



Naperville Garden Club Newsletter

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October 2007

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

- 16 COC Workshop (day)
- 17 COC Workshop (eve)
- 23 Bulb Planting
- 24 General Meeting
- 30 Garden Therapy

NOVEMBER

- 8 Board Meeting at Lacy A. at 9:00 am
- 9 Cress Creek—Make It, Bake It
- 14 General Meeting

DECEMBER

- 3 COC Setup
- 6 COC Preview Day
- 7 COC
- 11 Annual Luncheon at White Eagle



President's Message

Dear Members,

What a strange fall! I hope you all tolerated the recent heat wave, and hopefully by the time this goes to print, the weather will be more to our liking. And by the time you read this, many of us will have happy memories of our fall field trip. The excursions planned by our field and tour committees throughout the club's history have been as varied as they have been delightful. These trips do give us all a chance to forge new friendships and nurture the ones we already have.

As your president, I have attended meetings and activities that I might not have otherwise. I am always impressed by the warmth of our members and the talent and knowledge that is freely shared. Such experiences are available to all of us in the Naperville Garden Club. When the sign-up sheet goes around, sign up. When the newsletter articles ask for help, call the number listed. When we need a publicity chairman, call me right away! We all have the opportunity to be a part of the success of the club and our lives are enriched by the satisfaction and the joy of participating in the many activities of the Naperville Garden Club.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Krueger, President

NOVEMBER MEETING
White Eagle Golf Club

Judith Schafernak
"Holiday Happenings"

8:45 am Breakfast
9:15 am Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT
The financial report will be placed on one of the information tables for your examination.

The Naperville Garden Club Newsletter is published monthly from August to May. Items for inclusion should be received by the Editor on or before the day of the Board Meeting. This may be by hand, by mail or by email at napervillegardenclub@hotmail.com.

Naperville Garden Club General Meeting September 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn K, President at 9:15 a.m. Marilyn welcomed members and guests and reminded them to please turn off all cell phones and sign in at the door.

President's Remarks – Marilyn Krueger

Marilyn thanked everyone who worked this summer for the club at the Garden Walk, for the Cup of Cheer, attending meetings, etc. We don't really take the summer "off."

The Board of Directors is requesting donations for a tree to be planted in John V's memory at Stuart V's school. An envelope is being passed around today. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to "Naperville Garden Club".

Marilyn K's theme for this year is "Stop and Smell the Roses". Her gardening tip as noted in the yearbook is to keep a box of disposable vinyl or latex gloves handy to use in the garden. In that regard, she has put three pair of vinyl or latex gloves for each person at the tables.

Thanks to Rosemary V for a beautiful yearbook. Please note there is change on page 6 of the yearbook. The new Central Region Director is Karen Hicks of Valparaiso, Indiana.

Marilyn attended the District II President's Forum/ Leadership Meeting with Laura B where attendees and Garden Club members were encouraged to attend the schools offered by Garden Clubs of Illinois. A three year subscription to "The National Gardener" is required to take any courses, payable at the class.

NGC received a request from St. Raphael School for a donation of two Cup of Cheer tickets for their raffle on November 2nd. Please notify Laura B if you are interested in making that donation. Since that is our only fundraiser, the board did not feel that it was appropriate to give away two tickets.

We need one or two people to serve as publicity chairman. Thanks to Marge N and Sandi B for covering this open position and sending out Cup of Cheer publicity.

