



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

June 4, 2007, 7 p.m.

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

Speaker: C. J. Simon

Topic: Iris

2007 Officers

President	Linda Thompson
Vice President	Logan Wasson
Secretary	Kris Suiciak
Treasurer	Tom Campbell
Past President	Mary Wright

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From the President

What a busy month! We had an absolutely glorious day for our plant sale, some great plants to sell and a fantastic turnout from the community. My favorite was that we were all able to spend a lot of time together and have fun!

Now at the risk of forgetting anyone (and please forgive me if I do):

Thanks especially to the Plant Sale committee: Mary Wright, Betty Ference, Logan Wasson, Peter Klassen, Eleanor Holt, Barbara Jones, Wanda Wohead, and Patti Thompson.

Thank you to everyone who dug plants; set up the tent, tables, and plants; priced the plants; worked the checkout; answered customer questions; or provided snacks. Without the help of everyone, we could not have had such success!

Thank you to the Boy Scouts and their leaders for babysitting our plants on Friday night.

Thanks to Tom Campbell, Jim Canavan, Carolyn Finzer, and Linda Thompson who manned our booth at the Green Earth Fair to promote the sale and our club.

Thank you to Barbara Jones for collecting the campaign signs and working with the Naperville Junior Garden Club to create some wonderful eye catching signs for our Plant sale.

Thank you to Brian Bell for making the postcards for the sale and Rosemary Holdredge for doing the mail merge.

Thank you to Betty Ference for making all the labels for the member plants.

Thanks to Barbara Jones and Logan Wasson for the preview visit to Shady Hill to select our plants.

Thanks to Patti Thompson for introducing us to a new supplier and bringing in those plants.

And thanks to the community who supported us and came out to buy our plants.

If anyone has any suggestions for next year's sale, please let me or anyone on the committee know.

Our garden bus tour is Sunday, June 24. Betty Earl has arranged a visit to some wonderful gardens in Barrington Hills and Arlington Heights and a stop at Geimer's Nursery in Long Grove. Cost is \$20. Please let Betty Earl know if you can make it.

I am sad to report that another member of our club family is moving away. This time it's Geri Niemann. She is relocating to be near her son's family and new twins. But Geri reports that there is a bicycle path right near her new home and a great garden club in the Springfield area. Our loss is that club's gain! We'll miss her and thank her for all the work she's done for our club. She is promising to come back next year and help again with the sale!

Our June 4 meeting will feature an iris expert. We also hope to have a report of the plant sale results. I will be away for that meeting, so if you have announcements or new business, please get the info to Logan.

Meanwhile, enjoy the beautiful weather, plant some favorite things and enjoy the great gardening season!

Linda Thompson
President

Upcoming Events

- June 4** **NCGC Meeting**
- June 14 & 15 Chicagoland Pond Tour
DuPage and Cook Counties
- June 24** **NCG Bus Tour**
- July 21** **Garden Plot Judging**



Irises Are Blooming

The June speaker, C. J. Simon, is a member of the American Iris Society and an expert on the cultivation of iris. He will present a slide show on their many shapes and colors just at the time when irises are bursting with beauty in our gardens. Be thinking about questions to ask about protecting your rhizomes in the months ahead.

Bus Tour

Betty Earl has planned this year's bus tour for Sunday, June 24. She will be taking us to a 15-acre garden in Barrington Hills, a very exotic garden in Arlington Heights, and a 7-acre garden in Barrington. The trip will end with a visit to Geimer's specialty nursery in Long Grove. Meet the bus at Market Meadows in the parking lot near McDonald's, 75th Street and Naper Blvd., at 8 a.m. Cost of the trip is \$20.00. Send your check in to Betty ASAP at 24W775 75th St., Naperville, 60565. Spouses and friends are welcome to join us!

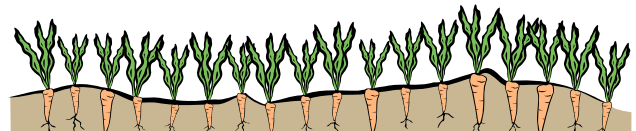


Pond Tours

The Chicagoland Pond Tours will take place during the month of July, with different counties featured each weekend. DuPage and Cook counties are scheduled for June 14 and 15. When tickets become available, they may be purchased through the Web site, www.chicagolandpondtour.org.

