



# THE GARDEN DIRT

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**H**as it been two years already since I was installed and became president of our club? It seems like it was just yesterday, and it seems like it was a long, long time. I can't begin to tell you how much I have enjoyed serving our club. When I joined, I hoped to make new friends and learn more about gardening. Those goals have been accomplished beyond my wildest dreams. I now have some of the best friends you could ask for, and many of you have shared your knowledge and your plants with me. For the first time, I feel that I have a yard with flowerbeds that I can be proud of. In a sense, I've become so accomplished that I now want more time to add more plants and more flowerbeds, and oh my, I don't have that plant, so I want one of them! In this sense I believe I have turned into my mother.

Instead of thinking of me as stepping down from this office, think of me as being transplanted to another part of our "garden." I'm not leaving, just moving over to a different spot in the garden. While doing that, I look forward to working with you in a different capacity, and we can "grow" together.

Again, thank you for the privilege of serving with you!

-Barb

## Summer Birthdays:

6/27 — Karen Coulter

7/2 — Marylyn Miles

7/11 — Annette Lubkeman

7/27 — Kendall Victorine

7/27 — Linda Siwek

**June Program:** We will celebrate the end of another year of gardening with our annual potluck dinner. Bring a dish to pass; Hospitality Committee will provide desserts. We will review our accomplishments from the previous year and explore new business for our upcoming year.

## Hospitality & Raffle:

**Betty Collins** is hostess, with Diana Fox, Dee Obrochta and Mary Spliedt.

**Thank You** to the St. Peter Council of Catholic Women for its \$50 donation and letter complimenting Holly & Joyce for their monarch talk. And thank you Holly & Joyce!

## CALENDAR

**June 3 — General Meeting 7 p.m., Methodist Church, doors open 6:30 p.m.**

**June 19 — Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Café Book**

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

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

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# Plant Sale

## Plant Sale Results Are In!

A hearty group of buyers began lining up at 9 a.m., as our determined volunteers braved the weather to assemble this year's wide range of plants and impressive display of homemade baked goods.

Each year, I am proud to have such a group of hardworking, can-do volunteers helping make this club fundraiser successful while having fun doing it. I thank you all and hope you'll join me next year in building our sale into another profitable fundraiser.

Several members brought tens, even hundreds of plants. Thank you to those participants. Let's kick it up a notch and bring in more perennials next year. We actually had no orphaned plants remaining by 1 p.m. Peonies, woodland-native and anything flowering is always in demand. In the next few months, notice where plant-thinning could be beneficial and take notes to remember next spring, when we dig again.

Considering the cool spring temps, and many inches of rain, we did exceptionally well! The sky cleared up, temps warmed, and buyers came. Our club sold \$2,626 worth of plants, and a whopping \$425 from the well-displayed bakery tables. Our bake sale team brought in over double than that of last year! Heartland Bank & Trust Company, our sponsor, generously gave the club \$1,250 this year, bringing the grand total net income to \$4,143!

I look forward to working with you all on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to make our PLANT SALE A SUCCESS AGAIN! WELL DONE! Wishing you a summer of gardening pleasure,

- Cindy Cartner

*"Too much of a good thing is wonderful"*

Mae West

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## Antioch Garden Club General Meeting Minutes May 6, 2019

**WELCOME:** Barb Gollwitzer, President **CALL TO ORDER:** 7 p.m.

President Barb Gollwitzer called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Garden Club pledge. President Barb introduced Tom Shaughnessy, Township Supervisor, who gave us information on Osmond Park as a possible Butterfly Sanctuary. He also brought a drawing of the park showing the different areas where we would plant a tree “Swamp White Oak” and the area for the Butterfly Sanctuary.



President Barb paused the meeting for refreshments. During this time members who brought their favorite gardening tool or a vintage tool talked about it. President Barb resumed the meeting.

**Secretary’s Report:** The report was published in the *Garden Dirt*. Hearing no corrections the report was filed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The report was published in the *Garden Dirt*. Treasurer, Laura Paukner, reminded the members that dues are due; 32 members have paid. Balance on Hand as of March 14, 2019: \$8,610.02; Receipts-\$1,779.00; Disbursements-\$226.55, leaving a Balance on Hand as of April 12, 2019 - \$10,162.47. Hearing no corrections her report will be filed for Audit. President Barb received a thank you from previous treasurer Mary Lou Balazs, for our cards she received for the loss of her husband.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Conservation/Horticulture:** Karen Coulter, Chairman, reported that May 11, 2019 will be our planting day in the gardens. Please meet at the Mini Park at 9 a.m. Mulching should have been done by the Village. She reminded all members they should be signing up for the Watering and Maintenance Schedule for the summer. Her sign-up sheet will be passed around.

**Historian:** Joyce Kufalk, Chairman, asked for articles, pictures, etc. for our scrapbook.

**Hospitality:** Betty Collins, Chairman, read the Hostess Committee for the meeting: Cindy Cartner, Hostess, Kendall Victorine, Annette Lubkeman and Liz Winters. Next meeting, June 3, 2019, will be our Potluck meeting, also installation of officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, also acceptance of the new committee chairs and hostess committees. She reminded the members to sign up for the Hostess Committee for the 2019-2020 Club Year.

Hostess Committee for the June meeting: Betty Collins, Hostess, Diana Fox, Dee Obrochta, Mary Spliedt-Dietze.

**Membership:** Lana Svitak, Chairman, reported 25 members in attendance.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee (Cheryl Hoke, Dee Obrochta and Jayna Legg) have been working on filling the open positions our club has: President and Vice President.

