

MN Master Gardeners Celebrate 30 Years



Despite high humidity and some (albeit much-needed) rain, over 150 Master Gardeners—including four people from the first class in 1977—celebrated the 30th anniversary of the MN Program on August 21st. The event was hosted by the state MG advisory board and held on the UMN St. Paul campus in the Plant Growth Facility building. Guests enjoyed cake and coffee while visiting with old and new friends, and toured the nearby Display and Trial Garden. The program was mc'd by new state director, Julie Weisenhorn with professor emeritus Mike Zins as the guest speaker. Mike related history highlights of the first years of the program and was usual kept the crowd laughing. Other speakers included long-time REEs Bob Mugaas and Larry Zilliox. Advisory board president, Tom Hutsell of Ramsey County, honored Mary Meyer for her 13 years as state coordinator and presented her with cards signed by MGs, and a flower-shaped crystal desk clock on behalf of all Minnesota Master Gardeners. Guests took home a Minnesota-bred mum, memory booklets and a special commemorative mug as party favors. Thanks to everyone who helped! A

good time was definitely had by all!

