



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 Event

July 28, 2007

Tour of Member Gardens and Picnic
8:15 a.m.
Meet at Betty Ference's Home
1035 Whirlaway Ave.

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

As you might know, I missed the June meeting because I was on a family vacation in Europe. But gardening was still on my mind. Everywhere we

went, I observed the beautiful flowers and interesting choices of plant material.

In England, we stayed with friends whose garden is enclosed by a beautiful hedge of laurel. The garden features a wide variety of tropical plants in colorful pots, some of which have long ago become too large to winter over in the conservatory. One immense palm tree has withstood the last 10 winters outdoors. Many of the garden plants are transplants from the garden of my friend's still-gardening 87-year-old father. The garden has many raised beds with "bum height" walls, just right for sitting on to enjoy the lovely plantings.

In Paris, I was struck by the inclusion of castor beans in the Luxembourg Gardens. While beautiful, I found it interesting that a poisonous plant was incorporated into the plantings in an area where children sail toy boats. The castor beans were part of a planting scheme that featured tall plants like *Verbena bonariensis* in a block alternating with low growing plants in blocks making a pattern like the crenellated top of a castle wall.

Germany was awash in geraniums of every imaginable color. I really liked a combination of red and pink that seemed a common choice of the Bavarians. We stayed with my husband's 78-year-old aunt who, despite having MS, maintains a beautiful garden with roses, lilies, delphiniums, and hydrangeas. When I commented on her lovely garden, she said to me in broken English that keeping the garden to her was just the same as eating, not an option, but a necessity. A lovely sentiment.

Plan on attending our Garden Club Picnic on July 28. We will tour a few member gardens in the morning and will have lunch at the home of Betty Ference. See details later in the newsletter for times and locations. I look forward to seeing you all!

I hope you're looking forward to our upcoming Flower and Garden Show on August 25. For anyone who has not participated, please consider entering and helping out this year. It really is a fun event and a great way for you to personally show off the fruits (and flowers) of your labor. I really enjoy helping

during the judging – I always pick up a pointer or two from the comments of the judges. Plus the sweepstakes competition is just good natured fun. So please join in this year!

Our next meeting is August 6. Logan has scheduled Eila Grahn to talk to us about garden photography. While many in the club are experts already, I know I'm looking forward to learning more on this topic.

Hope to see you at the picnic on July 28!

Linda Thompson
President

Garden Tour and Picnic

The Naperville Community Gardeners Picnic and Garden Tour is set for Saturday, July 28. Please join us for this great opportunity to enjoy fellow member gardens and spend time together when we're not working to sell plants or spread mulch!

Betty Ference will be hosting the picnic at her home. We will have a tent to shade the yard, but if it's too warm, Betty will turn on the air conditioning and we can go inside to eat and socialize.

What to Bring

- Spouses, family, friends or other interested gardeners.
- A lawn chair to sit on
- 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. We are in need of tables for under the tent, if you have a portable table that you can bring, please contact Betty Ference, 983-7030.

Approximate time schedule and gardens to be toured are as follows.

8:15 am Meet at Betty Ference's home at 1035 Whirlaway Ave. You can leave your dish to pass in Betty's refrigerator 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.

9:00 a.m.—Beth Engle, 511 Fenton Ave., Romeoville

9:45 a.m.—RoseMary Stelter, 2178 Hidden Valley Dr, Naperville

10:30 a.m.—Jim Canavan, 1015 Williamsburg Drive, Naperville

11:15 a.m.—Mark Cirzan 1055 Hillside Avenue, Naperville

12:00 p.m.—Betty Ference 1035 Whirlaway Avenue for garden tour and picnic.

Thanks to all those who volunteered to make their gardens open to us.

Please let either Betty Ference or Linda Thompson know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

Garlic Time



Garlic entries at 2006 Flower and Garden Show

Remember that garlic you planted last fall? It's time now to check on its progress.

