



# 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 2, 2008

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

**Speaker:**

**Topic:**

## 2008 Officers

<b>President</b>	<b>Rod Beary</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Robert Elvert</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Barbara Jones</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Tom Campbell</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Linda Thompson</b>

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## From The President:

Well, I was impressed! Were you? I mean, how the plant sale was handled by the Naperville Community Gardeners. Mary Wright/Logan Wasson and their committee (Eleanor Holt, Linda Thompson, Peter Klassen, Beth Engle, Betty Ference, Barbara Jones, Wanda Wohead) did a fantastic job of planning, coordinating and implementing the event. But, it didn't stop there, because it looked like everyone from the club was there and pitching in. If you listened in you heard a lady ask "can someone help me pick out the plants to have a bountiful bloom on July 21<sup>st</sup> when I will be hosting an event and want my guests to be impressed with the garden"? Sure, see that lady over there with the big gardening hat? Her name is Nancy Carroll, she will help you. Or the family looking to plant some vegetables wanted to know when to plant peppers – Rich McDaniel was right there and in-between watering plants gave the answer. That scene went on all day with our expert members sharing their love of gardening. In addition to being a fund raiser for the club the sale provided a valuable public service to the community by sharing gardening knowledge and enthusiasm to gardeners of all levels. What else can you expect from a group of gardener with email names like "dirtonmyhands", "hortpotter", "dirt53", "plantingpam" and "rosemary" (smile). It looks like the plant sale was a great success, thanks to everybody chipping in.

Here's a mission for anyone so inclined...write an article for our website under the column A Gardener's Story that answers the question, "why I'm a gardener" or "what I like about gardening". Peter Klassen, our webmaster has asked for member contributions. If this idea is of interest, write something up and send it to Peter. It would be fun for others to read your story and will help everyone to get better acquainted.

Our next big event is the picnic. Linda Thompson is the chair for this event and Linda Allison the host. It would be great to have everyone participate. While filling in your calendar, just keep in mind that gardeners are good cooks too and they bring their best picnic fare to the picnic. Of course, there are always member garden tours included as well. Also in July, will be a garden tour organized by Betty Earl. It promises to be well worthwhile. Then it will be our annual vegetable and flower show in August chaired by Tom Campbell. We are making a special effort to invite other Naperville Clubs to participate this year. If you have any competitive streak in your gardening bones, you know that it is especially important to rise to the occasion of displaying your gardening skills this year. You and I know that NCG gardeners are the best in town...but it would be nice for others to know that.

The club has several projects that call for assistance periodically: The Preemption House (Eleanor Holt, Brian Bell), Plant A Row (Tom Campbell and Ben Calvert), Post Office (Carolyn Finzer) and Refreshments (Linda Allison) to name a few. When the call (email) for assistance comes, try to respond when you can --- many hands make light work.

How would you like to do a member's program for one of our meetings this fall? The

idea is for several members to volunteer to do a five to ten minute program on a subject of their choice and then to have a panel discussion of the topics. If you are interested in this idea, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Rod Beary

***Naperville Community Gardeners  
Committee Chairs 2008***

Annual Plant Sale.....	Mary Wright
Member Plants.....	Betty Ference
Community Projects: Benton Street Post Office.....	Carolyn Finzer
.....	Carolyn Finzer
Gardening Workshops.....	Ron Ory
Garden Plant a Row.....	Ben Calvert
Garden Plot Kiosk.....	Eleanor Holt
Garden Plot Judging.....	Wanda Wohead
High School Liaisons 204.....	Wanda Wohead
.....203.....	Kristie Siuciak
Naper Settlement.....	Eleanor Holt
Naper Settlement Rose Garden.....	-Brian Bell
River Walk Cleanup.....	Linda Thompson
Riverwalk Gardens.....	Joe Pope
Flower and Garden Show.....	Tom Campbell
Harvest Banquet.....	Wanda Wohead
Historian.....	Carolyn Finzer
Library.....	Ben Calvert
Membership.....	Betty Ferrance
Meeting Refreshments.....	Linda Allison
Mini Show.....	Beth Engle
Newsletter.....	Kris Siuciak
Mail distribution.....	Mary Wright
Officer Nominating Committee.....	Jill Borlick
Organic Gardening Sub Group.....	Betty Ferrance
Photography.....	Patty Thompson
Picnic.....	Linda Thompson
Publicity.....	Linda Thompson
Programs.....	Bob Elvert
Shop and Share.....	Jill Borlick
Show Director.....	Rosemary Holdredge
Special Events.....	Betty Earl
Special Correspondence.....	Eleanor Holt
Website.....	Peter Klassen

## **Thank You Note from Craig Theimer, Naperville Central High School...**

Dear Naperville Community Gardeners,

On behalf of the Agriscience Department and students of NCHS, I would like to thank the Naperville Community Gardeners club on your generous donation to our program. Over the past years, we have been collecting plant material for the Horticulture Judging team and the plant science classes. The last state contest in April, the Horticulture club competed and placed 10 of 19 total teams and 35 schools. Our team is a Sophomore team and Jennifer Martynowicz placed 4th individual out of 175 individuals. With a score of 609, she was 11 points away from 1st place. Having the plant material on school grounds has helped the students learn the plants for the team. I hope the team will grow and all the members can begin to achieve the level that Jennifer has. With the \$250, we will purchase more material to help the team and the Plant Science class. This use of the money will have a long term effect because the plants will continue to grow on the NCHS grounds. With the renovation of the building, I am careful to plant the items in places where they will not be destroyed. If needed, we will have the plants moved to preserve our educational value on the land.

