



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

October 1, 2007, 7 p.m.

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

Speaker: TBA

Topic: TBA

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

Officer elections will be at the next meeting on October 1. The slate for the upcoming year is:

Rod Beary	President
YOUR NAME HERE	Vice-President/Programs
Tom Campbell	Treasurer
Barbara Jones	Secretary

I really appreciate the willingness of these individuals to take these positions. As you can see, we are still missing a candidate for vice-president. Please consider stepping up to take the position. As most of you know, the vice-president is in charge of securing speakers for our meetings and goes on to the president's job the following year. You don't have to be a long-term member; I had been a member for about a year before I took the VP job. On the other hand, a longer-term member might be tempted by the opportunity to be listed as a past president in our Flower and Garden show booklet and the undying gratitude of your fellow members. Having served in both VP and president posts, I can truly say they were a lot of fun and I had lots of help and suggestions. Logan Wasson and I are more than willing to pass on names of some suggested speakers, and I am sure that many in the club would be more than willing to pass on some ideas as well.

I am also looking to fill the role of newsletter editor. Rosemary Holdredge has served in this role for two years and is looking to hand it on to someone else. Rosemary uses a Word template to create the newsletter and has done a great job. Thank you so much Rosemary. This job does not require you to distribute the newsletter through the mail. It is sent electronically and we have another volunteer who sends hard copies to those who do not have computer access.

Don't miss our upcoming Annual Harvest Dinner to be held November 4 at Andrew's Open Pit Restaurant. Remember to get your reservations to Wanda Wohead by October 20. Wanda is promising

to bring back garden bingo and says she has lot of prizes! Come join the fun.

For those who were not at the last meeting, I also wanted to let you know that we have formed a subgroup of individuals interested in organic vegetable gardening. Betty Ference will be the point person for the subgroup. Contact her if you want to be included and learn more about gardening organically; considering what to plant, what techniques to use for pest problems, and potentially how to preserve the harvest. There is some thought that a number of us will try to get adjoining gardens at the city plots in the organic section. The subgroup had its first meeting at Rod and Mary Carter Beary's home and garden on September 14. We witnessed the beauty of the Beary's organic garden and took home many beautiful vegetables.

Looking forward to next year, I have booked the Community Room at John Greene Realtor for the following dates. Again, there is one Tuesday as the room was not available. Our 2008 meeting schedule is as follows:

January 7
 February 4
 March 3
 April 7
 May 5
 June 2
 August 4
 September 9 (Tuesday)
 October 6

If you missed it, please be sure to look for the article about member Larry Kelman in the September 24 Naperville Sun. It highlights his love of gardening. Larry is truly one of the treasures of our club and it is great to see the article.

Our last business meeting of the year is October 1 and our speaker will talk about how to attract the coveted hummingbird to our yards. See you there!

Linda Thompson
 President

Upcoming Events

October 1	NCG Meeting
October 14	Japanese Garden Tour Morton Arboretum
November 4	NCG Harvest Banquet Andrew's Open Pit Restaurant



Nick Papadolias with his winning delphinium

Chairman's Report, Flower and Garden Show 2007

The 27th Annual Flower and Garden Show went off without a hitch on Saturday August 25. Thank you to the more than two dozen club members who helped. It was a fun day and it wouldn't have been possible without everyone's participation.

A special thanks and hearty **congratulations** are extended to all exhibitors. While the weather could have been better in the two wet weeks that preceded the show, our members came through with some wonderful submissions. The judges commented at the quality and variety that our show always demonstrates. Thank you!

There were over 450 entries this summer, down slightly from past years. Considering the flooding rains and vegetable rot that occurred just prior to the show, I think we did amazingly well. The club had 18 members with entries; while 9 non-members and 2 youth also participated (this continues a downward trend). Top point winners and recipients of the Sweepstakes Award were Wanda Wohead (202), and Carolyn Finzer (123).

Awards were as follows.

Best of Show Nick Papadolias, delphinium
Best Flower Nick Papadolias, delphinium
Best Vegetable Wanda Wohead, "Howden's Field" pumpkin
Sweepstakes Wanda Wohead, 202 points

