The Sweeney Nelson garden on Monroe got an early spring start with mom Ann and daughters Erica and Kelley. Photo by Terry Gydesen

The competitive edge lurking inside every gardener is rewarded this week as judging takes place for the Historic Garden District's Gardening Contest. Check inside for listings of judges and prizes.

The Logan Park/Neighborhood Revitalization Project Steering Committee volunteer applications are needed by August 10.

5th Annual National Night Out Flashlight Walk

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HOME TOUR

Logan Park Neighborhood continued its tradition of being on the Minneapolis/St. Paul Home Tour, held the first weekend of May. This year, Kim Taube and her young son Nicholas opened their home at 1130 Jefferson to approximately 700 visitors. People from other areas of the Twin Cities, particularly the suburbs, are often surprised and delighted by Northeast's housing treasures.

Thank you also to the volunteers for hosts and working the coffee and cookie stand - it takes at least a dozen people to keep everyone's shift short and fun. Brian Nelson, Terry Gydesen, John and Sandra Stamm, Pam and Shannon Reime, Lila Morel, Pat Vogel, Mary Rose Ciatti, Nancy Thiessen, Sandra Thomas, Gail Schack, Kathy Oyen, Nancy Rechecke, Joe and Julie O'Donnell, and Brian and Diane Hoffman - thank you all.

Anyone interested in showing their home (remodeling projects in progress are often of special interest to those touring) should call Christine Burtness through the LPNA at 781-0700. This is an excellent opportunity to show off Logan Park's charm.

NORTHEASTERN EXPOSURE

Check out the August issue of the Minnesota Monthly magazine for the feature on Walt Dziedzic's Northeast!

NRP STEERING COMMITTEE

Your neighborhood needs your participation in the NRP First Step process without volunteers, there will be no money and no projects. We need people for the preliminary Steering Committee, which will gather information about the neighborhood, conduct public forum meetings about concerns in our neighborhood, organize the priorities that come out of these meetings, and recruit committee volunteers to follow up on selected goals. If you can help, leave your name and number at the LPNA office at 781-0700 by August 10, and we will contact you about the first meeting.

At the August LPNA meeting, an elector will be designated to represent our neighborhood at the NRP election for Policy Board. Interested people are encouraged to be candidates for the NRP Policy Board, which provides overall direction for the NRP process, reviews and approves Neighborhood Action Plans, hires the Director (currently Bob Miller), ensures neighborhood and interagency cooperation, and adopts budgets, policies and procedures for the NRP.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

The Minnesota Shakespeare Company will perform William Shakespeare's comedy "Twelfth Night" on Sunday, July 30 at 2:00 p.m. in Logan Park. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets - and maybe a picnic. Admission is free, but performing troupes have traditionally passed the hat after the show. For more information, call 936-7708.
NEW DATE FOR CLEAN-UP

This year’s Neighborhood Clean-up will be Saturday, September 16, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Neighborhood volunteers will accompany a city packer truck for regular trash. Vouchers for waste lumber, construction and paving debris, tires and scrap metal are available by calling 781-0700.

LIGHTS ON

Across the country people put their porch lights on for National Night Out, Tuesday, August 1st. Please join your neighbors in recognizing National Night Out and then make it a habit every night.

HOUSING DISCUSSIONS

The League of Women Voters of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Center for Neighborhoods are holding a series of roundtable discussions on housing in Minneapolis. Issues include housing strategies to deal with concentrations of low-income people, housing goals in support of community schools, and housing initiatives emerging from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program plans. The first discussion will be Monday, August 14, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at Plymouth Congregational church, 1900 Nicollet Avenue South. Call 333-6319 for more information.

HISTORIC GARDEN DISTRICT GARDENING CONTEST

Some people do gardens for peace and tranquility. Some do it for the special taste of backyard tomatoes and peas, eaten right off the vine. And even a house in need of paint and repair can be dressed up for a few dollars with flowers that bloom for months.

LPNA and the Historic Garden District Gardening Club are sponsoring a contest with these categories: Best Front Yard/Boulevard; Best Back Yard/Alley; Best Flower Boxes/Potted Plants; Best Joint Effort; and Best Theme.

Judges will be Louise Johnson, 1994 Victory Garden winner; Trish Kraske, Master Gardener; Mark Kozlak, President of the Historic Garden District; Fred Rozumalski, Landscape Ecologist at the U. of M.; and Julie Gubbins-Sims, Contest Coordinator.

Prizes include motion detectors from SAFE and St. Anthony East, a gift certificate for brunch in the garden at Jax’s, dinner for two at Kozlak’s Royal Oaks, a champagne dinner for two at Little Jack’s, $15.00 and $10.00 certificates for the Modern Cafe, $10.00 certificate for the Mighty Fine Deli and Coffeehouse, and two wreaths from Lucille’s Flower Shop.

The Garden District includes Logan Park, Holland, Sheridan, St. Anthony East and West neighborhoods. Look for recognition of winners in the next Neotneaster Newspaper. They will also be announced at the August LPNA general meeting. Thank you to Julie Gubbins-Sims for all the effort in starting up what may grow into an annual event!

IT WAS A SUPER SALE!

The June 3rd Super Sale sponsored by the folks at Logan Park Community Center was a successful fund raising project for LPNA. Profits from LPNA’s sale of community-donated items, as well as money from the Home Tour coffee & cookie stand help to fund special events for the neighborhood, such as Shakespeare in the Park, and Lights of Logan. Remember us next year, the first Saturday in June.
5th Annual Flashlight Walk

Logan Park neighborhood celebrates National Night Out

Tuesday August 1st

Meet at the Logan Park Community Center 13th & Monroe at 8:15 am

This is a family event. Let the kids stay up late. Bring your flashlights. We will walk through the neighborhood as neighbors united against crime.

Let's shed some light on the situation!

Call 788-7863 for Information