



# NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

June 2014

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

## NEXT MEETING

**MONDAY, June 2**  
**KNOX PRESBYTERI-  
AN CHURCH**

**Speaker:**

**Sandy Lentz**

**“The Herb Patch”**



## PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Our plant sale was a success! The weather finally cooperated and many happy gardeners went home having purchased member plants, flowers, and vegetables. Herbs and tomatoes were a hit this year.

Thank you everyone who helped Friday and Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the sale and the weeks and months beforehand in preparation. And also those who helped at Knox church spread mulch and beautify the yards. We rely on the church’s generosity in sharing its meeting room, food service area, and audio visual equipment and express our appreciation when we are able.

This year I have had the vantage point to see more of the activity than the past several years. What makes a successful plant sale happen?

Planning the event / Getting the permit / Coordinating with the park district / Advanced public relations and phone interviews / Ordering the plants / Gardeners digging and donating worthy plants / Seed starters carefully tending their fledglings / Passing around pots and sharing resources / Inventorying member plants and creating personalized labels / Setting up thirty banquet tables and moving them around / Unloading the delivery truck / Painstakingly inventorying the plants / Categorizing and setting up plants with prices / Toting water and giving the merchandise a drink / Overnight vigilance in the parking lot / Creating pricing sheets and flyers to entice new members / Setting up cashier tents / Putting out signs and creating some new ones / Bringing goodies, treats, and drinks / Cashiering and tracking sales / Assisting customers carry orders to their cars / Giving advice for growing / Delivering cash to the bank multiple times / Cleaning up and leaving a light footprint / Donating your time, muscles, and talents!

I went home tired Saturday with a trunk full of plants and enough energy to unload them. Sunday on Mother’s Day, up early, I remembered why I love gardening as I planted them and dug in some healthy seedlings for my neighbor. These member plants will thrive! The air was cool and pleasant, the sun radiant, and I lost track of time. It feels great to get things done, wash up, and go out to admire one’s handiwork and nature. Hope this season you have had the feeling too.

Mark Mayszak

PS: Thanks for the light green thumb, Mom.

## Calendar

**June 2: Meeting**

**June 21: Garden Walk and Picnic**

**July: No meeting**

**August 4: Meeting:**

***Creating Garden Rooms***

**August 16: Flower and Garden Show**

**September 8: Meeting**

***Hydroponics and Vertical Gardening***

**October 6: Meeting**

***Not Your Grandmother’s Garden:  
Land Use in DuPage County***



## MINUTES FOR May 5 2014 MEETING

The May meeting of the Naperville Community Gardeners was opened by Mark Mayszak at 7:00 p.m. There were no visitors.

### **Old Business**

Mark asked if there were any changes to the April minutes. Linda Thompson moved that the minutes be approved, it was seconded, and the motion carried.

Vicki Polito announced that she had the club tee shirts and bags and was taken payments for them. She is also in the process of organizing the Flower and Garden Show; the judges are responding to her requests. She has contacted the dahlia expert, and he will come or send a substitute.

**Treasurer's Report.** Jan Gricus has paid the past speakers and the College of DuPage for the NCG scholarship. There is a total of \$11,979.81 in the club accounts.

**Plant Sale.** Bob Elvert passed around a volunteer list to staff the sale. The suburban *Herald* contacted him for an article on the sale. Bob visited Shaefer's and thought the plants were better this year except for the tomatoes. He asked for donations of boxes, plastic trays, and wagons. Several people volunteered refreshments. Carolyn Finzer displayed the sign she painted.

Linda Allison asked members to provide lists of the plants they intend to bring to the sale. She will place signs in bags. Rod Beary offered gallon pots of chives, and Bob Elvert replied he would not buy any from Shaefer's.

Ron Ory thanked all the volunteers who turned out for his Idea Garden planting.

### **New Business**

Linda Thompson announced a rake would be given in the raffle. Rose Mary Stetler bought a number of pots to sell at the meeting and donated the proceeds to the club. Carolyn Finzer decorated a chair in downtown Naperville.

**Minishow.** Rosemary Holdredge and Judy Kanarek brought variegated Africa violets.

### **Announcements**

Betty Ference announced that she has rocks to give away.

Eleanor Holt received an offer from a donor to give plants to the plant sale if members were willing to come and dig up the plants. Members need to provide their own pots.

Linda Thompson moved that the meeting be adjourned and Jan Gricus seconded. The motion carried.

Following refreshments, Karen Thomas gave a demonstration of building topiaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Holdredge  
Secretary

## 2014 GARDEN WALK AND PICNIC

We have a fun day planned for this year's garden walk. We are mixing it up a little and visiting member gardens, Orchid grower and a community garden. There will be something of interest for everyone. Date is June 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be detailed maps at the next garden club meeting as well as another email blast before the date. We will also provide carpooling options so we are not all driving a long distance.