Best of Class Winners

- 100 Annuals/Biennials, Wanda Wohead, "Uproar" rose zinnia
 200 Perennials, Nick Papadolias, delphinium
 300 Tuberous Begonias, Wanda Wohead, "Nonstop" begonia
 400 Gladiolus/Summer Bulbs, Tom Campbell, "Ollie's Red" canna
 500 Roses, Chuck Baumrucker, "Royal Bonica"
 600 Dahlias, Brian Bell, "Bodacious"
 700 Potted Plants, Chuck Baumrucker, begonia
 800 Bonsai, none
 900 Hanging Basket, Ollie Burrows, coleus, begonia, impatiens mix
 1000A Vegetables-Bush Type, Wanda Wohead, "Red Ace" red cabbage
 1000B Vegetables-Root Type, Rod Beary, "Romanian Red Porcelain" garlic
 1000C Vegetables-Vine Type, Wanda Wohead, "Howden's Field" pumpkin
 1000D Tomatoes, Wanda Wohead, "Park's Whopper" tomato
 1000E Herbs, Eleanor Holt, variegated oregano
 1100 Fruit & Melon, Carolyn Finzer, Japanese quince
 1300 Artistic Arrangements, Sally Neidinger, mixed foliage and flower basket
 1400 Youth, Jonathan Pettinger, basil

Thanks again to everyone for their help. See you again next year!!!

Tom Campbell



Exhibits at the Flower and Garden Show

Rockford Garden Tour

The Morton Arboretum is sponsoring a garden tour of Anderson Japanese Gardens on October 14, 2007. The gardens demonstrate formal gardens in the style of the Kamakura period (1185-1333 AD) and contemporary garden styles. You will be given an overview of Japanese garden design and traditions on the ride out to Rockford, and upon arrival, there will be a guided tour. The bus begins boarding in the parking lot no. 19 at 8:30 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure. There is a \$70.00 fee for members and a \$85.00 fee for nonmembers. Contact Jan Little, assistant director of education at the Arboretum, for more information.

**Members' Plant Sale**

It's never too early to start thinking about plants to donate for our sale. If you would like some colored sticks to place in your garden to remind you what you can donate next spring, you can pick them up at my house or at the next meeting. Just send me an e-mail or call me at betty.ference@uchospitals.edu or 630-983-7030.

September Minutes

Naperville Community Gardeners
 Meeting Minutes
 September 11, 2007

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

Welcome

New members and guests were welcomed and introduced. Three new members, Bonnie Oulamn, Sherry Jopp and Joni Heriaud, joined after exhibiting at the Flower and Garden Show in August.

A warm welcome was offered to Roy and Jeri Huckabay.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Barbara Jones moved to approve prior meeting minutes and seconded by Liz Kellman.

Peter Klausen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Betty Ferrence.

Announcements

The Flower and Garden Show was a big success. There were approximately 450 entries by 18 members, 9 non-members, and 2 youth. A list of the winners is included in the October newsletter.

Garden Plot judging took place over approximately three hours by Tom Campbell, Barbara Jones and Nick Papadolias.

A perennial swap was held this evening. Many plants found new homes with excited owners!

Betty Ferrance passed out colored Popsicle sticks to aid club members in identifying plants for next year's plant sale.

Joe Pope was unable to attend tonight's meeting because he was at the WWI Veteran's event in Naperville.

Carolyn Finzer announced that her daughter is marrying Lucien Reed, a well-known writer from *Newsweek Magazine*. Lucien is currently working on a piece on the war in Iraq. Carolyn will be traveling to Alaska soon for their wedding.

Terry passed around a flyer from the Growing Place about their Fall Festival. This event takes place on the 15th and 16th of September at the Fox Valley Location. There will be a plant sale, demonstrations, and tractor rides for the kids.

New Business

Betty Ferrance spoke to members about starting a subgroup based upon organic gardening principles. A sign-up sheet for interested members was passed around.

Linda Thompson discussed a great event at the Garfield Park Conservatory on Oct. 31, 2007, Niki in the Garden, which will display whimsical mosaic sculptures dancing in the lagoons. Niki died recently from inhaling the fumes from the mosaic she created.

Harvest Banquet. Get your reservations into Wanda Wohead. There is a mistake in the return address but because Wanda (and her dog) are friends with her neighbors, the invites are getting to her. The Harvest Banquet will be held on Nov 4, 2007, at Andrew's Open Pit. There will be Bingo! Many prizes will be awarded.

New Officers For Next Year. Tom Campbell has agreed to remain on as treasurer. Logan Wasson and Kris Siuciak are stepping down due to other commitments. We will need a president, vice-present, and secretary.

A suggestion made by a few members to increase the advertising of the Flower and Garden Show by means of a sandwich board on the Riverwalk to capture people looking for something free to do on the day of the show.

The Huckabees offered a number of bud vases to members.

Mini Show

Chuck Baumrucker brought in two fragrant roses, an orange red called 'Dolly Parton' and a bi-colored rose called 'Octoberfest'.

Betty Earl bought in a very pretty stem from her huge variegated Boston fern.

Adjournment

Ollie Burrows moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Barbara Jones.

