



# Naperville Community Gardeners

September 2010

*Purpose: To nurture the gardening interests of its members and the community through educational programs and community service projects.*

## From the President

September and October meetings are crucial to the running works of the club. In September, NCG seek nominations for club officer positions and for committee chairman. The slated officers for the following year are then voted on at the October meeting. Committee chairs are not voted on. We have officer candidates for President (Arup Bhuyan) and Treasurer (Tom Campbell). Thank you very much fellows. We still need two hearty souls to step forward, one for Secretary and one for Vice-President. Don't be shy. I know someone has great note taking skills and someone else would enjoy planning the speakers for next year's meeting. We also need a chairman for Plant-A-Row for the Hungry. Consider all the possibilities! See page 4 for more information on all vacancies.

On another note, the Post Office projects need to be addressed. The club originally had the Benton Ave. Post Office as a club project but with the sale of the building we should vote on it no longer being a club sponsored project. The Ogden Ave Post Office has never been a club sponsored project. It was voted on and the club decided not to have it as a project. If members wish to revote on the Ogden Ave Post Office, it could be resubmitted for a vote.

Remember our club meeting is a week later because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday September 6. Our club will be meeting on September 13. See you then.

*-Patti Thompson*

## Next Meeting

**Monday, September 13, 2010  
7 p.m.**

**"Monarch Magic"**  
presented by Pat Miller

**"Monarch Magic"** will help us to discover the magic of the monarch butterfly; its lifecycle and unbelievable migration to Mexico. Learn what makes this butterfly so special, what obstacles it faces and how everyone can be part of the solution!

Our guest speaker, Pat Miller, is a Master Gardener in the University of Illinois Extension. Miller has been gardening for over 45 years. She successfully raised over 195 butterflies and tagged over 85 butterflies in the summer of 2007. Miller travelled to the monarch butterfly overwintering sights in Mexico in 2007. In 2008, she raised over 580 butterflies and tagged 200 monarchs for their migration to Mexico.

Miller's program includes live butterflies.

## Upcoming Events

**October 4:** Meeting & Program: *Container Gardens: A Garden For Any Spot*  
**November 7:** Harvest Banquet

# 30th Annual Flower & Garden Show

The winners of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower and Garden Show held August 21st are:

The Best of Show and Best Dahlia, “Brookside Snowball” awarded to **Nick Papadolias**.

The “Best of Class” winners are:

**Claire**, Best Annual/Biennial

**Nancy Carroll**, Best Perennial, “Tardiva” Hydrangea; Best Gladiolus and Summer Bulbs, Colocasia “Zebra;” and Best Roses, “Carefree Delight”

**Susan Neufelder**, Best Tuberous Begonia

**Betty Grimm**, Best Potted Plant, “Kong” Coleus

**Ben Calvert**, Best Bonsai, Formal Upright “Ceca Palm”

**Freda Haller**, Best Outdoor Container, Coleus; and Best Vine Vegetable, Butternut squash

**Ellen Johnson**, Best Vegetable, Rhubarb

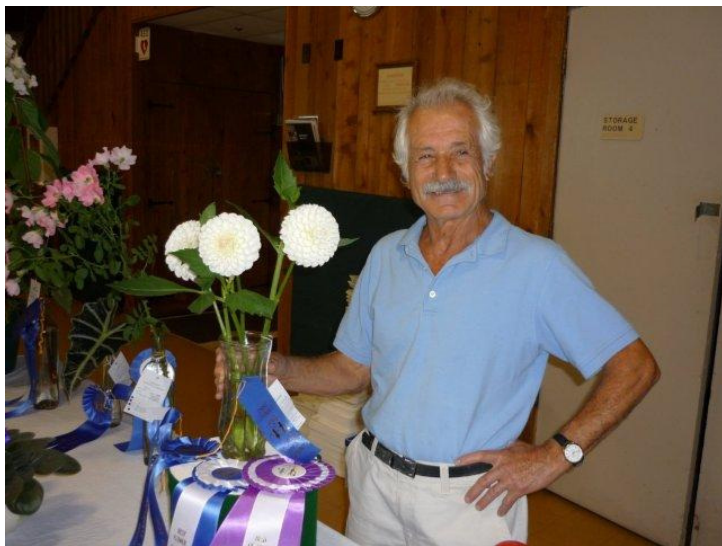
**Wanda Wohead**, Best Root Vegetable, “Kennebec” Potato; and Best Tomato, “Ultimate”

**Laurel LaLonde**, Best Herbs, Collection of Herbs - Basils (Sweet, Mammoth, Purple Petra, Siam Queen Thai and Mini Greek), Catnip, Oregano, Curly Parsley, Flat Parsley, Rosemary and Stevia

**Carolyn Finzer**, Best Fruits and Melons, Quince Apple; and Best Artistic Arrangements and Art, Japanese Quince arrangement

**Angelia**, Best in Youth Category, Variety of Succulents

**Ron Ory** won the Club’s Sweepstakes Award. The Sweepstakes Award is given to the club member who exhibits in a minimum of five categories and earns the most points for their exhibits.



*Best of Show winner Nick Papadolias and his prize winning dahlias.*



*Best Annual winner Claire poses with her sunflower. Claire’s dad had left her entry on the Youth table but because it was numbered as a regular entry, it was moved to the regular Annuals table. It was extra fun to see how excited Claire was about winning. We’ve all got some stiff competition next year as she promised to come back.*

## Don't Forget to Wear Your Name Tag

All members are encouraged to wear their NCG name-tags to meetings. Once you have deposited your NCG name tag in the "Name Tag Box," you will find it on the name tag board at each meeting. We will continue to have a prize drawing from the member name tags that are put into the "Name Tag Box."