Harvest when the lower third to half of the leaves have turned brown but when there is still plenty of green in the leaves at the top. The bulb will not get bigger beyond this point, but wrappers will begin to split.

Carefully dig the garlic out of the ground; you don't want to cut into the bulb with your shovel or trowel. Shake off the excess soil, but **DO NOT TRIM** the tops. Now comes the tricky part for some of us: the garlic needs to season by being placed in a shady, well-ventilated place for three or four weeks. Some people place it near a fan in the garage; other people put in on shallow racks in a dry, shady part of the garden. In any case, give it plenty of air--and wait.

After those three or four weeks have gone by, trim off the tops, cut off the roots, and your garlic is ready to eat. Use the smaller heads for cooking, but save the bigger ones for planting in October. The bigger the clove, the bigger will be next year's heads.

Important: Bring your best looking heads to the NCG show on August 25. Really. Last year we must have had fifty entries, and the judges were most impressed. It would be fun if we could have a table with nothing but garlic. (For each entry you need three heads of the same variety; try to choose those of similar size. If you don't know the variety, no problem. Bring them anyway.)

A great Web site is www.thegarlicstore.com. There is a lot of information on that site, and you can sign up for a quarterly newsletter from the Chief Clove, a funny guy whose humor isn't limited to garlic jokes.

Oh, and those scapes that are now waving at you from the top of your plants? Opinion is mixed; some say that cutting them off permits added growth to the bulb. Some people chop the stem to use in stir fry. And there's always the compost pile.

Eleanor Holt
Garlic Queen

Garden Plot Contest

Tom Campbell is still looking for members to help with the judging of the garden plots on July 21. If you can help, please meet him at the plots at 9 a.m. or give Tom a call. Maps of the plots will be provided and teams sent out to judge small portions.

Minutes for June 4, 2007

Vice President Logan Wasson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Mary Wright moved that the minutes be accepted as published in the newsletter. Eleanor Holt seconded. The motion carried. The treasurer's report was accepted after Peter Klassen so moved, Larry Kelman seconding.

Announcements

Linda Allison asked for a volunteer to assist with refreshments for the August meeting.

Logan Wasson announced that new member Dominic Clark Campbell has not yet paid his dues. Because Mr. Campbell is only four days old, he was not able to attend the meeting.

Old Business

Mary Wright, Plant Sale chair, summarized the results of the plant sale. Members' plants produced \$2,525 in profit. Plants bought from Schaefer's and Wagner's realized a profit of \$2665. The plant sale committee has met to discuss changes that might make next year's sale even more profitable and efficient.

Naper Settlement. Eight members planted flowers at Naper Settlement on May 2. Young Ahn, Jill Borlick, Jim Canavan, Carolyn Finzer, Freda Haller, Rosemary Holdredge, Nick Papadolias, and Eleanor Holt were the volunteers. Many of the plants were purchased at the club plant sale.

New Business

Garden Plot Judging. Tom Campbell needs volunteers to help judge the garden plots on Saturday, July 21, at 9 a.m.

Club night at Planter's Palette is scheduled for June 20 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There will be presentations, refreshments, and a 10% discount on purchases.

Betty Earl will lead a garden tour on Sunday, June 24. There will be visits to private gardens in Barrington and to Geimer's Garden Center. The cost is \$20 for transportation.

The annual Flower and Garden Show will be held on Saturday, August 25. Tom Campbell, chair, has secured judges and the necessary permits. Rosemary Holdredge is updating the Show Guide. Many volunteers will be needed to ensure the show's success.

