



Naperville Garden Club Newsletter

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September 2007

DATES TO REMEMBER

- SEPTEMBER**
26 General Meeting
- OCTOBER**
11 Board Meeting at Nancy J. at 9:00 am
12 Field Trip
16 COC Workshop (day)
17 COC Workshop (eve)
24 General Meeting
- NOVEMBER**
8 Board Meeting at Lacy A. at 9:00 am
14 General Meeting
- DECEMBER**
6 COC Preview Day
7 COC
11 Annual Luncheon at White Eagle



President's Message

Dear Members,

As I begin my term as your president, I must tell you how honored I am to serve in this role. I look forward to this year knowing how dedicated the membership is to the continuing success of our club. My theme for the year is "Stop and smell the roses." As we hurry from one project to the next, I hope that each of us will take a moment to reflect now and then on a job well done, a project beautifully completed, a friendship newly found or nurtured.

Thanks to all who welcomed us into their gardens during the June garden walk. Thanks to those who have worked this summer to make the Cup of Cheer and the Holiday Market a success. And thanks to those who have worked in other capacities to make the Naperville Garden Club the multi-faceted organization that it is. I hope that each and every one of us has pride in our club and feels that we have each contributed to the rich heritage of our club.

A cartoon recently caught my attention. Two women were talking. The first one says, "I can't believe it's almost my favorite season-Fall! Pretty soon we'll get to rake the leaves into a big pile in the yard, chop wood for the fireplace, and start getting ready for the holiday season." Her friend says, "Sounds like Fall is just one big to-do list!" The first one answers, "So is adulthood, but if you have the right attitude, it's a blast!" So here's to having the right attitude!

I look forward to seeing you at our September meeting.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Krueger, President

SEPTEMBER MEETING White Eagle Golf Club

**Jan Calhoun
Of Ball Seed Co
"New Annuals and
Perennials"**

**8:45 am Breakfast
9:15 am Meeting**

OCTOBER MEETING White Eagle Golf Club

**Shirley Reme
"Decorate Your
Garden With Style"**

**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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Morton Arboretum

September 29—October 28: Fall Color Festival: Celebrate the Fall Season
September 29-30 Bulb Sale: Choose from a fabulous selection of tulips, narcissus, daffodils, irises, and other bulbs to plant now for gorgeous fall and spring color!
October 14—Trip to the world famous Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford
November 4 - Around the World Wine Pairing 6– 9:00 pm

www.mortonarb.org

October 13-Nov. 25 **Chysanthemum Show**

Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr. Thousands of the "Queen of Fall" flowers in a rainbow of hues and styles fill the conservatory show house in a traditional chrysanthemum display. 9am-5pm daily. Free. Info: 312-742-7736.

The Growing Place

Presents Four Season Gardening Demos. They will be held at 10 a.m. on Sat. Sept. 22, at their Aurora location, 2000 Montgomery Road and at 1 p.m. at their Naperville location, 25W471 Plank Road. Admission is free.

You will see plant suggestions and combinations of trees, shrubs, perennials, roses, bulbs and annuals that compliment each other well and will extend the beauty of your garden and landscape throughout the year. For more information call (630) 355-4000 or see www.thegrowingplace.com

October 11-14

Weed Ladies Fall Show and Sale,

Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Join those fabulous floral designers known as the Weed Ladies as they display beautifully created arrangements featuring silk and dried flowers. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Info: 630-420-6010 or www.napersettlement.museum.



October 25

Growing & Making Birdhouse Gourds, U of I Extension office, 535 South Randall Road, St. Charles. U of I Extension Master Gardeners will explain how to grow gourds and then demonstrate how to make birdhouses from them. 6:30 - 9 pm. \$10. Info and registration at 630-584-6166.

