



NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

January 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



January 4 Meeting

7 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church

1105 Catalpa Lane

Speaker: Donna Hisson

**"Intensive Growing for the
Vegetable Gardener"**

Our speaker will tell us how we can enjoy more bounty with less weeding and watering by discussing seed selection, maturity dates, staggering planting, successive gardening, and companion planting.

Donna Hisson has a degree in horticulture and landscaping and is also working in the Resiliency Institute. She is the first speaker in a series devoted to this year's theme, "Enjoy your garden more—in so many ways." Barbara Bozek, program chairman, is organizing topics and selecting speakers to reinforce the idea that gardening should be both productive and enjoyable.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well, another gardening season is coming upon us. For the first time in several years it will be without the outstanding leadership of Mark Mayszak for Naperville Community Gardeners. I want to speak for everyone in the club, Mark, when I say thank you for your dedicated and competent service to the club and hope that you will stay actively involved in any capacity that interests you.

I want to thank all in the club for placing your confidence in me to serve as president for the coming year. Gardening has always been a passion for me, and I hope that we can, as a club, help those who are interested to fulfill their passion for gardening with exciting peer camaraderie, learning, and inspiration.

In some ways at least, January is one of the best months for gardening. Bear with me on this. Think about it....all show, no go. All things are possible. No tired or aching limbs. No cuts or bruises. No bee stings or critter attacks. Just results only limited by the imagination and maybe, just maybe some budget constraints. The catalogs by your side, some interesting articles that have inspired you to try something new or something tried and pleasing to help you make your plans for the coming year. Of course you know there will be other "best months" for gardening as we progress through the year! It will be fun to talk about them as they come up.

It is almost 60 degrees and sunny as I write this letter on December 11th. If the weather experts are correct, we will experience a warmer, more mild winter this year than normal....which probably means we can expect to have a more voracious bug problem in gardening season. Maybe we should do some extra homework, studying how to control our favorite pests while we have the time? Would a speaker on pest control be of interest to you? Let Barbara Bozek know.

Speaking on behalf of all those who volunteered for leadership roles in the club this year, I encourage you to help in any way you can to make our gardening club a success and more meaningful to everyone. To quote an old expression that my mother used, "Many hands make light work."

Best regards to everyone for a great year,

Rod Beary

SAVE THE DATE

The 2016 NCG Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 7th. No matter what weather Mother Nature may give us, we look forward to having another successful sale along with having a good time catching up with other members and customers after the long winter.

As in the past, any comments on how to improve the sale experience are welcome. Make sure to raise them during our discussion at the January meeting.

Bob Elvert, Plant Sale Chairman

CONSERVATION FOUNDATION NEWS

Mark your calendar for the **2016 DuPage Environmental Summit** planned for **Thursday, January 21st, 2016 from 8:30am to Noon** at the NIU Naperville Campus. This event is free and open to the public.. To register, visit the website, theconservationfoundation.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DATES OF 2015 MEETINGS

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

January 4
February 1
March 7
April 4
May 2
June 6
July: No meeting
August 1
September 12 (second Monday)
October 3
November: No meeting
December: No meeting

If winter comes, can the Flower and Garden Show be far behind?



As we cope with the dark days of winter, perhaps our thoughts could turn to the club show, one of the highlights of summer. If you have ideas about ways to make the show even better, please share them with Chairman Vicky Polito.

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