



Naperville Community Gardeners

February 2012

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

Member Garden Walks and Picnic Scheduled for June - Hosts Needed

I'm already excited about this year's Member Garden Walks and Picnic. We already have a picnic host - with a wonderfully shady back yard!!! A big thank-you for agreeing to be our picnic host goes to Linda Thompson.

Thanks to Angel Whitt who has agreed to be one of our garden walk hosts. Angel's "mini backyard urban farm" was just featured in the December 2011 issue of "MaryJanesFarm" magazine. Angel will bring a copy of the magazine to the February meeting so we can all take a peek. I know we will enjoy touring Angel's yard.

We typically have 4-5 gardens on the tour. If you would like to be a garden host this year, please let me know.

Laurel

Upcoming Dates:

March 5, 2012	Meeting & Program
April 2, 2012	Meeting & Program
May 7, 2012	Meeting & Program
May 12, 2012	Plant Sale
June 4, 2012	Meeting & Program
June 20	Deadline for 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
February 6, 2012
7 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian
Church

"Winter Sowing"

presented by
Ellen Meyer

Meyer is a Master Gardener with the U of I Extension and a member of the DuPage Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau.

Has gardening been even more on your mind during this oddly mild winter? Regardless of the weather forecasts, there are a few ways to successfully, and easily, get sowing indoors and out for the coming spring and summer.

From the President:

At this time of year the weather seems to be a popular topic of conversation. When temperatures bounce all over the dial and we see temperatures in the 60's in January, we get nervous about our precious plants, pets and wildlife. It was comforting to hear from Robin from Wild Birds Unlimited last month speak to our group about how birds handle these dramatic changes and what affect they have on our insect and plant populations. Nothing in our world stands alone and learning about how to best feed, water and shelter our feathered friends will assist us in assuring we can attract these wonderful creatures to our gardens. Thank you Jan for setting up a really enjoyable presentation.

As many of you are aware, our beloved founding member Ben Calvert passed away suddenly a few months ago and the club would like to commemorate his contribution to our Garden club with some type of memorial. Some suggestions have been to have a Ben Calvert Ribbon for a special artistic category at our annual Garden Club Flower Show or a Ben Calvert Excellence in Gardening Certificate to be given to a selected garden club member or community group who displays outstanding effort in installing, maintaining, or promoting gardening in the Naperville community. Another suggestion is a permanent plaque at our Naperville Community Garden on the Riverwalk displaying Ben's name and years of service. I would like to ask our membership to think about these suggestions and be prepared to discuss them at our next meeting. Please send any additional ideas to me via email and I will include them in our discussion next month.

It's not too early to start thinking about garden walks and purchasing plants for our yards. Mark your calendars to visit the garden of John Richter in Warrenville on July 21st between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. He will guide us through his garden of day lillies, hostas and ornamental trees. All perennials in his garden are for sale and John will even dig them and bag them up for you. His garden will be opened exclusively for our club but encourages us to invite our friends and families to come along because any plants that are purchased will result in our club getting a check back from John for 20% of total purchases making for a nice fundraiser. John has 550 named varieties of hostas, and 125 day lily varieties. There are bound to be one or two that you don't have in your garden and will not find in a garden center or big box store.

I'm looking forward to serving as your President this year and am always available if you have any suggestions for improving our club. Our club is only as good as its participating members, so please come to our meetings and join us in our many fun and educational activities. Happy Valentine's and Groundhog Day.

*Betty Ference
President*

Naperville Community Gardeners Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2012

Submitted by Vicky Polito, Secretary

Betty Ferrence called the meeting to order 7:10 p.m. Approximately 25 in attendance, 1 guest.

Motion to approve October meeting minutes made and passed.

Treasurer's Report (EOY balance for 2011 = \$15,375.25) and Proposed 2012 Budget (totaling \$13,885.00) from Tom Campbell presented, but held to end of meeting for approval, following discussion of line item regarding "Donations."

General announcements from Betty:

- annual member dues: \$20, due ASAP
- newsletter submissions due 1/20/12
- need to address Knox Presbyterian Church's desire for more NCG compensation for facilities use. Patty Thompson will work with the church's board to develop a list of requests and potentially set a meeting up for NCG to work on in an organized and budgeted way with the church; Patty confirmed the potential for working on church projects with Boy Scouts who meet there.

Patty gave Vicky Polito the contact info to get NCG meetings announced in the church bulletin.

Open discussion on budget for donations: motion made and passed to leave the umbrella line item for "Donations" as is vs. setting separate line items for things like plantings at the church, scholarships, etc. Logan Wasson will check six area schools regarding their horticulture programs and report back if scholarship donations are even viable after recent difficulties with getting anyone to take the money.

