



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

March 5, 2007, 7 p.m.

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

Speaker: Maria Kredermacher
Ball Seed

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

It's that time of year when we are really getting itchy for spring. It's time for a perennial favorite, Ball Seed's "What's New for 2007." This is a great time to bring friends or potential members, especially if Maria Kreidermacher continues the tradition of giving away her samples!

The plant sale committee has been busy determining what plants to order and working hard to determine how to best maximize our gain on the plants. Again, mark your calendar for May 12. The committee is ordering more plants than last year, so we'll need your help more than ever.

Also, start planning for your member plant contribution. While some plants might seem ordinary and mundane to you, hey, we're gardeners and to novice gardeners or someone looking to plant a new or expanded bed, those plants might be just what they're looking for. This is really our best chance to add money to our treasury.

For those who were motivated to try corn gluten after Mike Nowak's fun and informative talk at our February meeting, Rod and Mary Carter Beary (who sang the praises for this lawn treatment) are willing to pick some up for us. Rod will take orders and collect money at the March meeting and deliver it at the April meeting. Rod said a 50-lb. bag will be about \$15. Mike Nowak said to apply it to your lawn when the forsythia is in bloom.

Jill Borlick has agreed to take on the Shop and Share program chair this year. Thanks Jill!

Looking forward to seeing you all on March 5.

Linda Thompson
President

Upcoming Events

March 5	NCG Meeting Maria Kredermacher Ball Seed
April 27	Arbor Day
May 6	Green Earth Fair
May 10-18	Chicagoland Flower and Garden Show
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
	Gerri Neiman
Programs -----	Logan Wasson
Publicity-----	Carolyn Finzer
Shop and Share-----	Jill Borlick
Show Directory-----	Rosemary Holdredge
Special Correspondence-----	Eleanor Holt
Special Events -----	Betty Earl
Web Site-----	Peter Klassen



Plant Sale

As you know, our plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 12. This is our one and only fundraising event of the year. **We expect that every member will help out on at least one assignment for the sale.** Some assignments can be done at various times in the event you have another obligation on our sale date. This includes publicity and post sales reporting.

At our next meeting, we will pass around an assignment roster for members to decide which assignment they want. Identified assignments include Publicity, Road Signs, Cartons/Boxes, Member Plants, Tables, Plant ID/Price Signs, Cashiers, Tent Set-Up/Take Down, Refreshments, Unloading Trucks, Watering, Customer Service, Trip to Schaeffers and Post Sale Report.

We expect to unload trucks on both Friday evening and early Saturday morning. Also, if anyone knows of a welder (our tent poles need some work), please inform Peter Klassen.

Mary Wright



Members' Plant Sale

The member plant sale subcommittee met a few weeks ago and has come up with a few new ideas for the members' plant sale.

- Members will no longer have to worry about pricing their plants before the sale. A plant pricing committee will be formed whose responsibility it is to price all members' plants. This will ensure that all like plants are priced the same and that we put a reasonable but profitable price on all the plants.
- The parking area behind the members' plant tables will be reserved for plant staging. When

members bring their plants there will be designated areas to drop off plants based upon category, e.g., Sun, Shade, Vegetable, Herb. This will give the pricing committee an area to price plants by group and also to stage plants in the event we have more plants than tables.

- The committee thought the plant labels do bring value and add a personal touch to the sale, so they will be continued this year. Member participation is the key to getting labels done in advance.
- The member plant sale inventory form will be revised adding the plants that members sold last year. This form will be passed out at the March meeting for members to start thinking about what they are going to contribute.
- In September, the member plant sale inventory form will be distributed again in the hopes that members can inventory their garden while the plants are still visible and decide which plants can be thinned and contributed to our sale in 2008. This garden inventory can assist members in reminding them which plants to dig up in the spring. The subcommittee is also considering having some Popsicle sticks available that are marked "Reserved for Plant Sale" that can be placed in the ground as a marker.
- The subcommittee also considered having members contribute nice colorful pots that we could fill with annuals or perennials to sell as arrangements. A big arrangement could also be used as a raffle item. The subcommittee will present the idea to the membership to see if there is an interest.

The members' plant sale is only as successful as we the members make it. It requires participation by all and advanced planning. Not only do our plants bring in 100% profits, but also we have an opportunity to share our plants and knowledge of gardening with our community.

I'm looking forward to a successful sale and let's all hope for dry warm weather for a change!

Betty Ference



Barb Bozek joined the club recently. She lives in Naperville and is lucky enough to have both a shade garden and sunny spots for fruit trees. Barb also enjoys working in her community garden plot.

Lillian Cera is a returning member to the club. She has lived 40 years in Naperville and has been working on the same flower garden for all those years, which proves that your garden is never done! We are so glad to have Lillian and all her gardening knowledge back in our club.

