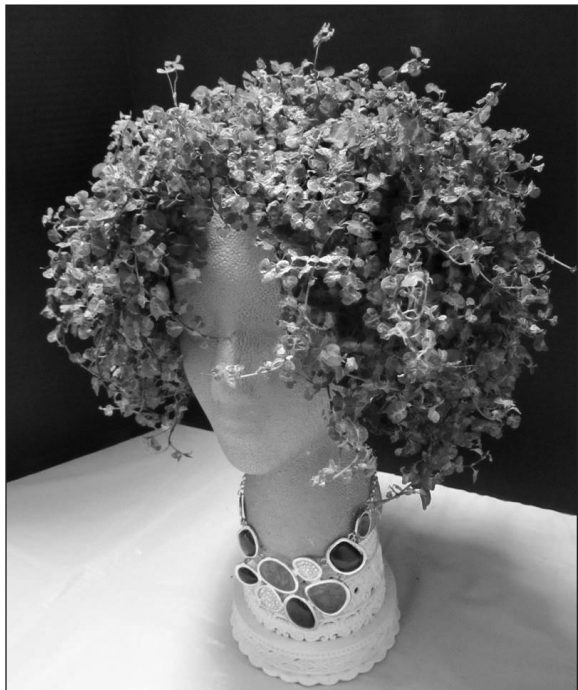
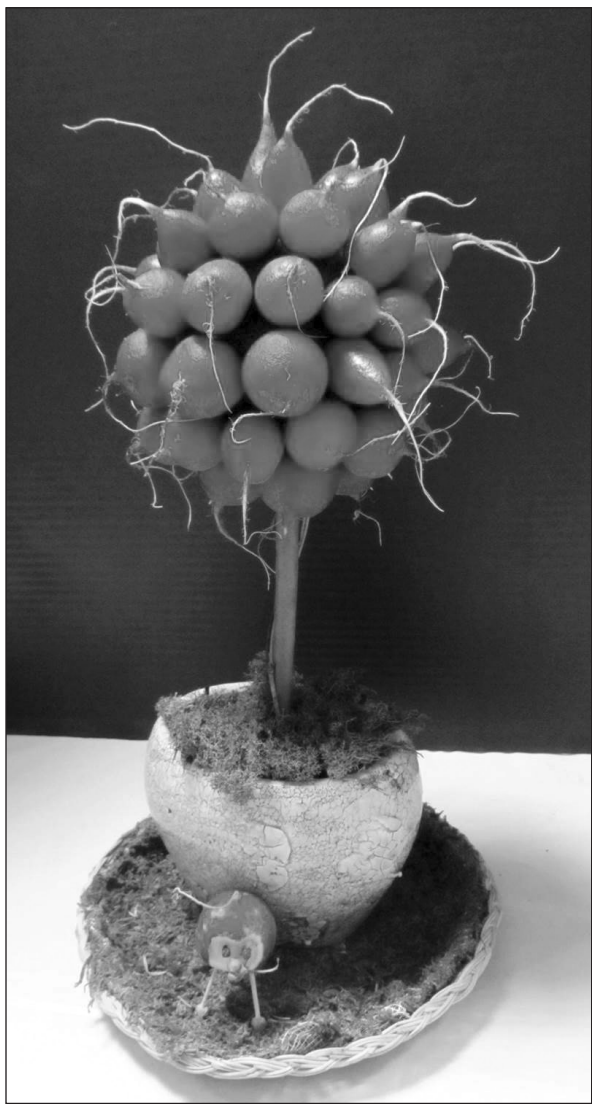




ABOVE: Susan Taecker's pioneer quest theme bouquet of flowers in an antique cookie jar received "Best of Show" for the Design division of the public Flower and Vegetable Show.



Linda Richards's houseplant received "Best of Show" for the Horticulture division of the show.



