



Naperville Community Gardeners

October 2011

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

Garden Bounty Potluck

So what do we do with all that edible bounty that we get from our gardens? We cook with it of course! October is a great time to create your favorite garden dish and bring it to the garden club meeting. Salsas, breads, tarts, jams, juices, soups, appetizers, salads, pickles, relishes, sauces, cakes, cookies – we want to taste them all. You do not have to use vegetables/fruits from your garden, you can use store bought items also. This is an opportunity to share cooking ideas with the group so that we can start thinking about what types of items we would like to grow next year.

We will have tables to sit at as well as paper plates, napkins and utensils. There will not be our usual treat table.

This is totally optional and by no means a requirement for attendance.

Things to bring:

1. Dish to share (enough to provide one small sample for about 30 people).
2. Serving spoon or knife to serve. The church does not have serving utensils.
3. Recipe – copies would be preferred but if not able to copy bring the original so it can be written down by others. Also helps in case someone has food allergies to see the ingredients.
4. Disposable bowls - if bringing something like soup

SEED EXCHANGE

Our speaker will be discussing seed saving. This is a great time to gather seeds, dry seeds and package them up for an exchange. Please remember to label your seeds and provide baggies or pouches for distribution.

Questions? Contact Betty Ference.

Next Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2011
7 p.m.
Knox Presbyterian Church

“Seed Saving & Edible Landscape”

presented by
Ed Max
Max's Greener Places
www.maxlandscape.com

Ed will speak on heirloom tomatoes in regards to soil preparation, saving seeds and preferred varieties. Ed will also cover other vegetable selections for a successful garden. Ed grows 15-20 tomato varieties in his yard and being a landscape designer, will cover all aspects of designing and maintaining an edible landscape.

Upcoming Events & Contact Person

October 3	Meeting & Program; Garden Bounty Potluck, Seed Exchange. Questions? Contact Betty Ference Program: “Seed Saving and Edible Landscapes” by Ed Max, Max's Greener Places
November 6	Harvest Banquet at Angeli's, 5 p.m.. Questions? Contact Esther Prock
December	No Meeting



Mark Your Calendars!

January 9, 2012*	Meeting & Program
February 6, 2012	Meeting & Program
March 5, 2012	Meeting & Program
April 2, 2012	Meeting & Program
May 7, 2012	Meeting & Program
June 4, 2012	Meeting & Program
June or July	Member garden tours/picnic
July	No meeting
August 6, 2012	Meeting & Program
Sept. 10, 2012*	Meeting & Program
October 1, 2012	Meeting & Program
November	Harvest Banquet - no meeting
December	No meeting

*2nd Monday of the month.



Congratulations to Nick Papadolias for his winning dahlia bouquet at the Sandwich Fair.

Refreshments

I would like to thank all of you who signed up to bring refreshments for the coming year! There are only a few openings left, so check your calendar and see which date might be good for you if you would like to share with the group.

Thank you everyone who brought refreshments to the meetings this past year. Everything was wonderful! The group seems to be enjoying the "healthy" snacks along with the sweets. The amounts of 2 dozen of 2 types of foods also seems to be working out well.

Don't forget that the October meeting is a time to share your own favorite recipe using ingredients from your garden, or the store if you don't have a garden this year. Please bring a serving utensil.

Barb Bockman

2012 Refreshments

Jan. 9	Vicky Polito	
Feb. 6	Randy Scheib	
Mar. 5	JoAnn Monge	
April 2	Wanda Wohead	Carolyn Finzer
May 7	Jim Canavan	Logan Wasson
June 4	Gail Butler	Judy Kanarek
July	no meeting	
Aug. 6	Vicky Polito	
Sept. 10	Jan Gricus	Pat Thompson
Oct. 1	Eleanor Holt	Rose Mary Stelter
Nov.	Harvest Banquet	
Dec.	No meeting	

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

Naperville Community Gardeners Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2011

Submitted by Vicky Polito, Secretary

Arup Bhuyan called the meeting to order 7:02 p.m. Approximately 25 in attending, 1 guest.

- Motion to approve August meeting minutes made and passed.
- Treasurer's Report from Tom Campbell: \$15,310.44 in bank.
- Betty Earl requested referrals to Fairy Gardens for her book coming in spring 2012.
- Logan Wasson requested on Ron Ory's behalf that members with garden plots on West St or with any access to produce gardens volunteer them for gleaning with all produce going to Loaves & Fishes.
- Esther Prock sets Harvest Banquet for Sunday, Nov. 6th, 5 p.m. at Angeli's. More info coming but requests members save the date.
- Betty Ferrence reminds us that the October meeting will feature a Garden Bounty Pot-Luck. All are welcome but encouraged to participate more by bringing a dish to serve a small bit to 30-35 persons and copies of your recipe for same to share, plus the required serving utensils. Other supplies will be provided. Will be unstructured and no "assignments" will be made for what to cook. Outlets along the walls and the kitchen area to use if you need to bring a crock pot, etc. for your contribution. Again, bringing a dish is not a requirement to attend the October meeting, but is encouraged.
- Barb Bockman passed around the sign-up sheet for refreshments responsibility for 2012.
- Patty Thompson states that it looks like all meeting dates are going to be approved as requested for next year but any conflicts will quickly be reported and resolved. Also, if NCG submits upcoming meeting info to the secretary in the Knox Presbyterian office, it will be publicized via the church's closed-circuit TV system.
- A motion was made and carried to reimburse Patty Thompson approximately \$42 for the new Crabapple tree planted near the church entrance on NCG's behalf.
- Carolyn Finzer mentioned seeing Nick Papadolias's prize winning Dahlias at Sandwich Fair and also that her bench in the recent United Way effort was bought and will be displayed by the Marriot in Oakbrook.
- Tom Campbell reported that the Flower & Garden show was more sparsely attended and had fewer entries than last year, but was still a good show. Stats: 388 total entries (down by about 100 from 2010) from 20 people, 14 of whom were members and 2 were chil-

dren. Carolyn Finzer requested that judges make more effort to comment on entry tags, but Tom reminds us that the judges can only be asked and not forced to do this. Judges commentary is completely at their own will.

- JoAnn Monge has member directory ready to circulate in next couple of days via pdf file.
- Arup Bhuyan reminds us that October means election of officers and filling of committee chairs, etc. Tom Campbell will continue as Treasurer and Vicky Polito as Secretary. Betty Ferrence will be our 2012 President. We'll need a VP and two committee chairs: Publicity and Harvest Banquet. All other committee chairs are staying in place.

MINI-SHOW:

- Ben Calvert brought a lovely Azalea bonsai, about 3 yrs old, and the "9/11 American Eagle" ceramic he made for this year as a commemorative in his bird series or ornaments.
- Nancy Carroll had cuts of a really pretty seed-grown peony dahlia, "Fascination", and a 32" lily called "Dot Com", plus a couple of Crocosmias: "Emberglow" and "Emily McKenzie."

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. for refreshments followed by our program: How Plants Become AAS (All-American Selection) Winners by Diane Blazek.

Newsletter Submissions

All newsletter submissions are due by the 20th of the month. Newsletter submissions should be typed in Microsoft Word as simple text. Please do not include tables, special formatting, etc. Any special formatting makes it difficult to copy and paste. Attach your document to an email and send to Laurel.

You will receive a "received" notice when your newsletter submission is received. If you don't get a "received" reply, please call Laurel. We don't want to miss your news because it was lost in cyberspace.