



NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

January 2017

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

The Gardening Year Begins

This issue is the first for our editor—Barb Bozek my apologies for the mistakes I'm sure I will make each month

Officers for the coming year are

President: Barbara Bozek

Vice-President: Wanda Wohead

Secretary: Linda Allison

Treasurer: Jan Gricus

Past President: Rod Beary

Thanks to our new officers, to our retiring officers, and to everyone whose efforts make belonging to this club a rewarding experience.

DATES OF 2017 MEETINGS

Knox Presbyterian Church (1105 Catalpa, Naperville) has once again graciously given us the use of a meeting room for the coming year. Here are the dates for our Monday meetings: 7:00 start

January 9—Don White—Orchids

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July: No meeting

August 7

September 11 (second Monday)

October 2

November: No meeting

December: No meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new year when memories of unfulfilled garden ideas get reborn into 'next year' prospects.

I look forward to familiar faces and interesting topics with our group.. Wanda is excited about getting all sorts of fascinating speakers for this year. Plus as part of the lecture topic, there may be something to take home—not only tips on new ideas, but also plants or a prize. All this to interest you to be a regular at our meetings and to invite someone new to join us.

My gardening is about sharing, and may it continue with fruitful results.

Sincerely, *Barb Bozek*

NEWS—you need to know!

* We extend our sympathies to **Mary Carter Beary's** husband, Rod and family.

She entered eternal rest on December 18th, visitation is at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home 44 S. Mill on Thursday, December 29 from 3:00—5:00 followed by a Celebration of Life service..

She had many gifts and we got to share them with her as a member of our club. Her obituary follows at the end of this newsletter. A club donation is planned.

- Monarch Butterfly project— Good news—It has been approved.

January topic—Orchids, led by Don White of Anything Orchids in Frankfort, IL 815 469 3774

He will speak on the topic, bring in plants for purchase and most importantly—share his vast knowledge of growing them. Be sure to bring your questions, and pictures of problems. Inspiration and hope will pervade our first meeting. This is a great way to start the year!

Link www.anythingorchids.com



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October 3, 2016 Minutes

Present: Linda Allison, Mark Mayzak, Jan Gricus, Rod Beary, Bob Elvert

Betty Ference asked for a monetary budget for a stamp for seed packets. \$50 was granted.

Treasurer reported that the balance is \$9,678.10. Scholarships in the past have been \$2,000 each with a three-year commitment.

Bob Elvert said he would do the plant sale for next year but his son is graduating that day so he will not be in attendance.

By-laws were distributed to membership via email. They mention that dues will fund national garden association fees. We do not belong to the national garden association so the by-laws will need to be changed for next year.

The roster of officers to be presented to the club will be President, Barbara Bozek; Vice President, Wanda Wohead; Secretary, Linda Allison; Treasure, Jan Gricus. Newsletter committee chair is still open at this time.

General Meeting started at 7:00 PM

We had one guest in attendance. Jan reported as Treasurer that the Flower and Garden show still has some outstanding expenses to be turned in; otherwise everything is up to date.

The minutes for the September meeting need to be amended per input from Ron Ory regarding his comments on plant show. Mark Mayzak moved that the minutes be approved with changes, seconded by Cricket Cressman.

Gail Butler reported on the Harvest Banquet which will be November 7th at 6:30 pm at Aurelio's on Rt. 59 in Naperville. The cost will be \$10 per person. Gail will accept money at meeting and also will email to membership with address that payments can be sent.

Bob Elvert announced that the Plant Sale next year will be on May 13, 2017.

By-Laws: Mark Mayzak moved that we accept by-laws per our charter for 2017, Peter Klassen seconded. Passed.

The officer roster was presented to membership. No one opposed to the roster and no one else wanted to run for any office. Rod Beary moved to accept officer roster as noted above, Judy Kanarek seconded, all in favor.

Vicki Polito mentioned that there is a slight possibility she will not be there for the Garden Show next year due to family commitment. She will still do preliminary work for the show.

Jan Gricus mentioned that the Garden Plot Gleaning day is October 11th for anyone who can come out and gather vegetables for Loaves & Fishes. Bring boots and hand tools.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM made by Betty Ference, seconded by Jan Gricus.

Betty Ference, Secretary



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

MARY CARTER BEARY

Born: June 1, 1945 Died: December 18, 2016



Mary Carter Beary, age 71, a longtime resident of Oswego, IL and Naperville, IL, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2016 at her home.

She was born on June 1, 1945 in Fort Worth, TX.

Mary Carter is survived by her devoted husband of nearly 50 years, Rodney Beary; her loving children, Todd Beary, Matt (Kristiina Kimmer-Beary) Beary and Susannah Lehner; her cherished grandchildren, Helen, Kai and Vivian Beary, Benjamin and Olin Lehner; and her half-brother, Frederick W. Ford.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frederick and Virginia Ford.

Mary Carter was raised in Alexandria, VA. She earned her bachelor's degree from [Penn State University](#) and was blessed to have met the love of her life while there. Mary Carter was a Master Gardener and a plant clinic volunteer at the Morton Arboretum, as well as a longtime member of the Naperville Community Gardener's Club.

For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Mary Carter's life, memorials to the Scatter Kindness Erin Potts Memorial Fund would be greatly appreciated.

Family and friends will gather on Thursday, December 29, 3:00 until 5:00 PM at the Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. A celebration of Mary Carter's life will be held at 5:00 PM at the funeral home with Pastor Ron Markese of Calvary Church, officiating. Interment will be private.

For more information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

If you wish to send a personal note to the family: Rod Beary 2226 Roth Rd Oswego, IL 60543

To end the newsletter with a little dirt -

This is the page most of us never get to read—as I clearly put all the important stuff on the front page.

How Do I Keep My Gardening Interest growing during the cold winter months?

Well, I have found that PBS has several gardening programs and my absolute favorite is

“Growing a Greener World” on PBC Channel 20 (wycc) on Sundays at 3:30pm. Topics are creative and get me thinking outside of my garden box. Great for sustainable gardening. You may like it too.

Another is “Mid American Gardener”—a University of Illinois extension service panel answering viewer questions on gardening .

That is broadcast on PBS Channel 20 (wycc) on Wednesday at 1:00 pm . Not as inspiring, but the advice is appropriate for Illinois gardeners The time may have changed as I usually record it on Saturdays wycc 10:30am.

Both of these shows have past episodes on the internet. www.growingagreenerplantet.com

<http://will.illinois.edu/midamericangardener>

Broadcast times may change, so the weblinks may be more useful.

One last word—I have signed up with the Chicago Botanic Gardens to take a 2 hour workshop on how to start a seed saving garden. The class is later in January and I hope this is the momentum for us to continue with what Rod has started—a theme for our club that makes us unique. I hope to have a series of articles throughout the year in the newsletter.

That's all Folks!