Donations for Loaves and Fishes can be made at our October and November meetings

Officer's Reports

- ❖ Treasurer's Report -- Jan H, Treasurer, in absentia, reminded members that all checks, including donations, should be made payable to "Naperville Garden Club". Marilyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Treasurer's Report on display at the back of the room. Since there were no corrections or additions, the report is accepted and ready for filing.
- ❖ Recording Secretary -- Deb G, Secretary, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May General Meeting Minutes published in our June Newsletter. Since there were no corrections or additions, the minutes will be filed.
- ❖ First Vice President -- Laura B was installed as First Vice President by Diane G, chairman of the nominating committee.
- ❖ Second Vice President -- Sandi B and Cup of Cheer Co-chair Gwenn L reminded members to sign-up to work their mandatory six hours at the Cup of Cheer. There are twelve (12) slots open on house committees. Bonnie B and Lacy A still need help on their house committees. Sandi has indicated those jobs where the duties can be done "sitting down".
- ❖ At the Board of Directors meeting, it was requested to give house chairs \$200 of their allowance in December so that they could take advantage of after-holiday sales. Monika W Moved that NGC take \$800 from savings to give each house chair \$200 to take advantage of after-holiday sales. Althea G seconded the Motion. There were no objections or additional questions and the Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Gwenn L requested a Motion to take \$2,000 in additional funds from savings to cover the added cost of china and shipping. Fluffy so Moved, and the Motion was seconded by Marge N. There were no objections or additional questions and the vote was unanimous in favor. The Motion passed. Gwenn advised that the china cups are in the country now and should arrive this week or next week.
- ❖ There will be a survey conducted at the Holiday Market this year to get feedback about the china, which is now ½ the cost of the ticket. The survey will ask such questions as whether the attendees are collecting the china, whether they prefer porcelain or bone china, or would they prefer a mug? This will help us in planning for the future. A sample of this year's china cup is on display at the back of the room.

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- ❖ As a member of the garden club, you will be given a ticket for working your mandatory six (6) hours at the Cup of Cheer, but if you would like a cup, you need to purchase one. Dessert plates are also available for purchase, but there are no tea pots.
- ❖ Gwenn is conducting two workshops at her house this year for enhancements and centerpieces. They will be on Tuesday, October 16th from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and on Wednesday, October 17th from 7-9 p.m. She will need eight (8) people and will have a wait list. As a reminder, regular workshops are conducted by Rosemary V and held every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to two at Judy K's house.
- ❖ Gwenn showed an item that will be available for purchase at the Holiday Market made by Ivene L. She put together a bird feeder that fits on a pole which is made from a china cup and dessert plate glued together, with a silver spoon on which a bird could sit. Ivene is looking for donations of china, dessert plates and silver teaspoons.
- ❖ Sandi B, in her capacity as stand-in Publicity Chair, contacted Ornamentals/Edibles and Glancer magazines. Both will have articles about Cup of Cheer in their magazines and she is asking for members' help getting copies of the articles.
- ❖ Corresponding Secretary -- Barbara J, no report
- ❖ Marilyn thanked Karen E for assembling a basket for today's President Raffle. The winner will be drawn after the break.

Committee Reports

- ❖ Civics -- Mary T advised that bulb planting at the Naperville Municipal Center will be on Tuesday, October 23rd starting at 9:30 a.m. She would like 12-16 members to sign up. If the weather is inclement, the alternate date will be Thursday, October 25th.
- ❖ Mary asked if the members saw the articles on the Blue Star Memorial Marker in the newspapers. The proposed dedication date is Armed Forces Day, May 17th in Burlington Square. The marker stands on a pole and will be landscaped. The purchase price is \$1,140. NGC's voluntary donation program is \$10 (fill out the postcards which are available now), payable to Naperville Garden Club.
- ❖ The Flower Show is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 21st. The forms requesting that date have been sent into the city of Naperville. Mary will provide more news on this event in the coming months.
- ❖ Conservation -- JoAnn M thanked members for cutting out stamps and giving them to her during the year. The money from selling the stamps is used to buy land to save birds. She is collecting the Cicadas information forms today and at next month's meeting. There is a display of the insects collected from her backyard and an empty lot at the back of the room. Most of these insects are pollinators.
- ❖ Field and Tour -- Nancy C and Linda R distributed flyers on the NGC fall field trip scheduled for Friday, October 12th, "This Fall – Enjoy it All!" They have a large coach bus with a bathroom scheduled for the event. Sign up on the sheet being passed to each table.
- ❖ Garden Therapy -- Nancy J has a Garden Therapy project scheduled Tuesday, October 2nd at Sunrise Assisted Living. Please sign-up on the sheet being passed around.
- ❖ Membership -- Laura B and Gale G are co-chairs. Gale thanked Laura B for all her help this year. We have six (6) guests today and five (5) new members. Also, Gale acknowledged a new life member, Mary B. Our yearbook is dedicated to our life members.
- ❖ Horticulture – Ann M has garlic, donated by JoAnn M, available to those who would like it. Also, poinsettias will again be offered for sale at wholesale prices from Schaeffer's.
- ❖ Scholarship -- Marilyn K advised that the scholarship checks were mailed out on August 1st.
- ❖ Sunshine – In addition to the listings in the newsletter, Gwen R sent a "Thinking of You" card to Nedra V; a "Get Well" card to Sue C; and "Sympathy" to the Neid family, who lost a son in Baghdad.
- ❖ Supply Shop—Anna Marie K and Barbara H, Co-Chairs, mentioned that they have orange oasis available for purchase, in addition to artificial branches, which bend in all directions, and peacock feathers. Gwenn L pointed out the gel beads available for purchase as a substitute for glass beads

Old Business—none

New Business

Fluffy brought catalogs for anyone who would like them.

