



# NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

February 2018

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

## 2018 Calendar

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### DATES OF 2018 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 meetings 7:00 start (business, then speaker)

#### February 6 (Tues) —The Tomato Man

Bob Zeni has a reputation for being 'the Tomato Man' and he's here to share his knowledge

**March 12 —No Fuss Gardening**, speaker from the Growing Place

**April 2—Native Plants**, speaker Denise Sandoval

**May 7—Latin Names -**

**June 4—All About GMO's**

**July—no meeting**

**August 6—Raising Monarch Butterflies**, Alan Jirik

**September 10—Canning**

**October 1—Incredible Bats**

**November—end of season banquet**

Here's what you missed

January 8, Let's Get Gardening Workshop: make and take your own winter seed sowing container

Check our website for notes

Www.napervillecommunitygardeners.org

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a terrific meeting in January with much activity and interest in the winter sowing project. Also, seed orders were coordinated by Wanda. Be prepared to pay for the seeds at our February meeting (reminder—it is on Tuesday). There is a lot to look forward to, even if we can't be outdoors.

Attached you will find details of the **Darien Garden Club Spring Inspiration event on March 10th**. The registration details are on a separate page. The speakers interest me so I'll be there. Maybe this interests you too.

*Barb Bozek*

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

- Minutes of past meeting - please read prior to meeting
- Approval of 2018 budget—the usual expenses plus any requests
- Treasurers report—
- Upcoming fun garden events... do share.
- Show and Tell
- New Business

### February topic: Tomatoes— Everything You Want to Know

Bob Zeni, the Tomato Man, grows over 1,000 tasty heirloom tomatoes in his greenhouse in LaGrange Park. He was featured in the Chicago Tribune newspaper last May. Bob will share his secrets on how you can be successful in growing your own tomato plants from seed. He grows about 50 varieties of heirloom plants and you can also purchase a Zeni tomato plant at our plant sale in May.

## Naperville Community Gardeners

January 8, 2018

No Board Meeting - setting up program for winter sowing

General Meeting - 7:00PM

- Minutes were approved by Nick and seconded by Cricket
- Treasurer - currently there is \$8,677.97 in the bank account, due to potential changes we will approve at the next meeting; the Garden Show was over budget by \$205.61 due to the need to purchase ribbons, etc.; The Harvest Banquet in November went over the projected budget, Marty approved and Nick seconded the overage of the Garden Show and Harvest Dinner.
- Ron Ory (Master Naturalist) - spoke about the Idea Garden at the garden plots, 100+ native perennials will be added this planting season developing a woodland garden, 50 trees / shrubs from his yard will be transferred to the plots.
- March 10-11 Wannamakers will be having its spring show, volunteers will be needed at our table talking about the NCG.
- Darien Gardening Club is having a symposium March 10, more information in our next newsletter;
- Naperville Park District will be hosting planting classes in March / April tailored to people with plots, there is no charge for these classes.
- New Business - Comments made to see if students interested in a career in horticulture might be interested in getting involved with NCG.
- Motion to adjourn: JoAnn, seconded by Judy
- Meeting adjourned: 7:45

Minutes submitted by Linda Allison, secretary



presents Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

## **“Spring Gardening Inspiration”**

March 10, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

New Location: **“Chateau Orleans” at Chuck’s Southern Comforts Café**

8025 Cass Avenue, Darien - *farm to table at its best-*

(Chuck is an avid gardener growing vegetables and herbs  
on the property year around behind the restaurant)

### Keynote Address:

**“What You Plant Matters:**

**the collective impact of urban habitat on people and nature”**

**Abigail Derby Lewis, Ph.D.**

Senior Conservation Ecologist & Senior Program Manager  
for the Chicago Region at the Field Museum of Natural History

### Session Presenters:

**“Urban Composting/Healthy Soils” by Bill Shores,**

Urban Edible Garden Consultant to Rick Bayless

**“Spring into Vegetable Gardening” by Lisa Hilgenberg,**

Chicago Botanic Garden

**“Planting for Pollinators” by Jan Sorensen,**

Native Plant Specialist, Pizzo Native Plant Nursery

**“Taming the Wild Ones/Welcoming Native Plants into a Garden”**

**by Beth Botts,**

author of *“Illinois, Indiana & Ohio Month -by-Month Gardening”*

...also enjoy luncheon, exhibits, raffles, etc.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Registration & speaker information:**

[www.dariengardenclub.com](http://www.dariengardenclub.com) 630-253-2125

[dariengardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:dariengardenclub@gmail.com)

**Early Bird registration by Feb. 1, 2018 (One Free Raffle Ticket Entry)**

**Registration Deadline: March 3, 2018**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gardening Inspiration**  
**Saturday, March 10, 2018**  
**8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Keynote Address:**

**What You Plant Matters: The Collective Impact of Urban Habitat on People and Nature**

**Abigail Derby Lewis, Ph.D.**, Senior Conservation Ecologist & Senior Program Manager  
 for the Chicago Region at the Field Museum of Natural History

**New Location:** Chateau Orleans at Chuck's Southern Comforts Café, 8025 Cass Avenue, Darien  
 Included: family style farm-to-table lunch with vegetarian and gluten free options available

**Registration options:** 1) Online at [www.DarienGardenClub.com](http://www.DarienGardenClub.com)

2) Mail form below with a check for \$50 payable to Darien Garden Club to:

Barb Parlour, 518 Whitehall Way Bolingbrook IL 60440

Questions/More Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian meal \_\_\_\_\_ Regular or GF meal \_\_\_\_\_

**Morning session, choose one workshop:**

\_\_\_ Spring into Vegetable Gardening by Lisa Hilgenberg, Horticulturist, Chicago Botanic Garden

\_\_\_ Taming the Wild Ones/Welcoming Native Plants into a Garden by Beth Botts, Author of *Illinois, Indiana & Ohio Month -by-Month Gardening*.

**Afternoon session, choose one workshop:**

\_\_\_ Planting for Pollinators by Jan Sorensen, Native Plant Specialist, Pizzo Native Plant Nursery

\_\_\_ Urban Composting/Healthy Soils by Bill Shores, Urban Edible, Garden Consultant