



THE GARDEN DIRT

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Guest Columnist Barb Gollwitzer

I don't know where to begin other than "thank you!" Thank you for this gift of membership to National Garden Clubs. I did not imagine anything like this even in my wildest dreams!

Gardeners by nature are nurturers. To plant a seed in the ground and wait for it to grow is an act of patience and nurturing. I'm sure at times you have felt being a member of this club with me required a great deal of patience. I appreciate your patience and nurturing!

When I joined the Antioch Garden Club, it was my intent to make new friends and to learn more about gardening. I've learned a tremendous amount about gardening but that's not to say I've learned everything there is to know. There is so much more I don't know and hope I'm able to learn more from each and every one of you. The friendships made in our club will last the rest of my life!

My flower beds and or gardens have grown and flourished since joining Antioch Garden Club. It is my hope that the club as a whole and some of you as

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Birthdays: The club wishes a happy birthday to all our members new and old!

Sept. Program

History of Antioch Village Gardens. Horticulture Committee Chair Holly Markwart Swehla (now a **Master Gardener!**), will present on three perennial gardens in Antioch that we maintain: The Mini Park Garden, Berm Garden and the Seven Sons Garden. **Please NOTE**—meeting has been changed to Williams Park Pavilion by the Antioch Pool; bring your own refreshments. Masks are optional. If you want to socially distance, please bring a chair.

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. Bring your own chair, beverage and snack and meet us there.

CALENDAR

Sept. 11, 2021 — General Meeting/ 1 p.m., Williams Park Pavilion, 741 Main St., Antioch

Sept. 22, 2021 — Board meeting 6:30 p.m., Antioch Senior Center

Oct. 9, 2021— General Meeting, 1 p.m., park entrance to Tim Osmond Park, 96 E. Depot St., Antioch. Please park on the street.

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-Vacant, Vice President-Vacant, Secretary-Jayna Legg, Treasurer-Lana Svitak

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Farmers' Market

Tractor Supply, Antioch

We had a very successful day participating in the August Farmers' Market at Tractor Supply! More than a dozen of our members participated, either by donating plants or items for sale and/or helped at the sale booth.

A lot of plants dug out from members' gardens were bought up by many local customers. Monarch butterfly chrysalides lovingly raised by member Chong Li — beautifully and carefully packaged — generated a lot of interest and sales as well.

Our members had a good time mingling with each other, especially getting acquainted with many new members. Kudos to Cindy Cartner and Barb Gollwitzer, our Ways and Means co-chairs, for expertly organizing this event that raised several hundred dollars for our club. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, Tractor Supply had to cancel the market for the rest of the year.

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





Antioch Garden Club General Meeting Minutes June 7, 2021

WELCOME: Barb Gollwitzer, President

CALL TO ORDER: 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

Speaker: Ainsley Brook Wonderling, Lakes Region Historical Society, presented “Celebrating Antioch, Illinois, Past & Present,” based on the book she compiled and published.

Treasurer’s Report: Last three months report put on tables. Lana included Monarch Initiative report as well, showing the balance.

Audit – Norma and Lana, early July, then budget meeting will be mid-July.

Check requests – submit as soon as possible. Thank you for using the form. Current year ends this month.

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

Barb - Correspondence – Lawn Doctor, nothing of any importance in mailbox in last six months.

Committee Reports

Audit: Norma reported. Lana and Norma did the audit with Laura. It went well. Check requests need to be used in line with accounting procedures. Every expense needs a check request attached with receipt. Members must do check requests. Also, make sure membership forms are filled out with dues.

By-laws: Cheryl & her committee are working on revisions and will present at our next board meeting. After approved by board will be submitted to general membership.

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

Barb showed binder from Emmons grade school, letters, from the earthworm report AGC helped with.

Horticulture: Weedin’ Wednesdays has worked out well during COVID-19. Committee has done all the work, however. We’ll have to institute the calendar again. Watering has meant more weeds. Magnolia tree got a fungus, maybe too much watering. Weeding Wednesdays are open to all members. Change will be made in yearbook in horticulture section to say members don’t have to help with the gardens. We know some people can’t help in that way. Instead, they can help in other ways, maybe experienced gardeners can help inexperienced gardeners ID weeds, etc.

Possibly we’ll have two crews – one on Saturdays for people who work, and the Wednesday crew. Sign-up sheet is available, two people a week. There will be a signup sheet, as well, for “experienced” gardeners who want to help in other ways.

Decision was made not to purchase annuals again this year to be conservative. Will pick that up again next year. Chong started seeds in the gardens.

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Treasurer's Report as of July 30, 2021

Beginning Bank Balance \$10,426.17

Disbursements Cleared

6/23	Garden Club of Illinois/Membership Dues	42.00
6/27	Antioch Township/Arbor Day	350.00
6/27	Barb Gollwitzer/Operations, membership, historian	59.90
	Total	451.90



Deposits

7/10	Jessie & Madeline Szmergalski membership	50.00
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Ending Bank Balance \$10,024.27

Disbursements Outstanding

7/30	Membership/American Cancer Society Donation in memory of Paul Dugenske	100.00
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Ending Book Balance \$9,924.27 *Respectively Submitted, Treasurer Lana Svitak*

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individuals have grown and flourished as a result of being a member with me.

Like the flowers that grow in all of our gardens each of you brings a beauty of your own to our club, and we all benefit from the beauty of one another.

