



THE GARDEN DIRT

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Guest Column by Vice President Linda Fox

Gardeners, I hope all of you had a wonderful summer. I know everyone that went to Antony's house for our summer gathering had a great time. Thanks to all members who brought yummy appetizers. And who knew Antony was a landscape designer? I bet everyone did after enjoying a lovely summer afternoon at his house.

Happy fall or autumn! As you know, the official first day of fall this year was September 23. Did you know In the Northern Hemisphere summer ends and fall starts at the moment of September equinox, which occurs, with few exceptions, every year on September 21 to 23?

At our September meeting, Chong had our new 2019-2020 yearbook all ready for our new year. The yearbook is beautiful! Thanks, Chong, for doing a beautiful job. Please take a few minutes to look over our yearbook. There is so much information in it. I'll bet you'll say at least once, "I didn't know that!"

I wasn't always a fan of autumn, thinking of winter coming right on its heels. Not letting myself enjoy

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October Birthdays:

10/1 — Cheryl Hoke

10/19 — Chong Li

Oct. Meeting: Join us for Seasonal Floral Design. Floral Acres professional designers will demonstrate how to artfully arrange a seasonal floral design. Have your camera phones ready to take pictures as your creations take shape.

Hospitality & Raffle:

Carrie Hagy is hostess, with Jayna Legg and Laura Paukner. A substitute is needed for Jim Fay.

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Officers: President-Vacant, Vice President-Linda Fox, Secretary-Cheryl Hoke, Treasurer-Laura Paukner

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CALENDAR

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

Oct. 17 — Board Meeting 6:30 p.m., Café Book

Nov. 4 — General Meeting 7 p.m., Methodist Church, doors open 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 2 — Fall Cleanup of club's community gardens; meet in mini-park at 9 a.m.



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the magnificence of the season. Nature’s changes, the falling leaves, the colorful trees, the lovely almost, dare I say, perfect temperature. Apple-picking, caramel apples, pumpkins. Harvesting our crops. And of course, the slowing down of our gardening. There is so much to do and be thankful for.

This year, we are celebrating our 25th anniversary as a club. I’ve been a member since 2014, five years. I enjoy being a member. I enjoy digging in the dirt ... it’s my therapy! I like working for our community to help it become a more beautiful place, and I like being with people who enjoy that as well. I’ve made friendships that I value. We go out for lunch and go on gardening field trips. I look forward to enjoying being a member for years to come.

Happy Autumn!

- Linda Fox

Fall (October) Gardening To-Do List:

- ⇒ Clear away spent plants and continue dead-heading.
- ⇒ Plant evergreens, garlic, rhubarb and shallots.
- ⇒ Transplant strawberries.
- ⇒ Harvest Cauliflower, potatoes, radishes, rutabagas and tomatoes.
- ⇒ Prepare forced hyacinths and tulips.
- ⇒ Winter over begonias and chrysanthemums.
- ⇒ Plant fall bulbs: tulips, crocus, daffodils and hyacinths are just a few!
- ⇒ Wrap trunks of smooth-barked and young trees with heavy paper or burlap to prevent sunscald and rodent damage.
- ⇒ Plant or transplant deciduous trees and shrubs; once their leaves have fallen, they’re dormant and ready to be planted.
- ⇒ Protect tender plants from light frosts by covering them overnight with sheets or plastic. Be sure to remove the covers very shortly after the sun comes up the next day.
- ⇒ Put up a birdfeeder for winter so birds will have time to find it before the snow flies.
- ⇒ Use a low-voltage electric heater to keep your bird bath “open” all winter.
- ⇒ After the first killing frost, remove all dead plant debris from the annual beds.
- ⇒ Also after frost, dig up dahlia tubers, dry and store for winter.



AGC General Meeting Minutes Sept. 9, 2019



Vice President Linda Fox called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led us in the pledges.

Welcome: Special guests - Marilyn Krueger, President, GCI and Marilyn Schweitzer, President, Naperville Garden Club.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June 3 meeting were published in the newsletter. Since there were no comments, minutes were filed as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Laura Paukner. She explained the new check request forms and stressed the importance of them being completed accurately. The audit was completed by Dee Obrochta and Lana Svitak. The proposed budget for next year was approved by the board.

Correspondence: Nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Horticulture: Holly Markwart Swehla reported the garden club will be grand marshal for the Antioch 4th of July parade in recognition of our 25th anniversary.

