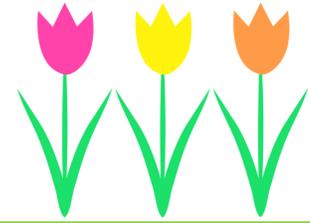




# THE GARDEN DIRT

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**A**s I write this, the temperature is in the 50's and rising; spring is finally here! With it comes our spring cleanup, spring planting and our plant sale.

Spring is a very busy and productive time of year for our club. As I see the green buds shooting up out of the ground, I am planning which ones to divide and bring to the plant sale.

As good gardeners, we are dividing and sharing the bounty in our gardens. In our club, we also need to think of dividing and sharing our personal talents to cover the responsibilities of maintaining our club. Our club needs members to step up and take on responsible roles.

If you have not considered serving our club as an officer or committee chairperson, now is a good time to contact me or one of the members of our nominating committee, Cheryl Hoke, Jayna Legg and Dee Obrochta, and let us know what you are willing to do. We need you!

-Barb

## May Birthdays:

5/4 — Kim Brandes

5/18 — Cynthia Stepanek

5/25 — Dee Obrochta

## May Program

**Tool Talk** — Members are asked to bring their favorite tool to the May meeting, and tell us all about it. If it is a newer tool, you could tell us where we might buy one. If it is a vintage tool, we'll be mighty envious! Tom Shaughnessy, Antioch Township Supervisor, and Kris Shephard, also from the township, will attend and bring us information about Osmond Sports Park as a possible Butterfly Sanctuary site. They will be there at 6:30 p.m. to meet with interested members and answer questions about the project.

## Hospitality & Raffle:

Cindy Cartner, is hostess, with Kendall Victorine, Annette Lubkeman and Liz Winters.

## CALENDAR

May 6 — General Meeting 7 p.m., Methodist Church, doors open 6:30 p.m.

May 11 — Spring Planting, 9 a.m., Mini-Park next to J.J. Blinkers

May 15 — Board meeting 6:30 p.m., Café Book

May 18 — Annual Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Williams Park (Setup starts at 8:30 a.m.)

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# Plant Sale

## Plant Sale Countdown

**Y**ikes, our Plant Sale on Sat, May 18, is right around the corner now. Snow shovels have been replaced with hoes and trowels. Finally, let's get into the fresh spring air and do some diggin'! Volunteers are needed for digging plants from those that are unable to do so themselves. Please contact us if you can help.

I'll bring pots and craftstix to May's meeting for you to fill, but please keep collecting them yourselves for future sales. Bring your potted houseplants, herbs, veggies and perennials in containers wiped-clean. Identify with craftstix, labeled with ultra-fine markers, including:

- Name of plant, common and/or horticulture
- Sun requirements (full sun, part shade, shade)
- Color and height of plant

Please write on only one side of the craftstix.  
We'll put the price on the opposite side.



Baked goods should be packaged in smaller amounts, possibly in plastic deli boxes. Donate your gently used garden-related books, magazines, planters and garden décor. No plastic pots please.

Deliver your plants/items to the north side of the Williams Park pavilion, where we'll park our cars. The south entrance will be for the public to line up. We don't want to parade our plants past and then pick thru them for our personal purchases while the public watches... Remember, you can set aside purchases and pay for them once the big rush subsides. It's best to get the deliveries done from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., no later. Much work needs to be accomplished before the 10 a.m. stampede. We'll need "all hands on deck"!

We'll cover the picnic tables with tablecloths first. I.D. signs will be attached to the tables (sun, hostas, etc.) Plants will be priced and delivered to the proper tables. Plant I.D. descriptions will be placed into pots. A brief meeting will take place at 9:50 a.m.

Volunteers, bring your red wagons/carts to assist buyers with multi-pot purchases. (Sort of like a purse, the more room you have the more you'll stuff into it ...) Wagon/carts are needed to transport plants from arrival to the proper tables and to buyers' cars. Our young Scout volunteers will help take plants to buyers' cars.

