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President's Message

Wow! The season is winding down, the days are shorter, and the nights are cooler. What a summer it has been. Our gardens are still glorious, and I'm fairly certain if the plants could talk, they would be thankful that cooler temps are here. Although I see 90's forecasted for next week. Ahhhh! Ma Nature!

We had a wonderful ice cream social at Nancy Colby's house in July. Thank you, Nancy! You are a TREASURE! It's so much fun to enjoy each other's company. Next, was the ribbon-cutting at the new eyesore-to-awesome **Sequoit Creek Park** – what fun we had! Many of us wore our signature shirts. We arrived early and unintentionally got front row seats. We were a sea of lime green. I don't believe we got any new members, but we were certainly seen.

On to the future. After several months of being in limbo, we have returned to The Village Center (formerly The Senior Center) for our board and regular meetings. We have a wonderful list of programs scheduled for the upcoming year. Bring a friend!

I feel I am very approachable and open to ideas.

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Birthdays

8/7—Kevin McCarty

8/13—Laura Skender

8/16—Sharon Pendergast

8/27—Jayna Legg

9/17—Lana Svitak

9/19—Norma Lucansky

9/30—Laura Vertz

September Program: "Blending Herbs to be a Herbal Gourmet." Discover how adding even the most basic herbs can elevate your cooking to a gourmet experience! This lively program covers creating herbal mixtures to replace salt, enhancing flavors for healthier meals, and crafting herbal vinegars, butters, and spreads. **It's also a potluck. Bring a dish to pass.** Hospitality will provide desserts.

Hospitality: Hostess Cindy Cartner, with Jennifer Wittenberg and Norma Lucansky.

CALENDAR

Sept. 14 — General Mtg., 1 p.m., Antioch Village Center, 817 Holbek Dr., doors open 12:30

Sept. 25 — Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Antioch Village Center

Oct. 12 — General Mtg., 1 p.m., Antioch Village Center doors open 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 23 — Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Antioch Village Center

The **Antioch Garden Club** is a member of Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.; Central Region Garden Club, District IX and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Officers: President-Holly Markwart Swehla, Co-Vice Presidents-Susan Ullrich & Betty Sprovieri, Secretary-Chris Priller, Treasurer-Lana Svitak

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Antioch Garden Club, General Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024



WELCOME: Holly Swehla, President

CALL TO ORDER: 1 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

The meeting was paused for our program given by Eileen Davis from the Lake County Forest Preserves. Landscaping with Natives.

The meeting was brought back to order.

Secretary's Report: Nancy Zitkus. Minutes were published in the *Garden Dirt*. There being no corrections, they will be filed.

Treasurer's Report: Lana Svitak. The report was published in the *Garden Dirt*. There being no corrections, they will be filed for Audit.

Correspondence: A thank you letter from the Lake County Forest Preserves, Preservation Foundation, for our gift of \$50. This gift will help to continue their efforts to protect the beauty and diversity of your Forest Preserves for future generations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Norma Lucansky. No report at this time.

Bylaws: Nancy Zitkus. No report at this time.

Historian: Joyce Kufalk. Joyce would like to receive articles and pictures of activities of the club. She reported we have been given a donation of \$2,000 from the Antioch Lions Club.

Conservation/Horticulture: Judy Caldwell. The Horticulture Committee will do the following tasks – fertilize, divide, major pruning, edge, and planning of the gardens. Judy will notify the people on maintenance at the beginning of their week and at the end. She will welcome a short report on where (area) you gardened and if there is any garbage bags to be picked up. They are looking for space in someone's yard to place the divisions (potted) in soil. The horticulture committee has met and did an evaluation on the mini park gardens. They will be busy dividing hostas and irises mostly. The plan is to replace them with some natives. They welcome anyone to join their committee.

Hospitality: Betty Sprovieri. Betty read the Hostess committee: Barbara Gollwitzer, Nancy Colby, Betty Collins and Nancy Zitkus.

Membership: Carol Zwiazek: Carol reported 26 members and 7 guests.