Thank you for this honor. Thank you for allowing me to serve in a leadership role in this club.

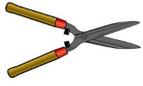
Thank you for all that you've taught me and now given me. This honor will be cherished by me as I cherish each of you as my fellow club members. THANK YOU! *-Barb Gollwitzer*

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome our newest club members: **Mary Priller, Connie King, Donna Rietter, Jane Buck, Jennifer Wittenberg, Marianne Peters, Laura Vertz, and Madeline & Jessica Szmergalski.** Mary even generously volunteered to be our Publicity Chairman!

Marianne wants to be more involved in the community and likes the club mission statement. Jennifer is hoping to make new friends and help beautify Antioch. Jane is a master gardener in Arizona. Donna wants to increase her gardening knowledge and find like-minded friends, as well as serve her community. Laura hails from Antioch and will soon celebrate her birthday—Sept. 30.

Jessica and Madeline are a mother-daughter duo from Lake Villa. We welcome all of you and look forward to meeting you!



Horticulture Committee Report

Warm, dry greetings from your Horticulture Committee!

Another COVID-19, hot, dry season is slowly coming to an end! Even with all of our trials and tribulations, we have persevered!

The wheels of change in downtown Antioch are slowly turning. I am hesitant to make major changes to any of our gardens until we know what the village is planning.

Major thanks to our Horticulture Committee for your ongoing work this summer, and to those that took on a week of maintenance this hot, dry summer. As always, our gardens really shine for our viewers, and we get so many compliments.

We welcomed several new members to the club over the summer, and many have joined our (my) committee! Love this!

Enjoy the last blast of our summer before she slips away. I hope to have robust plans to expand our talents soon.

- Chairwoman Holly Markwart Swehla



Mini Park, downtown Antioch



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Dee suggested using Preen – pre-emergent weed control.

Hospitality: Sheet going around for Hospitality. Setup in kitchen is a little different. There will be a sheet for hostesses to look at for coffee-making, etc. Supplies will be here. Betty will be lead hostess for September. Not sure if we'll do potluck in September, yet. Will survey general membership. Hostesses still bring raffle donations.



Membership: We have 17 members, 5 guests in attendance tonight. New member Mary Priller was installed by Jackie. We have 23 paid members.

Nominating: We need president, vice president. This is the meeting where they would have been installed.

Board will probably go back to the way it was when we didn't have a president – “president of the month.”

Philanthropy: Joanne sent email about Arbor Day, contacted township about planting a tree. Tom Shaugnessy is working with Joanne to purchase an oak tree for Osmond Park.

Programs: New meeting schedule. We will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month beginning in September at the Antioch Senior Center. (NOTE meeting change front page!)

Suggestions – one of the meetings should be a field trip. October meeting could be visit to Osmond Park to see what's being planned there. Club picnic could be held in the summer.

May meeting will be the plant sale May 14, 2022.

Publicity: Barb will be the chair. Yearbook, newsletter, website, Facebook fall under this category. Barb will work on a rack card first.

Yearbook - have everything in by August to Chong. She also wants member flower pictures.

Aug. 4 is the deadline for the next newsletter, which will come out before the Sept. meeting.

Scholarship: Cheryl will be the chair. Tessa Wolf got the scholarship. She will attend Univ. of Illinois Champaign-Urbana.

Special projects:

Wreaths – Carol S. – We make 23 wreaths that go up around Antioch. The event will be **Nov. 20** this year at the Senior Center.

Monarch butterfly – Osmond Sports Park (on Depot Street) - “This is an incredible project,” said Holly. The park is 78 acres. Disc golf holes will be changed again. There will be an Interpretive Trail. Our 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.

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Our existing monarch way station in Osmond Park will be greatly enlarged (15 by 200 feet long). We'll use our monarch budget for this. We'll (the club) donate \$3,000 for this.

There will be a bluebird trail.

Garden club will come up with design for plants at each hole; half are in sun and half are in shade.

New Antioch Trustee Petrina Burman got the first-ever Monarch preservation charter for state. Holly will invite her to a meeting to talk about the charter. It's a state-line charter, with Wisconsin.



Ways and Means: Next plant sale is May 14, 2022. Cindy described how the sale goes for new members. Her "How-to-divide Perennials" YouTube video is still posted on our Garden Club website under "Gardening Tips."

Old business: Treasurer 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:

Meeting Time & Place: We have changed when and where we meet; it was covered under "Programs."

Donation: Artist Dennis Downes (sculptor of the Trail Marker Tree in Mini Park) donated \$200 and earmarked it for Horticulture budget next year. Cindy sent him a Thank You note.

Antioch Beautification project Lakota Group (landscape design firm hired by village): They had a display downtown Saturday, in the Mini Park, asking for input. We didn't know. Barb brought that up with the village. They will send a survey to Barb, and she'll distribute to members to fill out if they want. Decision will be made in next 60-90 days.

They don't plan to tear up Mini Park. Because parking is such an issue, they want to come up with a visual way to get people to park in the lot behind Lovin' Oven. They want to get foot traffic to go back there in order to encourage people to park there.

Betty S. normally participates in the Zoom meetings with Lakota Group.

Announcements: On Wednesday June 23rd we will have a board meeting at Antioch Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

Signup sheet is going around for lunch June 18. Raffle. There were 8 prizes.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by Jayna Legg, Secretary

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