



THE GARDEN DIRT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are a garden of flowers. When I look at you at our meetings, I am reminded of what kind of garden club we are. We have a variety of flowers growing in our club:

Carnations, the favorite to fill in a bouquet. Sturdy, long life and needed in any garden.

Daffodils, out there before any of the others are ready to peek up out of the ground.

Daisies, they can be perennials as well as annuals, sturdy but pretty to look at and everybody loves a daisy!

Hostas, the workhorse of the flowerbed, it thrives in shade but holds up well in the sun. Almost every garden has a few.

Lavender, beautiful but practical, calming to the senses.

Lily, ranging from the yellow daylily to the exotic, their beauty is most appreciated in any garden.

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Feb. & March Birthdays:

2/9 — Nancy Zitkus

2/16 — Cindy Cartner,

2/28 — Nancy Bilsborrow, Linda Nutter

3/3 — Liz Winters

3/14 — Carrie Hagy

March Program

“Photography in the Garden,” **Meredith Schnelle** — Meredith Schnelle is a local artist associated with the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation, and a former Antioch Garden Club member! She is passionate about the natural world. Native plants are often the subject of her photography, and raising awareness about ecological concerns is the driving force for her work. Many of her photographs are of animals and plants that live in her yard.

Hospitality & Raffle

Norma Lucansky, Linda Nutter, Carolyn Yoakem

CALENDAR

March 4 – General Meeting, 7 p.m., Methodist Church, doors open 6:30 p.m.

March 20 – Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Café Book

April 1 – General Meeting 7 p.m., Methodist Church, doors open 6:30 p.m.

April 13 – Spring Cleanup, 9 a.m., Mini-Park. Bring gardening tools, trash bags and a smile.

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



Annual Fundraiser Plant Sale Heads-Up!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18, our annual AGC plant sale is on its way! We'll again be at the protected Williams Park pavilion, 741 Main St. Antioch, (behind the library, near the train depot), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Your donations of time, baked goods, established perennials, annuals, and garden-related items/decor will be needed for this to be successful as our only fundraiser. I realize most of us can't think past all that white stuff covering our flower beds; however, seed-starting and house plant divisions can take place soon. Please think about what you can contribute and what to volunteer for.

Find what's comfortable for you among these positions:

1-2 volunteers needed to organize/price the bake sale

1-2 volunteers to place sale posters in the windows of Antioch businesses (bring tape)

2 cashiers (bring cashbox of small bills and change)

Coffee for volunteers

Dig/pot plants for members unable to do so themselves

Place signs & balloons on sale morning; pick up same after sale

I'll be bringing pots with trays and craftstix (for you to label your plants) to future meetings. However, please remember to save your pots from season to season. Later this spring, please let me know of the variety of perennials you might bring. I can then make a colorful horticulture ID with photo.

We always have fun and learn more about horticulture during this event.

Mark your calendars, tell your friends and save your purchasing dollars for our club's fundraiser May 18. Thanks, in advance, to all those that make my job easier and make me proud to be part of such a hard-working bunch!

Please contact me to volunteer or if you have questions: sedan1@msn.com, 847.395.8902.

—Cindy Cartner

If you tickle the earth with a hoe, she'll laugh with a harvest



Antioch Garden Club General Meeting Minutes Dec. 3, 2018

WELCOME: Barb Gollwitzer, President

CALL TO ORDER: 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE: President Barb Gollwitzer

Program Chairman Cheryl Hoke introduced our program by Floral Acres (Laurie and Emily). We created our holiday centerpieces with live greenery and decorations. One centerpiece, decorated by Emily was given to Pastor Char for all her help in letting us store some of our hostess supplies in the kitchen.

President Barb paused the meeting for refreshments.

President Barb brought the meeting back to order.

Secretary's Report: The report was published in the *Garden Dirt*. Hearing no additions, the report will be filed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was published in the *Garden Dirt*. Hearing no additions, the report will be filed for audit. Balance on Hand as of October 12, 2018: \$7,910.13; Receipts: \$2,256; Disbursements: \$53.45; Balance on Hand as of November 14, 2018 - \$10,112.68.

Correspondence: A Thank You note from Antioch Fine Arts Foundation thanking us for their holiday wreath and a Thank You from Antioch Township Supervisor Tom Shaughnessy for their holiday wreath. Also, verbal thank you from Joy McCarthy, Village Hall, Parks and Recreation and Public Works for their holiday wreaths.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conservation/Horticulture: Karen Coulter thanked Chong and Holly for decorating the pots in the Mini Park for the holiday season.