Mini Show

Chuck Baumgartner showed his original floral photographs. Carolyn Finzer displayed cicadas carved in jade.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The speaker for the evening was C. J. Simon, a member of the American Iris Society. His presentation included an explanation about the different types of iris and instructions on planting and care. His slides effectively illustrated the beauty of the flowers. Mr. Simon concluded the program by answering questions from the members.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Monge for
Kris Siuciak, Secretary

Driving Directions for Garden Tour

From: 1035 Whirlaway Ave Naperville
 To: 511 Fenton Ave Romeoville
 To: 2178 Hidden Valley Dr Naperville
 To: 1015 Williamsburg Dr Naperville
 To: 1055 E Hillside Rd Naperville
 To: 1035 Whirlaway Ave Naperville

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

A) 1035 WHIRLAWAY AVE NAPERVILLE

1. Start out going SOUTH on WHIRLAWAY AVE toward E GARTNER RD. (go 0.11 miles)
2. Turn RIGHT onto E GARTNER RD. (go 0.78 miles)
3. Turn LEFT onto S WASHINGTON ST. (go 3.07 miles)
4. Turn RIGHT onto S NAPER BLVD. Continue to follow S. NAPER BLVD. (go 1.75 miles)
5. Turn LEFT onto VETERANS PKWY. (go 2.80 miles)
6. Turn RIGHT onto HUDSON AVE. (go 0.60 miles)
7. Turn LEFT onto FENTON AVE. (go 0.48 miles)
8. End at 511 Fenton Ave Romeoville

ESTIMATED TIME: 21 minutes|TOTAL DISTANCE: 9.60 miles

B) 511 FENTON AVE ROMEOVILLE

1. Start out going NORTH on FENTON AVE toward ARLINGTON DR. (go 0.17 miles)
2. Turn RIGHT onto ARLINGTON DR. (go 0.31 miles)
3. Turn LEFT onto IL-53/N INDEPENDENCE BLVD. (go 1.49 miles)
4. Turn LEFT onto IL-53 N/BOLINGBROOK DR. (go 3.46 miles)
5. Turn LEFT onto ROYCE RD. (go 1.26 miles)
6. Turn RIGHT onto PAXSON DR. (go 0.58 miles)
7. Turn LEFT onto E 87TH ST. (go 0.15 miles)
8. Turn RIGHT onto WEHRLI RD. (go 0.06 miles)
9. Turn LEFT onto HIDDEN VALLEY DR. (go 0.04 miles)
10. Turn LEFT to stay on HIDDEN VALLEY DR. (go 0.05 miles)
11. End at 2178 Hidden Valley Dr Naperville

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes|TOTAL DISTANCE: 7.57 miles

C) 2178 HIDDEN VALLEY DR NAPERVILLE

1. Start out going EAST on HIDDEN VALLEY DR toward PATHWAY DR. (go 0.05 miles)
2. Turn RIGHT to stay on HIDDEN VALLEY DR. (go 0.04 miles)
3. Turn LEFT onto WEHRLI RD. (go 1.54 miles)
4. Turn LEFT onto 75TH ST/. (go 2.80 miles)
5. Turn RIGHT onto W GARTNER RD. (go 0.04 miles)
6. Turn SHARP LEFT to stay on W GARTNER RD. (go 0.13 miles)
7. Turn RIGHT onto WILLIAMSBURG DR. (go 0.16 miles)
8. End at 1015 Williamsburg Dr Naperville

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes|TOTAL DISTANCE: 4.75 miles

D) 1015 WILLIAMSBURG DR NAPERVILLE

1. Start out going SOUTH on WILLIAMSBURG DR toward GETTYSBURG CT. (go 0.16 miles)
2. Turn LEFT onto W GARTNER RD. (go 1.62 miles)
3. Turn LEFT onto S JULIAN ST. (go 0.37 miles)
4. Turn RIGHT onto E HILLSIDE RD. (go 0.31 miles)
5. End at 1055 E Hillside Rd Naperville

ESTIMATED TIME: 8 minutes|TOTAL DISTANCE: 2.47 miles

E) 1055 E HILLSIDE RD NAPERVILLE

1. Start out going EAST on E HILL SIDE RD toward S CHARLES ST. (go 0.04 miles)
2. Turn RIGHT onto S CHARLES ST. (go 0.16 miles)
3. Turn RIGHT onto WHIRLAWAY AVE. (go 0.15 miles)
4. End at 1035 Whirlaway Ave Naperville

