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Guest Columnist Holly Markwart Swehla

Greetings from your “president of the month!” This month has flown by. Re-viewing the summer we have had, it was the hottest, driest summer on record but we prevailed. Our gardens in Antioch are beautiful and lovingly cared for by our members. It’s a team effort for sure!

● Every time we are in the gardens, it pleases me how people stop and tell us how beautiful the gardens are and how much they enjoy them. That is our thanks, so thank you. Thank you to all of you for helping bring something wonderful to the residents of Antioch.

I look forward to sharing the story of Osmond Sports Park with you at our next regular meeting Oct. 9. Remember to meet us at the park, 96 E. Depot Street. Parking information might have confused you last month. Please pull into the park off Depot and park on the entrance road (not Depot). I think you’ll find that what has happened already is really

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Happy Birthday!

- ◇ **Oct. 1, Cheryl Hoke**
- ◇ **Oct. 19, Chong Li**

Oct. Program

Tour & History of Tim Osmond Park Sports Complex. This 78-acre park is being overhauled by Antioch Township with help from local organizations, including our club. The address is 96 E. Depot St. Bring your own chair, beverage and snack and meet us there. **Note:** Park on the entrance road *after* you turn into the park entrance. This is a correction from last month.

Special Project

Wreath Decorating — Nov. 20, at 9:30 a.m., we’ll gather at the Antioch Senior Center for our annual wreath-decorating project led by Carol Sackschewsky. Bring your ideas, tools, supplies (any Christmas décor you want to share), and your holiday spirit! We decorate live wreaths and swags to hang around the village.

CALENDAR

Oct. 9 — General Meeting, 1 p.m., park entrance to Tim Osmond Park, 96 E. Depot St., Antioch. Park on the park entrance road.

Oct. 20 — Board meeting 6:30 p.m., Antioch Senior Center

Nov. 13 — General Meeting, 1 p.m., Antioch Senior Center; Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 6 — Fall Cleanup, 9 a.m., Mini-Park

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

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Welcome Back Members!

First meeting of the year was jam-packed

We had a busy first meeting back after the summer! Members were happy to gather, pandemic or no pandemic. To keep everyone safe, we moved the meeting to the Williams Park Pavilion and enjoyed the nice summer weather.

New members Jennifer Wittenberg, Marianne Peters and Jane Buck were initiated by the Membership Committee, and outgoing two-term President Barb Gollwitzer was honored and presented with a National Garden Club Lifetime Membership. There was even a release of two monarch butterflies by new member Jennifer Wittenberg, pictured on the right.

Welcome back Antioch Garden Club members!

See more on the ACG website: <http://www.antiochgardenclub.org/agc-news.html>





Antioch Garden Club General Meeting Minutes Sept. 11, 2021

WELCOME: Linda Fox, President of the Month **CALL TO ORDER:** 1 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

Secretary's Report: Minutes of last in-person meeting included in newsletter. No changes. It will be filed.

Treasurer's Report: Last report put on tables. No changes. It will be filed.

Correspondence: Barb - Lawn Doctor, thank you cards from members and a thank you note from National Garden Clubs.

Committee Reports

Audit: No report.

By-laws: Cheryl Hoke was prepared to present board approved revised bylaws to general membership for approval. Due to the lack of a quorum, we were unable to vote, Cheryl distributed the revisions to members present. One of the revisions to be voted on is what constitutes a quorum, this amplifies the need for that revision to be voted on & passed.

Historian: Joyce Kufalk will take newspaper articles, photos, whatever members have to submit to scrapbook to archive at library.

Barb will print out the latest newsletter and current meeting minutes for Joyce.

Horticulture: Holly Swehla & Linda Fox, Co-Chairs met recently with Mike Garrigan, Community Development Director for the Village of Antioch with a list of things the club would like to have addressed:

Fence from the back northwest corner of the former Canton Tea Garden building to the far west corner, wrap around to the entrance to the Mini-Park from the Toft street municipal parking lot then continue north of the entrance to the Vintage Mercantile building.

Replace the tree that was damaged and removed from the southwest corner of the Mini-Park several years. Placing a bench in the area of Mini-Park for the purpose of residents walking through and having an opportunity to enjoy the garden.

Retaining wall at the front northeast corner of the Mini-Park between the sidewalk and to the Vintage Mercantile building.

