



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

April 2, 2007, 7 p.m.

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

Speaker: Joe Heidgen
Shady Hill Nursery

Topic: Not Just the Old Red
Geranium

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

What a great turnout for our March meeting—we had over 50 people—and some new members, too! I hope everyone came home happy as in past years; Ball Seed was very generous. I was lucky enough to win several of the rose dianthus that looked showy in Ball's pictures. I can't wait to put them in the ground and with the weather warming up, I won't have to keep them inside for long!

Another fun thing to look forward to is the Naperville Riverwalk cleanup on April 14. As in past years, our club will take responsibility for the stretch from Burger King south to Hillside. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. behind 600 S. Washington. The park district supplies some equipment: wheelbarrows, rakes, etc., but if possible, please bring your own. It's a good idea to label your tools as many look alike and you don't want to lose your equipment.

I am also looking for a volunteer for publicity. Carolyn Finzer was gracious enough to agree to take on this job in addition to heading up the Benton Street Post office garden and the club historian jobs. While she's tried hard to keep up with this along with the many other community activities she's involved in, she's saying uncle. Please consider taking on this task—it is one of the best ways we have of letting the community know about our club and all our great activities. If you are willing to serve, please call or e-mail me.

I also wanted to extend a special thank you to Larry Kelman for donating pots and to Carolyn Finzer for transporting them to Betty Ference's house. They are now available to anyone who needs containers for our plant sale.

Our speaker at our next meeting is from Shady Hill, "Not the Same Old Red Geranium." Come and learn about what's new in this old favorite! See you on April 2!

Linda Thompson
President

Upcoming Events

April 2	NCGC Meeting
April 3, 17	Gardening Workshops at Sportsman's Park.
April 10	
April 27	Arbor Day
May 6	Green Earth Fair
May 12	NCGC Plant Sale

Committee Chairs ~ 2007

Annual Plant Sale-----	Mary Wright
Member Plants -----	Betty Ference
Community Projects	
Benton Ave Post Office -----	Carolyn Finzer
Gardening Workshops -----	Ron Ory
Garden Plots-Plant A Row -----	Ben Calvert
High School Liaisons	
203 -----	Wanda Wohead
204 -----	Kris Siuciak
Naper Settlement-----	Eleanor Holt
Riverwalk Garden -----	Joe Pope
Flower and Garden Show-----	Tom Campbell
Harvest Banquet -----	Wanda Wohead
Historian -----	Carolyn Finzer
Library-----	Ben Calvert
Membership -----	Betty Ference
Meeting Refreshments -----	Linda Allison
Mini Show -----	Nancy Carroll
Newsletter -----	Rosemary Holdredge
Distribution -----	Mary Wright
Photography -----	Patti Thompson
Picnic-----	Mary Carter Beary
	----- Geri Neiman
Programs-----	Logan Wasson
Publicity -----	
Shop and Share -----	Jill Borlick
Show Directory -----	Rosemary Holdredge
Special Correspondence -----	Eleanor Holt
Special Events-----	Betty Earl
Web Site -----	Peter Klassen

Minutes for March 5, 2007

Welcome to Members and Guests.

We had many new guests from Downers Grove, Aurora, and Naperville.

The meeting called to order by Linda Thompson, president, at 7:05 p.m.

February Minutes

Ollie Burrows moved to approve prior meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Mary Wright.

Betty Ference moved to approve the Treasurer's Report in the January newsletter and was seconded by Jim Canavan. There was a discussion about the identification of different items in the report. Totals are bolded, line items are in light print, and negative totals are in parentheses.

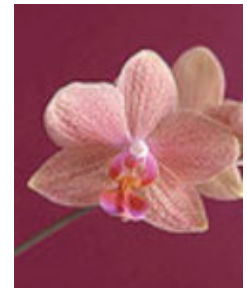
Announcements

Dues. Renewing members are \$15.00 until April 1, 2007, and then will be \$20.00. Members have a few more days to get their money in.

Mini Show

Wanda Wohead brought in a beautiful reblooming orchid.

Nancy Carroll bought in two beautiful amaryllis blooms. She especially likes a deep red called 'Royal Velvet' because it is a "Christmas red." Her other orchid is called 'Chico Cybister,' with an interesting spidery bloom.



Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Gardening Workshops will be on April 3 and 17 at the Clubhouse at Sportsman's Park

from 7 to 9 p.m. Volunteers can contact Ron Ory.

Riverwalk Clean Up/Mulch is April 14. Linda Thompson will bring coffee and donuts again. It would help if members could bring their own tools and wheelbarrows. Please make sure the equipment is labeled.

The Plant Sale is May 12. Mary Wright and Logan Wasson have information on what plants

were ordered and are available to take pre-orders. They already have one order. Since this is the club's biggest fundraiser, members are encouraged to sign up to help. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Rob Beary is able to help with table donations.

Member Plants—Betty Ference. Her committee will do pricing, which will help create uniform prices.

- The parking area behind the tables will be used for staging. Please pot plants nicely so they get top dollar.
- If you know the cultivar's name, please provide it.
- We will continue to have nice labels to add value.
- Use the member plant inventory form now and again in the fall to keep track of what you have a lot of.
- Nice pots will be gathered for a possible auction.
- Your help in pricing, set up, and sales is needed.

Corn Gluten—Rod Beary. Rod has offered to get the 50-lb bags to the next meeting. They cost \$15. Orders made at this meeting need to be picked up at the next meeting. The GardenWeb, www.gardenweb.com, provides further information about corn gluten.

