

What's UP in the Garden?

By Karen Larson

In a year when Spring was as coy as she could possibly be, one part of the answer to this question on a day in mid-April was snow, a few brave tulip shoots, and wind-whipped grasses. Garden supervisor Nia Primus was UP too. She was upbeat, even in the middle of "you've got to be kidding me" purportedly-spring weather. She sagely and wryly observed, "Things change." One had best believe her.

Even with the swirling snow outside, her greenhouse was the harbinger and hope of the warmth and beauty to burgeon later outdoors. Not just Spring, but also her sister Summer was already smiling in the rich scent of the soil, the potters eagerly at work,

the excitement about new varieties of plants for the Garden this year, and of course in the glorious expanse of green created by row upon row of fledgling starter plants.

Who couldn't be encouraged about the prospect of brighter days ahead in anticipation of garden arrays of orange, burgundy, hot pink, and purple (in the rest area by the fountain) and yellow, red, lime, and purple (in the formal garden area)? This writer is especially excited about the lime celosia. Watch for it, after the change. Even if you can't find it, love the plant you're with instead while strolling the Garden.

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June 12 - The Half Steps For more than 18 years, the Half Steps have been entertaining audiences throughout Minnesota with their unique brand of a cappella music. Gary Zwack, Steve Wilson, Richard Witteman and Paul Fedor bring humor and tight harmonies to an eclectic catalogue of tunes – from Elvis to the Pointer Sisters.

June 26 - Paul Imholte If it has strings, Paul Imholte probably plays it. He sings and plays nearly a dozen string instruments. Along with traditional American and Celtic music, Paul composes both songs and instrumentals. He sings songs of farms, small towns, and life in the Midwest.

Paul's featured instrument is the hammered dulcimer. The hammered dulcimer is a trapezoid shaped instrument that is struck with light hammers and is a forerunner of the modern piano. Along with the hammered dulcimer, he plays fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, autoharp, cello, mountain dulcimer, ukulele, harmonica, and the jaw harp.

In 2021, Paul released *The Lost Forty*, a three-CD set of original songs and instrumentals that presents a retrospect of his career. Making his home in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Paul performs with Ring of Kerry and at festivals and concerts throughout the upper Midwest.