Plants, request that the Village absorb the cost of purchasing new plants and or shrubs due to the lack of a plant sale the past 2 years.

Better communication between the Village and AGC, both Holly & Linda gave the Village all of their contact information. On behalf of AGC we requested an annual meeting with members of the Village to report progress and or any issues within the downtown gardens.

AGC strongly opposes having the placement of tables in the Mini-Park by local restaurants for the purpose of serving their patrons there.

Mike Garrigan shared the possible new design which will be a complete redesign of Toft that will incorporate more trees and other vegetation. Intent is for a visual path from the back of the Mini-Park through the municipal lot on Toft to the municipal lot behind Lovin' Oven.

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Treasurer's Report as of Aug. 31, 2021



Beginning Bank Balance		\$10,024.27	
Disbursements Cleared			
7/30	Lana S. Membership/American Cancer Society Donation—in memory of Paul Dugenske	100.00	
8/10	District IX Dues	10.00	
8/14	Cash/Farmer's Market Sale	100.00	
8/18	U.S. Post Office/Operations	134.00	
8/18	Deluxe Checks	27.25	
8/23	Cindy Cartner/Ways & Means	33.16	
	Total	\$404.41	
Deposits			
8/3	Laura Vertz Membership	30.00	
8/23	Ways & Means	458.00	
	Total	488.00	
Disbursements Outstanding			
8/25	Linda Fox, Horticulture	82.04	
Ending Book Balance		\$10,025.82	

Respectively Submitted, Treasurer Lana Svitak

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cool. I would like to share what plants have grown, and what they have done and provided for the pollinators and the birds. I will be creating a list of all the native plants that have been planted in the park, so you can plant them in your own yards.

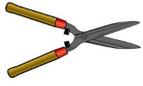
Have a wonderful fall!

-Holly Markwart Swehla

The Garden Conservancy Open Days — Club members Judy Caldwell, Lana Svitak and Jayna Legg had the chance to go to Open Days in Milwaukee County in August, to tour The Gardens at Lake Hill House and the Selig Garden, both on Lake Michigan and both beautiful. Open Days are just that, open to all and only \$10 a garden. Ill. and Wis. gardens within driving distance are featured every year.

For info: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days>

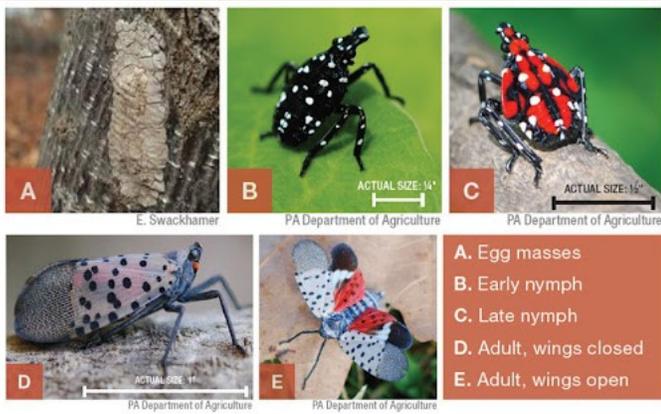




Horticulture Committee Report

Spotted lantern fly: "If you see me, kill me!"

The latest and greatest invasive pest is called the spotted lanternfly, or SLF for short. The genus is *Lycorma Delicatulula* (white). This information was taken from the Penn State extension information at the university and also the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. SLF is an invasive (what else) pest that has spread throughout Pennsylvania and is headed east. To report a sighting, call 1-888-4BADFLY. SLF is an invasive pest with a healthy appetite. It attacks 70 different plant species. It generally will not kill a plant but it will make it very weak, and it is really known as a plant stressor. Little sidenote here what is the definition of phenology? It is the study of events in biological life cycles and how they are influenced by seasonal and inter-annual climates, just in case you wanted to know!



The bottom line is you should destroy adults and egg masses, in other words physical removal and destruction of the insect at any stage in its life cycle. A little fun fact here is that they belong to the insect family Fulgoridae, or plant hopper. Named after Fulgora, the Roman goddess of lightning, some people feel these are like lightning bugs. However, they don't light up. SLF's do not bite or sting. They create one generation a year. The egg masses are laid in the fall and hatch in the spring.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY LIFE CYCLE

- Chairwoman Holly Markhart Swehla

Club members new & old participated in a well-attended Aug. Meet & Greet in the Mini Park



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Holly is working on a history of the downtown gardens maintained by AGC.



