



NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

February 2020

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

2020 Calendar

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DATES OF 2020 MEETINGS

Knox Presbyterian Church (1105 Catalpa, Naperville), 7:00 starts with business portion, a brief social time with speaker starts at 8:00.

February 3—Workshop on Winter Sowing, and seed swap—Jan Gricus

March 2— Growing and Enjoying Fruits—specific to our area of IL, speaker from Midfex

April 6—Getting More From Your Perennials—Divide, Propagate and Share, Dennis Corbin

May 4—Pesticides Think Before You Use Them— Dr. Marty Klaus

May 9 Plant Sale

June 1—Dahlias, (tbd)

July—no meeting—picnic?

August 3— Tropicals, Nick Janakas

Aug 8th—40th Annual Garden Show

Sept 14—Soil and Mushrooms (tbd)

Oct 5—Clean Eating (tbd)

November 2 ? Banquet

Here's what you missed:

January Back to Basics,
Bill Karges of Pioneer Garden
Store



See our website for more details:

www.napervillecommunitygardeners.org

No need to wait—Winter Seed Sowing Workshop

This month's business meeting will start promptly and will be only 30 minutes allowing us plenty of time for our workshop.

Business portion will discuss the 2020 budget—which needs to be discussed and then approved.

For the workshop—neighbors, friends, and relatives are invited to learn this technique. If you bring your 1 gallon container, we will have the supplies for punching holes, the right soil, seeds (feel free to bring your own too), and labels.

At the end of this newsletter is a questionnaire. At our last meeting I asked why do you garden, why is this the garden club you stay with? When I'm planning the speakers, I want to make sure I know what the members' interests are, also how much you can participate, in which areas you to contribute, and even what bothers you. If I don't ask, I usually don't find out. You are welcome to return the form to me at the meeting or send in email.

Barb Bozek

February—Winter Seed Sowing Workshop

Presenter: Jan Gricus of NCG and the U of I Ext Master Gardeners

Jan has presented this workshop many times, always with the enthusiasm of her own successful winter sowing experiences. If you have something specific that you want to start, bring those seeds. We will have a selection of vegetables, flowers and herbs for you to select. This event is free to members, and \$ 2 to cover supplies for guests. This is hands on and you will go home with one container (more if we have extras).

BONUS: a flyer is included in the email—print and share!

NEWS— (also serves as agenda / topics for our meeting)

- Minutes - read, discuss, motion to approve
- Treasurer's report and 2020 budget
- News to Share
- Show and Tell
- New Business—social coordinator needed. Patsy to help transition
- I have a problem?

MINUTES FOR NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

January 6, 2020

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:08. He expressed interest in continuing as club president for another year, which was well received by members attending. He welcome people for the new year and thanked people who have served well over the years. However, the club has several unfilled leadership spots and if the club is to succeed as it has in the past, more people need to step up and volunteer their expertise and time. Right now we need a **snack coordinator** for meetings and events, someone to **head up the plant sale**, someone to head up the **bake sale**, and a **publicity chairman** to be a liaison to the news media, magazines, and social media. It was also suggested than we get more people in the community involved in the **Garden Show** through social media and news sources. **Bob** talked to Schaeffer Greenhouse and they will supply us again this year for the plant sale.

Jan gave treasurer's report. We were over budget by \$615.73. Part of that was from lingering expenses from previous year and additional expenses not occurred previous years. One expense is increased rental to the church as we used their coffee and paper goods in the past and have stopped. A suggestion was made to maintain their gardens in lieu of rental fees. The same suggestion was to do the same for the Park District. However, Park District provides tents for our plant sale, free of charge. In the past, our members weeded the demonstration garden. Some members who have a relationship with Park District people said they would approach them and see if there is a way to reduce our donation.

The discussion then turned to raising more money by using social media to promote plant sale. Other suggestions were to grow sunflower plants to distribute to children who come to the sale. **Bob** interjected that ideas are good, but we need more people to head up their ideas. We need more support from members.

Another suggestion was to utilize our members to give talks instead of hiring outside speakers.

New Business:

Dues are due.

Darien Garden Show at Chuck's in Westmont is March 7. Cost is \$50.00 **Barb** has forms to apply.

Gallon milk jugs are needed for winter sowing at our February meeting.

Business meeting adjourned at 7:48.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Plonka

Questionnaire:

The Naperville Community Gardeners started 40 years ago as the Naperville Men's Garden Club.

Over the years, the group has evolved. It is time to find out how we could improve.

The questions are only a beginning, leaving space for you to tell me what you think will make a difference.

And tell me where you think we are missing our goal of *"To nurture the gardening interests of its members and the community through educational programs and community projects"*

When did you join the garden club? (approximately) _____

How did you learn about the garden club?

Select any or add specifics: Garden Show, Newspaper article, Signs (plant sales), one of our community programs, Park District garden plots,

Why?

Did you attend a lecture,.

Did your friend/relative/other join,

Do you find our goal of community involvement important,

Do you share the same goals

Do you want to know more about gardening?

Gardening specifics: Your interests are

mainly home landscaping, new homeowner landscaping, encouraging next generation to garden, vegetable gardening, perennial gardening, herbs for cooking/preserving/crafting, indoor gardening, advanced topics such as propagation, dividing plants, seed starting, want to stretch my knowledge, tropical, attending garden related sites need gardening solutions (roto tilling, bugs, etc)

More ideas _____

Which committee interests you? No one does it alone—you'll partner with someone. Minimum amount needed (min)

Garden Show Plant Sale Refreshment set up (min) Newsletter Bake Sale Marketing Publicity Speakers

Church Liaison(min) End of Year Banquet (min) Newsletter Members Picnic/Activity (min)

Is the meeting place, time and date good for you? Let me know if you have another suggestion.

Your ideas and thoughts (use the back side and another sheet if needed).

Name: (anonymous is okay too) _____

Thank you! Barb bb0302@aol.com