Nominating Committee: Betty Sprovieri. Betty read the 2024-2026 slate of officers: Holly Swehla, President, Betty Sprovieri and Susan Ullrich, Co-Vice Presidents, Chris Priller, Secretary and Lana Svitak, Treasurer. There being no nominations for each office from the floor, Lori Linck moved that the nominating slate become the elected slate, Pat Hays seconded, motion carried. Jane Buck installed the new officers. Judy Caldwell gave Past President, Holly, a gift from the club.

Programs: Susan Ullrich. Susan will be getting our programs for the new club year. She will be happy to receive any suggestions.

Publicity: Nancy Colby. Our being at the library with our information on the club, around 8 people showed interest in our club. Nancy also has t-shirts available for purchase. Thank you Nancy.



Jane Buck installed the officers for the next club year: Holly Markwart Swehla, president; Chris Priller, secretary; Susan Ullrich & Betty Sprovieri, co-vice presidents. Not pictured is Treasurer Lana Svitak.

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May 2024 AGC Treasurer's Report

Respectively Submitted by Lana Svitak, Treasurer

Beginning Bank Balance				\$ 8,926.75
Disbursements Cleared				
	Check #	Paid to	Committee	
4/3/2024	1222	Jackie Horneck	Membership	43.24
4/13/2024	1228	Holly Fales Garvey	Programs - April	100.00
5/4/2024	1230	Judy Caldwell	Horticulture	127.01
5/4/2024	1231	Holly Swehla	Horticulture	352.29
5/5/2024	1232	GCI	Membership Dues	193.00
5/10/2024	1233	Holly Swehla	Horticulture	64.37
5/10/2024	1234	Cindy Cartner	Horticulture	29.06
5/11/2024	1235	Joyce Kufalk	Historian	10.74
5/11/2024	1236	Betty Sprovieri	Hospitality - May	18.32
5/11/2024	1237	United Methodist Church	Operations	25.00
5/20/2024	1238	Cindy Cartner	Plant sale	36.07
5/20/2024	1239	GCI	Membership Dues	12.00
Total				\$ 1,011.10
Deposits				
5/20/2024		Deposit	Publicity - t-shirts	60.00
5/20/2024		Deposit	Membership Dues	120.00
5/20/2024		Deposit	Raffles - May	20.00
5/20/2024		Deposit	Plant sale	3410.55
Total				\$ 3,610.55
Ending Bank Balance 5/30/24				\$ 11,526.20
Disbursements Outstanding				
1/21/2024	1210	University of Illinois Extension Office	Publicity, Seed Expo, 1 table	25.00
Total				\$ 25.00
Ending Book Balance 5/30/24				\$ 11,501.20

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Wonderful programs lined up this year!

Share your suggestions for a) Making the club better (than it already is) and more fun garden things to do. Feel free to contact me with your ideas. I like to consider all things. b) Issues or concerns you may have.

September is the kickoff to our "year." I am looking forward to seeing the outstanding job Elizabeth has done with our new yearbook. Although our District IX no longer offers an award for yearbooks, Elizabeth gets a blue ribbon for ours!

REMINDER from the Hort. Committee to Save the Date for Fall Cleanup Oct. 26: Meet at the Mini Park garden in town, at **9 a.m.** Bring your gardening gloves, tools, a smile and your enthusiasm!

For the love of gardening

- Holly Markwart Swehla

Social & Community Happenings by Nancy Colby, Publicity

PREPARING FOR FALL

It's summer right now and it's hot, but guess what's right around the corner? Cool weather, colorful trees and crisp blue skies. Sounds good, right? With that cool weather, we'll need something cozy to keep us warm in the garden. Did someone say "cozy?" We have it! We now have club sweatshirts! They are high quality and indeed cozy. They're 50% cotton/50% polyester. They run a little large to leave room for layering. We got a great deal on them so they are only \$24 to our members. Let me know if you want one and what size you would like. They will be available at the next meeting so you can touch, feel and size for yourself.



