



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

September 11, 2007, 7 p.m.
Plant Swap, 6:30 p.m.

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

Speaker: Carolyn Ulrich
Chicagoland Gardening

Topic: Gardens of South Africa

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

A big thank you to all who allowed us to tour their gardens for our annual garden walk and picnic on July 28- Beth Engle, Rosemary Stelter, Jim Canavan, Mark Cirzan and especially to Betty Ference for hosting the picnic at her home. All the gardens were beautiful and unique, and I know everyone enjoyed the chance to swap stories and spend time together.

The newsletter has lots of information about the upcoming Garden Show on August 25th. Please try to enter—it is a great way to showcase our club to our community. Remember to use this year's show book; the numbers and some categories have changed from last year. Let the competition begin!

The end of the year is approaching and that means it will soon be time for elections. Logan agreed to take on the vice president and speaker coordinator positions on the condition he would not follow as president the next year, so both the vice president's and president's slots are available. Having served in both functions, I can truly say that they have been fun and were a great way to get to know the members of our club better. I urge anyone who is interested in these or any other jobs to let me know.

See you at our next meeting. Remember it is **Tuesday**, September 11. Our speaker will be Carolyn Ulrich from *Chicagoland Gardening*, who spoke to us last year on English gardens. She will be speaking on the Gardens of South Africa. I am looking forward to a night of something different. It might be a good meeting to invite friends, neighbors, or other gardening friends!

Have a great rest of the summer.

Linda Thompson
President

Upcoming Events

August 25	NCGC Flower and Garden Show
August 26	Heirloom Garden Show
Sept. 11	NCG Meeting
Sept. 15	Plant Exchange Oak Park Conservatory
November 4	NCG Harvest Banquet Andrew's Open Pit Restaurant

Plant Exchanges

The club will have a plant swap before the meeting on September 11 in the parking lot. Divide up your overcrowded perennials now and bring them at 6:30 p.m. to exchange plants with other members.

The Oak Park Conservatory will also have its annual Perennial Plant Exchange on Saturday, September 15, at 615 Garfield Street in Oak Park. Perennials should be individually wrapped or in a pot labeled by type, color, and sunlight requirements.

Bring plants to the rear of the conservatory off the alley, which you will need to enter from the east side from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The gates will close at noon sharp, so get there early. You will be able to swap from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.; however, most plants are taken in the first few minutes, so it's important to be there before 12:30 p.m.

A houseplant exchange will take place at the same time inside the conservatory with the conservatory offering plants propagated from its collection of exotic greenery.

Wanda Wohead reports that this exchange has become one of her favorite activities and that many of the perennials in her yard came from the exchange. She warns that the houseplants from the conservatory are sometimes buggy, so they need to be isolated before sharing shelf space with your own houseplants. Call Wanda at 416-3467 for more information.

Harvest Banquet

Our annual Harvest Banquet will be on Sunday, November 4, at Andrew's Open Pit Restaurant. This is the same location as last year, but the name has changed. Garden Bingo will be returning!

Pick up your invitation at the Flower and Garden Show or at the September meeting.

27th Annual Flower and Garden Show

You've worked hard in your garden all summer. Why not give other Naperville gardeners a chance to see what you have done?

All club members and the general public are invited to take part in our 27th Annual Flower and Garden Show on Saturday, August 25, at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Street, Naperville.

Unlike many other shows, this one is not restricted to particular flowers or floral arrangements. Instead, it resembles a county fair, with exhibits of vegetables, flowers, fruits, herbs, hanging baskets, original garden art, and collections of plants.

Accredited judges evaluate the different presentations. Blue, red, and white ribbons are awarded for first, second, and third places in each category. Because there are over two hundred categories, there are many winners. There are also awards for best of class, best flower, best vegetable, and best of show. This year we will be awarding traveling trophies to the major category winners.

Exhibits should be brought to the Rubin Center at any time from 7 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the day of the show. After the judging, the public is invited to view the exhibits from 1:30 to 3 p.m. There is no charge for either entering the show or visiting the exhibition area in the afternoon.

The club encourages everyone to enter. Last year several of the top prizes were awarded to non-members.

The show booklet lists all categories and rules. Be sure to follow the instructions concerning number of specimens and size for displaying your entries. A lot of time can be saved by filling out entry tags before you arrive at the show.

The plant listing can be accessed on the club's Web site, www.napervillecommunitygardeners.org or you may call Tom Campbell at 717-0710 to arrange for pick up of a show guide and entry tags.

Heirloom Garden Show

On August 26, an Heirloom Garden Show will be held at Garfield Farm Museum, which is located five miles west of Geneva on Route 38. Historic varieties of fruit, vegetables, and flowers will be displayed, offered for tasting, and up for sale. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$2 for children under 13.

Lemon Cookie Recipe

Sheelagh Cooke's lemon cookies have always been a big hit at the plant sale in May, and Judy Kanarek has been kind enough to ask Sheelagh for the recipe and share it with us. Enjoy!