The President's Raffle winner was Rozanne P.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deb G

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annual Make It- Bake It Luncheon

Cress Creek Garden Club
Held at White Eagle Golf Club
November 9th
10:30 Silent Auction 12:00 Luncheon

For tickets contact Rosemary V

Naper Settlement

A 19th CENTURY HALLOWEEN October 26-27
523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Leaping from the pages of 19th century tabloids and out of the scariest novels ever written, haunting characters of the past come to life. Experience the Spirits of the Past that bring the scary side of the 19th century to life in this year's "Village of Fear." Travel through the Prison Dungeon, roam the House of Dracula, inspect the Mummy's Tomb, and journey through the Underworld. Watch out for creatures of the night that haunt the grounds. 6:30-10 pm. \$9 per person. Not recommended for young children. Info: www.napersettlement.museum or 630-305-5555

CHICAGO TRIBUNE GARDENING BLOG

Another great on-line resource for area gardeners, is the Chicago Tribune Gardening Blog
http://featuresblogs.chicagotribune.com/chicago_gardener/

They have LOTS of gardening related categories from annuals, butterflies, grasses, chemicals, to wildflowers, worms and xeriscaping.

We will add a link to this blog, from our club website: www.napervillegardenclub.org and click on the Links tab.

October 20-21, 27-28

PUMPKIN WEEKENDS at Blackberry Farm's Pioneer Village, 100 S. Barnes Rd., Aurora. Choose and decorate a pumpkin (\$2 each) from our pumpkin patch, ride the train and carousel. 11 am-4 pm. \$3 residents, \$5 non-residents. Info: 630-892-1550 or foxvalleyparkdistrict.org.



SIEGEL'S COTTONWOOD FARM'S PUMPKINFEST, Now—October 31

17250 S Weber Rd., Lockport. Pumpkins, 19 acre "Pirates in the Cornibean" corn-field maze (weekends), hayrack rides, farm animals, playland area's Ghost Town RR, Land of the Giants, 30 foot slide, haunted barn, Halloween shop and much more. Pony rides weekends only with \$3 charge. General admission \$10 (ages 2 & under free). Open 7 days a week 10 am - 6 pm. Info: 800-304-2693 or www.ourpumpkinfarm.com

October 20

ZANY MINI PUMPKIN HAIR HEADS at Cantigny Park, (Greenhouse - Garden Arts) 1S151 Winfield Rd., Wheaton. Create and Take. We'll supply the mini pumpkins and all the materials needed to create your Hair Head with a variety of choices for their "hair." Suggested for ages 8 and up with an adult helper, please. 9:30 am. \$15. Reservations at 630-668-5161

DUTCH DAYS CELEBRATION Oct 28-29
at Sid's Greenhouses, 10926 Southwest Hwy., Palos Hills, 708-674-4500 and 550 S. Naperville-Plainfield Rd., Bolingbrook, 630-904-1007. Celebrate the arrival of spring bulbs and the start of the fall growing season. 8am. Free.

MORTON ARBORETUM

"Harvest Showcase African Violet Show"

Oct 20-21. Learn the secrets of proper watering, correct soils and sun exposure for these wonderful, exotic plants. Some varieties will be for sale. All ages. Visitor Center Events Room. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission fees apply. Info: 630-968-0074 or www.mortonarb.org.

WEED LADIES WINTER SHOW AND SALE at the Naper Settlement

Friday & Saturday, November 3 & 4
The early winter show features creative seasonal and holiday arrangements and accessories. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. *Admission to the sale is free.*



"ATMOSPHERIC LANDSCAPES" OPENING RECEPTION BY CHARLIE MICHAELS.

