



# NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

September 2017

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

## **Update: Flower & Plan Show**

Special Thank you to Vicky and her husband— it takes a lot of time, commitment and organization to host the Show. I am looking for 2 people who can share part of these responsibilities. Vicky' will share how she does the amazing job and the show will go on.

## **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)

**September 11 -What's under the ground**  
safety and homeowners expert tips  
(David Van Wy from JULIE )

**October 2—Forcing Spring Bulbs**  
Kill Karges Pioneer Garden & Feed  
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)  
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—Backyard Birds & Feeding David Brooks, Spring Valley Nature Ctr

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I want to start off saying that our August meeting was **amazing**—and if you didn't attend, you missed a lot. Allan brought in monarch chrysalis and many people went home to experience the transformation. **Wow!**

**New topic:** This is the time to start collecting your seeds for next year.

- 1) Only save seeds from healthy fruits of healthy plants.
- 2) Let the seeds fully ripen— green beans pods need to be dry, flowers need to have mature seed heads, not just spent flowers, peppers need to be fully ripe (my lesson learned, green peppers do not have mature seeds).
- 3) At the end of this newsletter I have included a chart for saving seeds.

I've started saving 4 o'clock seeds for our next seed exchange. And about 6 different tomato varieties.

*Barb Bozek*

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

- Minutes of past meeting - please read prior to meeting
- Treasurers report—
- Garden Show—summary from Vicky Polito
- Members—2018 elections - voting next month, Nov dinner
- Food Pantry—apple picking at Rod's place
- Show and Tell
- Upcoming events— Monarch Festival Sept 17th (flyer attached)
- New Business—nominate a member for his/her contribution

## **September topic: What's under the ground? Safety is paramount**

If you are one of those people who see a 'gotta have it' plant in the magazine, store, or in neighbor's yard, you may not be thinking of where to put the plant. Well before you start to dig in, David Van Wy will remind us all how important it is to see the big picture—to look up as we plant a tree, look down before we start the rototiller

If you think you know it all, then come and challenge our speaker.

Naperville Community Gardeners  
August 7, 2017

**Board Meeting - 6:30PM** Barb Bozek, Wanda Wohead, Jan Gricus, Vicky Polito, Linda Allison

- Jan reported that the club currently has \$10,961.15 in the bank.
- The Darien Garden Club Spring Show is Saturday, March 10, 2018. More information will follow closer to the date.
- Net income from the Plant Sale is \$3,664.80
- Wanda will stay on as VP, Linda is staying on as secretary
- Vicky shared that the Garden Show sign-up will be available for members to volunteer to help. The club needs more assistance than in the past. The board discussed areas of concern from previous shows and that will be discussed during the meeting.


**General Meeting - 7:04PM**

- Minutes of the June meeting were approved by Vicky and seconded by Nick
- Thank you to Rod for hosting the club picnic!
- Treasurer's report - Currently we have \$10,961.15 and the Shaeffers' bill has been paid
- The Scholarship Committee is looking at different organizations who would benefit from scholarship funds from our club.
- The name tags that Nick ordered have arrived and are available at the meeting.
- The Garden Show is August 19 Ruben Riverwalk Center on Jackson
- Guide booklets have been distributed to the Park District and the Garden Plots
- An e-mail has been sent to people who have garden plots telling them about the Garden Show, the River radio station is announcing the Garden Show, newspapers have been notified
- Submissions to the Garden Show need to have correct information on the tags, display will be removed if not accurate, judges will not be correcting tags, tags must be attached to the display (taped, tied), containers don't count in the judging, onions should not be peeled
- Dahlias or other submissions need to meet stated requirements (show booklet), such as number of blooms, same type of flower in each vase, make sure the identification for the plant is accurate, especially section numbers
- Information on monarch butterflies / bees will be available as well as a club outreach table
- The suggestion of green tags for organics will not be available for this year
- Volunteer assistance is needed from 7 - 10 AM for set up and to assist participants in show, especially from 9 - 10, take down - clean up help needed after 3:00
- We will have 6 judges - clerks are needed to assist the judges 10:30 - 12:30 / 1:00
- Signs will be placed on the Riverwalk and near Ruben Center announcing the Garden Show

Meeting adjourned: Judy approved and Bob seconded  
Minutes submitted by Linda Allison - Secretary  
Program: Backyard Birds and Bird Feeding

# Monarch Festival



Sunday, September 17  11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Knoch Knolls Park, 336 Knoch Knolls Rd.

## A pollinator extravaganza

- Discover our native pollinators!
- Learn how to create a pollinator garden.
- Watch Monarchs being tagged.
- Get free milkweed seeds.
- Ask the experts from local conservation organizations.
- Play games and make crafts in the children's area.
- Meet a beekeeper and some honeybees.
- Enjoy lunch with on site food trucks.

For more information visit  
[napervilleparks.org/knochknolls](http://napervilleparks.org/knochknolls)

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**SEED SAVING GUIDE**

source: seed savers exchange

Common name	Scientific name	Life cycle:	
		A annual, B biennial	Seed Maturity *
arugula (rocket)	<i>Eruca sativa</i>	A	after
bean (common bean)	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	A	market or after
beet	<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	B	after
cabbage	<i>Brassica pleracea</i>	B	after
carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>	B	after
chives (common chives)	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	perennial	after
cilantro	<i>Coriandrum Sativum</i>	A	after
collards	<i>Brassica poleracea</i>	B	after
corn	<i>Zea Mays</i>	A	market or after
cucumber	<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	A	after
dill	<i>Anethum graveolens</i>	A	after
eggplant	<i>Solanum melaongena</i>	A	after
frisee	<i>Cichorium endivia</i>	A	after
gourd	<i>Cucurbita spp.</i>	A	market
gourd (hard shelled)	<i>Lagenaria siceraria</i>	A	market
ground cherry	<i>Physalis grisea</i>	A	market
leek	<i>Alium ampeloprasum</i>	B	after
lettuce	<i>Latuca sativa</i>	A	after
lima bean	<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i>	A	market or after
melon	<i>Cucmis melo</i>	A	after
mustard greens	<i>Brassica juncea</i>	A/B	after
okra	<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i>	A	after
onion (common)	<i>Alium cepa</i>	B	after
parsnip	<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>	B	after
pea	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	A	market or after
pepper	<i>Capsicum ssp.</i>	A	market
pumpkin	<i>Cucurbita spp.</i>	A	market
radish	<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	A	after
runner bean	<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i>	A	market or after
spinach	<i>Spinacea oleracea</i>	A	after
squash, summer	<i>cucurbita pepo</i>	A	after
squash, winter	<i>cucurbita pepo, cucurbita argyrosperma</i>	A	market
tomato	<i>solanum lycopersicum</i>	A	market
watermelon	<i>citrullus lanatus</i>	A	market

**\* Maturity:**

market = seeds are ready  
when fruit is fully ripe

after = seeds mature after  
fruit/plants is typically eaten