Presentation

Carolyn Ulrich, from *Chicagoland Gardening*, gave a wonderful slide presentation and interesting history lesson revolving around the gardens of South Africa.

Fragrance Allergies

We love the fragrance of our flowers, but be careful with the kind that comes in a bottle. Some of our members are allergic to strong perfumes and scents.

Youth Winner



Jon Pettinger, who won the junior division Best of Class for his basil. Jon used his five-dollar prize to take his mother to the Dairy Queen. He is holding the Naperville Sun article that featured both his garden and the show.

Treasurer's Report

	2007	%	TOTAL	VARIANCE	AUG
REVENUES AND RESERVES	BUDGET		YR TO DATE		
01 01 Members Dues	\$1,180.00	7.9%	\$1,025.00	(\$155.00)	
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%	\$24.00	(\$76.00)	
SUB-TOTAL MEMBERS REVENUE	\$2,280.00	15.2%	\$1,049.00	(\$1,231.00)	\$0.00
01 04 Plant Sale: Vendors	\$9,500.00	63.4%	\$8,914.60	(\$585.40)	
01 05 Plant Sale: Members Misc.	\$3,000.00	20.0%	\$3,097.50	\$97.50	
01 06 Revenues	\$150.00	1.0%	\$68.48	(\$81.52)	
01 07 Interest	\$50.00	0.3%	\$27.10	(\$22.90)	\$4.35
SUB-TOTAL FUND-RAISING/MISC.	\$12,700.00	84.8%	\$12,107.68	(\$592.32)	\$4.35
TOTAL REVENUES	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$13,156.68	(\$1,823.32)	\$4.35
01 08 Transfer from Reserves	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE AND RESERVES	\$14,980.00	100.0%	\$13,156.68	(\$1,823.32)	\$4.35

EXPENSES AND RESERVES

02 01 Members Picnic	\$200.00	1.3%	\$0.00	\$200.00	
02 02 Members Banquet	\$1,350.00	8.7%	\$200.00	\$1,150.00	
02 03 Members Name Tags	\$30.00	0.2%	\$0.00	\$30.00	
02 04 Members Recognition Fund	\$100.00	0.6%	\$0.00	\$100.00	
02 05 Members T-Shirts	\$100.00	0.6%	\$0.00	\$100.00	
SUB-TOTAL MEMBERS BENEFITS	\$1,780.00	11.5%	\$200.00	\$1,580.00	\$0.00
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 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	
02 13 Program Speakers	\$1,200.00	7.8%	\$680.00	\$520.00	\$100.00
02 14 Publicity and Website	\$150.00	1.0%	\$72.35	\$77.65	
02 15 Historian/Photo Supplies	\$25.00	0.2%	\$0.00	\$25.00	
02 16 Storage unit	\$600.00	3.9%	\$0.00	\$600.00	
02 17 Flower & Garden Show	\$1,350.00	8.7%	\$800.14	\$549.86	\$800.14
SUB-TOTAL CLUB ACTIVITIES	\$3,850.00	24.9%	\$1,087.85	\$2,762.15	\$900.14
02 18 Donations to 5 HS (\$250)	\$1,250.00	8.1%	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	
02 19 Donation to Riverwalk	\$500.00	3.2%	\$500.00	\$0.00	
SUB-TOTAL DONATIONS	\$1,750.00	11.3%	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
02 20 Plant Sale: Vendors	\$8,000.00	51.7%	\$6,883.12	\$1,116.88	
02 21 Plant Sale: Members	\$100.00	0.6%	\$415.81	(\$315.81)	
SUB-TOTAL FUNDRAISERS	\$8,100.00	52.3%	\$7,298.93	\$801.07	\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,480.00	100.0%	\$9,886.92	\$5,593.08	\$900.14
02 22 Transfer to Reserves	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
TOTAL EXPENSES AND RESERVES	\$15,480.00	100.0%	\$9,886.92	\$5,593.08	\$900.14
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$500.00)		\$3,269.76	\$3,769.76	(\$895.79)

	AS OF LAST POSTING:	
BALANCE: BEGINNING OF YEAR/MONTH	\$10,129.08	\$14,294.63
+ RECEIPTS	\$13,156.68	\$4.35
- DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,886.92	\$900.14
BALANCE: END OF MONTH	\$13,398.84	\$13,398.84

	AS OF 08/31/07
CURRENT BANK BALANCES	
SAVINGS BALANCE	\$12,619.57
CHECKING BALANCE	\$779.27
2006 BUDGET OUTSTANDING	\$0.00
2007 CHECKS OUTSTANDING	\$0.00
END-OF-MONTH BALANCE	\$13,398.84