



# 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

January 5, 2009

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

**Speaker:** Bill Mitchell  
Chicago Specialty Gardens

**Topic:** "Rooftop Gardening"

## 2008 Officers

<b>President</b>	<b>Rod Beary</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Robert Elvert</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Barbara Jones</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Tom Campbell</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Linda Thompson</b>

## From the President

I want to extend my thanks, on behalf of the Naperville Community Gardeners, to everybody in the club who contributed to our successes this past year. I hope you all enjoy the winter that is coming in with such beauty, putting a blanket of snow over the gardens. This is the time of year for rest...for the land as well as those who find pleasure and satisfaction in tending to it. It will not be long before we are inundated with catalogs and can start to make plans for next year's creations. Please plan to attend all meetings. Patti Thompson, VP and program coordinator, is planning on having some great speakers. Bob Elvert will be leading the meetings as president.

We still need someone (or two) to handle the club's plant sale this year so do not hesitate to offer your services to Bob.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

Rod Beary

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**Naperville Community Gardeners  
Committee Chairs 2008**

Annual Plant Sale.....	Mary Wright
Member Plants.....	Betty Ference
Community Projects: Benton Street Post Office.....	Carolyn Finzer
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Gardening Workshops.....	Ron Ory
Garden Plant a Row.....	Ben Calvert
Garden Plot Kiosk.....	Eleanor Holt
Garden Plot Judging.....	Wanda Wohead
High School Liaisons 204.....	Wanda Wohead
.....203.....	Kristie Siuciak
Naper Settlement.....	Eleanor Holt
Naper Settlement Rose Garden.....	Brian Bell
River Walk Cleanup.....	Linda Thompson
Riverwalk Gardens.....	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.....	Beth Engle
Newsletter.....	Kris Siuciak
Mail distribution.....	Mary Wright
Officer Nominating Committee.....	Jill Borlick
Organic Gardening Sub Group.....	Betty Ference
Photography.....	Patty Thompson
Picnic.....	Linda Thompson
Publicity.....	Linda Thompson
Programs.....	Bob Elvert
Shop and Share.....	Jill Borlick
Show Director.....	Rosemary Holdredge
Special Events.....	Betty Earl
Special Correspondence.....	Eleanor Holt
Website.....	Peter Klassen

## Staying in Touch

Communication within the club is important. Here are a few reminders about ways to stay in touch and to know what is going on.

If you would like information about meetings and other activities, visit our website:

[www.napervillecommunitygardeners.org](http://www.napervillecommunitygardeners.org). Peter Klassen, our webmaster, always posts information about the meetings as soon as he knows who the speaker will be. The website contains a large amount of information including current and past issues of the newsletter, links to other clubs and organizations, and some excellent pictures. We welcome additions of pictures or information. You might consider sending along a Gardeners' Tips (see [http://www.napervillecommunitygardeners.org/garden\\_topics.htm](http://www.napervillecommunitygardeners.org/garden_topics.htm)) to [webmaster2@napervillecommunitygardeners.org](mailto:webmaster2@napervillecommunitygardeners.org). If you don't have access to a computer, you might ask another club member keep you informed.

You can send a message to all our electronically connected members at [gardeners@napervillecommunitygardeners.org](mailto:gardeners@napervillecommunitygardeners.org). If a message is sent from an e-mail address on our list, it will be automatically forwarded to every other member on our list. Please note that you will not get your own note sent back to you by the automated system. In order to avoid spam, any message from an e-mail address not on our list requires approval prior to distribution. If a member responds to your e-mail by hitting "reply," the response will come back only to you. If a member responds by hitting "reply-all," the e-mail is sent to all members on our list. This method of communication is extremely useful, but it should not be abused. We don't want messages from a club member to be considered spam by others. Again, any member who does not have access to e-mail might ask another member to call when new messages appear.

If you are snowed in and want to be sure that your dues get to the club, you may use the postal service; the club's address is Naperville Community Gardeners, PO Box 9555, Naperville, IL 60567-9555. This address is especially useful for the snowbirds who are reading this newsletter as they bask in Florida or Arizona sunshine.

Working together is the key to our club's success. Good communication will facilitate cooperative efforts. We look forward to 2009 and the best year ever for the Naperville Community Gardeners.

### Ready, Set, Grow!

When January arrives and you realize that you have to endure at least two more months of winter, your morale might get a boost from attending a teleconference at the University of Illinois Extension office on Warrenville Road right here in Naperville. The first one, "Cool Season Vegetable Gardening," will be offered twice: on January 27 at 1 p.m. and on January 29 at 7 p.m. The cost is ten dollars. To get more information about registering and about other topics to be offered in February, go to [www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage). Click on "Ready,Set,Grow."

### January Program Announcement

The January program will be "Rooftop Gardening" presented by Bill Mitchell of Chicago Specialty Gardens. The talk will explore the design and implementation of roof gardens and the design/construction challenges and strategies of two projects. Mitchell will also share plans for his proposed roof top garden display for the 2009 Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier. This project is focused on sustainability of materials and methods highlighting solar powered irrigation that uses captured rainwater; solar lighting; FSC certified wood and a number of other sustainable approaches.