



NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY GARDENERS

February 2019

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

2019 Calendar

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DATES OF 2019 MEETINGS

Knox Presbyterian Church (1105 Catalpa, Naperville) is where we meet.. Here are the dates for our meetings

7:00 start (business, then speaker)

Dates:

February 4, Bringing Green Energy to Your Home—CUB (Citizens Utility Board)

March 4, Pests and Problems-Nanette Kalscheur

April 1, Become an Herbal Gourmet,- Marcy Lautaren Raleigh

May 6, Who's Who of Owls-Mark Spreyer
May 11—Plant Sale

June 3, Composting-Peggy Doty

July—member picnic/tours

August 5

August 17—Garden Show

September 9-

October 7

November 4—member banquet

Here's what you missed:

January 7, How to tell your Ash from a Hole in the Ground—Jack Shouba

Check our website for notes

www.napervillecommunitygardeners.org

February topic: Bringing Green Energy to Your Home, presented by representative from CUB (Citizens Utility Board)

Our February speaker will be from CUB, a non-profit, statewide utility watchdog organization created in 1983 to work for lower gas, electric and telephone rates. CUB has been on your side for 30 years—blocking utility rate hikes, winning consumer refunds and helping to pass important consumer protection laws.

Wouldn't it be great to do your part to save the environment, and save money at the same time? Here in Illinois, it's possible--thanks to a number of

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

- Minutes of past meeting - please read prior to meeting
- Treasurers report— Payment for dues is being accepted at this meeting or can be sent to Jan's house 478 Laura Ct Naperville 60563 Checks should be made payable to Naperville Community Gardeners
- Details of 2019 budget— discussion, any modifications and then approval with vote.
- Show and tell, nice to share
- New business—

What's happening at our February meeting:

Wanda has received the update on the seed orders and has notified the individuals. Payment is due to Jan.

The Plant Sale is looking for help in many areas—please consider helping with putting together a flyer of the what and why of our group, organizing portion of the bake sale, how to get the word out with a banner, will you organize the storage and distribution of the plant sale signs, oh and whatever else you see that will help. Much appreciated, Barb bb0302@aol.com

January 7, 2019

Board met at 6:30. Attending: Bob, Jan, Barb, Wanda, Judy, Sharon

Jan presented budget and explained differences and discrepancies from original budget

Name tags were discussed. Possibilities and options were presented.

Briefly discussed how to increase attendance and revenue from plant sale.

MINUTES:

Bob brought meeting to order at 7:00. He thanked Barb for her service to the club and announced that she would chair the May 11 Plant Sale.

PLANT SALE--Schaeffer greenhouse was for sale but will provide us with plants for our sale this year. Jan wintered sowed a lot of natives and plan to do again this year.

Bake sale was successful and help to increase revenues.

More visibility is needed to heighten awareness of our sale as there are many sales in the area the same weekend. Bob suggested large wooden sign put up on 75th St. a week before the sale as some other organizations do. Alan suggested members could make the sign.

Where would they be stored was brought up.

TREASURERS REPORT--Jan went over the budget and explained why some things were in different categories. Reminded members \$20 dues due.

SPEAKERS--Wanda announced speaker lineup through May.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS--Barb reminded members that the Darien Garden Club has their Spring Show on March 9.

Botanic Gardens has their seed exchange, "Super Seed Weekend" on January 26 & 27.

Wannamaker's--March 9 & 10--People are needed to man tables for the Spring show. Volunteers are requested by Barb to help her pass out seeds to be given out at that time.

WEBSITE--had some issues because of software. It should be easier to maintain now. Members are encouraged to contribute pictures, articles, to share.

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NAME TAGS--Nick offered to order name tags again this year. Prices have increased a bit. We need 10 ordered to get good pricing.

SEED ORDERS--Wanda is organizing group seed orders. Send her your orders and indicate if your order is from Seeds & Such, Pinetree, Park S. Club will pay shipping. Your payment is due when seeds are delivered.

PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL--Barb suggested partnering with this school as the students have strong interest in gardening. Perhaps donate a worm barrel or worm farm?

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Harvest Banquet Meeting

Board Meeting - 6:30PM

1. The club is still in need of a secretary and a publicity person.
2. Bob Elvert, Barb Bozek and Nick Janakas will chair the Plant Sale 2019
3. Jan reported that no changes, so far, need to be made in the budget for 2019. An audit is needed since Jan Gricus became treasurer there has not been an audit: Wanda Wohead and Judy Kanarek volunteered to work with Jan on the audit. Last January the club did a seed order for interested members, should we do it again?

Seed starting needs to begin in late February. Could Rod teach a session on seed starting?

Members could then take some starters home.

General Meeting and Harvest Pot Luck - 7:04PM

Members brought a variety of food, some representing vegetables and fruit from their gardens.

At 7:24 members were close to finishing their meal so the meeting began.

1. The minutes from the September meeting were approved by Nick and seconded by Jan.
2. Jan reported \$9,370.72 in the bank. The budget was accepted by Judy and seconded by Patsy. The subject of an audit was introduced to members and agreed to Wanda and Judy working on the audit.
3. Barb read through the By-Laws to determine if changes needed to be made. The By-Laws were re-affirmed and corrections were requested. A correction was suggested as members currently pay for their name tags, in the past name tags were provided by the club. After discussion it was agreed that the name tags would change in format thus making them less expensive and therefore could be paid for by the club. JoAnn approved the change and Nick seconded and members agreed to the change that the tags would be changed and the club would provide. Also discussed that members would leave their name tags in a box after the meeting and then they would be available to wear at the meetings. No additional changes to the By-Laws. Members voted to approve the By-Laws.

4. In 2019 Bob Elvert will be president, Wanda will be program chair, Sharon and Barb B. will be secretary, Bob Elvert, Barb Bozek and Nick Janakas will work on the plant sale, publicity will be chaired by Sandra Gudenkauf. Jan will remain as treasurer. Rita made a motion to approve the slate and Jim Canavan seconded. Approved by members.

New Business

Fall Banquet - will be held Nov. 5th at Traverso's at Naperville/Plainfield Rd and Leverenz - 6:30 for appetizers and 7:00 for dinner, Barb is collecting \$15 members \$25 for guests or people who have not paid their dues, attendees will pay for own drinks, if you do sign up and do not come you still have to pay as food will have been prepared.

Judy moved to adjourn, JoAnn seconded

Minutes submitted by Linda Allison, secretary