



THE GARDEN DIRT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a year! Early spring, our Horticulture/Conservation chairperson(s) resigned from the club. We could not be more appreciative of Karen Coulter for stepping up and chairing this committee, again. Thank you, thank you, thank you Karen!

We had a record-breaking plant sale this year; we sold all our plants and raised a record amount of money. Good job Cindy Cartner and all our members who dug up plants, potted plants and brought them to the sale! Can't leave out Carrie Hagy, who ran our bake sale. Again we had record sales for baked goods. Thank you all! Our corporate sponsor will return in 2019 to support us, thank you Heartland Bank!

Antioch Township broke ground for our first official Monarch Butterfly Waystation! Our Butterfly Ladies showed up, helped dig holes and planted Milkweed. Then to take it a step further, Holly Swelha planted Zinnia's both within our Monarch Butterfly Waystation and around the Antioch Township Center. On Friday, Sept. 7, we dedicated our first official Monarch Butterfly Waystation while recognizing our Butterfly Ladies, Joanne Dugenske, Joyce Kufalk and Holly Swelha.

In response to our desire to plant a Monarch Butterfly Waystation, the Antioch Lions Club gave us \$2,000 to

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Dec. & Jan. Birthdays:

Mary Spliedt-Dietze—Dec. 6

Holly Markwart Swehla—Dec. 25

Barbara Gollwitzer—Jan. 13

Diana Fox—Jan. 14

Joanne Dugenske—Jan. 23

December Program

Holiday Decoration—Floral Acres will lead us in a "hands-on" holiday-themed project. Bring clippers and/or a knife. Our club is covering the cost of the materials; therefore, we need to know in advance who is participating, including guests. Please contact Cheryl Hoke, email: iluvflowers44@yahoo.com.

Hospitality & Raffle

Judy Miscichowski, hostess; Holly Swehla, Nancy Zitkus, Marylyn Miles

CALENDAR

Dec. 3—General Mtg., 7 p.m., Methodist Church, doors open 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 26—Board Mtg., 1-3 p.m., Café Book

Feb. 16—Board Mtg., 1-3 p.m., Café Book

March 4—General Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Officers: President-Barb Gollwitzer, Vice President-Linda Fox, Secretary-Nancy Zitkus, Treasurer-Laura Paukner

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help in our endeavors. We've been assured they will do their best to continue to support us to help the Monarch Butterfly. We hope to make Antioch a true haven for Monarch Butterflies.

The Village of Antioch heard our request for help in watering our downtown gardens and approved sprinkler systems to be installed in ALL our gardens. This is a tremendous part of our summer maintenance program, and we look forward to focusing our energy in different areas.

We received our 501 c3 status from the IRS, enabling us to apply for grants. Most organizations require us to have this status. Walmart granted us a \$2,000 grant this year. It will also go towards our Monarch Butterfly Initiative. We are now awaiting information from the state that will give us "tax exempt status," meaning we don't have to pay sales tax for club purchases.

Carol Sackschewsky & Marylyn Miles chaired our wreath-decorating project. Over twenty members & friends decorated 17 fresh green wreaths & six swags for distribution throughout the Village of Antioch and Antioch Township.

As a club we do so many things for one another and our community that I don't have room in this column to list all of them. Whatever the need within our Club or our community, you, our members always step up and do whatever is needed, and I thank each of you for that!

So, whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanza, I want to wish you the Merriest of Holidays and the Happiest, Healthiest New Year. 2019 will be our best one yet!!

—Barb

December & January Checklist

Outdoors:

- ◇ Wait until the ground freezes to mulch.
- ◇ Do light pruning of deciduous woody plants; heavy pruning for mid- to late-winter.
- ◇ Protect susceptible woody plants with wire mesh or chicken wire collars.
- ◇ Place protective cones over roses or make cage from chicken wire and fill with leaves or straw. This applies to hybrid teas, floribundas, and grandifloras.
- ◇ Climbers should be laid down and covered with a layer of mulch.

Indoors:

- ◇ Give poinsettias bright not direct light; avoid sudden temperature changes.
- ◇ Reduce amount of water and fertilizer given to most indoor plants.
- ◇ Place blooming plants in cool sunny window for maximum blooms; moist not soggy.
- ◇ Place Christmas cactus and African violets in warm sunny windows to promote color.
- ◇ Check houseplant leaves for brown, dry edges. This indicates too little relative humidity in the house. Increase humidity by running a humidifier, grouping plants together or using pebble trays.
- ◇ Replenish water as needed. Move plants away from heating vents or closely watch for dryness.



Antioch Garden Club General Meeting Minutes Nov. 5, 2018

WELCOME: Barb Gollwitzer, President

CALL TO ORDER: 7 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Garden Club Pledge led by President Barb Gollwitzer

President Barb introduced Mary Quilty, a representative for the Village of Antioch, and thanked her from the Antioch Garden Club for all that they have helped us with this year. She presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Club.

Vice President Linda Fox introduced Dennis Downes, Designer and Sculptor of the Indian Trail Marker Tree Sculpture that resides at the entrance of the Mini Park. He gave a very interesting program explaining the history of the American Indian trail markers and how they were used by area Indians.

President Barb paused the meeting for refreshments and then brought the meeting back to order.

Secretary's Report: The report was published in the *Garden Dirt*. Hearing no corrections, the report was accepted and filed.