An opening reception for a new art display by Charlie Michaels will be held at the Chic Art Boutique, at the corner of Route 59 and 95th Street on Friday, November 9 from 7-10 p.m. Chicago-based photographer, Charlie Michaels, offers poetic reflections of landscape, photographed with such a sensitivity to form and color that they suggest photographic paintings. They present images that are timeless and nomadic; images of seemingly remembered places, blurred and affected by memory. For more information, contact Mel at Chic Art Boutique at (630) 428-3431 or chicartboutique@sbcglobal.net

ORCHIDS BY HAUSERMANN'S SALE NOVEMBER 10TH— 18TH!

The holidays are coming and this will be a good time to pick up some orchids to decorate with, Thanksgiving presents or "Just Because". There will be a Seminar "A Beginners Guide to Growing Orchids" on Saturday, Nov 10th. \$7.50 per person. Please pre-register via our website. Nov 17th—A Lecture with Joel Edwards discussing Growing Orchids Under Lights. Free Admission www.orchidsbyhausermann.com



NAPERVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB FALL FASHION

SHOW. The "Passion for Fashion" fall show at the White Eagle Golf Club will be held on Saturday, November 10 with doors opening at 10:30 a.m. This will be followed with a luncheon and fashions from a major department store in the area. Tickets are \$40.00 with all proceeds donated to charitable organizations in the Naperville area. For more information, contact Cassie Kunsch at (630) 355-3792.

THE GROWING PLACE

10/27 Demo: Holiday Decorating 10am, Fox Valley

Our historic house is the recipient of unique and striking Holiday Decorations. Laury Hartman will welcome you with many ideas, a cup of tea and cookies. It's a great way to start the season!

11/2 Holiday Shop opens *Fox Valley/ Aurora and Naperville... Monday-Saturday*

9-4 If you have been to our holiday shop in Naperville, you will remember the great variety of greens, decorating ideas and more. This year, our Fox Valley/Aurora historic house, circa 1860, will also be open for the holidays and decorated with housewarming ideas.

11/10 Demo: Holiday Table Decoration 10am, Naperville

Out of the ordinary ways to decorate your table, chandelier and buffet. Enjoy a cup of tea and cookies as you watch our talented designers.

11/28, 12/1&3 Make your own Wreath, Swag, Container 10am, Naperville... also 12/3, 1pm, Aurora

*Our Designers will help you!
(Private classes available for groups of 10 or more.)*



NAPERVILLE GARDEN CLUB
HOLIDAY POINSETTIA ORDER
DECEMBER 2007



Name _____ Phone _____

Poinsettias are available in red, white and pink (large ones in red only). Azaleas and cyclamens come in assorted holiday colors—red, white, or pink. With the azaleas and cyclamens you do not get to choose the color in advance—just show up early to get the color you want.

| <u>SIZE OF PLANT</u> | <u>COLOR</u> | <u>QUANTITY</u> | <u>PRICE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 4.5" Poinsettia 3-4 Blooms | | | \$5.00 | |
| 7" Poinsettia 7-9 Blooms | | | \$13.00 | |
| 8" Poinsettia 12 Blooms | Red only | | \$26.00 | |
| 12" Poinsettia 18 Blooms | Red only | | \$42.00 | |
| 6" Azalea | Assorted Colors | | \$14.00 | |
| 6" Cyclamen | Assorted Colors | | \$11.00 | |

TOTAL: _____

Make checks payable to Naperville Garden Club. All orders are pre-paid and due no later than Wednesday, November 14. Order forms and checks will be picked up at the October and November meetings or they can be mailed to:

Ann M

Plant pick-up will be on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at the White Activity Center, North Central College, 325 E. Benton St. on the 1st floor between 2:30—4:00 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIVICS



Mark your calendars:
Fall bulb planting is scheduled for:

TUESDAY OCT. 23RD at 9:30 am

MUNICIPAL BUILDING PLANTING BEDS.

Please bring gloves and spade or shovel for digging.

Alternate date in case of bad weather is
THURS. OCT. 25th at 9:30 am.

We need at least 12-16 volunteers for this project. All are welcome, its an easy project and we enjoy lots of good conversation while we're digging in the dirt!!

