



# 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

August 4<sup>th</sup> 2008  
7 p.m.

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>Logan Wasson</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:

Summer time is getting in full swing which means vacations and, of course, gardening. Hopefully your garden is planted by the time you read this. Now, all you have to do is sit back and watch it grow, (water, cut, mow, weed, trim, dead-head, pull out, replace, pick, harvest, clean, cook, etc.) admire, enjoy a refreshment in the shade of, share with admirers. What a hobby! So many fun things to pick from, especially if you can find someone else to do those things that you don't enjoy doing or if you get over-whelmed. The possibilities are boundless, especially in January, as they say. But, you can pick from any variety of flower, natives, vegetable, soil, structure, trees, bushes, or any combination thereof as your special interest. That gives the gardening enthusiast a lot of possibilities. What a great hobby.

Don't be timid, write up your story of why you are a gardener and send it to Peter Klassen to post on our website. Peter said it could be as long as 100 pages (or as short as you make it).

We have a new position for the club...for want of a better name, we call her the Sunshine Club Lady because Carolyn Finzer volunteered (thank you Carolyn) to fill the Sunshine Club position we officially created at our June meeting. The club has a long practice of recognizing events happening in member's lives but this formalizes it. Please let Carolyn know of any member who may be in need or want of contact or recognition whether it be of a positive or negative nature (health, marriage,

grandchildren/children, death, absence, etc.) The thought behind this is that we are socially important to each other as well as sharing an interest in gardening.

It's official, the plant sale was a great success! We made more than the budget required, people had fun, and the community was served. Again our thanks and congratulations to Mary Wright and Logan Wasson for leading and everybody who contributed their time, effort and plants. Member plants were a big part of the profit. You just can't beat the profit margin when you have a sale price over zero cost to the club. We recognize that members who contribute their plants subsidized with their time, effort and, in many cases, their own money for this contribution. Thank you all.

We thank Bob Elvert for making the arrangements to have Patricia Hill speak to us at our June meeting on native plant garden design. It was informative, imaginative and inspiring.

Plans are being made for a garden tour on July 19<sup>th</sup> and club picnic hosted by Linda Allison on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Summer can be hectic with lots going on but try to make as many club events as you can. And, don't forget to plan your entries for the Garden Show on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's a great time to show, see, compare, appreciate and be appreciated, and get new ideas. We hope to have other club participation this year so the show could be even more eclectic and interesting.

Best regards,

Rod Beary

### Plant Signs

Members - please go pick up any of our homemade plant sale signs that you may have put up. We reuse these every year. Please let me know if you have collected any and I'll make arrangements to get them from you.

Thanks

Barbara Jones

### June Minutes

#### Naperville Community Gardeners Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2008

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Terry Pilz. Betty Ference 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Welcome:** Guest Connie Bailey from the Growing Place

**Officer Reports:** Tom Campbell passed around the Treasurer's report. The plant sale made over \$13K. Peter Klassen motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Wright. Eleanor Holt motioned to accept the last meeting minutes. Judy Kanarack 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Committee Reports:

- **Field Trip** – Betty Earl has the tour planned for Saturday July 19. We will go to the Janesville Rotary Gardens, featuring Japanese, Scottish, French formal, English Cottage garden, fern and moss gardens. At Anderson Gardens in Rockford, we will see a formal Japanese garden, reported to be the second best Japanese garden in the US after Portland. Then we will go to a private 4 acre woodland garden in Oregon. We will leave at 7:00 am SHARP at Market Meadows (75<sup>th</sup> St and Naper Blvd). We should be back by 7:00 pm. Bring your own lunch and we will eat on the bus between the Rotary Gardens and Rockford. There is a restaurant at Anderson Gardens if one would chose to eat there instead. The cost for the trip is \$45 and there are openings for 47. Checks payable to Naperville Community Gardeners and being collected by Barbara Jones. Betty also handed out color booklets from Proven Winners. Extras will be available at our next club meeting.