If you need a replacement name tag, contact me at info@napervillecommunitygardeners. Replacement name tags are \$.50.

*-Laurel LaLonde*

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## Welcome to our new member:

**Donna Hayostek**

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## September Plant Exchange Wish Lists

Linda - Cone Flower, Russian Sage and any hydrangeas .  
Janice Gricus - garlic starts  
Angel Whitt - garlic starts, Asparagus, Horseradish, Jerusalem Artichokes, Bleeding Heart Vine, Angel ? (It was at the show and had beautiful variegated leaves)

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**Newsletter deadline  
is the 15th of the month.**

## Refreshments

Thank you to Freda Haller and Rose Mary Stelter for the delicious refreshments at the August meeting.

The schedule for refreshments is:

September	Jan Gricus & JoAnn Monge
October	Lillian Cera & Patti Thompson

Here is the recipe for the delicious Apricot Bars that Freda brought to the August meeting.

### Luscious Apricot Bars

2/3 cup dried apricots  
1/2 cup soft butter or margarine  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour  
1/3 cup sifted all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 cup brown sugar, packed  
2 eggs, well beaten  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
Confectioners' sugar

Rinse apricots; cover with water; boil 10 min. Drain; cool; chop. Start heating oven to 350°. Grease 8"x8"x2" pan. Mix butter, granulated sugar, and 1 cup flour until crumbly. Pack into pan. Bake about 25 min., or until lightly browned. Sift together 1/3 cup flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually beat brown sugar into eggs. Add sifted flour mixture; mix well. Mix in vanilla, nuts and apricots. Spread over baked layer. Bake 30 min, or until done. Cool in pan; cut into bars; roll in confectioners' sugar. *Makes about 2-1/2 dozen.*

Freda's tips: California apricots have a good flavor and reduce heat if using a glass pan.

Recipe from Good Housekeeping's "Book of Cookies," copyright 1958.

Due to fragrance allergies, your "fragrance free" attendance at meetings and club events is greatly appreciated.

# NCG 2011 Positions

## Naperville Community Gardeners

### Executive Board

President (candidate).....	Arup Bhuyan
Vice-President (Programs) .....	<b>OPEN</b>
Secretary .....	<b>OPEN</b>
Treasurer (candidate) .....	Tom Campbell
Past President .....	Patti Thompson

### Committee Chairs

Flower and Garden Show .....	Tom Campbell
.....	Barbara Jones
Garden Plant-A-Row.....	<b>OPEN</b>
Gardening Workshops.....	Ron Ory
Harvest Banquet.....	Esther Prock
High School Liaisons.....	<b>under discussion</b>
Historian .....	Carolyn Finzer
Membership.....	<b>OPEN</b>
Meeting Refreshments.....	Barb Bockman
Naper Settlement Gardens .....	Eleanor Holt
Naper Settlement Rose Garden.....	Brian Bell
Newsletter.....	Laurel LaLonde
Newsletter Distribution.....	Mary Wright
Photography .....	Ron Ory
Picnic Coordinator .....	Barbara Jones
Plant Sale.....	Bob Elvert
Plant Sale-Members' Plants.....	Linda Allison
Publicity .....	Laurel LaLonde
River Walk Clean Up .....	Linda Thompson
River Walk Gardens.....	Linda Thompson
Show Guide .....	Laurel LaLonde
Special Correspondence .....	Carolyn Finzer
Website.....	Peter Klassen

## JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR OPEN POSITIONS

Vice President - This position lines up speakers for each meeting and handles arrangements for any equipment or special set-up the speaker needs. VP sends program description to Publicity Chairman. VP also leads meeting when the President is unavailable.

Secretary - The Secretary is responsible for taking minutes at every meeting and sending an electronic

version of the minutes to the Newsletter Editor.

Garden Plant-A-Row for the Hungry - this committee plants and maintains a Park District garden plot and donates all the produce to Naperville's Loaves & Fishes food pantry.

Membership - The Membership Chair is responsible for greeting guests, giving guest name tags out, maintaining a sign-up sheet for guests, collecting membership dues, distributing new member's folders, maintaining a current membership list, making name tags for new members, and maintaining the name tag board.

## Saving Tomato Seeds

It's time to save the seeds from your heirloom tomatoes. Start by picking out a really nice tomato of each of your favorite varieties. Remember, you want to pass on the best qualities so pick out your nicest tomato.

1. Slice it in half and spoon out the seeds. (You can eat the rest!)
2. Place your seeds in a bowl or jar and add a few tablespoons of water and mix it around.
3. Cover the bowl/jar with a paper towel and hold it on with a rubber band. Your tomato seeds will start to ferment and may get smelly so covering it helps keep fruit flies away.
4. Place your bowl in a warm spot. It takes about 4 to 5 days for the fermentation to eat away the seed casings. Everyday, peel back the plastic wrap and stir the mixture of seeds and water. The liquid will begin to darken and start to emit an odor.
5. A filmy layer on the surface of liquid, where the impurities will rise to, will form. The fermentation process, in addition to removing the gel casing, will help kill any possible diseases the former tomato may have been harboring.
6. When the seeds are nice and fermented, spoon out the film and dump the seeds in a fine kitchen sieve and rinse thoroughly with cool water.
7. After rinsing, spread the seeds onto a paper plate, coffee filter or parchment paper.
8. Let the seeds dry for a few days, flipping seeds once a day so all side dry.
9. When seeds are completely dry, put seeds in a labeled envelope. Store in a dry location.