



## The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. 2026 Summer Meeting Hosted by District II

**Monday, July 13, 2026 8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Naperville Settlement**

523 South Webster, Naperville, IL

### Where Are the Stars?

**Guest speaker: Valorie Blaine**

Darkness at night is as important to our gardens as sunshine in the day. Plants need periods of darkness for healthy flowering, pollination, fruit set and dormancy. The wildlife associated with our gardens need darkness as well. In this presentation, we'll look at what goes on in the dark, why your plants need darkness and how light pollution affects our gardens. We will also discuss easy and cost-effective solutions to this growing problem



### 250 USA Exhibit

Exhibit opens on February 16, 2026 and is included with The museum admission.

The United States turns 250 in 2026! Join Naperville Settlement as we explore stories of democracy, freedom and community from across the nation and in our backyards. A year of commemoration starts with the launch of the Naperville Settlement's new exhibit on Presidents' Day (Monday, February 16). Through engaging interactives powerful artifacts and local stories, the exhibit inspires reflection, conversation and celebration to mark 250 years of American Independence.



### Hotel Rooms

We have a block of rooms reserved at Hampton by Hilton, 1087 E. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL  
Phone # (630) 505-1400  
\$119 plus tax



**Hotel Link:** <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=CHINVHX&groupCode=CHH900&arrivaldate=2026-07-12&departuredate=2026-07-13&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>



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8:30 am - 11:00 am    Registration  
                               Meet & Greet  
                               Raffle baskets on display throughout for your perusal  
 9:00 and 11:00 am    Explore all that is in the Naper Settlement  
 11:00am - 12:00pm    GCI business meeting and award presentation  
 12:00pm - 1:30pm     Buffet lunch and raffles  
 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm     Program: **"Dark Sky"** by Valerie Blaine

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Early bird registration ends June 13, 2026**

**Registration deadline is July 8, 2026**

**Morning beverages and treats, garden tours, buffet lunch, meeting, and speaker**

April - June 13	<b>\$55.00</b>
June 14 - July 12	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Amount Paid</b>	-----

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

- Club Member     Non-member Guest     Club President     District Director     GCI Board of Directors

Make checks payable to **The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.**  
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