- **Plant Sale** – Mary Wright thanked club members for working so hard for the plant sale. She also thanked the Boy Scouts for their help. We made \$5K profit on the sale. We made some donations with the leftover plants at the end of the sale, to John Greene Realty, Plant A Row for the Hungry, Naperville Post Office, Hillside Nursing Home and a Woman's Shelter. We will be having a wrap up meeting soon, so if you have any comments, please email Mary Wright at mtwrightnaperville@hotmail.com. If you'd like to chair the plant sale or any of the committees next year, contact Mary.
- **Picnic** - Linda Thompson was absent. We are considering Saturday, July 26 for the club picnic.
- **Garden Show** – Tom Campbell says the committee will meet in June to go through the show guide. The judges and space are lined up. At the August meeting we will be signing people up to help put on the show. The show will be on Saturday, August 23rd.
- **Harvest Banquet** - Wanda Wohead – no report on the Fall Harvest Banquet.
- **Plant a Row for Hungry** – Tom Campbell, Ben Calvert, Barbara Jones, Wanda Wohead planted 100 tomato plants, 600 onion sets, peppers and lettuce plants. Plots 7AA, 8AA, 7BB, 8BB, directly south of the kiosk. Feel free to stop by and pull some weeds or water.
- **Naper Settlement Planting** - Eleanor Holt thanked the people who planted at Pre-Emption house at Naper Settlement on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>. This included Jim Canavan, Carolyn Finzer, Brenda Gregory, JoAnn Monge, Nick Papadolias, Esther Prock, Eleanor Holt, Patti Thompson, Peter Klassen, Ron Ory, Terry Pilz.
- **Club Tee Shirts** - Betty Ference said that Anita Mraz dropped off the club tee shirts at her house. If you want a tee-shirt, contact Betty at 630-983-7030. We also need someone from the club to take over this responsibility of ordering the shirts, next year.

#### New Business:

- **Connie Bailey** from the Growing Place was here to talk about their Gardener's Art Festival on Saturday, June 14 at their Naperville location. They are looking for club members and Master Gardeners willing to help the day of the sale. In return you will get 20% off of any purchases you'd like to buy that day. Contact Connie directly at the Growing Place at 630-355-4000 if you are interested.
- Rod Beary would like to do a meeting next fall, with presenters from club members, possibly in a panel format. Please contact him if you're interested in doing a 5-10 minute presentation.
- Rod Beary proposed a new committee/person for a Sunshine person. This person would contact club members who aren't well, or haven't been around lately. Club members thought this would be a good idea. Carolyn Finzer graciously volunteered to chair this.
- Barbara Jones brought flyers for the Garden Walk on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to benefit Parkinson's Disease Research.
- Rod Beary proposed that club members submit articles or stories about their interests in gardening. These articles can be emailed to Peter Klassen at p.klassen@att.net (in .doc format) to be posted on our web site.
- Longtime club member, Chuck Baumrucker is moving to Atlanta. He has about 80 roses at his house and he is giving these away to club members. Contact him at 420-0596 if you're interested. We wish him the best in Atlanta and hope he finds a new garden club soon!

*Linda Thompson has mapped out the driving directions for the member's garden tours.. (July 26<sup>th</sup>)*

From: 1012 Kennebec Ln, Naperville, IL 60563-1414 US  
 To: 1452 Knoll Dr, Naperville, IL 60565-2925 US  
 To: 621 Thornwood Dr, Naperville, IL 60540-6634 US  
 To: 478 Laura Ct, Naperville, IL 60563-2513 US  
 To: 1012 Kennebec Ln, Naperville, IL 60563-1414 US

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

A) 1012 Kennebec Ln, Naperville, IL 60563-1414 US

1. Start out going NORTHEAST on KENNEBEC LN toward IROQUOIS AVE. (go 0.1 miles)
2. Turn RIGHT onto IROQUOIS AVE. (go 0.4 miles)
3. Turn LEFT onto E OGDEN AVE/US-34. (go 0.3 miles)
4. Turn RIGHT onto N NAPER BLVD. (go 3.5 miles)
5. Turn LEFT onto 75TH ST/CR-33 E. (go 0.6 miles)
6. Turn RIGHT onto WEHRLI RD. (go 0.9 miles)
7. Turn RIGHT onto LISSON RD. (go 0.1 miles)
8. Turn RIGHT onto VILLANOVA DR. (go 0.2 miles)
9. Turn RIGHT onto KNOLL DR. (go 0.0 miles)
10. End at 1452 Knoll Dr Naperville, IL 60565-2925

>> ESTIMATED TIME: 13 minutes | DISTANCE: 6.18 miles

B) 1452 Knoll Dr, Naperville, IL 60565-2925 US

1. Start out going NORTHWEST on KNOLL DR toward VILLANOVA DR. (go 0.2 miles)
2. Turn RIGHT onto FURMAN DR. (go 0.1 miles)
3. Turn RIGHT onto AUBURN AVE. (go 0.2 miles)
4. Turn LEFT onto WEHRLI RD. (go 0.8 miles)
5. Turn LEFT onto 75TH ST/CR-33 W. (go 1.4 miles)

6. Turn RIGHT onto S WASHINGTON ST. (go 1.7 miles)
  7. Turn RIGHT onto E HILLSIDE RD. (go 0.3 miles)
  8. Turn RIGHT onto THORNWOOD DR. (go 0.0 miles)
  9. End at 621 Thornwood Dr Naperville, IL 60540-6634
- >> ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes | DISTANCE: 4.49 miles