Treasurer's Report: The report was published in the *Garden Dirt*. Hearing no corrections, the report will be filed for Audit. Balance on Hand as of September 14, 2018 - \$9,031.39; Receipts: \$101.00; Disbursements: \$1,222.26, leaving a Balance on Hand as of October 12, 2018 - \$7,910.13.

Correspondence: A Thank You note from Allendale for giving them the opportunity to tell us of their program, their greenhouse and hoping to have a future partnership with them.

-A letter from the GFWC Il Antioch Woman's Club with a donation of \$200 to support our work and very important programs.

-A check from Walmart as part of their Community Grant Program earmarked to the Monarch Butterfly Initiative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conservation/Horticulture: Chairman Karen Coulter thanked all who came on Saturday for the Fall Cleanup of the gardens. Fifteen members participated. Chong Li will decorate the pots for Christmas.

Hospitality: Chairman Betty Collins read the Hostess Committee for our meeting: Chong Li, Hostess with Carol Sackschewsky, Joanne Dugenske and Jayna Legg. December Hostess is Judy Miscichowski, with Holly Markwart Swelha and Marylyn Miles.

Membership: Chairman Lana Svitak announced 20 members and two guests in attendance.

Nominating: They are still searching for a Vice President to work with Vice President Linda Fox.

Philanthropy: Chairman Joanne Dugenske has purchased two books for the Antioch Public Library. "Where Honey Bees Thrive" and "The Death and Life of the Great Lakes." A "Northern Red Oak" tree will be planted at the north end of Parkway Avenue & North Avenue for Arbor Day.

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HORTICULTURE REPORT



Thank you to the club members who braved the cold Saturday morning in November and came out to help put our village gardens to bed for the winter! The sun warmed things up, and we were done in no time and off to our regular celebratory meal downtown. For more photos, check out our Antioch Garden Club website and Facebook page.

ANTIOCH GARDEN CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT

As of Nov. 14, 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$7,910.13
Deposits (2):	\$2,256.00
Disbursements (3):	\$53.45
Balance on hand as of 11/14/18:	\$10,112.68

Full report available at Dec. meeting

Respectively submitted,

Laura Paukner, Treasurer

Wreath-Decorating Project



Wreath-decorating was again a success! Thanks to Committee Chairs Carol Sackschewsky and Marilyn Miles for volunteering to chair the committee! Thanks Jewel for again donating snacks. Twenty-two wreaths and swags hang around town in senior housing, the train station, museums, the Art Foundation, and more places. And always, there are citizens who express gratitude, especially on Facebook. Check it out: <https://www.facebook.com/>



Above left hangs one of the wreaths. Center, the group posed with the finished products. Above, Nancy Zitkus and guest show their wreaths. Left, Carol Sackschewsky poses with her wreath.

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Programs: Chairman Linda Fox told us about our December program, Holiday Decorations. Floral Acres will lead us in a demonstration of using natural botanicals in our holiday decorating. Our club is providing the cost of materials. Therefore, we need to know in advance how many members will be participating, or if you plan to bring a guest. Contact Cheryl at 847-714-2090 or e-mail, iluvflowers44@yahoo.com. Please bring clippers or a knife for your use.



Publicity: Chairman, Cynthia Stepanek, reported the Rack Cards will be put in the Chamber Office and can be put in the bags that are given away at the Champaign and Chocolate Walk going on in the Village this weekend. he has a possible program for us, "Native Restorations".

Newsletter: Chairman Jayna Legg would like the articles by the 14th.

Website: Chairman Chong Li has updated photos and information on the club Website.

Special Projects:

Wreath Decorating: Carol Sackschewsky and Marylyn Miles, co chairs, have ordered the wreaths from S & S Landscaping. They will pick them up on Nov. 17 and bring them to the Senior Center to be decorated by our members. Time: 9:30 a.m. Please bring tools for cutting, glue guns and newspaper to cover the tables. They will be delivered by various members.

Monarch Butterfly Initiative: Walmart has granted our club a \$2,000 check for this project. The committee will meet and come up with a master plan going into 2019.

New Business:

Open Arms: There was a recommendation from the board that the club donate \$500 to Open Arms. After discussion, the recommendation was accepted.

Monarch Billboards: Kay MacNeil, State Chairman of the Bees, Birds & Butterflies and Milkweed For Monarchs, has found a group of people who will give the clubs a discounted price of \$500 and they can pick the billboard location. The \$500 pays for the vinyl cover. After much discussion, the board thought it best to make a challenge to the other clubs in our district to donate \$100 each to this project, thus making more money by sending the donation to the GCI Office. The board recommended sending \$100 for this project. Joanne Dugenske moved to send \$100 to the GCI Office, same was seconded and carried.

Old Business:

Grass Lake Memorial Garden: Cheryl Hoke, Joyce Kufalk and Carol Sackschewsky worked with Marilyn Bowen at Grass Lake School in planning and implementing a "Memorial Garden." It has been planted. If you are in the area, be sure to stop and admire.

501 (C)(3) Status: We are official! President Barb has received notification from the IRS. This status will allow donors to our club to use their donation as a tax deduction. We have applied for a tax exempt status from the State of Illinois that will allow us to not pay sales tax.

Announcements:

There will be no November Board Meeting.

President Barb asked Linda Fox and Jayna Legg to create a Mission Statement for our club.

Raffle: Chairman Carolyn Yoakem conducted the raffle, which raised \$66. There being no further business, President Barb adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Zitkus, Secretary*

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