These plants come from our local soil and growing conditions, so they will more easily adjust and flourish in their new homes. Save some of YOUR plant dollars for our sale. Our local beekeeper will share 10% of his profits, so please stock up on your honey, lotions, and scented waxes. These make great gifts. Tell your friends and neighbors. Come and enjoy the camaraderie, knowledge, and enthusiasm of your fellow gardeners. See you there!

Cindy Cartner, 847-395-8902; Kendall Victorine, 262-857-2097

*"A Garden Is A Grand Teacher" Gertrude Jekyll*



## Antioch Garden Club General Meeting Minutes April 1, 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. Program Chairman Cheryl Hoke introduced our speaker for the evening, Gale Borger from Gerry's Garden, Author, Educator and Speaker. She showed us how to make newspaper pots and we filled them with her "Special Soil" and then planted sunflower seeds.

Pres. Barb paused the meeting for refreshments. Pres. Barb brought the meeting back to order.

**Secretary's Report:** The March 11, 2019 report was published in the Garden Dirt. Hearing no corrections the report will be filed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Laura Paukner's report was published in the Garden Dirt. Hearing no corrections the report will be filed for Audit. Balance on Hand as of February 14, 2019-\$8,824.81; Receipts-none; Disbursements-\$214.79, leaving a Balance on Hand as of March 14, 2019-\$8,610.02.

**Correspondence:** None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Conservation/Horticulture:** Karen Coulter, Chairman, reported that her committee met on March 26, at the Mini Park, to cut down the many grasses. She will be passing the Maintenance Schedule around for members to sign up. The in ground watering system has been put in, which will help immensely. April 13, at 9 a.m., will be Clean-up Day. We will meet at the Mini Park and disperse from there, with members cleaning the many gardens. We will meet for lunch after.

**Historian:** Joyce Kufalk, Chairman, is asking for any garden club pictures for the book.

**Hospitality:** Betty Collins, Chairman, read the Hostess Committee for the evening: Hostess, Carrie Hagy, with Laura Paukner, Karen Coultner and Antony White. Hostess Committee for May: Hostess, Cindy Cartner, with Kendall Victorine, Annette Lubkeman and Liz Winters.

**Membership:** Lana Svitek, Chairman, reported 28 members in attendance with three guests: Betty Sprovieri, Beth Haviland and Maureen Yasz. She inducted Jim Fay and Linda Siwek into membership and gave them each a jar of honey.

**Meet and Greet:** Linda Fox and Barb Gollwitzer, with Lana Svitak, are planning a "Meet and Greet" gathering for potential new members. The first one will be at Pres. Barb's home April 7 at 2 p.m.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee (Cheryl Hoke, Dee Obrochta and Jayna Legg) has been working on filling open positions. We need President and Vice President. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact them. Their e-mails and phone numbers are in the yearbook. They must submit a slate of officers at our April Board Meeting for approval. Then the slate will be announced at the May Regular Meeting, and Installation of Officers will be at the June Meeting.

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# Treasurer's Report

April 17, 2019

<b>Beginning Balance</b> (3/14/18):	\$8,610.02
Deposits (4)	1,779.00
Disbursements (4)	193.55
<b>Balance on Hand:</b>	\$10,195.47

Full report available at May meeting

*Respectively Submitted by Laura Paukner, Treasurer*



## Welcome new members!

**I**t seems like most every meeting lately we've had guests who decided to join, and what better news is there! We would like to welcome three new Antioch Garden Club members: **Jim Fay, Linda Siwek and Betty Sprovieri.**

Jim came to us by way of the Methodist Church and club officer Nancy Zitkus, who also is a member of the Methodist Church. Jim is interested in pollinator pockets and prairie restoration. He impressed us all by giving a talk about pollinator pockets at one of his first meetings. His knowledge was impressive, and well as his enthusiasm!

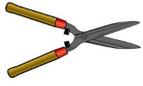
Linda is a friend of Barb Gollwitzer's and wrote on her membership form she is interested in learning how to become a Master Gardener. Linda jumped right in, as well, and joined the Hospitality Committee. Thank you, Linda!

Betty, too, hit the ground running. She is interested in learning more about plants, as well as planting, and she wants to contribute to the Village of Antioch. It wasn't long at all before Betty DID contribute to Antioch when she brought a special helper and joined us for the annual spring cleanup. Thank you to her and her grandson!