Linda Richards (Yankton) "Crazy Creepy Critters"



Betts Pulkrabek (Tabor) "Crazy Creepy Critters"

## Artistry Blooms At Flower And Vegetable Show

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Best flowers and vegetables of the season dazzled the Flower and Vegetable Show on July 25th at the Yankton Community Library meeting room. Downpour during the public viewing didn't dampen spirits of the Yankton Town and Country Garden Club members who hosted the event. Public and member entrants from the Yankton area had submitted 151 items earlier that day.

"Every year the show is different. You never know what will be created or what flowers are doing the best, dependent upon the weather," Linda Richards said. She is a fifteen-year member of the garden club from Yankton, and has entered plants every year the club has had the show.

"I had beautiful daylilies in my yard, but they all bloomed out," she said. But she did bring a houseplant called "woman with uncontrollable hair." It was judged "Best of Show" among the Horticulture division plants in the show.

In Design division, the other main part of the show, entrants arranged or made something with plants. Susan Taecker of Yankton submitted a bouquet of lime hydrangea, black-eyed Susan's, lavender phlox and orange butterfly weed in an antique cookie jar. Taecker's entry was judged "Best of Show" among the Design division plants in the show.

All categories within Horticulture and Design divisions were judged and certificates were awarded. See list of top honors per category.

"I love seeing what everybody creates," Richards said. "What others bring is a treat for me. I try to make a treat for someone else." For future entrants she suggested, "Arrange (plants) you like and put something different in it, such as twigs or mushrooms." Her enjoyment with plants came from watching her nurseryman grandfather tend and cut bouquets of roses.

### Flower And Vegetable Show Top Honors

Yankton Town and Country Garden Club sponsored the Flower and Vegetable Show held July 25. First place certificates were awarded to these entrants in their category:

- Donna Anstine (Yankton)** "Chicken Run" farm theme
- Susan Taecker (Yankton)** "Pioneer Quest" antique theme
- Betts Pulkrabek (Tabor)** "Let Freedom Ring" patriotic theme
- Linda Richards (Yankton)** "Miniature" measures 5" x 5" total
- Linda Richards (Yankton)** "Crazy Creepy Critters" vegetables, fruits, pebbles, pine cones
- Betts Pulkrabek (Tabor)** "Fairie Gardens"
- Donna Ellis (Yankton)** "Anything Goes" fresh materials only
- Tony Ellis (Yankton)** "Any Single Bloom or Spray"
- Donna Anstine (Yankton)** "Three Like Blooms"
- Linda Richards (Yankton)** "Houseplants"
- Carol Hauger (Irene)** "Vegetables and Fruits" three of a kind
- Carol Hauger (Irene)** "Canned" fruit or vegetable, last or this season

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Donna Anstine (Yankton) "Chicken Run"



Donna Ellis (Yankton) "Anything Goes"



Darlene Lucas (Yankton) "Fairie Garden"

#### MEETINGS

##### INTERCHANGE

The Aug. 3, 2015, meeting was called to order by President Ann Clough and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members were invited to make announcements regarding business news, opportunities, and upcoming events.

Sherri Rodgers-Conti with CASA shared information about the Golf Ball Drop fundraiser for CASA. Raffle tickets are on sale for \$5 or four for \$20. The Golf Ball Drop will take place during Riverboat Days. Two thousand numbered balls will be dropped from a firetruck ladder into an area marked with flags and a hole in one. There are 18 chances to win up to \$500.

Linda Stephenson with Linda's Angel Crossing shared that she had just attended her spring buyer's market and will have cute white dresses coming in for Spring, arriving in plenty of time for the 2016 Meridian En Blanc event.

Ann Clough reminded members to attend the Annual Meeting coming up on Aug. 17.

Marie Steckelberg with Steckelberg Consulting was

hostess. Guest speaker was Becky Caton with Countryside Bed and Biscuits, a boarding and daycare business for pets. Becky explained the details of her business, caring mostly for dogs and cats. She is not able to take exotic or farm animals in. Her facility is pet friendly with high quality materials such as a no slip epoxy flooring with cushion to protect your pet's paws and also provide protection from injury. All kennels are climate controlled, however pets do not remain in their kennel throughout their boarding, unless that is specifically requested. They follow a schedule which includes meal times and hours of play time daily. Reservations are recommended as they do reach capacity regularly. All pets must be current on their vaccinations to stay. For information go to www.yanktonbedandbiscuit.com.

