



Naperville Community Gardeners

June 2012

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

New Contact Information Sheet

The newsletter will no longer contain private information (phone numbers & email addresses). Please reference your monthly contact sheet for this contact information. The newsletter will be posted online but the contact sheet will not.

If you need to contact a member that is not listed on the contact sheet, please contact Membership Chairman JoAnn Monge. JoAnn has the most up-to-date membership information.

Show Guide Photos Due June 20th

Don't forget about submitting a photo for the cover of the 2012 Flower and Garden Show Guide. There is a \$5.00 prize for the winning photo.

Photos should be high resolution and should feature a specific specimen rather than a pretty garden "scene." Preference will be given to photos that have the specimen identified. Photos should be emailed to Laurel as a .jpg by June 20th.

Upcoming Dates:

June 20	Deadline for Show Guide photos
June 23	Deadline to RSVP for the picnic
June 30	Member garden tours/picnic
July 21	Garden Walk @ John Richter's in Warrenville
August 6	Meeting & Program
August 18	Flower & Garden Show
Sept. 10	Meeting & Program
October 1	Garden Bounty Potluck & program
November	Harvest Banquet - no meeting
December	No meeting

Next Meeting

**Monday
June 4, 2012**

7 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church

**"Rain Gardens -
Common Mistakes & Tips"**

presented by
Denise Sandoval

Have a low spot in your yard where water sits for days? Want to redirect rain water to the land rather than contribute to stormwater runoff? Denise Sandoval will answer your questions when she speaks on **"Rain Gardens – Common Mistakes and Tips."**

Sandoval is a landscape designer and small business owner of Good-Natured Landscapes LLC, which specializes in native plants and earth friendly landscapes for over 7 years. She has a horticulture degree, a strong interest in ecology and has been gardening with native plants for many years. She also works part time for The Conservation Foundation and has been a board member of Wild Ones Greater DuPage for over 10 years.

Naperville Community Gardeners Meeting Minutes, May 7, 2012

Betty Ference called the meeting to order 7:04 p.m. Approximately 36 attending, 2 guests.

Motion to approve April meeting minutes made and approved.

Betty had no general announcements.

Patty Thompson thanked volunteers and reported about 3 members and some Boy Scouts helped with mulch around church and 4 helped with planting perennials the following week; Linda Thompson reported about 6 members helped with Riverwalk cleanup (mulched and pulled lots of garlic mustard). Reminder made that next Knox planting day is Monday, May 14th, 9 a.m.

Ron Ory slated the dedication of the Ben Calvert memorial tree at the garden plots for May 12th at 10 a.m. Ben's wife, son, two of his sisters plan to attend. Members working the plant sale encouraged to step over from the sale for the brief dedication, but cash boxes/cashiering must stay in place for security and non-interruption of sale. Photos and perhaps a video will be taken.

Plant Sale Final Items: Linda Allison needs label info by Tues evening; labels will be bagged and ready for members plants from Fri, 3 p.m. on; Barb Jones reminds people to bring in any Cannas they've started in pots; Laurel LaLonde points out heirloom tomatoes sell better as single pots than 4-pks; Linda explained the "by-table" pricing system and schedule; sale starts at 7:30 a.m. and staff should arrive 6 a.m. or shortly after if possible. Bob stressed that multiple volunteer sheets were circulating, and would be combined and people would float among tasks; there was a slight glitch in permit app, but it's being straightened out by Bob; 3 pop-up tents being loaned by park district; Fri volunteers needed anytime from 2 p.m. on to help with unloading the truck from Schaeffer's; promotional emails and all other publicity has gone out (no paper flyers and members should email all their personal contacts about the sale); there won't be any leftover trees for partner sale with park district; anyone interested in being backup overnight security at the sale lot should tell Bob. Barb Jones re-painted signs to refer to "Saturday" instead of a date, so they're reusable. Judy Kanarek bringing coffee and tea, others encouraged to bring snacks. Wanda Wohead brought in plastic plant sleeves to use for sale.

Laurel circulated a sheet so members could sign off and give permission for their photos (no names in captions, etc.) to be used in the newsletter (print and on-line versions) and on the NCG Facebook page.