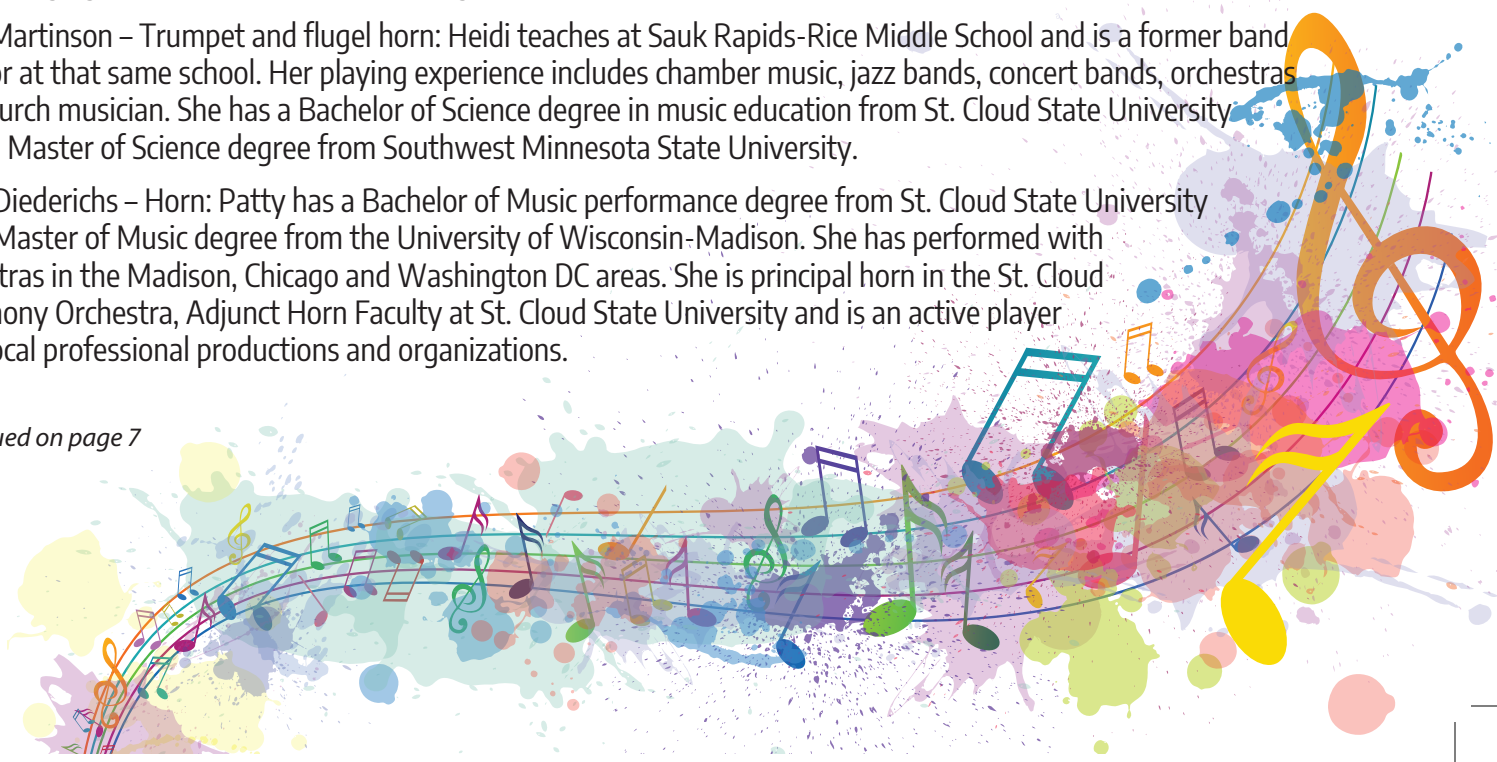
July 10 - Granite City Brass Granite City Brass Quintet is a Central Minnesota based brass quintet. All of the members have strong ties to the St. Cloud area. Many have performed with the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra as well as other musical organizations such as the Lake Wobegon® Brass Band, Minnesota Centre Chorale Orchestra, Amadeus Chamber Symphony, and Minneapolis jazz and community bands. All have private, school or university teaching experience in music and all have degrees in music or music education.

Steve Hogenson – Trumpet, piccolo trumpet, flugel horn: Steve is a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, has 20 plus years of teaching experience in Minnesota, Texas and Idaho, is a lead trumpet player with big bands in the Twin Cities as well as playing in bands, jazz bands and orchestras around Central Minnesota. He has considerable experience with arranging and composition which are significantly featured in performances by Granite City Brass Quintet.

Heidi Martinson – Trumpet and flugel horn: Heidi teaches at Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School and is a former band director at that same school. Her playing experience includes chamber music, jazz bands, concert bands, orchestras and church musician. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in music education from St. Cloud State University and an Master of Science degree from Southwest Minnesota State University.

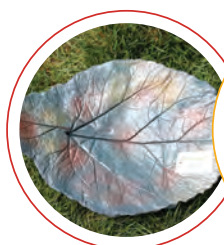
Patty Diederichs – Horn: Patty has a Bachelor of Music performance degree from St. Cloud State University and a Master of Music degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has performed with orchestras in the Madison, Chicago and Washington DC areas. She is principal horn in the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra, Adjunct Horn Faculty at St. Cloud State University and is an active player with local professional productions and organizations.

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Art Fair in the Gardens



Each summer, Munsinger and Clemens Gardens hosts an art fair featuring artists from all around the state. Visitors are encouraged to browse and purchase some wonderful pieces of artwork from 45-plus artists. Also enjoy the music provided in different areas among the flowers along with food and beverages.

2022 Art Fair in the Gardens will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at Riverside Drive SE, St Cloud Minnesota

For more information about Exhibiting in this juried event Send Photos of your art work to the art fair committee at eventinquiries@munsingerclemens.com.

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From Amaranthus to Zinnia, featured new varieties lie in wait to delight in 2022. One feels warmer just thinking about it. There will be sunflowers and everywhere the gorgeous patchwork quilt of pattern, shape, and color that is the essence of what a garden is—the glorification of nature by human hands.

That greenhouse, in an otherwise stormy mid-April stood as a symbol for overcoming life's challenges. Hope, beauty, and brilliance were on the horizon no matter what "winter" has dished out (or was still, unbelievably, dishing). Spring will have come by the time you read this, and the promise of the greenhouse will have been fulfilled. Come bask in the fullness of the bloom after things have changed a bit. Come to the Garden.