Questions: Mary T

CUP OF CHEER

Sign ups for house committees, hostess hours, and Holiday Market will be at the October meeting. Please sign up for a minimum of 6 hours. If you sign up for 2 shifts and it adds up to 5 1/2 hours, you need to sign up for another FULL shift. **DO NOT** put down that you are only working that 1/2 hour. This will cause that shift to be short-handed. Remember it's a **MINIMUM** of 6 hours but we need you for that 6 and more if you can.

And lets not forget the cookies!

You need to bake 6 dozen cookies for the tea. These can be dropped off Monday thru Wednesday during Cup of Cheer week. If you are interested in baking additional cookies for members that need an extra hand, please call Sandi B. Any extra cookies left over at the end of COC day will be donated to local charities.





BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER

Many Thanks to our members (13) whose generous donations at the September meeting helped jump start our fundraising effort to purchase the Blue Star Memorial Marker.

Our goal is to raise \$1,130 by the end of the year so the marker can be ordered in January 2008. This project is such terrific way to honor our Military. Please stop by the Blue Star Memorial display at the meeting to see the proposed site and landscape plan for the marker in Burlington Square Park.

For each \$10.00 donation, members will receive a Memorial Card and envelope that can be mailed to the Service member they are honoring with their donation. The Blue Star Memorial Marker honors all men and women, who have served, are serving or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. The civic committee will record the names of the honorees and include their names in a program that will be printed for the dedication ceremony.

Members interested in helping to plan the dedication/installation ceremony of the marker in late Spring 2008, please contact: Mary T, Civic chair



GARDEN THERAPY

We had our first fall project for Garden Therapy at the Sunrise Assisted Living on Chicago Ave. The residents re-potted indoor plants for their rooms. They all loved their new house plants that some of the residents wanted to share their plants with the other residents to enjoy, by putting them in the sun porch. I want to thank the garden members who helped out, Mary T, Lonnie F, Terry K, Monica W, Priscilla D, Betty B, Rosemary V, and Susie J. A big thank you to Nancy C for donating the house plants and containers.

Our garden therapy program will always accept silk flowers and greens for future projects. So if you have some old flowers that you want to get rid of, just bring them to the next meeting. We love to recycle!

Our next project will be at the Ecumenical day care in Naperville. We will re-pot indoor house plants in a container.

**GARDEN THERAPY FALL PROJECT AT THE ECUMENICAL DAY CARE CENTER
305 WEST JACKSON AVE.**

WHEN: OCT. 30, 2007 (TUESDAY)

TIME: 1:30-2:00

I will provide all the materials. Please bring your garden gloves.

Nancy J, Garden Therapy Chairman.



We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Loaves and Fishes food pantry at the October and November general meetings.



YEARBOOK

The Yearbook will be available for pick-up at the October meeting. If you don't have one, please call me at 630-369-9497. Hope you LOVE it!

BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We need one or two people to head the publicity committee. The previous co-chairs, Marge N and Carol R left behind a very well organized list of contacts and deadlines. This would be a good opportunity for someone who would like to be on the board. Please call Marilyn. Most of the Cup of Cheer responsibilities have been met, but we really need to fill this position as quickly as possible.

Also, please mark your calendars with the new date for the Flower Show:
It's June 28th, 2008.

The earlier date we had requested was not available.

Rosemary V

**** Clip and Send This Coupon for the November 14, 2007 General Meeting****

Name: _____

Check Amount: _____ Check Number: _____
Cost: \$8.00 members \$10.00 for guests **payable to Naperville Garden Club**

Date: **November 14, 2007** 8:45 am Breakfast 9:15 am Meeting
Place: **White Eagle Golf Club**

Reservation to be Postmarked by **November 4, 2007**
Mail checks (no cash) to: Alice Mika, 508 Arlington Ave, Naperville, IL 60565-6306

**** Clip and Send This Coupon for the Naperville Garden Club Holiday Luncheon****

Name: _____

Entrée Selection: Beef Stir Fry _____ or Chicken Champagne _____
Cost: \$20.00 **payable to Naperville Garden Club**

Date: **December 11, 2007 TUESDAY** 11:00 am Social 11:30 am Luncheon
Place: **White Eagle Golf Club**

Reservation to be Postmarked by **December 4, 2007**
Mail checks (no cash) to: Alice Mika, 508 Arlington Ave, Naperville, IL 60565-6306
NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION FOR THE LUNCHEON—NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED



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Please cut this commemorative stamp from this newsletter and bring it to our next meeting.