Garden Plot Kiosk—Volunteers should see Eleanor Holt.

Carolyn Finzer passed around a picture of a shawl with dragons she knitted for Liz Kelman. Carolyn Finzer is also frustrated by the lack of publicity follow-through with her various contacts.

Adjournment

Mary Wright moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Joann Monge.

Presentation

Logan Wasson introduced Maria Kreidermacher, marketing manager for Pan American Seed, Ball Seed Company, who spoke on "What's New? Plants and Planting Ideas from Ball Seed."

Maria had a wonderful slide presentation of new and existing plants being introduced. She made us all ready to get out and start planting. As if the beautiful pictures did not do it, Maria brought enough plants to give everyone at least one and sometimes more!

Kris Siuciak
Secretary

Betty Earl to Speak

Club member Betty Earl will present a lecture at Mayslake Peabody Estate on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Her topic will be "A Shady Love Affair: Knockout Plants That Light Up the Shadows." For more information call (630) 850-2363, x3. Mayslake is located in Oak Brook on the southwest side of 38th Street, a quarter mile west of Highway 83.

The April issue of *Midwest Living* features an excellent article by Betty. She describes the Woodridge garden of Rich Miyazaki. Some of our members will remember that a few years ago Betty arranged a visit to that outstanding garden.

Amaryllis Care

The winter display of amaryllis blooms is just about over, so now what should you do to ensure a bloom for next year? This is a question that always arises in the spring.

Keep watering your bulb and try to maintain the leaf growth. When danger of frost is over, place the pot outside. Some people like to plant the bulbs in the ground, but it's easier to handle them if they stay in their pots. Although they look like shade plants, amaryllis like full sun. Fertilize every week with a weak liquid fertilizer. Make doubly sure they get enough water, as their "season" runs on a dry/wet cycle instead of hot/cold. If there is a rainy period in the summer, they will sometimes bloom again.

In September, knock the bulbs out of the pots and wash out the dirt from the roots with a garden hose. Allow the greens to dry out, and then store the bulbs in a cool, dry place for at least six to eight weeks.

When you are ready to repot, choose pots that look a little small, about 2-1/2 times as wide as the bulb. A larger pot will encourage the bulb to divide, and it can take three to four years to get bulblets to bloom.

Choose a peaty, acidic soil mix and plant the bulb only up to its shoulder. Any deeper, and the bulb may become diseased. Start watering. The bulb should break dormancy in about two weeks and bloom six weeks later.



Treasurer's Report

	2007	%	TOTAL	VARIANCE	FEB
	BUDGET		YR TO DATE		
REVENUES AND RESERVES					
01 01	Members Dues				
	\$1,180.00	7.9%	\$480.00	(\$700.00)	\$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%	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	
SUB-TOTAL MEMBERS REVENUE					
	\$2,280.00	15.2%	\$480.00	(\$1,800.00)	\$165.00
01 04	Plant Sale: Vendors				
	\$9,500.00	63.4%	\$0.00	(\$9,500.00)	
01 05	Plant Sale: Members Misc.				
	\$3,000.00	20.0%	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	
01 06	Revenues				
	\$150.00	1.0%	\$0.00	(\$150.00)	
01 07	Interest				
	\$50.00	0.3%	\$5.74	(\$44.26)	\$3.11
SUB-TOTAL FUND-RAISING/MISC.					
	\$12,700.00	84.8%	\$5.74	(\$12,694.26)	\$3.11
TOTAL REVENUES					
	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$485.74	(\$14,494.26)	\$168.11
01 08	Transfer from Reserves				
	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE AND RESERVES					
	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$485.74	(\$14,494.26)	\$168.11

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	
02 04	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 BENEFITS					
	\$1,780.00	11.9%	\$0.00	\$1,780.00	\$0.00
02 06	Bus Trip				
	\$350.00	2.3%	\$0.00	\$350.00	
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	
02 11	Misc. 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%	\$230.00	\$970.00	\$230.00
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%	\$331.00	\$3,019.00	\$230.00
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%	\$0.00	\$500.00	
SUB-TOTAL DONATIONS					
	\$1,750.00	11.7%	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00
02 20	Plant Sale: Vendors				
	\$8,000.00	53.4%	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	
02 21	Plant Sale: Members				
	\$100.00	0.7%	\$0.00	\$100.00	
SUB-TOTAL FUNDRAISERS					
	\$8,100.00	54.1%	\$331.00	\$7,769.00	\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$331.00	\$14,649.00	\$230.00
02 22 Transfer to Reserves	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
TOTAL EXPENSES AND RESERVES	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$331.00	\$14,649.00	\$230.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$0.00		\$154.74	\$154.74	(\$61.89)

	<u>AS OF LAST POSTING:</u>	
BALANCE: BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$10,129.08	\$10,345.71
+ RECEIPTS	\$485.74	\$168.11
- DISBURSEMENTS	\$331.00	\$230.00
BALANCE: END OF MONTH	\$10,283.82	\$10,283.82

	<u>AS OF 02/28/07</u>
CURRENT BANK BALANCES	
SAVINGS BALANCE	\$10,205.38
CHECKING BALANCE	\$117.44
2005 BUDGET OUTSTANDING	\$0.00
2006 CHECKS OUTSTANDING	\$39.00
END-OF-MONTH BALANCE	\$10,283.82