ESTIMATED TIME: 1 minute|TOTAL DISTANCE: 0.36 miles

TOTAL ESTIMATED TIME: 54 minutes|TOTAL DISTANCE: 24.74 miles

Treasurer's Report

	2007	%	TOTAL	VARIANCE	MAY
	BUDGET		YR TO DATE		
REVENUES AND RESERVES					
01 01	Members Dues				
	\$1,180.00	7.9%	\$985.00	(\$195.00)	\$165.00
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%	\$12.00	(\$88.00)	\$12.00
	SUB-TOTAL MEMBERS				
	\$2,280.00	15.2%	\$997.00	(\$1,283.00)	\$177.00
REVENUE					
01 04	Plant Sale: Vendors				
	\$9,500.00	63.4%	\$8,689.10	(\$810.90)	\$8,689.10
01 05	Plant Sale: Members				
	\$3,000.00	20.0%	\$3,097.50	\$97.50	\$3,097.50
	Misc.				
01 06	Revenues				
	\$150.00	1.0%	\$0.00	(\$150.00)	
01 07	Interest				
	\$50.00	0.3%	\$14.17	(\$35.83)	\$3.28
	SUB-TOTAL FUND-RAISING/MISC.				
	\$12,700.00	84.8%	\$11,800.77	(\$899.23)	\$11,789.88
	TOTAL REVENUES				
	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$12,797.77	(\$2,182.23)	\$11,966.88
01 08	Transfer from Reserves				
	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TOTAL REVENUE AND RESERVES				
	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$12,797.77	(\$2,182.23)	\$11,966.88

EXPENSES AND RESERVES

02 01	Members Picnic				
	\$200.00	1.3%	\$0.00	\$200.00	
02 02	Members Banquet				
	\$1,350.00	9.0%	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	
02 03	Members Name Tags				
	\$30.00	0.2%	\$0.00	\$30.00	
	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				
	\$1,780.00	11.9%	\$0.00	\$1,780.00	\$0.00
BENEFITS					
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				
	\$50.00	0.3%	\$0.00	\$50.00	
	Misc.				
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%	\$480.00	\$720.00	\$100.00
02 14	Publicity and Website				
	\$150.00	1.0%	\$0.00	\$150.00	
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%	\$815.50	\$2,534.50	\$100.00
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
02 20	Plant Sale: Vendors				
	\$8,000.00	53.4%	\$564.12	\$7,435.88	\$564.12
02 21	Plant Sale: Members				
	\$100.00	0.7%	\$11.25	\$88.75	
	SUB-TOTAL FUNDRAISERS				
	\$8,100.00	54.1%	\$2,390.87	\$5,709.13	\$564.12

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$1,890.87	\$13,089.13	\$664.12
02 22 Transfer to Reserves	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
TOTAL EXPENSES AND RESERVES	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$1,890.87	\$13,089.13	\$664.12
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$0.00		\$10,906.90	\$10,906.90	\$11,302.76

	<u>AS OF LAST POSTING:</u>		
BALANCE: BEGINNING OF YEAR		\$10,129.08	\$9,733.22
+ RECEIPTS		\$12,797.77	\$11,966.88
- DISBURSEMENTS		\$1,890.87	\$664.12
BALANCE: END OF MONTH		\$21,035.98	\$21,035.98

	<u>AS OF 05/31/07</u>
CURRENT BANK BALANCES	
SAVINGS BALANCE	\$12,625.66
CHECKING BALANCE	\$8,510.32
2005 BUDGET OUTSTANDING	\$0.00
2006 CHECKS OUTSTANDING	\$100.00
END-OF-MONTH BALANCE	\$21,035.98