Garden Plot Contest

In conjunction with the Naperville Park District, Naperville Community Gardeners will again be judging the garden plots on West Street this summer. There are several categories in the contest, with a winner in each one: Best Vegetables, Best Flowers, Best Combination, Best Maintained, Most Creative Layout, and Best Scarecrow. The judging will take place on Saturday, July 21, at 9 a.m. It is a very enjoyable way to spend the morning. If you would like to participate in the judging, let Tom Campbell know.



Minutes for May 8, 2007

President Linda Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mary Wright moved to approve the April meeting minutes and was seconded by Judy Kanarek. Because the treasurer's report was not published in the newsletter, no approval was possible. Reports for two months will be published in the next newsletter. Linda Thompson welcomed guests.

Announcements

Linda announced the new Publicity chair, Betty Ference.

Jill Borlick made Shop and Share Days coupons for May 14-16 available at the meeting. They will also be available at the plant sale on Saturday.

Ron Ory reported on the two successful Park District gardening workshops held with the help of several members.

Linda Thompson extended a thank you to the many members and other helpers who contributed time and hard work for the Riverwalk Cleanup and Mulching Day on April 14.

Linda Thompson reported on the garden club table at the Green Earth Fair on McDonald Farm on May 8. Flyers were distributed about our upcoming plant sale.

Old Business

Plant Sale, May 12 – Mary Wright enlisted helpers to set up tables, unload plants, set up members' plants on Friday night, and help with various jobs the day of the sale. Boy Scouts will stay overnight. Volunteers who previously signed up were asked to confirm with Mary tonight and others were encouraged to sign up. Signs are available for posting in our neighborhoods and are to be returned to Betty Ference. Judy Kanarek asked members who volunteered to bring refreshments to see her tonight. Logan Wasson said the Shady Hill plants looked good and we will have more to sell this year than last year.

Members' Plants – Betty Ference has made labels for all members' plants for which she has been given information, a huge job for which she was given a round of applause. All others are to contact her by 3 p.m. Friday. Nancy Herron donated pots that will be planted by Beth Engle to be sold at the plant sale. A rummage sale table is planned. Donations not sold must be taken home or they will be discarded.

Member Name Tags – Betty Ference reported that the former supplier has died. Suggestions for possible vendors were offered by members. She will follow up.

Garden Bus Tour – Linda reported that Betty Earl will lead a tour to gardens in Barrington Hills on Sunday, June 24, leaving at 8:00 a.m. Approximate cost is \$20. A preliminary sign-up sheet was passed at the meeting. A question was raised about inviting other garden clubs, but no decision was reached.

Picnic – Discussion was held regarding outing for July. The past two years have been extremely hot with a poor member turnout. Suggestion was made to meet at the Arboretum for lunch. Linda will check into this.

It was reported that Carolyn Finzer and other members planted flowers at the post office.

Concern was raised regarding the John Greene building being locked at 7:10 p.m., which may prevent latecomers from getting in for the meeting.

Mini Show

Linda Thompson offered castor bean seeds. (Nancy Carroll later displayed and discussed several spring blooming perennials after the speaker's program ended.)

Raffle – Names were picked for two tree peonies and three perennials donated by Beth Engle.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judy Kanarek, seconded by Patty Thompson, and the meeting was adjourned.

After refreshments, Logan Wasson introduced the speaker, Bill Jegen, who raises dahlias and acts as a judge for competitions. His presentation included a complete explanation and slide presentation of the types, sizes, and colors of dahlias with instructions on raising and caring for them. He encouraged all members to try growing these versatile "vegetables."

Geri Niemann for
Kris Siuciak
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