Cookies

3 cups flour
 2 tsp baking powder
 ½ tsp salt
 ½ tsp baking soda
 1 ⅓ cups sugar
 2 eggs
 ½ cup sour cream
 ¾ cup butter
 1 tblsp grated lemon zest

Frosting

2 cups powdered sugar
 3 tsp grated lemon zest
 3 tblsp fresh lemon juice

1. Heat oven to 375°. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt into a large mixing bowl.
2. Cream together butter and sugar using an electric mixer. Add eggs one at a time, sour cream, and lemon zest, mixing well. Sift in dry ingredients and mix until smooth.
3. Drop dough by teaspoonfuls onto a cookie sheets. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes until rounded and lightly browned.
4. For frosting, stir ingredients together with a wire whisk. Spread frosting on warm cookies.

Plant List from Member's Garden Tour

There were so many inquiries about the plants on the garden tour that Barbara Jones made a list to share with all of us.

Beth's Garden

Sedum 'Lemonball'
 Oakleaf Hydrangea 'Snow Queen'
 Caryopteris 'Sunshine' or 'Sunshine Blue'
 Variegated Caryopteris
 Bush Clematis
 Japanese and Korean Maples
 Sambucus racemosa 'Sutherland Golden' (chartreuse)
 Hosta 'Paradigm'

Hosta 'Thunderbolt'
 Hosta 'Fireworks'
 Hosta 'Venusta'
 Hosta 'June'
 Nepeta 'Montrose White'
 Brunnera 'Looking Glass'
 Hemerocallis 'El Desperado'
 Hemerocallis 'Root Beer'

Rosemary Stelter's Garden

Iron Weed
 Joe Pye Weed
 Culver's Root
 Cardinal Flower
 Pink Buddleia
 Red Monarda
 Lady's Mantle
 Variegated Leaf Hydrangea
 Gaillarda
 Heliotrope
 Echinacea

Jim's Garden

Hosta 'Blue Samuel'
 Hosta 'Janet'
 Unnamed Hibiscus
 Sedum 'Autumn Fire'
 Artemesia 'Palace Castle'
 Corydalis hedge
 Judii Vibernum
 Phlox 'David'
 Hydrangea 'Endless Summer'
 Pulmonaria
 Caryopteris 'Blue Mist'
 Ligularia

Mark's Garden

Pulmonaria
 Baptisia
 Amsonia 'Tabernaemontana'
 Silverbell Tree
 Fringe Tree
 Clethra
 Brunnera 'Jack Frost'
 Hypericum
 Red Buckeye
 Bottlebrush Buckeye
 Witchhazel
 Cornus Max
 Carolina Allspice
 Parrotia

Treasurer's Report

	2007 BUDGET	%	TOTAL YR TO DATE	VARIANCE	JUNE	JULY
REVENUES AND RESERVES						
01 01	Members Dues					
	\$1,180.00	7.9%	\$1,025.00	(\$155.00)	\$20.00	\$20.00
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%	\$24.00	(\$76.00)	\$12.00	
	SUB-TOTAL MEMBERS REVENUE					
	\$2,280.00	15.2%	\$1,049.00	(\$1,231.00)	\$32.00	\$20.00
01 04	Plant Sale: Vendors					
	\$9,500.00	63.4%	\$8,914.60	(\$585.40)	\$105.50	\$120.00
01 05	Plant Sale: Members Misc.					
	\$3,000.00	20.0%	\$3,097.50	\$97.50		
01 06	Revenues					
	\$150.00	1.0%	\$68.48	(\$81.52)		\$68.48
01 07	Interest					
	\$50.00	0.3%	\$22.75	(\$27.25)	\$4.18	\$4.40
	SUB-TOTAL FUND-RAISING/MISC.					
	\$12,700.00	84.8%	\$12,103.33	(\$596.67)	\$109.68	\$192.88
	TOTAL REVENUES					
	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$13,152.33	(\$1,827.67)	\$141.68	\$212.88
01 08	Transfer from Reserves					
	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	TOTAL REVENUE AND RESERVES					
	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$13,152.33	(\$1,827.67)	\$141.68	\$212.88
EXPENSES AND RESERVES						
02 01	Members Picnic					
	\$200.00	1.3%	\$0.00	\$200.00		
02 02	Members Banquet					
	\$1,350.00	9.0%	\$200.00	\$1,150.00		\$200.00
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%	\$200.00	\$1,580.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
02 06	Bus Trip					
	\$350.00	2.3%	\$234.50	\$115.50		
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%	\$580.00	\$620.00	\$100.00	
02 14	Publicity and Website					
	\$150.00	1.0%	\$72.35	\$77.65	\$72.35	
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%	\$987.85	\$2,362.15	\$172.35	\$0.00
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		
	SUB-TOTAL DONATIONS					
	\$1,750.00	11.7%	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02 20	Plant Sale: Vendors					
	\$8,000.00	53.4%	\$6,883.12	\$1,116.88	\$6,319.00	
02 21	Plant Sale: Members					
	\$100.00	0.7%	\$415.81	(\$315.81)	\$404.56	
	SUB-TOTAL FUNDRAISERS					
	\$8,100.00	54.1%	\$9,286.78	(\$1,186.78)	\$6,723.56	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES					
	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$8,986.78	\$5,993.22	\$6,895.91	\$200.00

