



Naperville Community Gardeners

April 2011

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

Attention Photographers! Photo Contest

It's time to dust off your camera and start taking pictures. We need a great photo for the front of the 2011 Flower & Garden Show Guide and this year there will be a \$5.00 prize for the winning photo.

Photos should be high resolution and should feature a specific specimen rather than a pretty garden "scene." Preference will be given to photos that have the specimen identified. Photos should be emailed to: newsletter@napervillecommunitygardeners.org as a .jpg by June 20th.

Thank you to....

...Vicky Polito for volunteering to be Secretary.
...Betty Ference for volunteering for a lifetime position doing T-shirt sales!
...Angel Whitt for volunteering to help Barb with organizing refreshments.

Welcome new members:

Jim Bryla & Gail Butler

Next Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2011
7 p.m.
Knox Presbyterian Church

"Garden Design"

Presented by Ed Max
Max Landscaping

Ed will speak about garden design using spring ephemerals, incorporating native wildflowers and designing for fall color in the landscape. His emphasis will be on shade gardens and cottage gardens utilizing native plants that can be found locally. Max has a landscaping company located in Winfield, Illinois - www.maxlandscape.com.

Upcoming Dates:

May 2	Meeting & Program: "Planting A Sustainable Edible Front Lawn Vegetable Garden – A Great Way To Save Money and Feed Your Family" presented by Shawna Coronado
May 7	Annual Plant Sale
June 6	Meeting & Program: TBA
July	Garden Walk & Picnic
August 1	Meeting & Program: TBA
August 20	Flower & Garden Show
September 12	Meeting & Program: TBA
October 3	Meeting & Program: TBA
November	Harvest Banquet

Naperville Community Gardeners Meeting Minutes - February 7, 2011

Submitted by Vicky Polito

Arup called the meeting to order in essentially the foyer/entry hall of Knox this time due to space conflict at the church.

-Approximately 40 people in attendance.

-Motion to approve minutes from February is made and carried, minutes approved.

-A quick report from the Treasurer, Tom Campbell, states current funds are at \$13,422.99.

-Motion to nominate Vicky Polito to role of Secretary is made and carried, Vicky Polito is voted in as Secretary for 2011.

-A Publicity Chairman is still needed as well as back-up volunteers for Secretary.

-Betty Ference agrees to sell member t-shirts this year.

PLANT SALE: Bob Elvert took the podium to finalize plans for annual plant sale (slated for Saturday, May 7th, the day before Mothers' Day).

See Bob's list of compared options—they were:

1--City Garage: 2--District Barn adjacent to cemetery on Martin Avenue, west of Washington; 3--Garden Plots:

4--Pavilion (far west end)

After much lively discussion and Q&A regarding parking options, advertising/marketing potential (in terms of foot—and dollar—traffic to the sale), tent needs and use, timing of plant delivery and set-up, camping out with plants on Friday night vs. potential for plant storage in locked and weather safe facilities, etc., the vote broke down as such, with staying at the garden plots this year winning:

1--Garden Plots, 26 votes

2--Barn, 10 votes

3--Pavilion, 1 vote

4--City Garage, 0 votes

Additionally, the membership voted to try this year to use borrowed or rented “pop-up” tents in place of our damaged larger tent. The pop-ups are roughly 10ft x 10ft and Bob guesses we'll need about 6-8 of them. Some members can get a hold of loaners and we can rent others for about \$10-\$15/ea. This was in juxtaposition to purchasing a new tent for about \$150-\$200. It was generally agreed to try the smaller ones this year, using smaller “blue tarps” and backing from our own tent as walls for them where needed, and re-visit a tent purchase next year. Also, in response to a question about the hanging baskets, Bob says the pop-ups cannot hold them, but we can construct some of the frame of our own tent and use that as a hanging basket display center. And, there should be no additional permit/fee needed for the pop-ups.

-Linda Allison put out sign-up sheets for pre-sale work such as pricing and labeling, etc. in the days before the sale.

-Members should begin bringing plastic pots for plants to next meetings.

-The plant sale will begin at 7:30 am on Saturday, May 7th.

This portion of the meeting ran long because we had so much to pin down regarding our plant sale. Bob left with just a few details to iron out re: pop-up tents, etc., but our location and the large details are set.

Nancy Carroll quickly requests volunteers to contact her about doing a one-time walk through this summer at Life Spring's resident gardens.

Tom Campbell reminds people to come see him to pay annual dues.

The mini-show included some fun and clever plastic food-container “clam-shell” lettuce gardens (very cute and a good gift idea with jar of dressing, or with sprouted herbs instead, etc.) and some cut-roses that rooted and are grow-

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ing from Angel Whitt. Nancy Carroll brought in a cut “Red Peacock” double Amaryllis bloom.

Ron Ory quickly mentions he has a sign-up sheet for plant donations for the “Plot 5” garden project.

JoAnn Monge asks members to review and check for accuracy of their own info the printed membership roster she has set out.

