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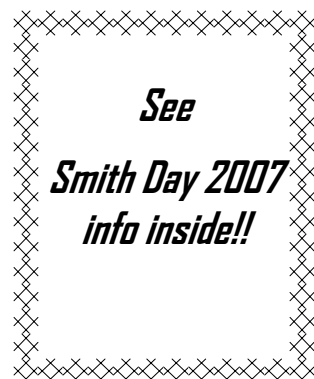
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# Smith Club of Minnesota

SUMMER 2007



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### ★ STAR on your label? ★

If there's a **STAR** on your newsletter mailing label above, it means you've *paid your dues* for the 2007-08 fiscal year. If not, it means our hard-working treasurer has not yet received your dues. Please make checks payable to the Smith College Club of MN and mail to Liesl Hargens, 3105 42nd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406 (regular dues \$30; young alums (2001-2007) and current grad students \$15; outside the Twin Cities metro \$10). If you've celebrated your 50th reunion year, you're an honorary member and dues are gratis! Dues go to support all club activities and earn you a new alumnae directory.

### New Smith Club of Minnesota directories

They'll be printed this summer and mailed to all current dues-paying members, plus honorary members (class of '47 and earlier). Please keep your contact info up-to-date on the Smith College Web site (see page 1).

### Bye for now!

Enjoy the summer . . . **see you at Smith Day!**

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## Minnesota Smith Club News

**Rev. Rosalie (Rody) Heffelfinger Hall ('50)**, a long-time Minnesota Smith club member and a friend to many in our group, died June 25 of a brain aneurysm while in France. "She was a prominent Episcopal priest in the Twin Cities, as well as an author, leading fund-raiser for worthy causes, and board member of numerous institutions" (from her obituary, available at [www.startribune.com](http://www.startribune.com)).

➤ If you have any **NEWS**—about yourself or another area alumna, please contact Marty Heiberg at 952-474-2466 (h), 612-626-6725 (w), or [mheiberg@umn.edu](mailto:mheiberg@umn.edu) to include it in the next newsletter.

➤ Also, contact Marty if you'd like to place a **CLASSIFIED AD** in a future newsletter (3 lines free to dues-paying members). Ads will be published on a space-available basis.

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## A Word From the President . . .

—Laurie Kramer

I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new president of the Smith Club of Minnesota. A transplant from the East, I moved here in 1983 with my husband, Joel, and our three little boys. Now, 24 years later, Matt, his wife, Katie, and 7-month-old Caroline Rose have settled in the Twin Cities; Eli and his wife, Jessica, have settled in New York; and Adam is (at least for now) in Montana. My professional time has been devoted to human services, and my volunteer time in recent years to the Mental Health Association. The Smith Club has been a source of wonderful community connections, and lots of fun too—especially co-chairing SmithDay2000.com and working with Joel to create a quiz every year. If we haven't met yet, please take a minute to say hello at [kramer@visi.com](mailto:kramer@visi.com) or 612 378-1477. I'd love to hear from you.

### Thank you Ellen

Heartfelt thanks to Ellen Van Iwaarden, outgoing club president. Super-organized, calm, and a pleasure to work with, Ellen greatly strengthened the club infrastructure and even co-chaired Smith Day during her term. Most appreciated by me, she passed on a fabulous Executive Committee and recruited whirlwind co-chairs for Smith Day 2007 (see page 2). She leaves big shoes to fill!

### Big events—past and future

The annual meeting, expertly organized by Vice President Stephanie Frost, was terrific and well-attended by alums of all ages and quite a few significant others (see article on page 3). Our next big event will be Smith Day 2007 on September 8 (see pages 2 & 3). Smith Day raises important, needed funds for scholarships and internships. Co-

chairs Ann Carr ('70) and Becky McManus ('78) have a dynamite team and a timely theme—**Smithecology!** Please invite your friends to join you for lunch or just for shopping . . . the more the merrier. We used to be limited to two guests each, but no more—bring whomever you'd like. If your friends are just power shoppers rather than

Smith Day luncheon guests, our downtown Hopkins location leaves numerous possibilities for them to catch a bite.