Historian: Nothing to report

Hospitality: Betty thanked Linda Fox, Holly Markwart Swehla, and Karen Coulter for hosting tonight's meeting. Next month's hostesses will be Carrie Hagy, Jayna Legg, and Laura Paukner.

Membership: 23 members present tonight & two guests. Linda Worchel was inducted as a new member.

Nominating: Barb Gollwitzer reported the committee will be looking at filling the Vice President, President and Treasurer positions.

Philanthropy: No report

Programs: Since our planned speaker was not feeling well, there was no program tonight. Next month will be Seasonal Floral Design presented by Laurie & Emily from Floral Acres.

Bylaws: Nothing to report

Publicity

= Newsletter: Jayna reported the deadline will be Sept. 20. Linda Fox will guest-write the president's column.

= Yearbook: The 2019-2020 yearbooks are ready for distribution tonight.

Scholarship: Nothing to report

Special Projects

=Monarch butterfly: Milkweed aphids have been bad this year. Peterson Park needs work.

Ways and Means: No report

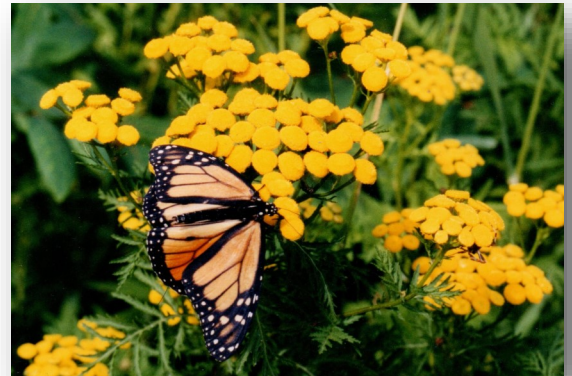
Old business: A special thank you to Antony for hosting our summer garden tea party. It was a beautiful day enjoyed by 19 of our members.

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News Briefs

- ⇒ We need nominees for president, vice president, treasurer and membership for next year.
- ⇒ Treasurer's report will be available at the meeting.
- ⇒ **Check it out!** Member Chong Li created a beautiful YouTube video about the monarch butterflies she raised and released over the summer, including every step from designing a butterfly flower bed to release. It is posted on our club website on the Monarch Butterfly page —

<http://www.antiochgardenclub.org/monarch-butterfly.html>



Meet New Member Linda Worchel



New member Linda Worchel has lived in Lake Villa for more than 60 years and has watched open lands and wildlife habitats disappear during that time. She is a birder and loves monarchs. She enjoys bird walks as a member of the Lake Cook Audubon Society. She wants to help save monarchs and plant natives for birds and wildlife. She has enjoyed the Village of Antioch's gardens, which prompted her to look into our garden club! She liked the idea of socials and gatherings and decided to join. Welcome Linda!

Club Members Mingle at Meet & Greet at Linda's

It was a fantastic club "Meet & Greet" at member Linda Fox's beautiful home garden Sept. 28. Fifteen members attended. Warm and relaxing fellowship and conversation accompanied delicious food and wine. What can be better than that on a chilly autumn afternoon? Thank you, Linda, for your hospitality. Everyone had a great time!

- Chong Li

Story and photos appear on the Antioch Garden Club Website on the Group Outings page:

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New business:

- ⇒ Barb Gollwitzer asked us to each month share something we remember over the past 25 years.
- ⇒ There will be a Meet & Greet held at Linda Fox's on Sept. 28 from 2-4 pm. Please R.S.V.P. to Linda by Sept. 25.
- ⇒ Holly is our leader for October. September board meeting is Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. at Cafe Book.

Raffle was held and meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Hoke, Secretary



Horticulture Report

The season went way too fast! October is here! The sprinkler system has done its job — our gardens look amazing! It wasn't just the water alone. Thanks to all of you for maintaining the gardens all summer long.

I'm looking forward to the Fall Cleanup Saturday, Nov. 2. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Mini-Park next to J.J Blinkers and bring gloves, tools, and a smile! Paper refuse bags will be provided by the club. And as is traditional, we'll go out for lunch afterwards. This is a rain or shine kind of event, and the more helping hands, the quicker the job gets done!

Below, enjoy some pictures from our September meeting, when our special guests took a tour of our gardens. President of Garden Clubs of Illinois Marilyn Krueger and President of the Naperville Garden Club Marilyn Schweitzer enjoyed hearing about the history of the gardens and how they've developed over the years.

- Chairwoman Holly Markwart Swehla



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