	2007	%	TOTAL	VARIANCE	MAR	APR
	BUDGET		YR TO DATE			
REVENUES AND RESERVES						
01 01	Members Dues					
	\$1,180.00	7.9%	\$820.00	(\$360.00)	\$340.00	
01 02	Members Banquet Tickets					
	\$1,000.00	6.7%	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)		
01 03	Members T-Shirt Sales					
	\$100.00	0.7%	\$0.00	(\$100.00)		
	SUB-TOTAL MEMBERS REVENUE					
	\$2,280.00	15.2%	\$820.00	(\$1,460.00)	\$340.00	\$0.00
01 04	Plant Sale: Vendors					
	\$9,500.00	63.4%	\$0.00	(\$9,500.00)		
01 05	Plant Sale: Members Misc.					
	\$3,000.00	20.0%	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)		
01 06	Revenues					
	\$150.00	1.0%	\$0.00	(\$150.00)		
01 07	Interest					
	\$50.00	0.3%	\$10.89	(\$39.11)	\$2.82	\$2.33
	SUB-TOTAL FUND-RAISING/MISC.					
	\$12,700.00	84.8%	\$10.89	(\$12,689.11)	\$2.82	\$2.33
	TOTAL REVENUES					
	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$830.89	(\$14,149.11)	\$342.82	\$2.33
01 08	Transfer from Reserves					
	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	TOTAL REVENUE AND RESERVES					
	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$830.89	(\$14,149.11)	\$342.82	\$2.33

EXPENSES AND RESERVES

02 01	Members Picnic					
	\$200.00	1.3%	\$0.00	\$200.00		
02 02	Members Banquet					
	\$1,350.00	9.0%	\$0.00	\$1,350.00		
02 03	Members Name Tags					
	\$30.00	0.2%	\$0.00	\$30.00		
02 04	Members Recognition Fund					
	\$100.00	0.7%	\$0.00	\$100.00		
02 05	Members T-Shirts					
	\$100.00	0.7%	\$0.00	\$100.00		
	SUB-TOTAL MEMBERS BENEFITS					
	\$1,780.00	11.9%	\$0.00	\$1,780.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02 06	Bus Trip					
	\$350.00	2.3%	\$234.50	\$115.50	\$234.50	
02 07	Bank Charges					
	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
02 08	Club Maintenance Costs					
	\$65.00	0.4%	\$62.00	\$3.00		
02 09	Door Prizes/Mini Show					
	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
02 10	Refreshments Misc.					
	\$50.00	0.3%	\$0.00	\$50.00		
02 11	Expenses					
	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
02 12	Newsletter					
	\$60.00	0.4%	\$39.00	\$21.00		
02 13	Program Speakers					
	\$1,200.00	8.0%	\$380.00	\$820.00		\$150.00
02 14	Publicity and Website					
	\$150.00	1.0%	\$0.00	\$150.00		
02 15	Historian/Photo Supplies					
	\$25.00	0.2%	\$0.00	\$25.00		
02 16	Storage unit					
	\$600.00	4.0%	\$0.00	\$600.00		
02 17	Flower & Garden Show					
	\$850.00	5.7%	\$0.00	\$850.00		
	SUB-TOTAL CLUB ACTIVITIES					
	\$3,350.00	22.4%	\$715.50	\$2,634.50	\$234.50	\$150.00
02 18	Donations to 5 HS (\$250)					
	\$1,250.00	8.3%	\$0.00	\$1,250.00		
02 19	Donation to Riverwalk					
	\$500.00	3.3%	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
	SUB-TOTAL DONATIONS					
	\$1,750.00	11.7%	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
02 20	Plant Sale: Vendors					
	\$8,000.00	53.4%	\$0.00	\$8,000.00		
02 21	Plant Sale: Members					
	\$100.00	0.7%	\$11.25	\$88.75	\$11.25	
	SUB-TOTAL FUNDRAISERS					
	\$8,100.00	54.1%	\$1,726.75	\$6,373.25	\$11.25	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES					
	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$1,226.75	\$13,753.25	\$745.75	\$150.00

02 22	Transfer to Reserves	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES AND RESERVES		\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$1,226.75	\$13,753.25	\$745.75	\$150.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$0.00		(\$395.86)	(\$395.86)	(\$402.93)	(\$147.67)

		<u>AS OF LAST POSTING:</u>	
BALANCE: BEGINNING OF YEAR		\$10,129.08	\$10,283.82 \$9,880.89
+ RECEIPTS		\$830.89	\$342.82 \$2.33
- DISBURSEMENTS		\$1,226.75	\$745.75 \$150.00
BALANCE: END OF MONTH		\$9,733.22	\$9,880.89 \$9,733.22

CURRENT BANK BALANCES		<u>AS OF 04/30/07</u>
SAVINGS BALANCE		\$9,460.53
CHECKING BALANCE		\$507.19
2005 BUDGET OUTSTANDING		\$0.00
2006 CHECKS OUTSTANDING		\$234.50
END-OF-MONTH BALANCE		\$9,733.22