



Naperville Community Gardeners

September 2011

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

Contact Information Updates

Changes to your email address, phone #, etc.? Please send any contact information changes to:

Membership Chair JoAnn Monge

Refreshments

Thank you to Janice Gricus, Arup Bhuyan and Jim Canavan for the wonderful refreshments at the June meeting.

The 2011 schedule for refreshments is:

September	Wanda Wohead & _____
October	Garden Bounty Potluck

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.

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: Due to fragrance allergies, your "fragrance free" attendance :
: at meetings and club events is greatly appreciated. :
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Next Meeting

**2nd Monday
this month!**

**Monday, September 12, 2011
7 p.m.**

Knox Presbyterian Church

**"How Plants Become
AAS Winners"**

presented by
Diane Blazek

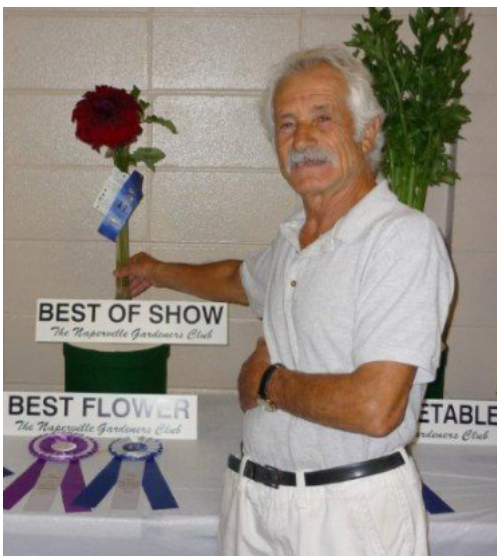
Diane Blazek, Director of All America Selections (AAS) and the National Gardening Bureau, will walk us through the process that a plant goes through to become an AAS winner. Diane specializes in Annuals and Vegetables and will assist us in determining the best plant selection based upon proven winners.

Upcoming Events & Contact Person

September 12	Meeting & Program: "How Plants Become AAS Winners" by Diane Blazek Plant Exchange. Questions? Contact Laurel LaLonde
October 3	Meeting & Program; Garden Bounty Potluck, Seed Exchange. Questions? Contact Betty Ference Program: "Seed Saving and Edible Landscapes" by Ed Max, Max's Greener Places
November	Harvest Banquet. Questions? Contact Esther Prock
December	No Meeting

31st Annual Flower & Garden Show

	Category	Name	Specimen Name
Best of Show		Nick Papadolias	Dahlia "Spartacus"
Best of Class	Class 100: Annual/Biennial	Janice Gricus	Coleus "Fishnet Stocking"
Best of Class	Class 200: Perennial	Laurel LaLonde	Pennisetum "Red Head"
Best of Class	Class 400: Gladiolus/Summer Bulbs	Rosemary Holdredge	Lycoris
Best of Class	Class 500: Roses	Tom Campbell	Knockout
Best of Class	Class 600: Dahlias	Nick Papadolias	Dahlia "Spartacus"
Best Flower	From Classes 100 to 600	Nick Papadolias	Dahlia "Spartacus"
Best of Class	Class 700: Potted Plants	Sherry Jopp	Orchid
Best of Class	Class 1000A: Vegetables, Bush Type	Wanda Wohead	Celery
Best of Class	Class 1000B: Vegetables, Root Types	Eleanor Holt	Garlic "Musik"
Best of Class	Class 1000C: Vegetables, Vines	Sherry Jopp	Squash
Best of Class	Class 1000D: Vegetables, Tomatoes	Wanda Wohead	Tomato "Big Zac"
Best of Class	Class 1000E: Herbs	Laurel LaLonde	Collection: Catnip, Dill, Mammoth Basil, Summerlong Basil, Thai Basil, Mojito Mint, Peppermint, Spearmint, Rosemary
Best of Class	Class 1100: Fruits & Melons	Ron Ory	Korean Pears
Best Vegetable	From Classes 1000A to 1100	Wanda Wohead	Celery
Best of Class	Class 1300: Artistic Arrangements & Art	Angel Whitt	Fairy Garden
Best of Class	Class 1400: Youth	Claire Jansen	Sunflower
Best Photo	Cover Photo	Ron Ory	Clematis "Miss Bateman"
Sweepstakes	The Sweepstakes Award is given to the club member who exhibits in a minimum of five categories and earns the most points for their exhibits.	Laurel LaLonde	