C) 621 Thornwood Dr, Naperville, IL 60540-6634 US

1. Start out going NORTH on THORNWOOD DR toward E HILLSIDE RD. (go 0.0 miles)
  2. Turn LEFT onto E HILLSIDE RD. (go 0.3 miles)
  3. Turn RIGHT onto S WASHINGTON ST. (go 1.4 miles)
  4. Turn LEFT onto W OGDEN AVE/US-34. (go 0.4 miles)
  5. Turn RIGHT onto N MILL ST/CR-32. (go 0.2 miles)
  6. Turn LEFT onto LAURA CT. (go 0.1 miles)
  7. End at 478 Laura Ct Naperville, IL 60563-2513
- >> ESTIMATED TIME: 7 minutes | DISTANCE: 2.38 miles

D) 478 Laura Ct, Naperville, IL 60563-2513 US

1. Start out going EAST on LAURA CT toward N MILL ST/CR-32. (go 0.1 miles)
  2. Turn RIGHT onto N MILL ST/CR-32. (go 0.2 miles)
  3. Turn LEFT onto W OGDEN AVE/US-34. (go 1.3 miles)
  4. Turn LEFT onto VEST ST/VEST AVE. (go 0.5 miles)
  5. Turn RIGHT onto KENNEBEC LN. (go 0.0 miles)
  6. End at 1012 Kennebec Ln Naperville, IL 60563-1414
- >> ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes | DISTANCE: 2.11 miles

E) 1012 Kennebec Ln, Naperville, IL 60563-1414 US  
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>> TOTAL ESTIMATED TIME: 37 minutes |  
DISTANCE: 15.15 miles

### **Mini-Show**

Beth Engle brought perennials for members/guests to take. Brian Bell brought cannas and dahlias for club members. Eleanor Holt brought in Black Pearl ornamental peppers and Rudbeckia. Betty Ference brought in bearded iris, allium, Bleeding Heart, columbine. Carolyn Finzer brought in a gorgeous orchid called "Little Joe". Eleanor Holt brought in Hosta "Fire & Ice". Wanda Wohead brought in bearded iris "Black Velvet" and 2 kinds of lettuce. Mary Wright brought some lucky bamboo. Barbara Jones brought rhubarb. Betty Ference won the \$5 raffle.

**Adjournment:** Mary Wright motioned to close the meeting at 8:00 pm. Logan Wasson 2nd.

**Presentation:** Author Patricia Hill is a landscape designer who landscapes with native plants. There are 32 landscape designs in her book. She showed pictures from her own yard in Elgin to show examples of how the flower beds look at different times of the year/season. She also showed photos and landscape plans from customer's houses, some of them utilizing existing plantings of non-native and incorporating native plants into the new design. Native plants are very successful in drought and heat. Native plants can be incorporated into entry gardens, parkways, backyards, formal or informal designs. They also have multi-season interest. She believes that we have disrupted natural habitats and they should be diversified with native plantings to restore a natural balance. Several native plant sales are held in the area in the spring: The Conservation Foundation sale is held in April-May (see [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org)) The Wheaton Park District Native Plant Sale is held in April (see [www.wheatonparkdistrict.com](http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com)) and the DuPage Forest Preserve is held in May

(see [www.dupageforest.com](http://www.dupageforest.com)). Barbara Jones has a copy of her book "Design Your Natural Midwest Garden" if anyone would like to borrow it.

## Member Garden Tour and Picnic

The Naperville Community Gardeners Picnic and Garden Tour is on for Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for this great opportunity to enjoy fellow member's gardens and spend time together when we're not working to sell plants or spread mulch, etc.!

Linda Allison will be hosting the picnic at her home at 1012 Kennebec Lane, Naperville.

Things to bring:

Spouses, family, friends or other interested gardeners.

A lawn chair to sit on

Tables if you have them

A dish to pass along with serving utensils (if needed):

    If your name starts with A-K –please bring a salad or appetizer

    If your name starts with L-Z- please bring a dessert.

We will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, cold drinks, cutlery and napkins.

Approximate time schedule and gardens to be toured are as follow:

9-9:30 Gather at Linda Allison's Home at 1012 Kennebec Lane. You can leave your dish to pass at Linda's and we can arrange carpool groups to save gas and make parking easier at the homes we'll be visiting. Also, feel free to join us anywhere along the route.

9:45 am. Ron Ory 1452 Knoll Drive

10:30 am. Bea McGovern 621 Thornwood (you can park in lot at nearby Highland School on Hillside Drive)

11:15 am Janice Gricus 478 Laura Court

12:00 pm. Linda Allison 1012 Kennebec Lane for garden tour and picnic.

Thanks to all those who agreed to make their gardens open to us!

Please let either Linda Allison (630) 355-0690 or Linda Thompson (630) 753-2361 know if you plan to attend and if you can provide any tables so we can plan accordingly.

Maps and driving directions follow: (see Mapquest directions)