



NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

April 2013

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

NEXT MEETING

APRIL 1, 2013

7 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church

SPEAKER: DIANE HUNTER

**TOPIC: Gardens as Healing,
Sacred Places**

Diane Hunter often lectures on Japanese Gardens and is a speaker for the Chicago Botanical Gardens. Her Eastern inspired garden created over 27 years has been a destination for cancer victims who find solace in its quiet, sacred spaces. Diane has traveled the world extensively, having visited more than 80 gardens in Japan. A former teacher, she has a master's degree in biochemistry.

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President's Message

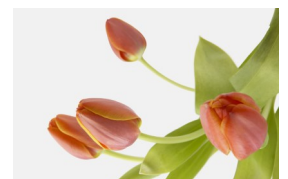
I'm sure you all are as weary of this winter weather as I am. While it is more along the lines of 'normal' for this area, I am very tired of 30ish degrees and am looking forward to warmer days and getting out in my yard.

I hope you had a chance to get to the Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier. It was a great shot of color and fragrance, especially on a gloomy, rainy day. If not that, perhaps you enjoyed Wannamaker's Spring Show held the same weekend. (Is anyone else a bit annoyed that everything seems to be held the same weekend?).

Alsip Nursery in Frankfort is holding their Spring Show this weekend, March 23 and 24. They promise a greenhouse full of colorful plants as well as a variety of classes. It's all free, even parking, and an easy 35 minute drive on 355 and 80. Their address is 20601 S. LaGrange Road. I have not been disappointed in the past.

A dear friend and I went to the Chicago Botanic Garden on March 9th to hear Debra Prinzing talk about and demonstrate her flower arranging and book, "Slow Flowers, Four Seasons of Locally Grown Bouquets from the Garden, Meadow and Farm." She talked about not being afraid to use non-traditional items in bouquets, like twigs of all sorts, including those with berries and unripened fruit, and interesting leaves like dusty miller, oak-leaf hydrangea and lady's mantle. Even herb clippings like rosemary to add fragrance as well.....a mini sensory garden, if you will. Many of these are right in your own backyard. She had a stunning display of artemisia, hydrangea and northern oats grass that lasted for five months. After watering initially, she then let it all dry out for a lovely, long-lasting bouquet. She advises to start out your arrangement with foliage by 'foraging' (latest trending buzz word) in your yard for items based on color, shape, texture and visual interest. Then add a few flowers as focal points. Let the spirit move you. Have fun. It's all good.

Hurry Spring!!
Jan Gricus



COMING EVENTS

- May 6 Meeting:** Beth Botts:
 "Where Plants Come From"
- May 11** Plant Sale, Garden Plots
- June 3 Meeting:** Ellen Gunter: 'Climate Reality'
- June 29** Garden Walk and Picnic
- July 20** Visit Warrenville hosta and
 daylily garden
- August 17** Flower and Garden Show

From Ron Ory: We've got a generous pledge of plenty of lamb's ears for the Sensory Garden. We would welcome other members' offerings of plants that 'Enlarge Your Sense' as the park district tag propounds. We probably won't do much planting until June, so that allows gardeners a second 'dig and divide' opportunity after the plant sale.

Four Season Gardening

Once again the University of Illinois Extension sponsors teleconference classes at the Naperville office, 1100 E. Warrenville Road. For more information, visit the website at web.extension.illinois.edu/ddk/hort.html.

April 9, 1 p.m. Spruce Problems

April 25, 6:30 p.m. Pollinators and Insecticides

May 7, 1 p.m. All About Tomatoes



May 23, 6:30 p.m. Don't Doubt the
 Drought

Recycle Electronics

The City of Naperville hosts electronics recycling at the Public Works Service Center Recycling Drop-Off Center, 180 Fort Hill Drive. Residents can drop off their unwanted electronics at the center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. This is a self-service electronics drop-off center. For more information, visit www.naperville.il.us/recyclecenter.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE LEADERS

Executive Board—2013

President.....Janice Gricus
 Vice-President.....Mark Mayszak
 Secretary.....Vicky Polito
 Treasurer.....Tom Campbell
 Past President.....Betty Ference

Committee Chairs - 2013

CorrespondenceCarolyn Finzer
 Email List Moderator.....Eleanor Holt
 Facebook PageRobert Stephens
 Flower and Garden Show.....Tom Campbell
 Flower and Garden Show Guide.....Tom Campbell
 Harvest Banquet**OPEN**
 HistorianCarolyn Finzer
 Membership.....JoAnn Monge
 Meeting Refreshments.....Cricket Cressman
 Mini-Show.....Angel Whitt
 Naper Settlement Gardens.....Pat Thompson
 Newsletter.....Eleanor Holt
 Newsletter Distribution.....Mary Wright
 Photography.....Ron Ory
 Picnic/Garden Walk.....Betty Ference
 Plant Sale.....Bob Elvert
 Plant Sale-Members' Plants.....Linda Allison
 Ogden Ave. Post Office Gardens.....Carolyn Finzer
 Publicity.....Vicky Polito
 River Walk Clean Up/Gardens.....Bob Elvert
 T-shirt SalesLogan Wasson
 Website.....Peter Klassen

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Thanks to Wanda Wohead for bringing refreshments to our March meeting. They were perfect for a late-winter gathering.