**Programs:** Cheryl Hoke, reported our next meeting will be the Potluck. Bring a dish to share. An installation ceremony of new officers will be conducted. A representative from the new Floral Shop may attend and give a small presentation.

### Publicity:

**Newsletter:** Jayna Legg, editor, would like articles as soon as possible.

**Website:** Chong Li, Chairman, has updated our site with many interesting articles.

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## News briefs

New member Jim Fay has some **common milkweed** available. If you have a place for it in your garden, please reply to him at [jimfay7@gmail.com](mailto:jimfay7@gmail.com). Also, he is looking for a shooting star for the pollinator pocket at the Methodist Church. If you have one to contribute, please contact him at his email address or his cell 217-898-5891.



- Barb Gollwitzer

The **Open Days Directory** has arrived and will be at the library shortly. It cannot be checked out but is for member use at the library only. It is the Garden Conservancy book that lists gardens that can be visited and the dates, with directions.

- Joanne Dugenske

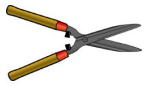
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## June Garden Checklist

- \* Plant beans, carrots, beets, pumpkin, squash, late tomatoes
- \* Thin beets, carrots, parsnips and pumpkins
- \* Start seedlings: Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, cyclamen, primroses
- \* Transplant cabbage, cauliflower, celery, eggplants, okra, hot peppers, squash, late tomatoes, sweet peppers
- \* Harvest beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, kohlrabi, New Zealand spinach, parsley, peas, potatoes, Swiss chard
- \* Mow lawn at least 2.5 inches high
- \* Move houseplants outside to shady locations
- \* Pinch back chrysanthemums
- \* Deadhead spent blooms
- \* Prune lilacs (no more than 1/3 of stems)
- \* Cut back iris stems when blooms are done
- \* Watch for standing water to prevent mosquitoes

**Most importantly: Relax and enjoy your garden!**





# Horticulture Committee Report

**O**n May 11, we had our spring planting. It is an important event as it is the beginning of another year of beautifying Antioch. We had a nice variety of flowers in the Mini Park. We planted begonias, sun-patients, and hostas on the shady side and vinca, euphorbia and ageratum on the sunny side. We also added some more blue fescue and moss roses around our trail marker statue.

Our decorative pots also have been planted and add beautiful focal points to the garden. Profusion zinnias were planted at the Berm and of course red, white, and blue petunias were planted at the Blue Star Veteran's Memorial. A wreath was put up at the Blue Star to commemorate the Memorial Day. Horticulture members also helped pot plants at President Barb's house later in the day to get ready for the plant sale. Thank you all for your hard work!

— Chairwoman Karen Coulter



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**Scholarship:** Judy Caldwell, Chairman. Hopefully our candidate will be at the June meeting to receive her award.

**Special Projects:**

**Monarch Butterfly Initiative:** Holly Swehla, Chairman, is working with Tom Shaughnessy, Township Supervisor, for placement of the next butterfly station. Jim Fay, a new member, will be working with Holly on this committee.

**Ways and Means: Plant Sale:** Cindy Cartner, Chairman, brought the members up to date on the upcoming Plant Sale, May 18 at the Pavilion. All plants should arrive by 9 a.m. Members needed to help price and place the various plants. She has pots and the informative sticks to be put in them with information on that plant. There will be a “Pot Party” at President Barb’s house on May 11 from 2-4 p.m. Bring pots, potting soil and plants for potting for the Plant Sale.

**Bake Sale:** Pick up your containers for your various, cookies, cakes, candies, etc. for the Bake Sale. They will mark them.

**Arbor Day:** Joanne Dugenske, Chairman, reported that the “White Swamp Oak” will be planted at the Osmond Park.

**New Business:** At the April 17, 2019 Board Meeting, Nancy Zitkus presented a flower board showing the various shrubs and bushes that are available for donation at the Antioch United Methodist Church Memorial Garden. After Discussion, Lana Svitak moved that the club purchase “3 Little Quickfire Hydrangea Bushes” at \$66.00 each (\$198.), same was seconded, after discussion, the motion passed. There was one opposed. There is an additional \$3.50 to include our name on the memorial plaque located in Wesley Hall (our meeting place) bringing the total to \$201.50.

Cindy Cartner moved that we purchase the plaque for \$3.50: our name Antioch Garden Club – Three Quickfire Hydrangeas will be on the plaque, same was seconded, motion carried.

**Announcements:**

**May Board Meeting** - Wednesday, May 22 at Café Book, 6:30 p.m. All committee members are asked to attend. Any member that would like to be put on the Agenda, please contact President Barb.

**District IX: Blue Star Dedication** – Sunday, May 19, 2019-10:30 a.m. in Mount Prospect. See <https://www.districtix-gci.org/>.

**Town & Country Garden Club:** Hosting “Hidden Gems” garden walk including 5 gardens in the Libertyville area on Saturday, June 29, 2019 - \$15.

**GCI:** Summer Meeting on Monday, July 15, - \$45. <https://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org/>

**Nicole Spliedt Memorial Fund:** Mary Spliedt – AGC in memory of her daughter, Nicole. There is \$100 in her fund. This will be handled through the horticulture/conservation committee in order to place a flowering tree in one of our gardens.

**Pot Party:** President Barb is having a pot party at her house on Saturday May 11. Bring your plants, pots and potting soil. We will pot plants for the sale on May 18.

**Raffle:** Carolyn Yoakum, Chairman, conducted the raffle. \$60.00 was realized.

President Barb announced that Kathy Cirone’s daughter, Dominique Fogel, is ill. Kathy is a past president of our club. Prayers for the family.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Nancy Zitkus, Secretary*

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# **June**