Certificate of Commendation**

*Soni Forsman*

*Marge Hols*

*Susan Wilkins*

*Minneapolis Central Library Green Roof*

*O.W.L.S. Garden Shares*



Kimball Elementary Youth Garden.



Soni Forsman (right) pictured with Margaret Yeakel-Twum.

For more information on awards, visit [www.northerngardener.org/awards.asp](http://www.northerngardener.org/awards.asp).

# Volunteers

## OUR VOLUNTEERS HELP US EXTEND OUR HAND OUT TO THE GARDENING COMMUNITY

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society relies on the contributions of our dedicated volunteers to complete many of the key components of our organization. With the support of these individuals, the MSHS successfully provides educational tools and resources for northern gardeners. We wish to thank the following volunteers for generously donating their time and talents in this past fiscal year.

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# 2007 Financial Summary

## ASSETS

### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$230,989
Accounts Receivable—Net	27,725
Inventory	30,549
Prepaid Expenses	39,245
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$328,508</b>

### OTHER ASSETS

Certificates of Deposit—Designated for Future Needs	24,866
Library Collection	9,000
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>33,866</b>

### PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Leasehold Improvements	21,688
Circulating Library	41,034
Office Furniture and Equipment	76,518
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>	<b>139,240</b>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(114,399)
<b>Net Property and Equipment</b>	<b>24,841</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$387,215</b>
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## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$50,617
Deferred Revenue—Current Portion	226,474
Accrued Expenses	23,242
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>300,333</b>

### LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Deferred Revenue—Net of Current Portion	19,666
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>319,999</b>

### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	43,555
Permanently Restricted	23,661
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>67,216</b>

<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$387,215</b>
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*“People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us.”*

*~Iris Murdoch, A Fairly Honourable Defeat*



*“Just living is not enough,” said the butterfly, “one must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower.”*

*~Hans Christian Anderson, The Butterfly*



# 2006—2007 Donors

MSSH gratefully acknowledges the generous support we received from individuals, business and foundations. These gifts beyond membership support enrich our programs and services for northern gardeners. We especially are grateful to over 400 member-donor "sponsors" for their combined gift and membership support. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed to MSSH in 2006-2007. We strive to ensure the accuracy of the following honor roll of contributors. If your name is incorrect or omitted, please accept our apologies, and inform us of our error.

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