Chicagoland Orchid Festival **September 21—23**

Friday/Saturday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am—3:00 pm

The festival takes place simultaneously at four different orchid greenhouse locations within the suburbs of Chicago. Spanning a three day period, the greenhouses of Oak Hill Gardens, Windsong Orchids, Orchids by Hausermann, and Natt's Orchids will be open to the public during the festival.

www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com



Danada Fall Festival

Sunday, October 14 from 11:00 am—5:00 pm

Celebrate the horse at the Danada Equestrian Center in Wheaton. View a variety of horse breeds and riding demonstrations. Children can jump in the hay, make a paper hobbyhorse or paint a pumpkin. Exhibits, hayrides and food add to the festival's activities. Admission and parking are free. Fees apply for some of the activities.

Call 668-6012 or www.dupageforest.com

Canoe Trip with The Conservation Foundation

When: September 22nd, 2007 from 12:30pm to 4pm
Where: Meet at C & M Canoe Rental, 3401 E 2062nd Rd., Ottawa, IL 60557, p(815)-434-6690
Who: The Conservation Foundation will be hosting a canoe trip down the scenic lower Fox River from Sheridan to Wedron.

Cost for the program is \$30 for members of The Conservation Foundation and \$35 for non-members. For more information about the program and to register, please call The Conservation Foundation at (630) 428-4500, ext. 10 or email cthompson@theconservationfoundation.org.

The Wheaton Garden Club will host a Flower Show from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St. Admission is free. Visitors can view a variety of horticulture specimen exhibits along with 20 flower arrangements in five design categories. The garden club has chosen "Dancing with the Stars" as a theme for the show, and the floral arrangements will reflect interpretations of the theme.



McDonald Farm BUGS, BUGS, BUGS

The Conservation Foundation's McDonald Farm is jumping, buzzing, and aflutter with all sorts of beautiful bugs. Join us at our Fall McDonald Farm Discovery Program on **Saturday, September 22nd from 1pm to 3pm** for some bug facts and games. Make a Bug House and then take to the fields for a buggy scavenger hunt and create a temporary bug zoo! Of course we will have some bug juice and a snack, too.

This is a great opportunity to spend quality time with your family and learn about some of the other critters that share our Earth. Cost is \$15/family, which includes snacks and supplies. Call 630-428-4500 x11 to register. The Conservation Foundation's McDonald Farm is located at 10S404 Knoch Knolls Rd., Naperville, IL 60565

Shady Hill Gardens—Elburn

On Thursday, September 20, Gibby's Wine Den of Geneva will be hosting A Taste of Harvest at our greenhouse. They are going to select different wines and pair them with unique autumn themed appetizers, representing the bounty of the harvest in our area. There is a cost for this event and you can get more information or make reservations, by calling Gibby's Wine Den at 630.208.6424 or e-mail them at info@gibbys-wine.com.

Chicago Botanic Garden

Lakeshore African Violet Society Show & Sale September 22, 2007 — Noon to 4:30 p.m.

September 23, 2007 — 10 a.m to 4:30 p.m.

Among the daintiest and most vivid petite flowering houseplants, African violets are treasured for their ease of growing, continuous blooms (including during those long winter months) and heartiness. More than 100 judged exhibits are featured in this show, which also offers tips on growing and propagation. Purchase an African violet (or two) for your home and start your own collection.

Bulb Bazaar—September 28-30

Presented by the Woman's Board of the Chicago Botanic Garden, the Bulb Bazaar has the best varieties and largest selection of daffodils, tulips, alliums and other specialty bulbs, including fritillary, hyacinth, autumn crocus and trout lilies, at the perfect time for fall planting. All are carefully researched and selected for their superior performance in midwestern gardens. Bulbs are delivered from Holland just days before the sale. Among this year's selection are 80 specialty bulbs that are difficult to find anywhere else.