Here is the schedule:

9:00 AM – Benjamin Calvert will host his garden in Villa Park. Ben will also be making oven omelets for our breakfast enjoyment. As an added bonus, Benjamin keeps bees in his suburban yard to enhance his garden and will be telling us all about his bee adventures.

10 AM to Noon – Hausermann's Orchid Nursery is just down the road from Benjamin's house and all good gardeners cannot pass by a nursery without stopping in to just 'look'. If you have not been to Hausermann's this is your chance to enjoy the largest and oldest Orchid grower in the Midwest. And yes, they do sell their plants.

Noon to 1PM – Idea Garden at the Naperville Community Garden Plots. Come see all the great ideas and hard work our club has contributed to this unique garden project. Ron Ori will be there to guide us through the garden.

1PM – Garden Club Picnic at Joann Monge's house. Joann will take us through her native garden and we will grill some burgers and hotdogs. Bring a dish to pass – Last name – A-L – Salad/Vegetable dish – M-Z – dessert/fruit. We will also have banjo entertainment provided by Marty Krause.

Thank you to everyone for making this event happen, it is always enjoyable to spend some time in the garden together. More details at the Garden Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> along with a sign up sheet for those attending. If you are not at the meeting, please drop me an email so I know you are coming and know how much food to buy.

Thanks

Betty Ference

## THE FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual NCG Flower & Garden Show will be on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at The Barn, 421 West Martin Avenue in Naperville.

Staging of entrees will take place from 7a to 10a that morning, when the hall will be cleared so that judging can start at 10:30a. The show will re-open at 1p for public viewing. The show will close for the day at 3p. Of special note is that this year we will again welcome six all-category judges but will also add a dahlia expert to judge dahlia entrees separately, as a focused learning opportunity.

Show guides and entry tags will be available in July and a few volunteers are needed to help with initial set up, staging assistance, judge assistance, and post-show clean up. Please contact Vicky Polito, for more info or to volunteer.

Looking forward to see you all there and seeing how this crazy weather has treated gardeners this year! And, remember, the show is open to non-members, too, so tell your friends and neighbors to join the fun.

V. Polito

## ABOUT THAT FABULOUS, FUN-FILLED PLANT SALE

### From the Chairman, Bob Elvert

We had good weather for this year's plant sale, and that certainly contributed to the success of the day. More importantly, our club members turned out on both Friday and Saturday to assist in every aspect of the event. Thanks to everyone who helped. It takes team effort to make this project work. At the June meeting I will present a more detailed report on profits from the sale.

Now we can begin to think about ways to make next year's sale even better. The plant sale is the club's only fund-raising activity, and we want to make it special.

### From the Members' Plants Chairman, Linda Allison

Thank you to the Labeling Committee for laminating, assembling, and sorting all of the plant labels. Thank you to members who divided and potted plants for our Members' Sale. Thanks to those who helped set up, organize, and price plants on Friday and those members on Saturday who assisted customers who had plant questions and stepped in wherever needed. This year was a fast preparation for the plant sale as 'spring' came late. Any suggestions for next year's sale are greatly appreciated. Please e-mail your ideas to me, as I will not be able to attend the June meeting, or pass your thoughts along to Bob.

#### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE LEADERS

##### Executive Board—2014

President.....Mark Mayszak  
 Vice-President.....Linda Thompson  
 Secretary.....Rosemary Holdredge  
 Treasurer.....Janice Gricus  
 Past President.....Janice Gricus

##### Committee Chairs - 2014

Correspondence .....Carolyn Finzer  
 Email List Moderator.....Eleanor Holt  
 Facebook Page .....OPEN  
 Flower and Garden Show.....Vicky Polito  
 Flower and Garden Show Guide.....Vicky Polito  
 Harvest Banquet ..... OPEN  
 Historian .....Carolyn Finzer  
 Membership.....JoAnn Monge  
 Meeting Refreshments.....Cricket Cressman  
 Mini-Show.....Angel Whitt  
 Naper Settlement Gardens.....Pat Thompson  
 Newsletter.....Eleanor Holt  
 Newsletter Distribution.....Mary Wright  
 Photography.....Ron Ory  
 Picnic/Garden Walk.....Betty Ference  
 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.....Bob Elvert  
 T-shirt Sales .....Vicky Polito  
 Website.....Peter Klassen

*The Conservation Foundation invites us to their  
 Spring Membership and Awards Luncheon*

**"Bringing Nature to Your Home"**

**Presented by Jim Kleinwachterr**

**Thursday, June 5, 2014**

**11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Fishermen's Inn**

**43W901 Main Street Road**

**Elburn, IL 60119**

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