



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

Sept 16, 2009 @ 7:00 PM

John Greene, Realtor

1135 S. Route 59, Naperville

Speaker: Amber Gribben
Urban Worm Girl

2009 Officers

President	Robert Elvert
Vice President	Patti Thompson
Secretary	Barbara Jones
Treasurer	Tom Campbell
Past President	Rod Beary

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From the President

What a summer it's been...or as some may say...did we ever have one? ...Depending on who you talk to, it seems like everyone has a flower or vegetable that adapted, as well as those that just couldn't cope with the cooler and wetter season. Either way, it looked like a great summer for growing by the number and quality of the Flower and Garden entries.

I want to give a special thanks to Tom Campbell and all his helpers who participated in one way or another at our annual flower and garden show held at the Barn. I'm sure it was hard for the judges to pick the winners because of all the wonderful flowers, vegetables, plants and displays. I also think everyone agreed that the Barn seemed to draw more people and the Club will look into using it again next year.

Tom Campbell won the Best of Show for his great looking ears of corn. A complete list of winners will be forthcoming.

Just because the "Show" is over that doesn't mean the club and its members are done showing off for the year. As a prelude to the September 15th meeting, we're going to continue the member-only fall plant exchange starting at 6:30 in front of the John Greene Realty building. Laurel LaLonde has taken it up a notch by initiating a "what have you got extra" and "here's what I'm looking for" option by notifying her before the meeting. See her recent email for more details. It's a great and cheap way to fill in some open spots in the garden, the sedum which I picked out of someone's car trunk last year looks great ...and will be looking for more.

WORMS!!!...no it is not the latest reality show, but the September meeting topic that Patti Thompson has put together. Bring your best questions for this down to earth subject.

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The September meeting brings another annual club event and that is the nominations for the next year's officers, in this case 2010. Should you be interested, please contact any of the current officers with any questions. I can attest that that doesn't take a lot of effort to volunteer for these great positions. There are plenty of experienced members in the club whom one time or another have been an officer and are more than happy to assist you in anyway.

ALSO...Don't forget about our annual fall banquet. Esther Prock is putting together some great ideas and will discussing them with everyone on the 15th.

Hoping everyone is enjoying the great weather we've been having and hoping that it's not a sign of a very early winter!!!!

Happy Gardening

Bob Elvert
President

September Speaker

Naperville Community Gardeners invite the public to a program on "Worm Composting" on Tuesday, September 15, 7 p.m., in the lower level meeting room of John Greene Realty, 1311 S. Hwy. 59, Naperville. The program is free and follows the monthly meeting of Naperville Community Gardeners. Amber Gribben of Urban Worm Girl will present the program. Urban Worm Girl aims to educate the community on composting kitchen waste using the wisdom and efficiency of red worms. According to Urban Worm Girl, "Through the simple, clean, and odorless process of worm composting, we can each be reminded of the interconnectedness of all living things. Engaging in the process of worm composting not only provides us with a rich fertilizer for our gardens and houseplants, but it also minimizes waste and maximizes the return of nutrients to the earth. Worm composting is an incredibly efficient way to convert kitchen "waste" into nutrient rich food for the earth. Not only is this form of recycling easy, odorless, and educational for the kids, it is a way to be a responsible citizen of the earth."

Naperville Community Gardeners Committee Chairs

Annual Plant Sale	Logan Wasson/ Bob Elvert
Member Plants	Linda Allison
Community Projects	
Benton Street Post Office	Carolyn Finzer
Gardening Workshops	Ron Ory
Garden Plant-A-Row	Ben Calvert/Tom Campbell
Garden Plot Judging	Wanda Wohead
Garden Kiosk	Eleanor Holt
High School Liaisons	
District 204	Wanda Wohead
District 203	Kris Siuciak
Naper Settlement	Eleanor Holt
Naper Settlement Rose Garden	Brian Bell
River Walk Clean Up	Linda Thompson
River Walk Gardens	Joe Pope
Flower and Garden Show	Tom Campbell
Harvest Banquet	Esther Prock
Historian	Carolyn Finzer
Membership	Betty Ference
Meeting Refreshments	Linda Thompson
Mini Show	OPEN
Newsletter	Kris Siuciak
Mail Distribution	Mary Wright
Officer Nominating Committee	Jill Borlick
Organic Gardening Sub Group	Betty Ference
Photography	Patty Thompson
Picnic	Linda Thompson/ Laurel LaLonde
Publicity	Laurel LaLonde
Programs	Patti Thompson
Shop and Share	Jill Borlick
Show Directory	Laurel LaLonde
Special Events	Betty Earl
Special Correspondence	Eleanor Holt
Website	Peter Klassen

August Minutes Naperville Community Gardeners Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2009

Call to order: An abbreviated business meeting was held after the food fest. We welcomed two guests/new members: Heather Coon and Justine Wainwright. Peter Klassen motioned to approve the June meeting minutes, Ben Calvert 2nd.

Business:

- **Treasurer's Report** - presented by Tom Campbell. If anyone else has the second key to our PO Box, please contact Tom. Peter Klassen approved the treasurer's report, Jan Gricus 2nd.
- **Next meeting - Tuesday, September 15th** at 7:00 John Greene location (note date)

Old Business:

- **Plant Sale:** Held Saturday May 9th - Profit from the plant sale was \$3561.
- **Picnic:** Held July 18th at Carolyn Finzers. We greatly enjoyed and appreciated the members gardens that we toured: Nick Papadolias, Esther and Chuck Prock, Ann McNichols, and Carolyn Finzer. Beautiful gardens and fabulous picnic!!

New Business:

- **Committee Reports:** none.
- **Publicity:** Laurel said that the members who don't have email, miss out on some of the club communications. She would like to discuss how the club should handle it - perhaps a calling tree.
- **High School Scholarships:** no report
- **Upcoming garden show - will be at the NPD barn this year on Saturday, August 22nd.** Tom Campbell had Flower Show Guides (but no plant tags). Tags and show guides will be available at the Rubin Center, Park District office and the front porch of his house at 1135 Chateaugay Rd. Nancy suggested that we publicize the event to the area nursing homes, since they might like to attend.

Marilyn Krueger put an article in the Positively Naperville about the plant sale. Workers (especially clerks) are needed to assist at the plant sale from 7:00 am - 10:30 am for setup, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm for judging. No experience is necessary for clerking, and that is a terrific way to learn the ins/outs of participating in a show. Eleanor Holt strongly recommended that entries arrive with the tags already filled out. Tom will have empty display bottles at the show site the night before so contact him at 630-717-0710 or go to the show site on Friday evening.

- **June 18th Open House** - Ron Ory talked about some of the discussions from the Park District's Open House regarding the West St. garden plots changes/move to the new site at DuPage River Park on Royce Rd. He encouraged members to keep providing their input to the Park District.

Mini-Show: Nancy Carroll brought white Casablanca Asiatic Lillies. Barbara Jones brought two Trumpet Vines (*Campsis radicans*) for the taking. Ron Ory brought a dark pink, fragrant phlox. Terry Pilz brought white and purple Balloon flowers (*Platycodon*), Jan Bargmann brought amaryllis and lillies. Laurel LaLonde brought a garden card. Linda Allison brought rhubarb to share. Wanda Wohead brought in the ribbons/awards from her entries from the DuPage County Fair. Tom Campbell was the winner of the raffle.

Announcements:

- Ollie Burrows, on behalf of the Lions Club, is selling tickets for their summer fundraiser to assist blind/deaf community members. The drawing is at the end of August.

Adjourn: Tom Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Betty Ference 2nd.