



Naperville Community Gardeners

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Established 1980

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

Next Meeting

Monday, February 5, 7 p.m.

John Greene Realty
1311 S. Highway 59, Naperville
(Hwy 59 and Montgomery Rd/83rd St)

Speaker: Mike Nowak
WGN Radio Show
"Let's Talk Gardening"

2006 Officers

President	Linda Thompson
Vice President	Logan Wasson
Secretary	Kristie Siuciak
Treasurer	Tom Campbell
Past President	Mary Wright



Dues are due!

Member dues are due by April 1, no fooling. After April 1, they will go up to \$20. Get yours in while they are still \$15. Bring to the next meeting or mail to Tom Campbell at P.O. Box 9555, Naperville, IL 60567.

From the President

Logan Wasson did what I couldn't do last year—he booked Mike Nowak from WGN radio for our upcoming meeting! If you've heard Mike, you know we're in for a fun-filled meeting on February 5.

In getting ready for our February meeting, I realize we're coming up on three months until the plant sale! It will be May 12 at the garden plots.

A committee has been meeting over the past month to brainstorm about ways for our club to improve the profit we make on our purchased plants. They will have more to report at our meeting.

In this newsletter, you will see a list of the 2007 committee chairs. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to take on the tasks that help make our club so great. One particular note. Geri Niemann and Mary Carter Beary have agreed to organize the summer picnic and garden walk. They have asked if something other than a picnic might make sense. We have not had a great turnout the past few years (maybe because it's been so hot) and are wondering if some other venue or idea might be better. If you have any suggestions, please let me or Geri or Mary know.

Also, remember to pay your dues for the year. This is the primary way we cover our expenses. Dues for renewing members is \$15 until April 1 and then goes up to \$20.

See you on the fifth!

Linda Thompson, President

Upcoming Events

- February 5** **NCGC Meeting**
- May 6** **Green Earth Fair**
- May 12** **NCGC Plant Sale**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS ~ 2006

- Annual Plant Sale----- Mary Wright
- Member Plants ----- Betty Ference
- Community Projects
- Benton Ave Post Office ---Carolyn Finzer
- Gardening Workshops ----- Ron Ory
- Garden Plots-Plant A Row ---- Ben Calvert
- High School Liaisons
- 203-----Wanda Wohead
- 204-----Kris Siuciak
- Naper Settlement----- Eleanor Holt
- Riverwalk Garden ----- Joe Pope
- Flower and Garden Show ----- Tom Campbell
- Harvest Banquet -----Wanda Wohead
- Historian-----Carolyn Finzer
- Library----- Ben Calvert
- Membership ----- Betty Ference
- Meeting Refreshments ----- Linda Allison
- Mini Show-----Nancy Carroll
- Newsletter ----- Rosemary Holdredge
- Distribution ----- Mary Wright
- Photography -----Patti Thompson
- Picnic-----Mary Carter Beary
- Geri Neiman
- Programs-----Logan Wasson
- Publicity -----Carolyn Finzer
- Shop and Share ----- Open
- Show Directory -----Rosemary Holdredge
- Special Correspondence ----- Eleanor Holt
- Special Events----- Betty Earl
- Web Site -----Peter Klassen

Minutes of January 9, 2007

Welcome to members and guests.

Old Business

Harvest Banquet. The club gave a big round of applause to Wanda Wohead for making arrangements and putting together a great banquet. Wanda has also agreed to remain Harvest Banquet chairman for 2007.

Donation to Patrick Bell. A donation of \$250.00 was made to Patrick Bell, Green School assistant principal, McDonough #15, a KIPP Transformation School in New Orleans. The grant will be used to develop a garden to teach the children eco responsibility. Patrick sent a thank-you note to the club.

Approval of Past Minutes. A motion was made by Peter Klassen to approve the minutes from past meetings as recorded by Joann Monge. The motion was seconded by Mary Wright. Motion carried.

Approval of Past Treasurer's Reports. Motion to approve the past treasurer reports made by Peter Klassen as submitted by Tom Campbell. Motion seconded by Mary Wright. Motion carried.

Mini Show

Kris Siuciak brought in a few branches of holly, **Ilex 'Blue Princess'**, **Chuck Baumrucker** brought in a lovely photograph of a rose, and the club cactus was passed from Mary Wright to Linda Thompson.

New Business

Approval of 2007 Bylaws. Peter Klassen moved to approve the 2007 bylaws. The club will continue to use the bylaws as published on the Web site for 2007. Motion seconded by Mary Wright. Motion carried.

2007 Budget. Peter Klassen moved to approve the 2007 budget as submitted by Tom Campbell. Line items from the sale of plants and donations may change depending on the success of the plant sale. Motion carried.

Dues. Reminder to pay dues by April 1. Dues for current members are \$15 and dues for new members are \$20.

Refreshment Schedule. A refreshment schedule for 2007 was passed around for sign-up.

Club Assets. Please let Linda Thompson know if you are personally holding any club assets.

Committee Chairs. The chairs are posted on the Web site, agenda, and newsletter. Carolyn Finzer will replace Eleanor Holt as chair of publicity. A big thank-you was extended to Eleanor for her hard work and dedication. Although Carolyn has gotten an e-mail address, she is best reached by US mail or the telephone.

LCD Projector. Kris Siuciak presented information concerning a LCD projector. The members were unsure if the club needed a LCD projector at this time. The matter was put on hold.

Donation of Funds. Dissatisfaction was expressed regarding the distribution of funds to high schools. Peter Klassen suggested that since this is an ongoing problem, a committee should be formed to decide the best way to use our donations. Kris Siuciak will form a committee to set up guidelines for funds disbursement by early summer.

Plant Sale Purchases. Purchases made by the club in the past for the plant sale have not been enough to meet our fundraising goals. A committee led by Mary Wright and Logan Wasson is meeting in January and will present information at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Mary Wright moved to adjourn and was seconded by Geri Niemann. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. and was followed by refreshments and a program by Chuck Brashears of the Wild Bird House on attracting birds to the garden.