Illinois Orchid Society's Show

October 13 – 14, 2007 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tabletop displays from the rarest of species to cultivated hybrids will be artistically arranged, while 128 classes of individual orchids will vie for red, white, and blue ribbons. The Society will also provide an orchid sales area and repotting services (\$5 fee). Choose from hundreds of orchids for sale, or purchase the society's custom bark mix and fertilizer. Attend lectures on orchid growing and other topics at 1 and 2:30 p.m. both days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Meeting Recipe

Louisiana Shrimp Casserole

- 2 small packages cooked, tail-off shrimp
- 1/4 lb. butter at room temperature
- 1 teas. garlic salt or 1/2 teas. garlic powder
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1# bacon, fried and broken into bite-size pieces
- 3 cups cooked Uncle Ben's Long Grain and Wild Rice
- 1. Cook Rice.
- 2. Make a batter of butter, garlic salt/powder, eggs (the butter doesn't blend well---just blend it as best you can).
- 3. Layer ingredients in 9" x 13" baking dish after spraying it with cooking spray:
1st Rice, then bacon, then shrimp
- 4. Pour butter/egg batter over rice and shrimp mixture as evenly as possible.
- 5. Place in 350 degree oven for 20-30 minutes until egg mixture is baked in

Deb G

Education

The Garden Clubs of Illinois and National Garden Clubs, Inc are pleased to announce that the Naperville Garden Club has three new student judges. They are Diane G, JoAnn M and Mary T.



JUNIOR GARDENERS

We have several openings for members and/or children to join the Junior Gardeners. This small group of children, meets monthly to do a fun and educational variety of creative crafts, field trips, garden projects and community service projects. Children need not have a parent in the club to join in the activities.

Contact Barbara J

JOIN THE FUN!!

The club needs a publicity chairman- or two- to co-chair this position. The previous chairs have left a very detailed schedule and list of contacts. This is an essential position since the publicity of the Cup of Cheer helps it be successful. Please consider stepping forward. Most of the work is done on-line so you could do most of it at your convenience. If you would like to try this, give Marilyn K.

HORTICULTURE

.Poinsettia order forms will be available in Octobers newsletter. Completed forms will be due in November.

Ann M, Chairman



Field and Tour

SAVE THE DATE!

An exciting and fun trip will be scheduled for Friday, October 12th. All the details and information will be shared at the September General Meeting.

Any questions- Call us--- Nancy
Margeret H
Linda R

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There are 6 general meetings left in our 2007-2008 year. If you would like to pay for all of them, it would be \$48 (not including the December or May Lunch-eons). If you find you are unable to attend one of the paid meetings, please call Alice Mika by the Thursday before the Wednesday meeting. Refunds will be issued at the end of the year for any on-time cancellations. Payment for the full year general meetings can be sent to Alice Mika, 508 Arlington Ave, Naperville IL 60565-6306.



Yearbook

It's a brand new club year and time to pick up your NEW Yearbook. They will be available at the September, October and November Club meetings. If you cannot attend, perhaps a friend could pick it up for you. I hope you will ENJOY and USE your new book ... it is full of important information put together especially for you!

Rosemary V



COC Ticket Donations

The club was contacted by St. Raphael School in Naperville asking for a donation of two Cup of Cheer tickets for their silent auction held during a fund-raiser they are having on November 2. . The board felt that since the Cup of Cheer is our only fund-raiser, we would not make that donation. It was suggested that perhaps a member- or two members would be interested in purchasing tickets to donate to St. Raphael. If you are interested in purchasing tickets for their event, please contact our ticket chairman, Laura B. Tickets are \$30 for Friday, December 7th.

Marilyn K

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER



Our club will kick off the September meeting with a fundraising effort to help purchase the Blue Star Memorial Marker that will be installed at Burlington Square Park in the Spring of 2008. 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, Civics chair .

CIVICS

Mark your calendars:
Fall bulb planting is scheduled for:

TUESDAY OCT. 23RD at 9:30am
MUNICIPAL BUILDING PLANTING BEDS.
Please bring gloves and spade or shovel for digging.

Alternate date in case of bad weather is
THURSDAY OCT. 25th at 9:30 am.
We need at least 12 volunteers for this project.
Please sign up at the meeting!!!

Questions: Mary T

SUPPLY SHOP

We are restocked and ready to sell supplies at our September meeting. Along with a few new, exciting things for fall, we will also have some items from the Workshop inventory that will be available for sale.