Mini-show: Betty Earl brought copies of her new book on fairy gardens; Betty Ference shared a vase of alium, Miss Kim lilac, tree peony, tulips and also gave away some stray/mystery tomato plants, some lettuces, and some banana pepper plants; Nancy Carroll brought in White Charm and Hawaii Coral peonies; Vicky Polito had Coral Charm peony cut at different bloom stages and offered to give away pips from dividing this fall; Betty Early highly recommends grafted tomato plants and gave the tip to never plant graft below soil line.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m., followed by refreshment break and program on "Project Budburst", presented by Kayri Havens, Ph.D.

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

Privacy Concerns

I have received concerns from members about privacy in regards to the newsletter that is posted on the club's website and about posting photos on our new Facebook page. I take your concerns seriously and will do my best to protect your privacy.

I sent around a "permission slip" at the May meeting to get members' permission to post their photos on the NCG Facebook page and in the newsletter. The permission slip also included permission for photos on the "website." What I meant to say was photos in the newsletters that are posted on the website. I am responsible for the Facebook page and the newsletter but not the photo albums on the website. My policy for photos from now on will be:

- I will only use photos of members who have given me permission to post their photo on Facebook or in the newsletter.
- I will not identify members in photos.
- I will obscure name tags in any photo posted on Facebook or in the newsletter.

If you have photos you would like to have posted on our Facebook page, please email them to me. I have secured the Facebook page so that I am the only one who can post photos.

If you have any concerns about Facebook or the newsletter, please feel free to contact me.

-Laurel

Website Photo Albums

If you have concerns about specific photos in the club's online photo albums (at napervillecommunitygardeners.org/photos) or other website concerns, please direct them to our club's webmaster - Peter Klassen.

Specific photos will be removed from the site upon receipt of a request that includes the event (directory) and file name.

-Peter Klassen

2012 Refreshments

A big thank-you to Jim Canavan and Logan Wasson for the delicious refreshments at the May meeting.

Refreshment Volunteers:

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	

Garden Walk & Picnic

June 30th

See separate emailed document for garden walk & picnic information.

Questions about the picnic—contact Barbara Jones.

Questions about the garden walk-contact Laurel.

See contact sheet for contact information.

JOHN RICHTER GARDEN
29 W 430 FORESTVIEW DRIVE
WARRENVILLE, ILLINOIS
JULY 21, 2012
10:00 AM TO 2PM

I hope you saved some space in your garden for a few extra hostas and day lilies because John's garden has glorious displays of plants and trees, many of which are for sale.

We will have exclusive access to his garden on Saturday, July 21 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. John will be selling his hostas and day lilies and donating back 20% to our garden club. Please feel free to bring friends and family to participate in this sale. Even if you are not interested in buying you will enjoy his acre of plantings and his vast knowledge of gardening. John is a talker and he loves to talk about gardening.

All of his plants are labeled and he will dig them up for you to take home.

John inherited day lilies from two area hybridizers. William Bell of Glen Ellyn and Nathan Rudolph of Aurora. He has 125 labeled plants including:

- Totally Awesome – lavender pink with ruffled edges
- Double Duchess – rosy pink
- Splendid Touch – pink
- Sarah Christine – yellow
- Pink Windmill – pink and green
- Lake Norman Spider – tends toward purple

John has 550 labeled hosta varieties, a few include:

- Sugar Daddy – Large blue-green leaves streaked with white
- Island Charm – Smaller green and white leaves
- Fragrant Gold – Flowers provide aroma and the leaves turn from green to gold.

If you are interested in trees, John grafts his own plants and has many showy trees:

- Aralia variegata – leaves 3 or 4 feet long with white flowers
- Colorado spruce called Sunshine – creates bright yellow new growth
- Tri-Color Beech – glows with reds and purples
- Ginkgo – Cascades down like a waterfall
- Cypress – Glows dark bronze in the fall
- Golden Compact oriental spruce, weeping larch and variegated lilac

If you are interested in car pooling, please let me know.

Betty Ference