



NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

November 2014

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Gardeners,

Here are some tips (quoted) I found for winter house plants from the website below and my personal applications to help you over winter.

<http://www.hgtv.com/landscaping/expert-tips-on-caring-for-houseplants/index.html>

Houseplant Care Tip #1: Mist Your Plants

"Mist indoor plants with water once a day, but three times a day is even better. Although this can be time consuming, tropical houseplants benefit from the humidity." Application: take care of your skin, so that it's moist in the dryness of winter. Consider something to stir your senses like aromatic oils.

Houseplant Care Tip #2: Wipe Dust off Leaves and Stems

"Accumulated dust on leaf surfaces can plug up pores, making it difficult for plants to "breathe." Wiping leaves routinely with a damp cloth will correct the problem." Application: consider meditating and breathing practice to calm and relax you. The scent of peppermint tea is energizing and healthy.

Houseplant Care Tip #3: Give Plants Lots of Light

"Remember to rotate your houseplants every week or two so they receive light evenly on all sides." Application: take care to feel enough sunlight on your face to get that vitamin D, and consider a supplement. Walking outdoors helps, weather permitting. Light up your living space.

Houseplant Care Tip #4: Don't Fertilize

"Because houseplants slow their growth processes in winter, withhold fertilizing them until next spring." Application: keep your movements close and deliberate, not overreaching. Especially on ice!

Houseplant Care Tip #5: Wait Until Spring to Repot Plants

"Repotting will actually stimulate new growth." Application – keep growing, with the ebb and flow of the seasons. Feel grounded to your living space and care for your roots.

Houseplant Care Tip #6: Back off on Your Watering Schedule

"The most important thing is to change the way you water your houseplants. Don't water them during the winter as often as you did during the spring and summer." Application: stay balanced, we are mostly made of water. Spend the extra time not watering planning for spring!

I hope to see you November 3rd for a warm evening of fun!

Mark Mayszak

The Gardening Year Ends

This issue will be the last newsletter for 2014.

The current officers have generously agreed to keep their positions for another year. We thank them for their dedication.

Cheers to you, Mark Mayszak, President; Linda Thompson, Vice President; Rosemary Holdredge, Secretary; Jan Gricus, Treasurer. Betty Ference has agreed to assist Linda in setting up and announcing programs.

Thanks to these dedicated members and to everyone whose efforts make belonging to this club a rewarding experience.



The Harvest Banquet

The annual banquet will be held at Traverso's Restaurant on Monday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. See page 4 of this newsletter for information.

There are a few places left for this great pizza party. Notify Shirley Brockman if you would like to join the group.



Naperville Community Gardeners

October 6, 2014, Minutes

The September meeting of the Naperville Community Gardeners was opened by Mark Mayszak following the annual Garden Bounty supper. There was one guest.

Old Business

Minutes. The September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. There was no treasurer's report.

Harvest Banquet. The Harvest Banquet will be held at Traverso's on November 3. Tickets are \$13 each. Jan Gricus took checks at the meeting.

New Officers. Mark introduced each of the current officers and asked them to give a brief description of their duties. He then asked for volunteers. No one volunteered for the secretary's position, the treasurer's position, or the president's, so the current officers will serve for another year. Gail Butler volunteered to chair next year's Harvest Banquet, and Linda Thompson and Betty Ference will co-chair the vice president position.

New Members. Mark brought up the need to encourage new people to join the club. The evening schedule allows many who work to come. Many ideas to publicize the club were made: staff a table at the Growing Place, hand out flyers, have an open house, bring a neighbor. Mark will create a list of things to do and will present it at the January meeting.

New Business

Donation to Knox Church. Patti Thompson mentioned to Mark Mayzak that the budget for the coffee bar at the church was low, so in view of the club's usage of their supplies, Mark suggested that we donate \$200 to the church. A motion to that effect was made by Jim Canavan and seconded by Eleanor Holt.

Announcements

Carolyn Finzer brought photos of Norris Yonkers' funeral. Shirley Brockman invited the club to attend Soup's On.

Raffle. Harold Effinger won the raffle.

Adjournment. A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting. Following adjournment, Tricia Bethke gave a program on historic land use in DuPage.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Holdredge
Secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DATES OF 2015 MEETINGS

Knox Presbyterian Church has once again graciously given us the use of a meeting room for the coming year. Here are the dates for our Monday meetings:

January 12 (second Monday)
February 2
March 2
April 6
May 4
June 1
July: No meeting
August 3
September 14 (second Monday)
October 5
November: No meeting
December: No meeting



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

WINNERS AT THE 2014 FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

	Category	Name	Specimen Name
Best of Class	Class 100: Annual/Biennial	Lana Gernady	Gomphrena
Best of Class	Class 200: Perennial	Freda Haller	Hibiscus
Best of Class	Class 300: Gladiolus/Summer Bulbs	Kate Keilty	Caladium
Best of Class	Class 400: Roses	Lana Gernady	Tea Rose 'Tahitian Sunset'
Best of Class	Class 500: Dahlias	Nick Papadolias	Dahlia 'Envy'
Best of Class	Class 600: Potted Plants	Lana Gernady	Potted Foliage Plants
Best of Class	Class 1000A: Vegetables, Bush Type	Wanda Wohead	Corn 'Early Extra Sweet'
Best of Class	Class 1000B: Vegetables, Root Types	JoAnn Monge	Garlic 'Music'
Best of Class	Class 1000C: Vegetables, Vines	Rod Beary	Squash 'Turk's Turban'
Best of Class	Class 1000D: Vegetables, Tomatoes	Allen Panek	Cherry tomatoes
Best of Class	Class 1000E: Herbs	Lana Gernady	Herb Pot
Best of Class	Class 1100: Fruits & Melons	Rod Beary	Concord grapes
Best of Class	Class 1300: Artistic Arrangements & Art	Lana Gernady	Foliage arranged on log
Best of Class	Class 1400: Youth	Steven Brockman	Squash
Best Flower	From Classes 100 to 500	Nick Papadolias	Dahlia 'Envy'
Best Vegetable	From Classes 1000A to 1100	Lana Gernady	Herb Pot
Best of Show		Lana/Rich Gernady	Herb Pot
Ben Calvert Award	Member with most show points	Lana/Rich Gernady	265 Points

HARVEST BANQUET

When: Monday, November 3th Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Traverso's Restaurant
2523 S. Plainfield-Naperville Rd. (at the corner of 91st Street)

What: Buffet style all you can eat salad and pizza! Cost: \$13.00 per person

- Dinner Includes-

- Salad- Mixed field green salad with crumbled bleu cheese, chopped walnuts, and tomatoes in balsamic vinaigrette and Caesar Salad

- Pizza- Thin crust pizza with a choice of cheese, pepperoni, sausage, vegetable, and meat lovers (sausage, pepperoni, and bacon)

- Beverages- Coffee, soda, hot and iced tea

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- *Cash bar available* RSVP by Monday, October 27th

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Name/Guests:

Address:

Phone:

Preferred Pizza Topping:

Please return bottom half of form and payment to

Shirley Brockman

Amount Paid: