



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

Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 7 p.m.

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

Speaker: Bill Jegen
Master Gardener

Topic: Dahlias in the Home
Landscape

2007 Officers

President	Linda Thompson
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From the President

There seems to be renewed interest in gardening this year. Ron Ory's April 3 installment of his annual Gardening Workshop set attendance records! On hand to help out were Rod Beary, Beth Engle, Eleanor Holt, Rosemary Holdredge, and Linda Thompson. As I write this, another workshop is scheduled for April 17. Thanks to Ron Ory, Eleanor Holt, Ollie Burrows, and Rosemary Holdredge who will help with that installment.

We had a great turnout and nice weather for our Riverwalk mulching project on April 14. The following members showed up and put down 12 loads of mulch on the east branch of the Riverwalk: Jan Bargmann, Brian Bell, Ollie Burrows, Bob Elvert, Betty Ference, Carolyn Finzer, Eleanor Holt, Barbara Jones, Peter Klassen, Bea McGovern, JoAnn Monge, Ron Ory, Terry Pilz, Mary Smedegard, Linda Thompson, and Logan Wasson. JoAnn brought her son Tim who put in a lot of hard work to earn some service hours. A big thank you to all who participated.

Our club will have a booth at the upcoming Green Earth Fair on Sunday, May 6. It should be a good way to get some publicity for our club and our plant sale. Last year, the fair drew 1,000 people. The event is free and runs from 1 to 5 p.m. I have a few volunteers to staff our booth (which comes with a table and two chairs), but please contact me if you are interested in taking a time slot or sharing one with a fellow club member. We plan to hand out information on our club and flyers for our plant sale. For more information on the fair, go to www.GreenEarthInstitute.org.

By now, everyone knows that our plant sale is MAY 12 at the West Street Garden Plots. I hope you are out surveying your gardens with a trowel in hand for plants that can be separated, potted up, and sold. Mary Wright's suggestion that we forward Plant Sale information via email to as many potential

buyers as possible is a great one. Remember, the committee has ordered almost twice as much plant material as last year, so we really need your help at the sale and need to publicize this event.

On that subject, we have a new Publicity chair. Betty Ference has agreed to take on the job. Thank you, Betty! Remember that we usually need a two- to three-week lead time to get information into the local papers, so if you want something to make our announcements, you need to get them to Betty early.

I close with a fond farewell to club member Nancy Herron who is moving to Oregon. Good luck and good gardening, Nancy, we'll miss you!

See you on **Tuesday**, May 8, for our next meeting featuring Bill Jegen, a dahlia expert.

Linda Thompson
President

Upcoming Events

May 6	Green Earth Fair
May 8	NCGC Meeting
May 12	NCGC Plant Sale

May Meeting

The speaker for the May meeting is Bill Jegen, master gardener, and a member of the DuPage Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau. His area of expertise is dahlias, and he is going to present a slide show of the many different forms and colors of dahlias.

Shop & Share

Jewel Shop & Share days have been set for May 14, 15, and 16. Five percent of your total bill on those days will be donated to the club. This is an easy way to make money for our projects. Just give the coupon to the clerk when you check out. Coupons will be available at the next meeting, or you can clip the one at the end of the newsletter.



Plant Sale

As a member of the Naperville Community Gardeners Club, you realize that our plant sale is our one and only opportunity to raise income for the club. In past years, proceeds were used to make donations to the high schools, Riverwalk plantings and other charitable causes. We can't help others unless we have the money to do so. That's why it's important to have a successful plant sale.

This year our plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 12. We've ordered twice the amount of plants and vegetables that we had last year, and we also have ordered Mother's Day gift plants.

If you have not as yet volunteered to help out with an assignment, please do so soon. The sign-up sheet will again be at our meeting on TUESDAY, May 8. If you aren't going to attend, please let me know what assignment you would like to have.

We need cashiers for all time slots on Saturday as well as helping with customer service on Saturday. If you are already helping with an assignment, please let me know as well, so I can record it in the assignment list.

If you have previously participated in the plant sale, you know it's a rewarding experience. Whether it's rain or shine, we will be out there greeting our customers and selling them plants.

I hope to hear from you soon and see you in May!!! Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Naperville Community Gardeners Club!!!

Member Plants for Plant Sale

If you have any decorative pots that you can part with, 12" or larger, please bring them to the next meeting so that our plant sale committee can pot up some nice arrangements for our member plant sale.

Also, don't forget to bring in your plant label requests to the next meeting. If you have them electronically, you can send them via e-mail to betty.ference@uchospitals.edu.

Minutes for March 5, 2007

Linda Thompson, president, welcomed members and guests.

The meeting started at 7:03 p.m.

Barbara Jones moved to start the meeting and was seconded by Patty Thompson. Mary Wright moved to approve the March meeting minutes and was seconded by Eleanor Holt. Liz Kelman moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Mary Wright.

Announcements

Linda Thompson ran into Mike Nowak, our speaker from WGN radio. He fondly remembered us as a "feisty" group and was excited to find out that we were pursuing the use of corn gluten as a pre-emergent herbicide. He is interested in how things turn out for us.

This is the last month for renewing members to pay \$15.00 dues. Dues will be \$20.00 for the rest of the year.

A big round of applause was given to Eleanor Holt for completing master gardener training. She has to perform 60 hours of community service.

Mary Wright is going to follow up on the permit questions for our Plant Sale in May and make sure everything is in order.

There is an opening for the Publicity chair. Anyone interested should contact Linda Thompson.

Liz and Larry Kelman could use some help in their yard. Larry has piles of compost and he is willing to give it to the club for our upcoming sale if anyone is interested in bagging it up.

Garden Workshops are April 3 and 17 at the clubhouse at Sportsman's Park from 7 to 9 p.m. Twenty-seven people from the community are signed up for the first night and 15 for the second night. Ron Ory has gotten some volunteers, but there is still room for more.

Riverwalk clean up and mulching is scheduled for April 14. We will meet behind 600 S. Washington at 8:00 a.m. Linda Thompson will bring some donuts or some snacks and coffee. We can always use rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows. All tools need to be labeled.

The Green Earth Fair will take place Sunday, May 6, at McDonald Farm, 10 S 404 Knoch Knolls Road, Naperville. Linda Thompson will send an e-mail on April 9, 2007, asking for volunteers to help staff a table. It will be good publicity for our club.

Terry said the Growing Place is having some free talks at their Spring Festival on April 14 and 15. The festival is being held at their Fox Valley location. See their Web site for a complete list of times and talks.

Jewel Shop and Share is May 14 to 16. Jill Borlick will have forms at our next meeting.

A volunteer is needed for refreshments on August 6 to replace Linda Allison. Mary Carter Beary volunteered.

The next meeting is TUESDAY, MAY 8.

Mini Show

Dee Dobberstein brought in branches in full bloom of a *Cornus mas* or Cornelian cherry dogwood. She passed them out to members who are interested in trying to root them. *Cornus mas* is one of the first trees to bloom in our area and has a yellow flower followed by tart but tasty cherries that can be used to make jam.

Nancy Carroll brought in many specimens of spring blooming bulbs. Siberian squill (*Scilla siberica*) and striped squill (*Puschkinia scilloides*) are two.

New Business

Peter Klassen has opened his garden for the third Annual Spring Flower Display. Everything is popping and putting on a great show.

Wanda Wohead passed out some copies of corn gluten info and application rates.

The Plant Sale is scheduled for May 12. Mary Wright will have a post sale report. Barbara Jones, Mary Wright, and Logan Wasson will go to Shaefer's to look over material for our order. Anyone may join them. Mary Wright will look into sending out postcards to previous buyers for money off on their orders. Rosemary Holdrege will help Brian Bell with a mail merge for labels.

Betty Ference asked members to get info on their donated plants soon so she can get your labels typed up. If gets the information ahead of time, she will have labels ready for the next meeting.

Eleanor Holt still needs volunteers for posters for the garden kiosk at the West Street plots.

Linda Thompson asked the members if they were willing to loan club tent to other clubs. The consensus was NO.

Beth Engle said that the Mid America Orchid Congress meets at the Chicago Botanical Garden

with displays and sales on April 27 to 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.


Betty Earl is planning this year's bus trip. Members voted on a choice of two trips, which resulted in a tie. One trip would be on June 24 to Barrington, and the other would be a trip to Rockford. Betty will review both trip agendas and make a decision.

The meeting was adjourned.

Logan Wasson introduced our speaker for the evening, Joe Heidgen. Joe is a lively and interesting speaker from Shady Hill Nursery. His presentation was "Not Just the Old Red Geranium." Joe brought

in many of the interesting varieties of geraniums that Shady Hill will be selling this year. He also offered many suggestions for combination plantings for pots. He concluded by distributing geranium plugs.

Kris Siuciak
Secretary

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