The next meeting will be Monday, Aug. 10, at Minerva's at Noon. Jane Rupiper will be the hostess and Larry Rupiper will be the guest speaker with a presentation about his recent trip to Cuba.

##### TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Two "ice breaker" speeches were presented to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters on July 23, 2015, after Toastmaster Eileen O'Connor called the meeting to order at noon in Pavilion Conference Room 2. O'Connor led Club 6217 in the pledge and Steve Anderson gave the invocation.

The "ice breakers" were from DJ Knodel and Greg Stach. Knodel grew up on a Scotland area farm and attended a one-room country school. Later she received her Drug and Alcohol education at USD and currently works at HSC. Stach reintroduced himself as a "retired man", who still has a full-time job. Working for oneself in a vineyard is a lot less stress, he said.

The speeches were critiqued by Jan Schiferl for Knodel and Jen Hovland for Stach. Schiferl complimented Knodel on having a natural presence and sense of humor that allowed the audience to relax and enjoy the speech. Hovland felt Stach's speech created envy within the audience and had helpful tips for planning their own retirement.

Jesse Bailey, as part of Muriel Stach's evaluation

team, introduced his word of the day "mellifluous." Stach's other team members included timer Chelsi Hames and "ah" tracker Fran Kocer.

Stan Sudbeck provided impromptu questions with a "helter skelter" theme. He asked Jennifer Wubben about personalizing her license plates with Wubben selecting "4My2Grls" as her standard. Anderson's favorite car would go from a 1970 Mustang to a Camaro. Muriel Stach quoted comedians as saying Donald Trump gives them plenty of joke lines. O'Connor thinks Johnny Carson was the best comedian. The most outrageous nickname Bailey has ever heard was "Dr. Nuts.24."

A new Club 6217 contest called "BA at PAW", which will culminate with a "chocolate eating party", was introduced. The members are encouraged to wear their Toastmasters' pins and use the word of the day during meetings. Members were also invited to learn more about Toastmasters Aug. 1 at the Area 62 training.

Fran Kocer toasted Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmaster's Club 6217 with a "President's Distinguished" proclamation on July 30, 2015, at noon in Pavilion

Conference Room 2. He said the Club was the only one in Area 62 Division F that received this honor and Jane Miller, VP Membership and our ranking member, doesn't recall it ever happening since the Club was founded in 1986.

After introducing Joyce Stevens' guest, Monda Koles, Toastmaster Eric Taylor introduced Kocer, who spoke from the Special Occasions Manual and was evaluated by Jennifer Wubben. Wubben thanked Kocer for his sincerity and his warm smile.

The invocation was given by Jennifer Suing, who, along with timer Stevens, "um" counter Jan Schiferl, and grammarian Chelsi Hames, were part of Master Evaluator Miller's team. Miller used the word of the day presented by Hames, for Miller was "agog" at having such a dynamic team.

Shoes were the chosen

subject of Table Topics Master Muriel Stach with Suing's concept of Blue Swede Shoes as meant for dancing. DJ Knodel's slippers had a huge moose face for decoration. Koles is impressed with the music that tap dancing shoes can make. Stan Sudbeck said with a smile that he doesn't wear cowboy boots since they are for cowboys and he's a "farmer." Greg Stach's never had any 3 inch heels but has had two toned saddle shoes.

Other respondents, like Miller are inspired by the talent of those who wear ballet shoes. Kocer never wears cleats even while golfing. Hames doesn't like snow boots as they mean cold winter months. Schiferl doesn't feel the need for steel toed boots, but likes to go barefoot instead.

The Club was reminded of the points and teams for the "BA @ PAW" Game and the upcoming Induction Picnic Aug. 13.

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