We welcome all three new members! We encourage all members to consider inviting a guest to a meeting or event. There is no obligation to join, of course, but if they do, we'll consider it a bonus!



*Betty and her handsome grandson*



# Horticulture Committee Report

**O**pening day for the Antioch Garden Club was a home run. Spring Cleanup is the first all-member activity of the year and it was a rousing success. The weather was good, and we had 18 dedicated members show up and make quick work of a big job. Thank you all!

Mark your calendars for our next big day, which is Spring Planting Day, May 11. Same time, same place, the Mini Park at 9 a.m. Hope you all can make it. We always reward ourselves with lunch afterwards.

The Maintenance and Watering Schedule will be passed around at our next meeting, and we need two people to sign up for each week. That means that some people will need to sign up for more than one week if they are able. It's a dirty job but somebody has to do it. For several years, our Blue Star Veteran's Memorial has had a separate watering list but as of this year, it will return to the general list. The reason for this is that we have fewer members, and that makes two lists more difficult. And we also will have our underground watering system, which will lessen the watering time for each garden. Thank you all for your continued support!

— Chairwoman Karen Coulter



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**Programs:** Cheryl Hoke, Chairman, told us about May program, “Tool Talk”. Members are asked to bring their favorite tool and tell us all about it. If it is a newer tool, you could tell us where we might buy one. If it is a vintage tool, we’ll be mighty envious! Tom Shaughnessy, Antioch Township Supervisor, may attend and talk about plan for a Osmond Sports Park Butterfly Sanctuary.

**Publicity:** Cynthia Stepanek, Chairman, reported the manager at the Tractor Supply store, Carol Wilhelm, has asked us to have a presence at their events. They are planning car shows, farmers markets, pet adoption, etc. The first event is on Sat., April 20, “Try It Before You Buy It” with another on Sat. May 11. Our presence would be to promote our club and our upcoming plant sale.

**Newsletter:** Jayna Legg, Editor, would like articles by April 18.

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

**Yearbook:** President Barb presented Chong Li, Editor, with a First Place Certificate for our yearbook from District IX. Congratulations!

**Scholarship:** Judy Miscichowski, Chairman, reported we have an applicant.

### **Special Projects:**

**Monarch Butterfly Initiative:** The committee will be meeting to come up with a master plan for 2019. Holly Swehla, Chairman, reported the Monarch Way Station at the Antioch Township Center, is the club’s crown jewel. They have planted two types of milkweed at the Mini Park. Joyce Kufalk has a way station in her parkway area. At Pedersen Park, last year, the Village installed a 20’ x 20’ area with a split rail fence. Joyce and Holly went there in early fall and “planted” hundreds of milkweed seeds and also native pollinator seeds.

**Ways and Means, Plant Sale:** Cindy Cartner, Chairman, brought us up to date with our duties for the Plant Sale on May 18 at Williams Park Pavilion. There will be the Bee Keeper, Peter Poli, with his honey, and of course our plants from our various gardens. She has brochures to be handed out at various locations in the Village. We will also have the Bake Sale. The Webelos will be helping customers get their purchases to their cars. The Heartland Bank and Trust Co. will have the popcorn machine and they generously donated \$1,250.00 to our club. Cindy has also done the display case at the Antioch Library. She also has pots to be taken by the members for their plants.

### **Announcements:**

**April Board Meeting:** Wed. April 17 at Café Book, 6:30 p.m. All committee chairs are asked to attend. Any member who would like to be put on the agenda, please contact Pres. Barb.

**District IX: Blue Star Dedication** – Sun., May 19, 2019-10:30 a.m. in Mount Prospect. See President Barb for more information.

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

**GCI:** Summer Meeting on Monday, July 15 - \$45.

**Nicole Spliedt Memorial Fund:** Mary Spliedt would like to make a donation to AGC in memory of her daughter, Nicole. At present there is \$100 in her fund. This will be handled through the Horticulture Committee in order to place a flowering tree in one of our gardens.

**Raffle:** Carolyn Yoakum, Chairman, conducted the raffle. \$98.00 was realized. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Nancy Zitkus, Secretary*

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2019-20

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