A big thank-you to Tom Campbell and Barbara Jones, co-chairs of the show, for all their hard work. 14 members and 4 non-members exhibited with a total of 388 exhibits.

Show Winners include:

Left: Nick Papadolias with his Best of Show Dahlia "Spartacus."

Right: Wanda Wohead's Best Vegetable - Celery.

More show pictures on page 4.



September 12 Plant Exchange

Our annual plant exchange will take place at 6:45 p.m. before the September 12 meeting. The following plants are available to be given away and there is a list of plants members would like to receive. Please make arrangements with the interested members on your own before the September meeting and then bring your plants for exchange to the church. The exchange will take place outside the church at 6:45 p.m.

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

From Ron Ory

Kentucky coffee trees (about 6 ea. - 12" to 18"); purple coneflowers; black eyed Susans; grasses (miscanthus--a couple types, little bluestem, switchgrass, northern sea oats, and maybe more); joe pye weed; periwinkle; burning bush; and even some volunteer cottonwoods. Rather than dig them up and shock them, I'd prefer that gardeners make arrangements with me to dig them and plant them immediately. They would be available on first-call, first-served basis.

From Linda Allison

1 volunteer 'Cinderella' Milk Weed - clump former, rose-pink flowers; 'Barbara Mitchell' Daylily - pale lavender-pink six inch blooms have a green throat, rounded and ruffled petals, blooms in July - August, strong grower, establishes quickly, 20" high by 18"- 24" wide; 'Ruffled Apricot' Daylily - larger apricot-orange blooms in July, 2' by 3' high, ruffled petals; Hosta - similar to 'Zounds', heart-shaped leaves that are golden in color, great in shade garden for brightening area, heavily corrugated, large mounding habit, blooms lavender in July; Siberian Iris - prefer full sun, moist area, blooms are purple in spring, foliage is grass-like all season, fall plant has seed pods; Ostrich Fern - part to full shade, grows 3' - 4' tall, vase shaped with large plume-like fronds

From Shirley (friend of Ron Ory)

Lilies (yellow orange) which I believe are tiger lilies. Big bush of Rose of Sharon.

Mary Wright

Redbud trees, Rose of Sharon bushes, ferns, Peony bushes

Linda Thompson

Mock Orange (it has never bloomed for me- might be insufficient sunlight), Spirea (I have a lot), Rhubarb

Barbara Bozek

small hostas - Blue Cadet, and Lady's Mantel. Some larger hostas as well - and more common - lots of them. Hosta Lancifolia, Stella d'oro daylilies and Monarda. I also can package milkweed seeds and/or pods for anyone wishing for a butterfly garden.

Vicky Polito

Rattlesnake Master, Wild Petunia, Silver Cup Hosta

Angel Whitt

Small Annual or Houseplant: Lemon Basil, Lime Basil, African Violet-Blue Flower/Variiegated Leaves, Haworthia Fasciata Zebra Succulent

Perennials: Sage, Rudbeckia, Shasta Daisy, Smaller Thin Leave Hosta with White Edge, Smaller Thin Leaf Hosta all green, Small/low trailing Plant with blue flowers

Plant Exchange Wish Lists - if you have the plants these people would like, please give them a call.

