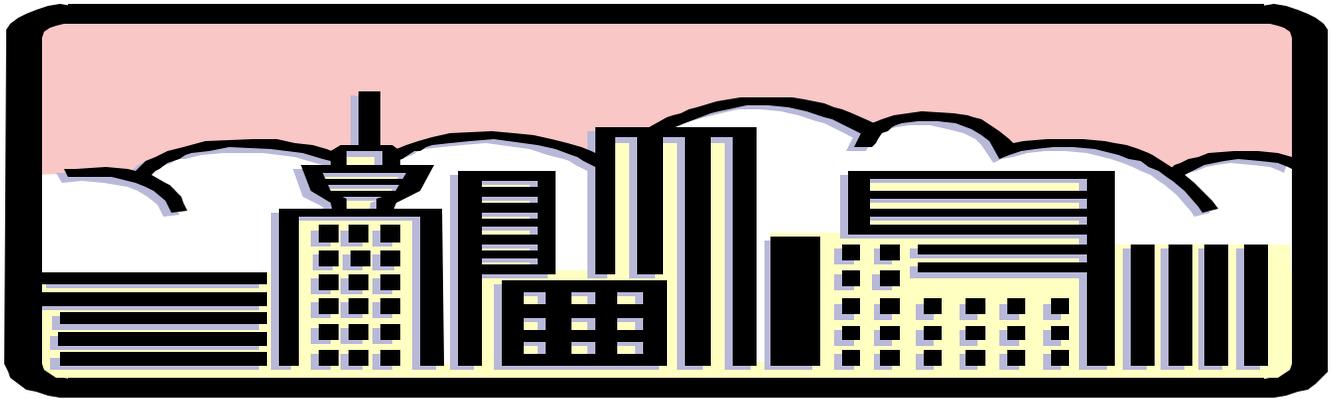


The Network News



A newsletter for the members of Metro Women's Network

September 2005

Thursday, September 15

Where: Heard Gardens,
8000 Raccoon River Drive,
West Des Moines
987-0800

Agenda: Social Time: 5:30 p.m. with
dinner served at 6 p.m. and the program
starting at 7:00 p.m.

Menu:

Citrus Couscous Salad, Corn Bread with
Roasted Red Peppers and Fresh Mozza-
rella; Vegetarian Stuffed Zucchini, Ap-
ple Sage Stuffed Pork Loin
Dessert Duet: Lavendar Crème Brulee
and Basil Lime Pound Cake

Make reservations by Monday,
September 12, by email to
mwniowa@yahoo.com
or call 248-8761

Price: \$20 for members;
\$25 for Non-Members

Member / Guest

Reservation Policy:

If you reserve a dinner for yourself or a
guest, please make every effort to attend.
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR GUEST'S
MAILING AND EMAIL
ADDRESS WHEN CALLING OR
EMAILING YOUR RESERVATION.

Remember, because the restaurants
charge MWN for each reserved
dinner, **members are held
responsible for the cost of the
dinner(s) reserved, whether or not
they attend.**

How does your landscape grow?

Do you have color in your home's landscape from spring through fall? No matter whether your answer is yes or no, you'll want to attend our September 15 meeting at Heard Gardens to hear Owners Bob and Mary Anne Rennebohm tell us more about seasonal color and how to use plants to optimize the in your yard.

To tempt your taste buds that evening, MWN Member Teri Kohl, owner of Country Market, is preparing a scrumptious buffet.

You can get a visual taste of the skills of our speakers by taking a trip around the metro area and looking at some of the projects the staff at Heard Gardens has designed or worked on:

- ?? Meredith Corporate Headquarters and Display Gardens
- ?? The new Des Moines University Student Center
- ?? Hotel Pattee in Perry and the Carnegie Library
- ?? The US Senior Open
- ?? The Bridges of Madison County

For more information, visit their website is www.heardgardens.com. Or come a little early to explore. The garden center will be open for purchases.

Mark Your Calendars Now

Date	Where	Speaker /event
Sept. 15	Heard Gardens WDM	Gardening/landscaping with Bob and Mary Anne Rennebohm
Oct. 20	Glenn Oaks Country Club	Membership meeting; Speaker from Susan B. Komen Foundation
Dec. 1	Hyperion Country Club	Holiday Social

From the President's Corner

Summer's over; state fair is over; yet a fun time of year is just beginning!! I don't know about everyone, but I for one, sure love the fall season! Opening up windows and the great sleeping weather at night, no mosquitoes, football season and it's "sweatshirt weather" not too mention the beautiful fall foliage! We have some very beautiful areas in our state to enjoy the fall colors.

For those of you that heard about our great meeting last year at Heard Gardens and our meal catered by our own member Teri Kohl- it was so fabulous we are doing it again! Look for details in the newsletter but it's an evening you don't want to miss!

Our programs committee has done a great job of providing such a variety of meals and speakers for us this year! I am so pleased with our large membership!

Speaking of membership, our annual membership meeting is our October meeting and it promises to be another fun evening! Please start thinking of people you'd like to

invite and bring as many guests as you'd like to share the evening with us. If you'd like to mail or handout personal invitations, they will be available at our September meeting.

This year has just flown by and I have so enjoyed both the steering meetings and our monthly meetings! I would encourage any of you to consider joining the steering committee for next year! Our monthly meeting goes so fast and it's often hard to get a chance to mingle and talk with everyone, steering is just another fun girls' night of socializing, great food and planning. We always have a great time. If you have any questions about any of the positions please ask one of us- we'll be glad to fill you in on the details.

Meg Husen, President

Fabulous Prizes

MWN members become eligible to win a monthly award each time they bring a guest. When a guest becomes an MWN member, the hostess has her name entered into a quarterly drawing for a **fabulous** prize!

Bring a guest and become eligible for the Septembert Guest Incentive Award.

All Aboard DestinationImagiNation®

Member Deanna Jens took the August Meeting on an exciting trip as we hopped aboard the DestinationImagiNation train and learned about the opportunities Iowa youth have to experience creative problem solving. Now in her 7th year as affiliate director of the Iowa program, Deanna told us about her introduction to DI as a mother and how she has continued long after her children finished. It's a great

way for students to learn the things they'll need as they traverse the school of life--tapping into their own creativity, solving problems, and working together in teams. Based on the concept of divergent thinking -- understanding there is more than one way to solve a problem-- DI enables students to build on their strengths and to discover skills they never knew they possessed and gives adult volunteers the same opportunities.



*Left: Speaker Deanna Jens;
Below: Great Appetizers prepared by Chef Teri Kohl;
Bottom Right: Great Conversation in the park.*