Another great way
to show off our
community
**Antioch Garden
Club!**



ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2024!

It was a great success, and the majority of our membership was able to attend. It was a happy house full of sweet treats and happy members. Thanks to Judy Caldwell for acting as co-hostess again this year. Until we do it again in 2025 ...



UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are a few things we have on the schedule right now but we are always looking for other ways to share the love in our community. It's a little early to finalize any of these plans. We will share information as soon as it's available.

Festival of Trees – December 6-21

Kris Kringle Village tree (waiting for date)

Christmas Parade (waiting for registration to become available)

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Newsletter: Jayna Legg. The newsletter has been sent out. The new deadline is Aug. 22.

Yearbook: Elizabeth Vogt. Any updates for committee information should be sent to her. Those who would like their picture in the yearbook also. Deadline for the new yearbook is the end of July.

Facebook: Lori Linck. Lori encourages members to join the Members Only on Facebook. She will be putting information on plant trading.

Scholarship: Jennifer Wittenburg. Jennifer announced the winner, Haley Ross. She also read Haley's information for receiving this scholarship.

Special Projects: Mary Yott. Mary would like to receive any decorations that could be used on our upcoming wreath decoration in November.

Plant Sale: Cindy Cartner. The club has received a \$100 donation for the plant sale making the total from the plant sale coming to \$4,000.

Old Business: President, Holly, is still in pursuit to get the proper year on the books that our club was organized – either 1995 or 1996. Our records show 1995. She would like to plan a celebration for our 30 years as a club.

Announcements:

- Nancy Colby will host an Ice Cream Social at her home on July 20 from 1-3p.m. Judy Caldwell will be helping.

- GCI Summer Meeting – Cantigny Gardens

- Mary Yott would like to get a activity for the members to plant daffodils and then sell them in the spring for the plant sale.

- * Donations to the club: \$2,000 from Lions Club; \$500 from Strang's Funeral Home; \$100 anonymous to the plant sale; \$10 cash to the plant sale. Raffle raised \$75.

Refreshments were served, No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Zitkus, Secretary

Scholarship Winner Named

This year's recipient of the Nancy Zitkus Scholarship was announced at the June meeting. Hailey Ross is a Grayslake High School graduate who is attending Elon University in North Carolina. Her studies will focus on sustainability. The production and disposal of inexpensive packaging materials usually involves high amounts of energy consumption, the depletion of natural resources and the release of greenhouse gases. She is looking to find a middle ground between more sustainable packaging to help save our environment. Elon's historic 690-acre campus is designated as a botanical garden and includes 56 acres of forest, a land preserve and natural area for scientific research, and Loy Farm, a center for environmental research and sustainability.



June 2024 AGC Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2024

Beginning Bank Balance					\$ 11,526.20
Disbursements Cleared					
	Check #	Paid to	Committee		
6/13/2024	1240	Nancy Colby	Publicity - t'shirts/sweatshirts		553.82
6/13/2024	1242	Cindy Cartner	Horticulture		30.97
6/13/2024	1243	United Methodist Church	Operations		25.00
				Total	\$ 609.79
Deposits					
		From			
6/18/2024		Deposit	\$2,000 Lion's Club		2500.00
6/18/2024		Deposit	\$500 Strang Funeral Home		110.00
6/18/2024		Deposit	Plant sale		75.00
6/18/2024		Deposit	Raffles - June		45.00
				Total	\$ 2,730.00
Ending Bank Balance 6/30/24					\$ 13,646.41
Disbursements Outstanding					
1/21/2024	1210	University of Illinois Extension Office	Publicity, Seed Expo, 1 table		25.00
6/13/2024	1241	Barb Gollwitzer	Hospitality - June		17.26
				Total	\$ 42.26
Ending Book Balance 6/30/24					\$ 13,604.15

News Briefs

- * **Volunteer hours:** Remember to track the hours you volunteer to the club and report them to Donna Rietter, jdrieter@sbcglobal.net. On Sept. 2, Donna reported that the club had accumulated 910 hours from February through August. These hours are important because they represent the value the club adds to the community.
- * The **Horticulture Committee** met Aug. 21 to dig plants up from the club's village gardens to heal in at Cindy Cartner's house. The committee divided about 20 pots of hostas and Solomon's Seal to be sold at the May plant sale.