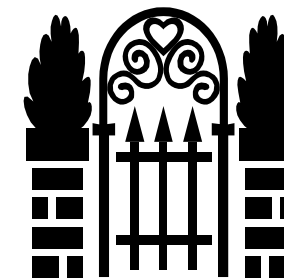
### New oral history project

Our club is starting a new oral history project that will study, document, and celebrate how women who attended Smith and their families have positively affected Minnesota—its economy, culture, and historical development from territory to state. We want to involve as many alums as possible, from honorary club members who graduated 60+ years ago to our brand new '07 grads.

This summer we're doing the prep work, assembling a steering committee, creating a kickoff event with a faculty speaker for October, developing an interview questionnaire, and planning an interviewer training session to be conducted by the college archivist in November. We're also starting to recruit teams of younger alums to interview club members who graduated in 1950 or earlier. Eventually, we'll create a product—video, photo/text exhibit, printed piece—highlighting our results.

As my mother liked to point out, many hands make light work. Whether you're an active club member or have never come to a single club event, please volunteer whatever time and energy you can spare. We will work with your schedule, skills, and interests. Please contact me at 612-378-1477 or [kramer@visi.com](mailto:kramer@visi.com) to get involved.

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**Plan now** to join the fun September 8<sup>th</sup> for our green-themed "Smithecolgy 2007." We know it's hard to believe, but with 70+ years of history, we may have even *invented* recycling! And we've got plenty of other reasons to "think green." There's all the green you'll be saving with the fabulous bargains to be found at Smith Day. Plus, the green that goes to a wonderful cause—Smith Day carries on the tradition of raising money for scholarships for outstanding young Minnesota women in need of help financing their Smith educations. We also donate funds to support PRAXIS summer internships, which allow students to gain practical experience in an area of special interest. Now in our 74<sup>th</sup> year, we're very excited to share the news that we're fast approaching \$2 million in the Minnesota Smith Club's endowed scholarship fund!

At Smith Day, the true (green) colors of each of the Smith Day departments will be shining through, from lunch edibles to silent auction desirables. And as a special attraction, whatever color your thumb, we'll be graced with the expert advice of "**The Renegade Gardener**," Don Engbretson, award-winning Minnesota garden writer and designer, who'll be



## Smithecolgy 2007

**Smith Day Goes Green!**  
*We've been recycling for over 70 years*

◆ Saturday, Sept 8 ◆  
9:30 AM—3:00 PM

*Hopkins Center for the Arts*

on hand before lunch to answer any gardening questions we might have.

So whether you are a long-time regular or have never attended Smith Day, the *natural* thing to do is to be there! Don't hesitate to invite friends, fellow alums, teenage daughters and their friends, and make a day of it. There's no limit to the number of guests you can bring—the more the merrier! Alone or as a group, do the day your way—be there early to find the best of the best, or come for lunch and stay for the bargains afterward when everything goes half price, or just take in the afternoon deals. While not advertised, we will also allow admission to the public after lunch

(\$5 at the door). If you've never been, come find out why Smith women and their guests are passionate about making this an annual must-do!

### Free-range ways to help!

Each of the departments is an ecosystem unto itself—complete with department chairs who are eager for your volunteer help or donations of goods (see below and next page). A big "thank you" to all who've already signed on. If you haven't yet, there's still lots of room for help, so please contact one of the chairs to assist at move-in or move-out, sorting before Smith Day (day and evening times available), or an hour or two on the day itself. Or contact Green Queen Becky McManus to find out where your help is needed most. Those who work Smith Day say the reward of working together is a key reason for its strong survival these many years. Also, if you know of any strong, energetic young people who would like to earn some money helping with move-out, please let us know!

**Watch your mailbox in August for your Smith Day invitation!**



### The Smithecolgy Ecosystems

#### ■ Green Queens (Smith Day Co-Chairs)

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#### ■ Renewable Resources (Supplies)

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#### ■ Fresh Produce/Compost Heap (Move-In/Move-Out)

Stephanie Frost, Holly Churchward & Janet Woodhull  
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#### ■ Bag Sanctuary (Bag Check)

Could this be *YOUR* new job?  
Contact Becky (see contact information above left under Green Queens)

## Reduce Your Carbon Imprint—Donate to Smith Day!

Those nice new or oh-so-gently used donations are the bedrock of Smith Day. You *do* have them, or your friends do. Time to reduce and recycle for reuse! It's the quality of the merchandise that makes Smith Day so special. While you're thinking of things to donate, use your creativity for ways to bring our green theme alive. Remember it's all tax-deductible and for a very worthy cause. Here's what we're looking for:

- **Clothing:** Donate only new or gently used adult and children's clothing (no men's, please).
- **Toys and Games:** Good condition, with all pieces/parts.
- **Books:** Current fiction, mysteries, biographies/autobiographies, coffee table books, cookbooks/gardening, and children's books. Please no encyclopedias, textbooks, or outdated travel books.
- **Antiques:** Think in terms of silver, china, crystal, fine jewelry, collectibles, fine linens, small furniture, and rugs.
- **Household:** Practical goods, including domestics. No large furniture, computers, luggage, sports equipment, or nonworking small electronics, please.
- **Bakery & Garden:** Last year's big hits were fresh produce and homemade bakery (labeling ingredients really helps). Cook up that favorite treat or share your fresh garden bounties: vegetables and flowers; homemade sauces, pickles, salsa; cookies, cakes, pies, bread!
- **Silent Auction/Raffle:** Are you a regular at certain stores or travel/entertainment venues? On an arts board or know someone who is? Have a vacation getaway? Do you have unused gift cards? Season tickets somewhere? A special skill like gourmet cooking or portraiture? Have a flair for putting on a fun event? A yen for bringing interesting people together for a unique experience and opportunity to create community? Artwork or wedding presents still in the box and still unused? Do you work for a company that offers gift boxes for charitable causes? Interested in donating some "green" for the department chair to make an environmentally friendly, cool purchase—say, a purse made from gum wrappers or clothing made from hemp? These are just the beginning of the myriad ways to help with silent auction and raffle offerings. Got an Idea? Contact Sara Fenlason at 612-339-1312 or [sjfenlason@gmail.com](mailto:sjfenlason@gmail.com).

### The Recycling Centers are open!

**Minneapolis main depot:** U Save Self-Storage, 3800 Louisiana Ave, just south of Highway 7 in St. Louis Park. Contact co-chair Becky McManus (see page 2 for contact info) or Marty Heiberg (see page 1 for contact info) for entry codes.

#### Minneapolis auxiliary (for small amounts):

Ellen Van Iwaarden: 612-822-5060 or 612-770-3594 (cell), 4726 Girard Ave S, Minneapolis

**St. Paul depot:** Alvina O'Brien: 651-227-4351, 480 Grand Hill, St. Paul. Call in advance; best times to drop off are Tues, Wed, and Fri, 10–4

**Call for pick-up (and we really mean this):** Ellen Van Iwaarden 612-822-5060 or 612-770-3594 (cell)

**Bring your things directly** to the Hopkins Center for the Arts the week of Sept 4-7—Tuesday the 4th preferred!



### A Wonderful Evening for Minnesota Smith Club

—Stephanie Frost

This year's annual meeting of the Smith College Club of Minnesota was a tremendous success! Over 60 local alumnae, spouses, and friends gathered at the McNamara Alumni Center on the University of Minnesota campus in early May for this special event. The evening began with a social hour which bubbled with conversation. Then a delicious dinner catered by D'Amico was served (once the staff managed, with grace and persistence, to get the lively crowd to stop talking long enough to sit down for the meal).

A brief annual meeting followed, which included highlights of our year (a very successful Smith Day 2006, President Christ's visit in November, and sound financials) and the election of the incoming slate of officers. Many thanks go to our outgoing president, Ellen Van Iwaarden, for her tremendous leadership over the past years. Her organizational skills and positive attitude were greatly appreciated by all those who had the

pleasure to work with her. We are also pleased to have our very competent treasurer, Liesl Hargens, agree to stay on for another 2-year term. We welcomed our new president, Laurie Kramer, who comes in with lots of energy and great ideas for the coming year. We also were pleased with the announcement of our 2007 Smith Day chairs—Ann Carr and Becky McManus—who encouraged donations and volunteer involvement in this long-standing Minnesota tradition.

The evening was capped by an enjoyable presentation by Professor Randy Bartlett on the new "Women and Financial Independence" program at Smith. After learning about both the program and some of the content shared with the students, many of us wished heartily that we'd had that opportunity at Smith. The Q & A time was very enlightening, and Professor Bartlett's humorous style made it all quite engaging. It was a wonderful event—sparkling and fun. What else would you expect when bright Smith women gather for an evening?!