Minutes for February 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Linda Thompson, president, who welcomed members and guests. Patti Thompson moved to open the meeting, which was seconded by Beth Engle. Mary Wright moved to approve the January meeting minute and was seconded by Patti Thompson. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was not approved until we have a written report. Items added are expenses of \$69.00 for the post office box rental and \$39.00 for stamps. Income from memberships was \$315.00.

Announcements

Renewal of memberships are \$15.00 until 4/1/2007 and will be \$20.00 after.

Carolyn Finzer announced that "Elize" from the Growing Place died.

Carolyn passed around pictures of herself as Flossie, the tooth fairy, a character she played for Naperville's Channel 17 as part of *Children's Dental Health Month*. Her hat included a garden of toothbrushes and toothpastes.

Mini Show

Chuck Baumrucker brought in two photos, a beautiful but unknown florist rose and 'Luscious', a spectacular hybrid tea.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Plant Sale. There was a discussion regarding the upcoming plant sale and the number and kind of plants to be ordered. A spreadsheet was available for review and comments were accepted. Further discussions are to be taken to the subcommittee of Mary Wright, Logan Wasson, and Peter Klassen. Ron Ory will forward data he collected during previous years. A sign-up sheet will be available next month for members to sign up for a job at the plant sale.

Ollie's church will not be able to provide tables for the plant sale this year. This is something that needs to be worked on. Rod Beary offered to lend us four.

Meeting Access. Members have been locked out of the meeting after the employees from John Greene leave. Periodically someone needs to check upstairs because we cannot hear the knocking in the basement. It appears that cell phone service is not available throughout the basement, only at the stairway.

Shop and Share. Jill Borlick will chair the committee for Shop and Share. Wanda suggested that we hand out Shop and Share coupons with plant sale transactions. Coupons can be handed out three times a year, at the plant sale, during the garden contest, and one other time.

Gordon Food Services will also be willing to participate in fundraising. Contact information was given to Linda Thompson.

Adjournment

Mary Wright moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Barbara Jones.

Presentation

Logan Wasson introduced our speaker, Mike Nowak from WGN Radio. Mike hosts the weekend radio show "Let's Talk Gardening." He gave a talk called "Good Plants Are Hard to Find." Mike is a knowledgeable master gardener and a vivacious speaker. We owe Logan thanks for a great find.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Suiciak, Secretary



Growing Place Workshops

The Growing Place at Fox Valley will be offering a number of workshops in March and April, including a Spring Festival featuring four-season gardens on April 14-15. The emphasis is on containers, but demonstrations include division of perennials and mixed gardens. Check the Growing Place's Web site for more information: www.thegrowingplace.com.



Chicagoland Flower and Garden Show

In addition to the change in name, this year's Flower and Garden show will be held at the Donald Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont from March 10 to March 18. The Growing Place in Naperville is sponsoring a pick-up site for a bus to the show on March 11, leaving the Growing Place at 11:30 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m. Cost is \$45 and you will need to call 866-806-1498 for reservations.

Treasurer's Report

	2006 BUDGET	%	TOTAL YR TO DATE	VARIANCE	JAN	
REVENUES AND RESERVES						
01 01	Members Dues	\$1,180.00	7.9%	\$315.00	(\$865.00)	\$315.00
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%	\$315.00	(\$1,965.00)	\$315.00
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%	\$2.63	(\$47.37)	\$2.63
SUB-TOTAL FUND-RAISING/MISC.						
		\$12,700.00	84.8%	\$2.63	(\$12,697.37)	\$2.63
TOTAL REVENUES						
		\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$317.63	(\$14,662.37)	\$317.63
01 08	Transfer from Reserves	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE AND RESERVES						
		\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$317.63	(\$14,662.37)	\$317.63

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	\$62.00
02 09	Door Prizes/Mini Show	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
02 10	Refreshments Misc.	\$50.00	0.3%	\$0.00	\$50.00	
02 11	Expenses	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
02 12	Newsletter	\$60.00	0.4%	\$39.00	\$21.00	\$39.00
02 13	Program Speakers	\$1,200.00	8.0%	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	
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%	\$101.00	\$3,249.00	\$101.00
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%	\$101.00	\$7,999.00	\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$101.00	\$14,879.00	\$101.00
02 22 Transfer to Reserves	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
TOTAL EXPENSES AND RESERVES	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$101.00	\$14,879.00	\$101.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$0.00		\$216.63	\$216.63	\$216.63

	<u>AS OF LAST POSTING:</u>	
BALANCE: BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$10,129.08	\$10,129.08
+ RECEIPTS	\$317.63	\$317.63
- DISBURSEMENTS	\$101.00	\$101.00
BALANCE: END OF MONTH	\$10,345.71	\$10,345.71

	<u>AS OF 01/31/07</u>
CURRENT BANK BALANCES	
SAVINGS BALANCE	\$10,037.27
CHECKING BALANCE	\$409.44
2005 BUDGET OUTSTANDING	\$0.00
2006 CHECKS OUTSTANDING	\$101.00
END-OF-MONTH BALANCE	\$10,345.71