



Naperville Community Gardeners

April 2012

Purpose: To nurture the gardening interests of its members and the community through educational programs and community service projects.

Thrillers, Fillers and Spillers!!

Seeking members who would like to help with our new Container Plants promotion at our Plant Sale. We would like to have a few people to specifically work this area and help customers put together plant combinations that would make for nice container gardens. No previous experience/knowledge is required - I will work with anyone interested and we can take a trip to the plant nursery in late April to learn how to combine plants in containers. Please contact Barbara Jones if interested.

Annual Garden Walk & Picnic June 30th

We have a great lineup for our garden walks this year. Thank you to the following members who have volunteered to be garden hosts:

Marty Kraus
Randy Scheib
Angel Whitt
Mary Wright
Linda Thompson (picnic host)

Upcoming Dates:

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| May 7, 2012 | Meeting & Program: Project Budburst |
| May 12, 2012 | Plant Sale |
| June 4, 2012 | Meeting & Program |
| June 20 | Deadline for Show Guide photos |
| June 30 | Member garden tours/picnic |
| July 21 | Garden Walk @ John Richter's in Warrenville |
| August 6, 2012 | Meeting & Program |
| August 18, 2012 | Flower & Garden Show |
| Sept. 10, 2012 | Meeting & Program |
| October 1, 2012 | Garden Bounty Potluck & program |
| November | Harvest Banquet - no meeting |
| December | No meeting |

Next Meeting

Monday
April 2, 2012
7 p.m.
Knox Presbyterian
Church

“Planting for Pollinators”

presented by
Gareth Blakesley

Gareth Blakesley is Natural Resources Director at Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens in Palos Heights, Illinois. He created the Dragonfly Monitoring Network while working at the Notebaert Nature Museum. He will speak on how to create a healthy habitat for pollinators.

Executive Board - 2012

President..... Betty Ference
Vice-President (Programs)..... Janice Gricus
Secretary..... Vicky Polito
Treasurer Tom Campbell
Past President..... Arup Bhuyan

Committee Chairs - 2012

Correspondence..... Carolyn Finzer
Email List Moderator..... Eleanor Holt
Flower and Garden Show Tom Campbell
..... Barbara Jones
Flower and Garden Show Guide... Laurel LaLonde
Harvest Banquet Janice Gricus,
..... Vicky Polito & Mary Smedegard
Historian..... Carolyn Finzer

Membership JoAnn Monge
Meeting Refreshments Barb Bockman
..... Angel Whitt
Naper Settlement Gardens..... Eleanor Holt
Newsletter Laurel LaLonde
Newsletter Distribution Mary Wright
Photography..... Ron Ory
Picnic Coordinators Barbara Jones
..... Laurel LaLonde
Plant Sale..... Bob Elvert
Plant Sale-Members' Plants Linda Allison
Ogden Ave. Post Office Gardens ... Carolyn Finzer
Publicity Vicky Polito
River Walk Clean Up/Gardens Linda Thompson
T-shirt Sales Betty Ference
Website Peter Klassen

2012 Refreshments

A big thank-you to JoAnn Monge, Angel Whitt and Missy Lee for the delicious refreshments at the March meeting.

Refreshment Volunteers:

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| April 2 | Laurie Hogrewe | Carolyn Finzer |
| May 7 | Jim Canavan | Logan Wasson |
| June 4 | Gail Butler | Judy Kanarek |
| July | No meeting | |
| Aug. 6 | Vicky Polito | John Polich |
| Sept. 10 | Jan Gricus | Pat Thompson |
| Oct. 1 | Garden Bounty Potluck | |
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Due to fragrance allergies, your
"fragrance free" attendance
at meetings and club events
is greatly appreciated.

Newsletter Submissions

All newsletter submissions are due by the 20th of the month. Newsletter submissions should be typed in Microsoft Word, attached to an email, and sent to Laurel.

Naperville Community Gardeners Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Naperville Community Gardeners was called to order by President Betty Ference at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012, at Knox Presbyterian Church. Forty members and three guests were present. Jan Gricus moved, Peter Klassen seconding, that the minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting as published in the newsletter be approved. The motion carried.

Betty Ference reminded members that dues are payable no later than the end of March if membership is to be maintained.

Laurel LaLonde stated that four gardens are available for the June 30 picnic.

The visit to the hosta garden in Warrenville is scheduled for July 21.

The club sponsored Flower and Garden show will be held on August 18.

Bob Elvert reported progress on plans for the plant sale to be held on May 12. Returning customers will be permitted to pre-order. Park District tents will be available as will be thirty-five tables for sale displays. Insurance has been procured.

Linda Allison will arrange a system whereby members can procure pots for plants which they will donate from their gardens. In addition, members may request specific plants which other members may be able to furnish. Heirloom tomatoes have been popular sellers.

Ollie Burrows brought canna lily tubers for members to start now so that the plants will be ready for inclusion in baskets for the plant sale.

Jan Gricus introduced the topic of club involvement in the Naperville Community Garden Plots. Ron Ory explained plans for expanding the existing native plant garden to include a neighboring rain garden. Future development may include a nature trail with informative signage. Eleanor Holt moved, Brian Bell seconding, that the club donate five hundred dollars to supply plants for the rain garden. A motion to amend the original motion by adding the stipulation that club recognition in signage be mandatory failed. The original motion carried.

Eleanor Holt reported on the status of the ongoing gardening support which the club has given Naper Settlement. This year planting at Pre-Emption House will be done on a Saturday so that more members can help. If members are interested in continuing with occasional gardening maintenance, a committee will be formed.

Logan Wasson spoke about tentative plans to donate money for educational purposes within the community. One possibility might be to ask schools to present their plans for horticultural projects to be funded by club donations. Another might be the awarding of a scholarship to a student interested in horticulture as a career. President Betty Ference stated that the Executive Board and interested club members should form a committee to consider these and other possibilities.

Judy Kanarek, Jan Gricus, and Betty Ference will meet to audit the club's financial status.

Mini Show:

Betty Earl showed 'Strawberry Sizzle' geranium blooms. Angel Whitt brought quail eggs. Ron Ory displayed Baptisia seed pods. Freda Haller showed her handmade quilt in a rose pattern.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

The evening's program was presented by Stan Holat of Autumn Tree, a SavATree Company. He explained the most effective ways to prune trees and shrubs and the reasoning behind those procedures. He also discussed methods of treating ash trees to protect them from emerald ash borers.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Holt for Vicky Polito

NCG Member Plant Sale – Donation Form 2012

Please list the name and variety of the plant, sun/shade requirements, color, height/spread, bloom time, number of plants being donated, anything that would help with growing the plant.

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Plants donated by: _____

Mail to: Linda Allison