Thanks again for your generous donation,  
Craig Theimer

### **Thank You Letters for Contributions**

We have received a thank you note from Benet Academy who will use there donated funds to start a butterfly garden and

### **Planting at Pre-Emption House**

For the past few years our club has assumed responsibility for planting annuals around Pre-Emption House at Naper Settlement. This year on May 13 a crew of eight spent approximately two hours installing hundreds of plants. The group included Jim Canavan, Carolyn Finzer, Brenda Gregory, Eleanor Holt, JoAnn Monge, Nick Papadolias, Esther Prock, and Patti Thompson.

Sharon Hinkle, Facilities Manager, was pleased with the group's efficiency. She also enjoyed coming to our plant sale, where she had bought some of the plants. She looks forward to seeing another group of club members on May 28, when there will be a chance to add the finishing touches to the plantings. At that time, Brian Bell will conduct a rose pruning workshop for those who are interested. For many years Brian has maintained the roses at Pre-Emption House.

## **May Minutes Naperville Community Gardeners Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2008**

**Barbara Jones absent**

**Tom Campbell absent**

**Abbreviated minutes taken by Kris Siuciak**

**Call to order:**

**Welcome:** Welcome extended to members and guests – Grace and Carol.

We have 5 New Members attending this month:

Janice Gricus, Carol Hayes, Linda Drummond  
Randy Scheib and Arup Bhuyan

**Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** Eleanor Holt motioned to approve the previous month's minutes, Linda Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ron Ory motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Mary Wright 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Announcements/Committee Reports:**

- Plant Sale – Mary Wright reported that we need help on Friday evening for everyone to bring their plants. The trucks will come Friday at 5:00 pm and we need people there at 3:00 to help unload the trucks and help set up the tent and tables. Please sign up for more than one activity. On Saturday, the sale will start at 7:30 am so we want everyone there by 6:45 am. We need cashiers, people to water, do customer service, plant ID, publicity, refreshments, setting up tables, road signs, etc. Contact Mary Wright to sign up. weather. Put your name on your tools. If you have a club tee-shirt or hat, wear that.
- Barbara Jones left painted yard signs for members to put up around town for the sale.
- Boy Scouts will be at the Garden Plots overnight.
- Betty Ference is looking for help with member plant sale – putting signs up, labels, and sale monitors.
- We will distribute a card to each member which will entitle them to purchase 3 plants "pre-sale".
- Refreshments will be available from 7:30 am until about noon.

- Linda Thompson asked if anyone is interested in doing a garden club picnic/garden tour this summer to contact her. No date selected for the picnic yet.
- The Fall Banquet will be at Jimmy's Char House – Wanda Wohead
- Ron Ory thanked the members who assisted with the Beginning Gardeners Workshops on 4/15/2008.
- Thank you extended to Barbara Jones for her article on propagating shrubs.
- Ron Ory has additional pots for plants on his driveway if needed

### **New Business:**

Eleanor is looking for volunteers to plant at the Pre Emption House to plant plants purchased on 5/13/2008 and 5/28/2008 at 3:30 pm

Chuck said that there is now cell phone service in the basement.

Open Invite from Peter Klassen to see his woodland garden in bloom,

There will be a dedication for the Blue Star Marker at Burlington Square on June 17, 2008. This is the 124<sup>th</sup> star in Illinois. There is no admission fee and Mayor Pradel will be there.

### **Mini Show:**

Beth Engle did the Mini Show

Patty Thompson brought in a beautiful 'Old Fashion' Lilac that has been growing for many years.

Rod Beary brought in a 6 pack of heirloom tomatoes.

Beth Engle brought in a beautiful, in full bloom, orchid in a hand thrown pot.

Rosemary brought in a arrangement of Bergenia 'Pig Squeak', Bergenia cordifolia and a hosta in a mixed bouquet.

Nancy Carroll brought in a "My Dream' Tulip.

Randy Schieb brought in a Red Trillium, Virginia Bluebells, Celadine Poppy and a Primula,

Ester brought in a potted "Emerald Falls".

Beth E was the \$5.00 winner of Mini Show, Rosemary took home the tomatoes and some asparagus that was also brought.

**Adjournment:** Mary Wright motioned to close the meeting at 7:50 pm. Betty Ference 2nd.

The evening's presentation was an enjoyable talk and slide show by the representative from Ball Seed. The presentation centered around the best new annuals and a few perennials that have proven to be great for our climate.