Barbara H and Anna Marie K

SCHOLARSHIP

From Scholarship Winner Jessica :

“Thank you very much for awarding me a scholarship this year. It will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for inviting me to the luncheon. I enjoyed myself greatly and the gloxinia is sitting on the dining room table, still alive. Thank you again and I look forward to applying again next year. “

From Scholarship Winner Jordan :

“Thank you very much for awarding me the Naperville Garden Club Scholarship. My freshman year of college went by so fast. Some of my favorite memories and classes were with horticulture and my professor, Dr. Skirvin- the one who wrote my letter of recommendation.“

From Scholarship Winner Frederick :

“Thank you VERY much for the scholarship that the garden club has awarded me. It came at a very good time, with Drake raising its tuition and fees. I thought you would be interested in hearing that the Drake Environmental Action League nominated and voted me into the position of Co-President. I will also be serving next year as the curriculum chair of the honors student council. In September, I will give a presentation on native gardening to the Des Moines Garden Club.“

From Scholarship Winner Kevin :

“Thank you for choosing me for the Naperville Garden Club Scholarship. It is a great honor. My father and I would be delighted to attend the spring luncheon. I am looking forward to this event and thanks again.”

Congratulations go to scholarship recipient Fred for receiving academic honors at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa for the spring 2007 semester. He was named to the president's list, having achieved a straight-A, grade point average of 4.0.

Justin was honored for scholastic achievement at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for the 2007 spring semester

From Brenda , scholarship coordinator at College of DuPage- “Thank you for your continuing generous support of student scholarships at College of DuPage.”

Central Region Awards Announced

The Central Region awards were announced this past summer and the Naperville Garden Club received these honors:

CR #19 Horticulture Award – Certificate of Appreciation: Our Garden Therapy committee's involvement with local organizations as Ecumenical Day Care, We Grow Dreams, Sunrise Assisted Living, Little Friends, Martin Avenue Senior Apartments was highlighted.

CR #8 Treasures in Garden Therapy – Certificate of Special Appreciation: Our Garden Therapy committee planned and planted a large raised bed garden at Sunrise Assisted Living to benefit the residents with arthritis, blindness, or Alzheimer's disease.

CR #44 Publicity – **Second Place** Certificate of Special Recognition: Our Publicity committee compiled a book on all our published articles about our Club. This included newspaper, magazine items from the past year.

CR #9 – Treasures in Taking a Butterfly to Lunch – **First Place**: Certificate of Special Recognition, \$25 check. Our Garden Therapy committee planned and planted a bed. Garden at Sunrise Assisted Living specifically with butterfly benefits in mind.

Congratulations to Nancy J, Garden Therapy chair, and her committee plus Marge N and Carol R, Publicity Chairmen! Special congratulations to the extra efforts of Audrey Z, Awards chair in preparing all the books of evidence to submit for all these awards.

Diane G, past president

CONSERVATION

The Audubon Society's stamp program generated \$4,600 in revenue in 2006 for their land acquisition program. Please continue to send me your stamps.

JoAnn M, Chairperson



CUP OF CHEER

You still have an opportunity to sign up to work on one of our four homes selected for this year's Cup of Cheer. It takes a lot of hands to decorate a large home in three days. If you haven't signed up to work on a home and would like to know more about what is involved, please ask a house chair. They are: Bonnie B, Carol K, Judy K, and Lacy A. We will begin sign-ups for the Holiday Market at the October meeting.

Sandi B

COC Workshops on "Enhancements" - turning everyday things into holiday decorations.

Tuesday October 16th from 9:00 am noon

Wednesday October 17th from 7—9:30 pm

Contact Gwenn L

**** Clip and Send This Coupon for the **October 24, 2007** General Meeting****

Name: _____

Check Amount: _____ Check Number: _____

Cost: \$8.00 members \$10.00 for guests **payable to Naperville Garden Club**

Date: **October 24, 2007** 8:45 am Breakfast 9:15 am Meeting

Place: **White Eagle Golf Club**

Reservation to be Postmarked by **October 14, 2007**

Mail checks (no cash) to: Alice Mika, 508 Arlington Ave, Naperville, IL 60565-6306



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