Mary Wright

Russian sage & Lavender

Laurel LaLonde

18"-24" Alliums, Sneezewort, Bergenia (pink blooming variety that can take pt. shade to full sun), Turtlehead, Filipendula "Kahome", Helleborus, Vinca

Linda Thompson

Hosta (unusual varieties), Elijah blue fescue, Incrediball or Annabelle hydrangeas, Turtle Head

Barbara Bozek

Purple cone flowers and raspberry bushes.

Alison Brown

Coneflowers (Echinacea), Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)

Vicky Polito

Coneflower--any type/color

Angel Whitt

False Indigo, Alum Root, Swamp Milkweed or others (have common), Native Horsetail, Prairie Smoke, Wisteria Vine, Liatris, Foam Flower, Creeping Phlox, Sedges, Asters, Lobelia, Moon Beam Hosta



2011 Flower & Garden Show



Naperville Community Gardeners Meeting Minutes, August 1, 2011

Submitted by Vicky Polito, Secretary

Arup Bhuyan called the meeting to order 7:00p. Approximately 40 people in attendance, with 1 guest.

Motion to approve June meeting minutes (no July meeting) made and passed.

No Treasurer's Report as Tom Campbell was absent, but figure from June was just under \$16, 000.

Betty Earl mentioned that our host church, Knox Presbyterian, requested help with ground cover planting (Vinca Vines) on Sunday, Aug 7th. Volunteers to report at church by 9a.

Carolyn Finzer mentioned that The Growing Place is hosting a Butterfly Festival during the coming weekend.

A member offered for the taking bags of Summer Amaryllis bulbs.

Vicky Polito reported that the outreach effort at the June 25th Garden Art Festival at the Growing Place was fun and successful with wonderful support from TGP. About 110 flyers with our club and annual Flower & Garden Show info were handed out. Recommendations for next year include perhaps raffling some item in exchange for contact info. Contact info collected was passed to Eleanor Holt who has agreed to be sure to email these and other non-member contacts about the club in a clear and coordinated way (unless the contact asks to be removed from the mailing list). One person who took our flyer ended up a guest at the August meeting. Ben Calvert said that Connie Bailey was very pleased to have our members there to help and we can expect to be invited next year. Terry mentioned that a few more male volunteers might be helpful for the added muscle. Angel Whitt brought leftover flyers, etc., back to Vicky.

Barbara Jones thanked everyone who participated in the member Garden Walk and picnic saying the food was great. Barb also promoted the annual Flower & Garden Show, for Saturday, 8/20. The show guide and entry tags were made available, as were bud vases for entries. A volunteer sign-up sheet for set up, judging assistance, and clean up was circulated.

JoAnn Monge told us that the club-wide distribution of the membership directory (for club business use only) will begin soon.

Laurel LaLonde asked that members wanting to participate in a fall plant exchange send her, via email by Aug 20th their "I have" and/or "I want" lists for distribution.

Ron Ory recapped activity at the garden plots/"Plot 5" community garden effort. Our \$500 donation was well spent and the native plants are generally doing well. The produce gardens are taking a hit from the rain and lack of drainage and have had to be replanted a few times. The one-ton goal for donation to Loaves & Fishes will be lower than that but lots was learned.

Ben Calvert announced he'd brought in about 25 years' worth of club historical "stuff" and Carolyn Finzer offered to take and save it for club posterity.

Betty Ference promoted our October Garden Bounty Potluck and Seed Exchange meeting. Please consider and plan a good dish and recipe to share.

Mini-Show: Ben Calvert brought a terrific ceramic garden toad and a binder of his garden photos; Jim Cananvan brought in amazing hibiscus blooms; Nick Papadolias brought dahlias that were smaller than normal due to our weather, but still striking--gave some tips for growing and any member should feel free to ask of his expertise at any time. Angel Whitt showed her and Missy's native/mason bees. More copies of Gardening Nude made available for those who didn't yet get their free copy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40p for refreshments followed by our program: Ornamental Grasses in the Landscape with Don Obuch.