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2022 Photography in the Gardens

You can enter your photos online now for the 2022 Photography in the Gardens contest. You submit and pay for your entries completely through the online process. This provides visitors of the gardens who do not live close to the St. Cloud area the opportunity to enter their photos. ALL entries must be entered online to be eligible. All Juniors (18 and under) can enter their first photo free of charge.

This year's contest runs until November 1st. Photos entries must be entered by Midnight on November 1st. If you want to submit photos this year, check out the rules and entry details on our website: www.munsingerclemens.com.

Erica Powers



Alesandra Kimmerle



Marly Keller



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Start taking your photos now. The gardens are beautiful year round.



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John Olson - Trombone: John Olson received his B.S. and M.A. degrees from the University of Minnesota. He taught instrumental music in the Osseo, MN public school system for 36 years and during that time completed additional post-graduate work at Vandercook College in Chicago. He has performed both locally and internationally with both the Lake Wobegon Brass Band and the Mississippi River Brass Band. He actively performs with Victory Park Brass Quintet, Granite City Brass Quintet, Twin Cities Latin Jazz Orchestra, Cedar Avenue Big Band, Century Jazz Ensemble, Jerry O'Hagan Orchestra, Classic Big Band, and St. Croix Jazz Orchestra. John teaches low brass at Anoka Ramsey Community College.

Eric Peterson-Tuba: Eric Peterson, performing is well known in the region as a highly gifted brass instrument maker and repairman. He has attended the University of Minnesota, and is currently active as a freelance tuba player with such groups as the Bloomington Symphony, Sheldon Theater Brass Band, Lake Wobegon® Brass Band and the Ameriikan Poijat brass septet. Eric has acted as the main music editor for American Poijat, and has prepared high quality computer generated editions of the music they like to play.

July 24 - Harper's Chord Harper's Chord is an Americana-country cocktail with a twist of bluegrass. This four-piece musical group, led by vocalist Jill Moore, draws from their love of modern folk, bluegrass, Americana and country music. Harper's Chord has been captivating audiences for over nine years with their sweet harmonies and easy-listening acoustic songs. Their music has been heavily influenced by such artists as Brandi Carlile, Dolly Parton, Sarah Jarosz, Little Big Town, Emmylou Harris and The Duhks.

"Memorial Release of the Butterflies", The July Memorial Release of the Butterflies is put on by Quiet Oaks Hospice House. For more information and details visit quietoakhospicehouse.org/butterfly

August 7 - Cimarron Cimarron, a country rock band that features tight instrumentals and seamless three-part harmonies, has made audiences smile across central Minnesota for many years. Based out of Glenwood, the band performs a blend of catchy, original bluegrass and country rock tunes and iconic favorites. From the Eagles to Pure Prairie League to Old Crow Medicine Show to Steve Miller and Marshall Tucker, you will hear it all with this band. Not to mention their many original bluegrass tunes that will keep your toes tapping. The guys were thrilled to have St. Cloud's own Cristina Seaborn on fiddle join them two summers ago. Cristina's fiddle melodies provide the perfect finish to this classic central Minnesota band.

Band Members: Brent Cochran – Guitar, Keyboards, Vocals; Neil Witikko – Guitar, Mandolin, Banjitar, Vocals; Bill Engebretson – Drums; Tim Lang – Harmonica, Vocals; Arlyn Swenson – Bass; Xavier Witikko – Guitar, Vocals; Cristina Seaborn - Fiddle

August 21 - Monday Night Jazz Muggsy Lauer and Monday Night Jazz. They started out as a bunch of guys getting together every week to let loose and play music they love. They all began playing jazz at a young age. The group formed in 2004 when they started playing at the former Tavern Bar in downtown Saint Cloud. In 2005 the Tavern closed down and they moved to Pioneer Place. The group is led by Jeff Engholm and Muggsy Lauer.

Music in the Gardens

The public success of these professional concerts has been gratifying, and the series continues to showcase high quality local talent. All concerts are held on alternating Sundays at 3:00 p.m. near the Gazebo in Munsinger Gardens on the banks of the Mississippi River. All concerts are free and the Munsinger Clemens Botanical Society will again sell those fabulous root beer floats.



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