Meeting was adjourned later than usual, at just past 8 pm to go to a refreshments break. The group reassembled at 8:30 pm for an hour presentation and Q&A from Kevin Crist of Intrinsic Landscaping on green roofs and exterior walls.

Refreshments

Thank you to Janet Johnson and Bea McGovern for the wonderful refreshments at the March meeting.

The 2011 schedule for refreshments is:

April	Linda Allison & John Polich
May	Judy Kanarek & JoAnn Monge
June	Freda Haller & Lillian Cera
August	Barb Bockman & Arup Bhuyan
September	Wanda Wohead & Jim Canavan
October	Jan Gricus & Mary Wright

Each refreshment volunteer is asked to bring 4 dozen treats (2 dozen of 2 types). Finger food is best. Please be at the church by 6:40 p.m. to organize your treats.

Contact Barb Bockman if you have any questions.

Newsletter Submissions

All newsletter submissions are due by the 20th of the month. Newsletter submissions should be typed in Microsoft Word, attached to an email, and sent to:

newsletter@napervillecommunitygardeners.org

Naperville Community Gardeners 2011

Executive Board

President	Arup Bhuyan
Vice-President (Programs)	Betty Ference
Secretary	Vicky Polito
Treasurer	Tom Campbell
Past President	Patti Thompson

Committee Chairs

Flower and Garden Show	Tom Campbell
.....	Barbara Jones
Gardening Workshops.....	Ron Ory
Harvest Banquet.....	Esther Prock
Historian	Carolyn Finzer
Membership.....	JoAnn Monge
Meeting Refreshments.....	Barb Bockman
Naper Settlement Gardens	Eleanor Holt
Naper Settlement Rose Garden	Brian Bell
Newsletter.....	Laurel LaLonde
Newsletter Distribution.....	Mary Wright
Photography	Ron Ory
Picnic Coordinator	Barbara Jones
Plant Sale.....	Bob Elvert
Plant Sale-Members' Plants.....	Linda Allison
Post Office Garden.....	Carolyn Finzer
Publicity	OPEN
River Walk Clean Up	Linda Thompson
River Walk Gardens.....	Linda Thompson
Show Guide	Laurel LaLonde
Special Correspondence	Carolyn Finzer
T-shirt Sales.....	Betty Ference
Website.....	Peter Klassen

Due to fragrance allergies, your
“fragrance free”
attendance
at meetings and
club events
is greatly appreciated.

2011 Plant Sale Update

Now that the site has been set, responsibilities and timelines are being set in order for a smooth and successful plant sale. Following is a status of some of the key jobs to be done; those without an assigned person will be completed before the April meeting.

Date: Saturday, May 7th

Location: The Garden Plots (as voted by members at the March meeting)

Permit: Signed and approved

Tent: The Naperville Park District has graciously agreed to lend us four 10 X 10 pop-up tents

Plant Selection:

- Logan and I have discussed initial order
- Using Schaefer's as sole provider, worked well in 2010, will present at April meeting
- Review final buy prior to May 1st

Tables: Tom Campbell to order (30 as with last year)

Storage unit transfers: Responsibility to be established

Member plant information: Linda progressing

Master Gardeners Desk: Logan progressing

Pre-Sale Notification: Peter progressing

Responsibility sheets:

To be passed around at April meeting
VERY important to sign-up !!!

Food: Sign-up

Set-up / Take-Down: Sign-up

Members' Plants: Sign-up

Cashiers: Sign-up

Sale Write-Ups: Sign-up

**Only through support by everyone
will the sale be a success !!!**

Members' Plant Sale

Do you have perennials that need to be divided this spring and you really don't have the space or need for the additional plants? The NCG Members' Plant Sale may be just the answer. You can pot up the extra plants and donate them to the members' sale May 7. Need extra pots? Members can bring extra pots to the April meeting. Leave them on the porch area so those needing them can collect them. After you have divided the plants you send the information about number of plants, variety, color, bloom time, sun/shade/water requirements etc. on the form that will be sent out electronically or use a paper copy that will be provided at the April and May meetings. This form is then sent by e-mail or given to Linda Allison. A plant label will be waiting and ready for you when you deliver your plants to the sale Friday, May 6th (between 4-6 p.m.) or early (6-8 a.m.) on the sale day - May 7th.

All monies from the Members' Sale provide funds for our Flower and Garden Show, underwrite expenses for the picnic and members' banquet, and provide for speakers for our meetings,

Please refrain from "sharing" invasive plants for the sale. Two such plant varieties are *Lythrum salicaria* - Purple Loosestrife and *Lysimachia nummularia* - Moneywort. Both plants are on the invasive plant species from the arboretum and the purple loosestrife is banned for the state of Illinois. Since it is possible that a member would not know if they had purple loosestrife it is best that no varieties of loosestrife be donated.

We will again set up a table for Collectors' or Specialty Plants. This will give a display area for those hard to find or unique varieties.

Sign - up sheets will be available at the April meeting for both the members' sale and the nursery plants' sale. We really need your help to make the sale a success!

-Bob Elvert

-Linda Allison