Hospitality: Raffle prizes were donated by Linda Fox & Barb Gollwitzer. Our raffle raised \$50 in ticket sales.

Membership: We had 15 members in attendance. New members Jane Buck, Marianne Peters and Jennifer Wittenberg were installed by Jackie. We now have 32 paid members.

Nominating: No report. We need a President, Vice-president. Board will continue with “President of the month.” Holly Swehla will be POM through the 10/9 meeting.

Philanthropy: No report.

Programs: All programs for meetings is in the yearbook, Linda Fox thanked Jane Buck and Marianne Peters for serving on the programs committee.

Linda Fox thanked Judy Caldwell for organizing along with Linda the recent field trip to Chicago Botanic Gardens. All total six members enjoy the day, they rode the tram, visited the vegetable gardens, butterfly garden, Bonsai display, had lunch. The group was fortunate to have beautiful weather and a very delightful outing.

October meeting will be held on Saturday October 9th at Osmond Sports Park. We will have guests from both District IX and Illinois Garden Clubs.

Publicity:

PR - Mary Priller, chair reported that she will be making Facebook her number one priority and is looking forward to a seamless transition from it being a personal page under Barb Gollwitzer to a nonprofit/business page. Mary plans to contact the village of Antioch Parks and Recreation and pursued participation in the final street market on Sunday September 26th.

Mary also plans to look into the purchase of a tablecloth that will fit a 6-foot folding table with the AGC logo on it

Yearbook- Chong distributed the 2021-2022 yearbook. She would like to thank members who helped her collecting information and proofreading the yearbook. This edition has 2 new areas. First on page 32 is a listing of the Arbor Day trees planted by AGC dating back to 2002. Second on pages 52 and 53 are listed members who have received honorariums from the club in the past 4 years. These additions were welcomed and appreciated by all members present.

Website - at the end of 2021 GoDaddy will no longer support the platform that our website is currently housed on. As a result, our website needs to be transitioned to a more current, updated platform. According to Chong Li we will have to manually move all of our history on our current website to the new platform. She is looking for assistance from Lana Svitak.

Scholarship: Cheryl Hoke will be distributing the information to our local schools soon.

Special projects:

Wreaths – no report; Monarch butterfly – Osmond Park, “This is an incredible project,” said

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Holly. The plants are in the ground and a member of the Antioch Township maintenance staff is watering them faithfully. Holly goes there multiple times per week to check on their progress.

Our existing monarch way station in Osmond Park has be greatly enlarged to approximately 15 X 200 feet long. We'll use our monarch budget for this. We'll (the club) donate \$3,000 for this. In addition, there will be a bluebird trail.

It's 78 acres. Disc golf holes will be changed again. There will be an Interpretive trail. Club will select plants for it. At each stop there will be QR readers that people can scan with their phones to get information about the plants. AGC will be recommending native plantings for each hole.

Cindy Cartner asked to poll AGC members to see if they are interested in pursuing a Butterfly Mural on a building in the village

Ways and Means: Next plant sale May 14, 2022. Cindy Cartner's how-to-divide perennials YouTube video will be shown at our April meeting. This how-to-divide perennials YouTube video is still posted on our club website.

Old business: Lana filed tax return (we're under \$10,000), required because we're a 501C3 organization. We needed this to get the Walmart donation, and for other large donations.

New business:

Antioch Beautification project Lakota Group (Landscape Design Firm hired by village) will have a display downtown Saturday, September 25th in the Limerick lot on the corner of Lake Street and Toft., asking for input during the Wine Walk. The Wine Walk runs from 12-4 p.m. Each member is strongly encouraged to visit their display and give your input. Betty S. normally participates in the Zoom meetings with Lakota Group.

Our club presented past president Barbara Gollwitzer with a lifetime membership in national garden clubs. Linda Fox currently serving as interim vice president did the honors.

Announcements:

Antioch Senior Center task force - Barb Gollwitzer and Cheryl Hoke will represent AGC along with Paul Howard, Director of the Antioch Senior Center and one member of the senior center board or a member at large. An employee of the village, will be asked to serve on this committee with the initial purpose of making recommendations to clean up/redesign the flower beds on either side of the entrance from the parking lot.

On Wednesday September 22nd we will have a board meeting at Antioch Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by Barb Gollwitzer, Acting Secretary

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