02 22	Transfer to Reserves	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES AND RESERVES		\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$8,986.78	\$5,993.22	\$6,895.91	\$200.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$0.00		\$4,165.55	\$4,165.55	(\$6,754.23)	\$12.88

	<u>AS OF LAST POSTING:</u>	
BALANCE: BEGINNING OF YEAR/MONTH	\$10,129.08	\$21,035.98 \$14,281.75
+ RECEIPTS	\$13,152.33	\$141.68 \$212.88
- DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,986.78	\$6,895.91 \$200.00
BALANCE: END OF MONTH	\$14,294.63	\$14,281.75 \$14,294.63

CURRENT BANK BALANCES	<u>AS OF 07/31/07</u>
SAVINGS BALANCE	\$12,980.22
CHECKING BALANCE	\$1,514.41
2006 BUDGET OUTSTANDING	\$0.00
2007 CHECKS OUTSTANDING	\$200.00
END-OF-MONTH BALANCE	\$14,294.63

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Meeting Minutes August 16, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Linda Thompson, President

Welcome to Members and Guests

Move to approve start of meeting by Betty Ferrance and seconded by Patty Thompson

Linda Thompson started the discussion by saying it was time to start thinking about next year's officers. Logan was encouraged to move up to president although part of his agreement from last year was that he was not going to pursue the position.

Move to approve prior meeting minutes by Ron Ory and seconded by Betty Ferrance

Move to approve Treasurer's Report by Peter Klassen seconded by Alan ?

Next meeting is on Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Old Business

Big thank you to all who participated in Garden Walk and Picnic at Betty Ferrance's

Rosemary H showed her beautiful pond, Beth E had wonderful orchids hanging everywhere, Jim C natural Habitat for Wildlife and Mark S's stunning garden. Every one had a great time and extended a heartfelt thanks to Betty and her helpers for offering her home, garden and their time for the picnic.

New Business

Garden Show - August 25th

Tom Campbell passed around a sign up sheet for help, clerks and clean up positions are open. He also passed out this year's garden show book with updated categories.

New ribbons and entry tags were printed and bought.

Tom did request some money from the current budget to be used for these items. This request was approved.

Entrants should have their entries set up between 7a and 10a. Doors close at 10a sharp. Judging starts at 10:30a. Doors will reopen for public viewing from 1p to 3p.

Our club will have a membership table with some marketing pieces available.

There will be some refreshments available for the judges.

Peter and Brian will tally entrants' points.

Our club member's entry numbers were predetermined from our club roster.

Discussions were held as to whether additional categories should be available for Dahlias. It was decided that 2 additional listings will be available for 605A Dahlias over 11 inches formal and 605B Dahlias over 11 inches informal. Printed sheets will be available at the door.

The Heirloom Garden Show @ Garfield Farms will be held August 26th from 11am until 4 pm. Located on Garfield Road just north of Illinois Route 38 between Geneva and Elburn.

Beth E organized a perennial plant swap - will be held outside the building @ 6:30 pm before the next meeting on September 11th.

Wanda W announced the Harvest Banquet will be at Andrews Open Pit (same place as last year - used to be called - Jimmy's Char House) on Sunday, November 4th. Cost will be \$18.00 a person. Menu selections will include chicken, steak, pork chops and shrimp. Soft drinks will be included with a cash bar.

Back by popular demand is Garden Bingo! Fun for everyone!

The room holds 60 people.

Wanda also announced the the Oak Park Conservatory is having their annual plant swap. This is going on the second weekend of September. Plant drop off is between 9 and 12 noon in the alley. Gates open at noon and things go quickly. The Conservatory is located on the frontage road off the Eisenhower Expressway off Harlem Avenue. There will be an indoor plant swap at the same time.

MINI SHOW

Its Dahlia time!. Ollie brought in a selection of Kelvin Floodlight, Lilac Time and Swan's Sunset. Nick also brought in a lovely arrangement of Dahlias for everyone to admire. Patty T brought in some Sweet Annie (*Artemisia annua*) an annual, self seeding herb that has some medicinal qualities, is being

investigated for cancer and smell wonderful when crushed. Patty also brought in some small plants for members to take home.

Move to adjourn the meeting made by Peter K and seconded by Ron O.

SPEAKER

Logan Wasson introduced the evening's speaker Ms Eila Grahn. Ms Grahn is a professional photographer who has combined her love of gardening with photography. She presented an interesting and beautiful slide presentation on how to best use photography to capture your garden shots.