Hospitality: Betty Collins, chairman, read the Hostess Committee members for our meeting: Hostess is Judy Miscichowski, with Holly Markwart Swelha and Marylyn Miles assisting.

Membership: Lana Svitak, chairman, announced 23 members and 10 guests in attendance.

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

Philanthropy: Joanne Dugenske, chairman, had no report.

Programs: Cheryl Hoke reported our program in March, 2019, will be Photography in the Garden, given by one of our past presidents, Meredith Schnelle.

Publicity: Cynthia Stepanek, chairman, announced we would be participating in the Jan. 28, 2019 Wellness Fair at the Antioch High School. She needs members to man the table.

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Treasurer's Report

As of Feb. 14, 2019

Beginning Balance (11/14/18):	\$10,112.68
2 Deposits:	227.00
8 Disbursements	1,514.87
Balance on Hand:	\$8,824.81

Full report available at March meeting
Respectively Submitted,
Laura Paukner, Treasurer

Book Review

A Sand County Almanac, By Aldo Leopold

This classic 1949 non-fiction book takes place in the rural land around the Baraboo, Wis. area. It describes the responsible relationship between people and the land they inhabit, both in words and sketches. Twelve essays are organized around the seasonal changes of the natural areas and how the land, animals, and horticulture evolve throughout the year.

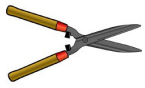
- ◇ Aldo Leopold was a professor at the University of Wisconsin and owner of a farm in Southwestern Wisconsin. He was widely known as an ecologist, forester, and environmentalist.

◇ —Cindy Cartner



At the December meeting, club members once again enjoyed creating beautiful floral centerpieces for their holiday tables; class was presented by Floral Acres. Thank you Emily & Laurie!





Horticulture Committee Report



The next big event under the committee (with all the club's participation), will be the spring cleanup Saturday, April 13. Meet at the Mini Park by JJ Blinkers at 9 a.m., and bring your tools, a large black trash bag, a smile and enthusiasm. Many hands make light work and shorten the time it takes to clean up our downtown gardens, and then we can go out for fellowship and a meal.

Our annual Spring Planting is set for Saturday, May 11, another good date to put on your calendars. Looking forward to having the village assist with watering, which frees up the committee and members for other things. Happy spring!

- Chairwoman Karen Coulter



President's column, from p. 1

Marigolds, plant them as seeds and nurture them, or plants, mature or seasoned another great addition.

Milkweed, no other can do what you do in attracting and feeding the Monarch Butterfly. We have a few of you in our club!

Roses, beautiful elegant and the vintage are the best.

Sunflowers, stand strong and tall, search for the sun and warmth in the place you grow.

Zinnias, a diverse plant that can be both bright and subdued in colors.

We have a mix of all these and then some. Do you recognize yourself as one of these flowers? I think of myself as a Hosta, I try to be flexible and thrive where I am planted. As individual flowers these might not hold a lot of beauty but as an Antioch Garden Club bouquet, we are an awesome bunch of flowers!

— Barb



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Newsletter: Jayna would like articles by the end of January, 2019.

Website: Chong Li, chairman, has updated the website with many beautiful pictures and club information.

Special Projects: Carol Sachewsky and Marylyn Miles, co-chairs, ordered the wreaths from S & S Landscaping. We made 17 wreaths, 6 swags and had 20 members and guests present. We Can now keep our supplies at the Antioch Senior Center.

Monarch Butterfly Initiative: The committee will meet and come up with a master plan for 2019. A possible new place will be the Osmond Brothers Park.

New Business:

Open Arms: A \$500 check was presented to Open Arms.

Monarch Butterflies: District IX has issued a challenge from Antioch Garden Club to the other clubs in our District to match our \$100 for the Billboards. We will keep our check until we hear that the project will be going forward, then send it.

Old Business:

501 (C)(3) Status: We are official. 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 December Board Meeting. January Board Meeting on January 26, 2019 will be held on Saturday, 1-3 p.m. at Café Book.

President Barb has asked Linda Fox and Jayna Legg to create a mission statement for our club.

Cindy Cartner, chairman of the Plant Sale, announced May 18, 2019 will be the date for the sale.

Raffle: Carolyn Yoakum, chairman, conducted the raffle. \$81.00 was realized.

There being no further business, President Barb adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Zitkus, Secretary*

December, 2018 General Meeting, Floral Acres program



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2019-2020

Individuals \$30; Couples \$50

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