



NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

April 2017

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am amazed at how generous and organized our group is. Gardeners are not just working in the dirt but are sharing the enjoyment. In the planning and their experiences. While preparing for the Spring Show at Wannemakers—I needed to get some pictures of what we've done and the web was a wealth of details. The help from Jan Gricus in bringing the 'conversation opener' of winter sowing, with pictures, example and instructions, plus the Idea Garden album, the seed packets of our member seeds, plus the relaxed open attitude of Wanda, Gail, Nick and Janice, made for a successful event. It was great to see our members in attendance too.. We got 30 new email addresses which shows we are encouraging many to enjoy gardening.

Thanks to all.

New Policy—I will TRY to keep the meetings brief— so we will have more time for the speaker. Our guests come to hear the speaker and I need to pay attention to the meeting length.

With that in mind—you are welcome to give a brief news blurb during the meeting and share more in a newsletter article. *Barb*

NEWS— (also serves as agenda / topics for our meeting)

- Minutes of past meeting 1 minor correction: it was Gloria not Lori that did the promotion of pamphlets)
- Treasurers report—
- Upcoming Garden Sale—Bob—you get up to 15 minutes to talk.
- BIG Seed Exchange at this meeting— you don't need to bring seeds to exchange, and you CAN bring seeds to get ready to sell at the Garden Sale. There will be seed envelopes at this meeting.. Ball Seed donated seeds—all kinds and we will share.

April Topic: Upcoming Perennials and Vegetables—speaker— from Growing Place

I'm sure the Growing Place will want to entice us with what they see as new plants. They are so good at that. Not sure if there will be a discount coupon like we had last year,.

The Gardening Year Begins

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Thanks to various volunteers who give of their time so generously: Linda Allison for knowing how to make the minutes more effective, and Ron Ory for leading the Idea Garden , plus his endless guidance.

DATES OF 2017 MEETINGS

Knox Presbyterian Church (1105 Catalpa, Naperville) has once again graciously given us the use of a meeting room for the coming year. Here are the dates for our meetings 7:00 start (business then speaker)

April 3—Upcoming Perennials & Vegetables (Growing Place)

May 1—The Language of Flowers (Jack Shauba)

June 5—Growing Herbs—a passion beyond the kitchen

(Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh)

July: No meeting

August 7

September 11 (second Monday)

October 2

November: No meeting

December: No meeting

Here's what you missed: **

January 9—Don White—Orchids

★ February 6—African Violets - leader of African Violet Society of America

March 6—What's New & Exciting in 2017 (Ball Seed)

** speakers notes—see website

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Board Meeting - March 6, 2017

Members attending - Barb Bozek, Jan Gricus, Rod Beary, Wanda Wohead , Linda Allison

- Wannamakers Spring Show - need \$100 for our club to have a table to share information about NCG. Barb has already paid the \$100 and needs reimbursement. We still need people to staff our table, Wannamakers will provide lunch.
- T-Shirts and Name tags - Nick Janakas needs to find out who handled this responsibility in the past
- Currently 40 members have paid their dues for 2017
- COD past scholarships have been awarded to: 2013 Karen Ann Dvorak, Assoc. degree program in Horticulture and Karen Woznicki, Horticulture and AA Certified Nursing program, 2014 Karen Ann Dvorak and Lisa Baker AA Horticulture
- Park District is setting up a Monarch Station and will be using a few garden plots to develop the station.

General Meeting was called to order 7:05 by Barb Bozek

- Eleanor approved the January 9th and February 6th meeting Nick seconded the minutes, members voted to approve
- Treasurer's Report Jan reported \$8,294.71 in the bank
- Guests at the meeting

Gina Sandvik 2711 Stockton Rd glsandvik@wowway.com

Jan Mead, Ellen Bassett and Sonny Foster came together, left before business meeting was over

Heather Baum 229 Tupelo heatherABaum@yahoo.com

Francene Turnpaugh 1385 Middleburg Ct rockhound@wideopenwest.com

Kathleen Buettner amberwood Circle buettner@wideopenwest.com

Megan Androwski West Street (Neuqua H.S.) meganandrowski@gmail.com - Megan was doing a school project on people/clubs who give back to the community

- Discussion on raising dues to \$25, but need to have a reason/purpose for the increase. Report from COD regarding students who received scholarships - see above
- Approval was given to repay Barb Bozek for the \$100 she gave to Wannamakers, Nick approved and Bob seconded - Lori is making flyers about the club, envelopes with some annual plant seeds will be given out. Ron is developing flyers for the Idea Garden
- Cricket has a sign up sheet for the Bake Sale for the Plant Sale, last year the sale was sold out by 10:00 so more items are needed. Bake Sale posters will be placed on West Street and near the water spouts in the plots, there will be an e-mail reminder before the plant sale regarding the Bake Sale, new categories of whole cakes, pies, dog biscuits, no need to package items the committee will do it, bring items to the plots on Friday during set-up
- Nick talked about Name Tags/T-Shirts approx. 7-8 members indicated an interest, members interested will need to prepay for the items
- Jumping Worms - these invasive worms are not prevalent in DuPage at the time, they are coming from Wis. if you see the worms in your garden kill them, they have a white band around their bodies, if purchasing mulch ask the company where the mulch came from and if it was heat treated, the worms turn the soil into an inhabitable place for plants unlike our regular worms
- Plant Sale - Set up is on Friday May 12th 12:00 - 5:00, Sale Saturday May 13 7:00 - 1:00, let Bob know if you are interested in a larger # of specific plants or hanging baskets for pre-order, other items such as good pots, yard equipment, in good condition, can be donated for sale
- Ron explained that Bea McGovern, who passed away, gave permission for her hosta plants to be dug up for sale, most are labeled and the labels need to be kept with the plants as they are dug. Jan will set up a digging day, Bea was known for the quality and variety of her hostas
- Clean up day for the Idea Garden will be set pending weather