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF March 4, 2013

MINUTES OF OPEN EXEC COMMITTEE MTNG—attending Jan Gricus, Pres; Mark Mayszak, VP; Tom Campbell, Trsr; Vicky Polito, Sec'y; Eleanor Holt, Newsletter

Minutes from 2/4/13 EC mtng approved. T-shirts and badges order in and payment collection will begin during reg mtng. Members reminded that annual dues to be collected by April or name is removed from member list. Jan still needs job descriptions for Pres (from Betty), for Membership Chair (from JoAnn) and resend of Sec'y description (from Vicky). Jan will contact Peter Klassen to request website change to read that dues are now \$20, flat. Eleanor wants us to be sure to find one or both keys to club's PO box and she volunteered to handle regularly checking that box. Vicky mentioned frustration that Positively Naperville seldom selects NCG mtng announcements over those of Naperville Garden Club—Eleanor recommended that Vicky contact PN to be sure they are not confusing the two groups as one and Mark again recommends stressing the benefit and difference of NCG being an evening mtng in this and all promotions.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING—

Jan Gricus call to order @ 7:02p—28 attending, including 3 guests.

February mtng minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report, Tom Campbell--funds on hand \$16,995 and change as of 2/8/13.

Member Plant Sale, Bob Elvert--all is moving forward without problems--permit fine; tents should be fine; on 3/15 order goes in to Schaeffer's for plants, prices stable with last year's--Impatiens might be problem, see Betty Earl's re: impatiens wallerana downy mildew outbreak (disease does not spread/is host-specific), may have the exotics (New Guinea) that aren't affected.

Bob may not be here for April meeting but Linda Allison will shepherd sign-in sheets for all posts—the Politos will do Friday night plant-sitting if Bob needs them--Judy asks for 2 extra tables for snacks at sale and Tom will order those.

Linda will coordinate pots for distribution with Judy Kanarek and Carolyn Finzer, etc.--gave brief cover on sale for newbies in attendance, she'll do sign up sheets for labeling, etc. May 8th is label making at Linda's with snacks. Collector's table will happen and is popular. Natives are good, too. Donors should plan accordingly.

Jan mentions that Betty Ference is looking for Summer Garden Tour volunteers.

Tom Campbell--Onion and Leek sets for pre-sale—contact Tom who will get them early in time for earlier planting

Member Dues—payment now through April mtng--after that you are dropped from member list.

Tom has info and ability to take payment for t-shirts and tags/badges in Logan Wasson's temp absence—delivery at April mtng.

Ron Ory discussed Sensory Garden—some money coming from park district for installation, etc.--Pls email Ron re: plants you may have for this. Mostly full sun and is open to your ideas/available plants, etc. in developing a needs list. Has some hardscape to install and does have volunteers and may ask those who are working plant sale to help during down time of sale. Tom asked to present club's check at Plant Sale--that's fine and will get publicity via plant sale team's work.

Patty Thompson coordinating club's work at Naper Settlement this year, taking over from Eleanor Holt.

No news on Ollie this month, though he's still on his church's prayer list.

Carolyn Finzer re: Norfolk Pine still needing a home--Life Spring/Nancy Carroll may be interested.

Mini-show: Nancy Carroll "Evergreen amaryllis", like Giraffe, for mini-show—also called "Butterfly amaryllis"--Carolyn's (unfortunately confirmed!) dead bonsai tree; a volunteers brochure from Naper Settlement w/a photo that includes Carolyn.

Cricket announced that Wanda Wohead brought her share of snacks but we're short one person's this time.

Betty Ference absent, so a double raffle next month.

Adjourn at 7:23p for refreshments, followed by speaker Amy Hull on COD Greenhouse.

NCG Member Plant Sale - Donation Form 2013

Please list the name and variety of the plant, sun/shade requirements, color, height/spread, bloom time, number of plants being donated, anything that would help with growing the plant.

No. _____ Name: _____

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Plants donated by: _____