July 2024 AGC Treasurer's Report

July 30, 2024

Beginning Bank Balance					\$ 13,646.41
Disbursements Cleared					
	Check #	Paid to	Committee		
		University of Illinois			
1/21/2024	1210	Extension Office	Publicity, Seed Expo, 1 table		25.00
6/13/2024	1241	Barb Gollwitzer	Hospitality - June		17.26
6/25/2024	1245	GCI	Book of Honor donation for Holly		10.00
7/20/2024	1246	Judy Caldwell	Horticulture		30.00
7/20/2024	1247	Cindy Cartner	Horticulture		26.99
7/20/2024	1248	Nancy Colby	Publicity - t'shirts/sweatshirts		181.78
7/20/2024	1249	Elon University	Scholarship		1000.00
				Total	\$ 1,291.03
Deposits					
		From			
				Total	\$ -
Ending Bank Balance 7/30/24					\$ 12,355.38
Disbursements Outstanding					
				Total	\$ -
Ending Book Balance 7/30/24				Total	\$ 12,355.38

Sequoit Creek Park Dedication

A large number of club members attended the dedication

of the new park, Sequoit Creek Park, in downtown Antioch. The club made a great showing of itself with many members sporting their bright green Antioch Garden Club T-shirts, at the urging of Publicity Chair Nancy Colby.

Spirits were high to finally see the new park in what had been a blighted space, after so many months of planning and construction. After the ceremony, club members enjoyed walking through the park to see and identify the beautiful native plantings throughout the green space.



Proposed 2024-25 Budget

Respectively Submitted by Lana Svitak, Treasurer

ANTIOCH GARDEN CLUB 2024-2025 Budget

INCOME:						2024-2025 budget
Membership Dues						1,200.00
Plant Sale						4,000.00
Ways and Means						-
Raffles						550
Awards						-
Community Donations						2,000.00
Moved from General Fund						2,925.00
Total						\$10,675.00
EXPENSES:						
Horticulture						1,300.00
Programs						1,500.00
Philanthropy						100
Arbor Day						750
Publicity						1,000.00
Hospitality						200
Newsletter/Website						250
Awards						50
Nancy Zitkus Scholarship						1,025.00
Scholarship donation from Dennis Downes (this is a one time donation)						250
Membership						250
Historian						50
Yearbook						1,000.00
Christmas Wreathes						1,000.00
Operations/Building/Insurance						800
State/District Dues						300
State/District Meetings						200
Plant Sale						500
Ways and Means						100
Antioch Chamber						50
						\$10,675.00



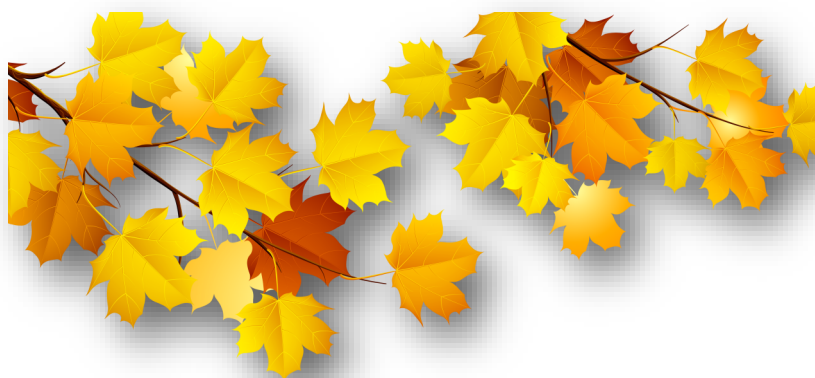
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