



# NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

January 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.

**January 6th Back to Basics,  
Bill Karges of Pioneer Garden Store**

February 3

March 3

April 6

May 4

May 9th Plant Sale

June 1

July—no meeting—picnic?

August 3—Nick J—Tropicals

August 15th—Garden Show

Sept 14

October 5

November 2 ? Banquet

Send your ideas for topics/speakers to me bb0302@aol.com

See our website for more details:

## There's always next year—well this is that year!

Gardening itch—did you get it when the first seed catalogs started arriving before Thanksgiving? Did you get it when the weather was mild and you walked around your yard?

I get excited when I see familiar things with fresh eyes—such as on a trip to Germany I saw mistletoe growing in trees, and I saw fields of harvested beets being stored, covered in open fields. There were NO Silos. And I realize, I need to listen more to gardening veterans, whenever I can.

With that in mind, this year, the theme of the speakers will be—With Fresh Eyes— looking at gardening with renewed interest and discovering new ones. Starting with Bill Karges, and he'll speak on Soil, starting off right.. Read more below.

Later in the year, I hope to have seasoned members share their knowledge—hopefully Nick P on Dahlias, Nick J on Tropicals, and Dennis on his journey through gardening experience (humorous).

Finally: This is how I see our club, we share knowledge, we encourage, we guide and we're patient. We help each other and want to instill our joy of gardening with others. I hope you will attend many of the meetings and share your knowledge, add to the discussion, challenge your way of doing things. It will be a new year—2020, not just a year, but a way of seeing (get it—20 20).

Barb Bozek

## January—Gardening basics— Do Ri me

Presenter: Bill Karges, of Pioneer Garden Center in Villa Park.

Bill has presented gardening topics at our meetings and he is amazing. He has a vast knowledge of gardening, and presents the topic in an engaging way. We'll start with the basics: soil, preparation, mulching, fertilizers,. Whether you've been gardening the same way for years OR you are new and need a little guidance, this will get you looking at what you do and why you do it in the garden.

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

- **We need a President— vice pres to fill in January**
- Minutes - read, discuss, motion to approve
- Treasurer's report - Jan will be collecting annual dues (\$20)
- News to share - Porter County Garden Show Jan 25th 8:00—4:00 (CST)
- Show and Tell
- New Business—social coordinator needed. Patsy to help transition

**OCTOBER 7, 2019 --MINUTES FOR NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS**

**Wanda Wohead** called the meeting to order at 7:10.p.m.. Two new visitors were acknowledged and welcomed: **Kathy McKinnley** and **Sarah O'Donnell**.

**Vicky Polito** asked for correction to September minutes--she WILL do plant show next year and will decide what to do the year after.

**JoAnn Monge** doesn't not want member's plants for next year's plant sale if they have jumping worms in their garden.

**Jan Gricus** gave treasurer report. The club has \$8,918.20 in the bank. However, we are \$1,000 over budget. We needed to cover \$241 from last year's plant show and the club didn't make as much this year from the plant sale and bake sale as previous years.

**Barb Bozek** reminded that bylaws require an annual meeting in October where members vote in candidates and take volunteers for offices. She asked for volunteers to take over positions that need to be filled. She reminded that as members, all must be in a committee and participate in the plant sale. **Wanda Wohead** suggested that when paying dues, people should volunteer for a committee. **Vicky Polito** suggested sending paying members a thank you for membership and a reminder what committee they signed up to join. People need to take ownership for the club to be successful. It seems as if the same people are in leadership over the years and new ideas are welcomed.

Candidates are as follows:

President--**Bob Elvert** is candidate

Vice President--**Barb Bozek**

Secretary--**Sharon Plonka** with **Diane Brummel** as alternate

Treasurer--**Jan Gricus** with **Mary Scherrer** as Job shadow

Candidates were voted into office.

**Peter Klassen** moved to accept bylaws--**Vicky Polito** seconded it and voted and accepted.

**Slav Czelusniak** will continue as web designer, but any assistance would be appreciated.

**Pat Thompson** is an Elder at the church and told club that there were is a lot of interest from others to use the church meeting space. She needs our planned dates for meetings for 2021 and 2022 so church can coordinate their calendar. (Barb to confirm)

Club banquet will be November 11 at Traverso's. Cost was not known at this time, but email/snailmail will share details. Please let **Barb** know by October 28 if you are attending and if bringing guests.

Here is the link [www.purdue.edu/.../master-gardener/events/16th-annual-gardening-show-porter-county](http://www.purdue.edu/.../master-gardener/events/16th-annual-gardening-show-porter-county)

The copy below will not allow you to get to the specifics mentioned in the flyer—such as Floor Plan, speaker details.....



**Save the Date!** Saturday, January 25, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST (Chicago time).

## 2020 Vision for Your Garden

We are so excited to bring you this Show! Anticipating it is giving *us* goose bumps, so we're pretty sure you're going to enjoy it too.

It's hard to believe we are about to enter the third decade of the 21st Century, but it's true. Not only are we entering a new decade, but we're opening our doors into a newly-renovated Porter County Expo Center! That means we're bringing you a new vision in a new venue. Because of that, we've had to adjust to Expo's changes, so the floor plan will be slightly different this year. But you can figure out how you want to navigate by using this [floor plan](#) on our website and we'll have one in your Show program too.

To focus in on 20/20 vision, we're partnering with Valparaiso [Lions Club](#) whose Recycle for Sight program helps improve the vision of people in need. You can help by bringing prescription, or over-the-counter reading glasses (no sunglasses or cases, please) to the Show where the Lions Club will collect them for later distribution to those in need.

We are so-o-o-o-o pleased to be back and are enthusiastic about extending a personal welcome on January 25, 2020!

With these and all the other activities you've come to expect, we know that you'll enjoy the

### **16th Annual Gardening Show**

Saturday, January 25, 2020

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CST (Chicago Time)

Admission \$10 Cash or Check Children under 12 Free

Free Door Prizes Free Parking

Porter County Expo Center

215 East Division Road

Valparaiso, IN 46383

## Speakers Who Envision 2020 in the Garden

When we themed this year's Show "2020 Vision for Your Garden," we were determined to provide clear vision on a breadth of gardening topics from annuals, perennials, wildflowers and woodies to organic veggies and planting techniques. We invite you to join us to learn and to grow. We'll announce additional speakers and their topics as that information becomes available. To see who's already on the podium, click [here](#).



## Vendors & Exhibitors

Our show is a shopper's dream with a gardening theme, featuring both new and long-cherished [Vendors](#), while our not-for-profit [Exhibitors](#) will help you make a local connection to gardening and the environment.

Some, like Harry Gigous (above) of H. Gigous and Family, are becoming perennial favorites. You may get back in touch with him in the hallway between buildings 1 and 2..



## Seeds & Bulbs

We know you're used to revitalizing your garden by planting new seeds and bulbs from past Exchanges. This year should be no exception. Trade your own packets by following these [guidelines](#) or use the free tickets that come tucked inside your program to get started.

Master Gardeners are working hard to bring you up to 11,000 packets of seed and a variety of bulbs from which to choose.

Keep up with the latest developments on the 16th Annual Gardening Show by following us on Facebook and Twitter (below). And check our [website](#) often.