After positive response at meeting, Betty is working to further arrange a tentative visit she booked to "the Hosta Guy", John Richter, for July 21st and weave it into the annual garden tour and picnic. Richter's one acre garden has specimens for purchase that he'll dig for you, about \$15/each and 20% of all sales that day will be donated back to NCG.

Jan Gricus and Vicky Polito agreed to do Harvest Banquet and Mary Wright may sign on to help.

MINI-SHOW was a little early and Randy Scheib showed a wonderful multi-stemmed and blooming orchid.

Discussion broke out about ways to memorialize Ben Calvert and other members who've had huge impact on NCG. Ideas like a Ben Calvert Gardening Excellence prize or other "best in show" kind of memorial at the annual Flower & Garden Show were tossed around. Betty requests that members with ideas for such memorials email them to her for further discussion.

Bob Elvert reminded us that the plant sale will be on Saturday, May 12th, the day before Mothers' Day. The plan is to add more plants, particularly more exotics. Bob will have necessary permit and other paperwork in motion for next month. There's potential for the Boy Scouts to do the over-night guard on the sale lot.

Motion made and passed to approve the 2012 Budget as first presented.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. for refreshments break, followed by program: "How to Attract Birds to Your Yard," presented by Robin Cronin from Wild Birds Unlimited in Lisle.

Naperville Community Gardeners Proposed 2012 Budget

2012 Refreshments

A big thank-you to Vicky Polito and Judy Kanarek for the delicious refreshments at the January meeting.

Feb. 6	Randy Scheib	Eleanor Holt
Mar. 5	JoAnn Monge	Angel Whitt
		Missy Lee
April 2	Wanda Wohead	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	
Nov.	Harvest Banquet	
Dec.	No meeting	

	2011 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET
REVENUES		
01 01 Members Dues	\$1,180.00	\$1,180.00
01 02 Member Nametags	\$0.00	\$0.00
01 03 Members Banquet Tickets	\$657.25	\$650.00
01 04 Members T-Shirt Sales	\$13.00	\$50.00
SUB-TOTAL MEMBERS REVENUE	\$1,850.25	\$1,880.00
01 05 Plant Sale: Vendors	\$9,892.67	\$9,000.00
01 06 Plant Sale: Members	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
01 07 Misc. Revenues	\$2,441.56	\$0.00
01 08 Interest	\$2.10	\$5.00
SUB-TOTAL FUND-RAISING/MISC.	\$12,336.33	\$12,005.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$14,186.58	\$13,885.00

EXPENSES		
02 01 Members Picnic	\$95.50	\$125.00
02 02 Members Banquet	\$728.98	\$750.00
02 03 Members Name Tags	\$0.00	\$30.00
02 04 Members Recognition Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00
02 05 Members T-Shirts	\$0.00	\$50.00
SUB-TOTAL MEMBERS BENEFITS	\$1,676.66	\$1,055.00
02 06 Bus Trip	\$913.90	\$125.00
02 07 Bank Charges	\$5.00	\$10.00
02 08 Club Maintenance Costs	\$102.91	\$80.00
02 09 Door Prizes/Mini Show	\$0.00	\$0.00
02 10 Refreshments	\$16.51	\$50.00
02 11 Misc. Expenses	\$1,821.56	\$0.00
02 12 Newsletter	\$0.00	\$25.00
02 13 Program Speakers	\$1,105.00	\$1,350.00
02 14 Publicity	\$34.00	\$50.00
02 15 Website	\$0.00	\$200.00
02 16 Historian/Photo Supplies	\$9.11	\$20.00
02 17 Storage unit	\$219.80	\$0.00
02 18 Flower & Garden Show	\$682.36	\$900.00
02 19 Insurance	\$519.00	\$520.00
SUB-TOTAL CLUB ACTIVITIES	\$4,218.68	\$3,330.00
02 20. Donations	\$540.00	\$1,500.00
02 21 Donation to Riverwalk	\$500.00	\$500.00
SUB-TOTAL DONATIONS	\$1,040.00	\$2,000.00
02 22 Plant Sale: Vendors	\$4,855.75	\$7,000.00
02 23 Plant Sale: Members	\$384.33	\$500.00
SUB-TOTAL FUNDRAISERS	\$5,240.08	\$7,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,857.78	\$13,885.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$1,328.80	\$0.00

Due to fragrance allergies, your "fragrance free" attendance at meetings and club events is greatly appreciated.

Dues are Due!

Your 2012 dues are now due.

Dues are \$20.