

## Flower Show on Navy Pier, Open Through Sunday, Heaps Honors on Garden Clubs

Silver Medals, Blue, Red, White Ribbons, and Bronze Medal Awarded Locally

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Why try to capture the color and charm of spring and summer flowers and of gardens with words of description? Blooming on the Navy Pier, they make it a place of beauty for the Chicago Flower show of the Garden Club of Illinois which brings a fresh crop of medals and prize ribbons to north shore garden clubs. Three silver medals, nine blue ribbons, five red, and four white, and one bronze medal are fruits of success for nine local clubs and two having many members in these villages. The Flower show is current daily from 10 to 10 including Sunday, April 11.

To make one or two brief comments on the show itself before listing ribbon winning exhibits. This year's floor plan for the show is a departure from any of its predecessors, it is by far one of the most interesting, affording as it does, more continuity, and new and unexpected groupings, new vistas—across the pier through garden house windows, down stretches of the pier through sun-room windows. For the first time in our memory, the judges have placed cards of constructive criticism on exhibits winning awards, thereby adding to the educational nature of the exhibition. We have noticed, too, that commercial exhibitors have arranged their own booths in design more in keeping with garden planning.

### Wilmette Garden Club

The blue ribbon of the Garden Club of Illinois and a bronze medal, go to the Wilmette Garden club for its interior of a Garden house—a room light with windows and a door opening to a garden. Brown, yellow, and red are color accents in the room which a bench with flowers and useful gadgets, divides on one side, into a practical work room with tools, sink, cans and bottles of fertilizers, insecticides, plant foods. On the other side a rag rug, comfortable chairs and a nearby table with a bowl of apples and its books, form a spot suggesting lazy hours when gardening is done.

### National Club Exhibits

The four little Dutch houses with their bulb gardens leading to a canal which, in itself, borders a walk through a formal bulb garden at the show's entrance, are exhibits of member clubs of the Garden Club of America, two of which are the work of the Kenilworth and Winnetka Garden clubs. Silver medals are theirs for their interpretation of a bit of Holland.

Kenilworth, for the foreground of its house with blue and white gingham and short lace curtains hung in true cottage manner, chooses a formal, patterned planting of white crocus, yellow and orange tulips and box trees, trimmed in prim shapes.

The Winnetka Garden club hangs white curtains in its Dutch house and makes its planting more informal, with its white brick wall and box trees a background for pink and blue and white flowers—tulips and hyacinths.

### Kenilworth Garden Club

The Kenilworth Garden club, in addition to this silver medal, wins a red ribbon for its flower picture, in which orange-red flower clusters, yellow calla lilies, and a spray of cactus, are placed on a black pitcher on a black stand. For its distinctive dinner table in soft browns and white, a table striking a note of "quiet elegance," as one critical observer remarked, the Kenilworth club wins a blue ribbon. Brown blending with beige; brown tapers in white pottery holders; two unusual sculptured white pottery vases holding white tulips, pussy willows, and bronze leaves; white service plates with gold wreaths and smoke-brown glassware, create a setting which has drawn the praise of judges who commend the "wonderful conception, imagination, and beautifully selected accessories."

### Home and Garden Club

The Kenilworth Home and Garden club has three ribbons—one blue, two white. The first prize is given for the Oriental flower arrangement, considered by the judges "excellent in composition and color values." On a shallow wooden tray are placed a cluster of deep

magenta cineraria with sprays of "Mexican shell flowers" to add height, and to give balance, a tiny arrangement of bulb leaves. For its second minor entry, also a flower arrangement, but submerged in water in a glass bowl, a white ribbon is awarded. Blue iris, white freesia, yellow and pink African daisies and deutzia are arranged harmoniously. The major exhibit of the club, the interior of a Garden house, wins a white ribbon. Old-fashioned and charming in its feeling, its antique settee and quaint furniture, a hooked rug, and its work bench at one end with pink tulips, blue iris, and flats of marigolds and ageratum, and wide window with plants and vines, make it a spot attractive.

### Junior Garden Club

A white ribbon is the prize of the Kenilworth Junior Garden club for its dormer window in a guest room. Blue and white wall paper traced in red, covers the floor, and carries out the color scheme of the entire exhibit. The white window embrasure is edged with red and screened by white iron scroll work with pots of red geraniums. A brown and white chair touched with red, and a low coffee table with settings accenting the general color scheme, await, with a book in the window, the coming of a guest.

### Winnetka Weeders

The Winnetka Weeders won two blue ribbons, one for a major development of plot featuring pools and pavement, praised for its color harmony, and one for a mantel arrangement in modern manner.

### Winnetka Garden Department

The Garden department of the Winnetka Woman's club is given first and third prize, the blue ribbon for its early American entrance hall and stairway, the white ribbon for its brown and white etching.

### Glencoe—Founder's Chapter

The Founder's chapter of the Glencoe Garden club is awarded a special silver medal for one of the outstanding exhibits of the show, the "Four Stages of the Dunes," an educational exhibit which pleads for conservation of the unusual native flora and plant zones in which the moorlands abound. The same chapter wins a blue ribbon for its arrangement of cat-tails in silhouette.

### Glencoe-Skokie Chapter

The Skokie chapter of the same club has a blue ribbon for its dormer window, a blue ribbon for its unusual occasional table, a red ribbon for its oriental flower arrangement.

### Evanston Junior League

The Evanston Junior League Garden club wins a red ribbon for a brown and white etching, a "satisfying picture," with oak leaves, brown basket and trowel, gloves, brown raffia and bulbs, scattered leaves, and a bird house.

### North Shore Garden Club

The North Shore Garden club receives two red ribbons, one for its charming garden cart, with yellow, brown and orange predominating. Near a yellow cart are placed unique yellow chairs. On the cart, garden tools, potted brown and yellow calceolaria, a bowl of grapes, fruits, and brown beverage glassware indicated refreshment as reward after work in the garden. The other red ribbon is for the best development of plot featuring pools and pavement. Red geraniums are around the edge of stone pavement, ivy vines add a bit of green, and geraniums and forget-me-not surround a pool with its tiny figure. A flowering tree completes a colorful picture.

### Plan Motor Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Sherman, 714 Washington avenue, are leaving April 22, by automobile for a five weeks' motor trip to California and Mexico. They hope to be in Palo Alto, Cal., by April 26, to help celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mrs. Sherman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Middlekauff. Arthur H. Ranous, baritone soloist and choir director of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, is accompanying them.

## Congregationalists to Meet, Attend Baptist Tea

The North End circle of the Woman's guild of the Congregational church serves the luncheon Friday of this week at the meeting of the Woman's guild of the Congregational church. Luncheon will be at 12:30 o'clock.

The Central Avenue circle will have quilts ready to tie at 10 o'clock.

The board meeting has been called for 10:30 o'clock. In the absence of Mrs. Clifton Darling, Mrs. H. S. Davidson, first vice-president of the guild, will be in charge.

At 2 the guild members will adjourn to the Baptist church where they will be guests at a Reciprocity day program and tea given by the Woman's society of the Baptist church. Dr. Preston Bradley will be the speaker.

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