



# NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

November 2016

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

## ***The Gardening Year Ends***

This issue will be the last newsletter for 2016.

Officers for the coming year are

President: Barbara Bozek

Vice-President: Wanda Wohead

Secretary: Linda Allison

Treasurer: Jan Gricus

Past President: Rod Beary

Thanks to our new officers, to our retiring officers, and to everyone whose efforts make belonging to this club a rewarding experience.

## ***DATES OF 2016 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 9

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July: No meeting

August 7

September 11 (second Monday)

October 2

November: No meeting

December: No meeting

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It's not over until the garden is cleaned up, but it is almost over. By the time we meet for our Harvest Banquet on November 7<sup>th</sup>, it will be over. How has your gardening year been? It should be a fun evening to talk with fellow gardeners. I believe in being frank about my failures as well as successes. It makes for a more valuable discourse. For example my potato crop this year was significantly worse than last year. I got a 8x1 return on the seed potatoes last year...this year was almost 2x1. What was the difference? It was most likely that I didn't plant until late in May versus early May last year. I conclude there is a window of time to plant for best results. A similar experience occurred with the onions. I grew five varieties of onions from seed, all started indoors at the same time. Those onions planted first did best, those planted last over a couple weeks did worse. Greens did really well, garlic was the best I've grown etc. Growing all my food crops organically, I have traditionally relied on building the soil, adding tons of compost and manure. But this year I have found some interesting commercial organic fertilizers that proved to give a nutritious boost. The planters for flowers seem to like the commercial potting soils, specially made for the purpose, better than my organic methods.

Please come prepared to talk about your gardening experiences this year at the Harvest Banquet. It can help others to become better gardeners.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for this past year. It was fun to be so involved with a great group of fellow gardeners. The program speakers were educational and inspiring. The club did a fantastic job with the plant sale. The Flower and Garden Show continued its excellent work of showcasing our member's talents.

I look forward to next year and another gardening cycle with all of you. The Club's purpose—to educate and encourage gardeners—is a noble one and worthy of our collective efforts.

Rod Beary



## Naperville Community Gardeners

### October 3, 2016 Minutes

Present: Linda Allison, Mark Mayzak, Jan Gricus, Rod Beary, Bob Elvert

Betty Ference asked for a monetary budget for a stamp for seed packets. \$50 was granted.

Treasurer reported that the balance is \$9,678.10. Scholarships in the past have been \$2,000 each with a three-year commitment.

Bob Elvert said he would do the plant sale for next year but his son is graduating that day so he will not be in attendance.

By-laws were distributed to membership via email. They mention that dues will fund national garden association fees. We do not belong to the national garden association so the by-laws will need to be changed for next year.

The roster of officers to be presented to the club will be President, Barbara Bozek; Vice President, Wanda Wohead; Secretary, Linda Allison; Treasure, Jan Gricus. Newsletter committee chair is still open at this time.

General Meeting started at 7:00 PM

We had one guest in attendance. Jan reported as Treasurer that the Flower and Garden show still has some outstanding expenses to be turned in; otherwise everything is up to date.

The minutes for the September meeting need to be amended per input from Ron Ory regarding his comments on plant show. Mark Mayzak moved that the minutes be approved with changes, seconded by Cricket Cressman.

Gail Butler reported on the Harvest Banquet which will be November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Aurelio's on Rt. 59 in Naperville. The cost will be \$10 per person. Gail will accept money at meeting and also will email to membership with address that payments can be sent.

Bob Elvert announced that the Plant Sale next year will be on May 13, 2017.

By-Laws: Mark Mayzak moved that we accept by-laws per our charter for 2017, Peter Klassen seconded. Passed.

The officer roster was presented to membership. No one opposed to the roster and no one else wanted to run for any office. Rod Beary moved to accept officer roster as noted above, Judy Kanarek seconded, all in favor.

Vicki Polito mentioned that there is a slight possibility she will not be there for the Garden Show next year due to family commitment. She will still do preliminary work for the show.

Jan Gricus mentioned that the Garden Plot Gleaning day is October 11<sup>th</sup> for anyone who can come out and gather vegetables for Loaves & Fishes. Bring boots and hand tools.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM made by Betty Ference, seconded by Jan Gricus.

Betty Ference, Secretary



***HAPPY THANKSGIVING***