



THE GARDEN DIRT

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President's Message

Whoosh! In comes the holidays! Merry, Merry, Happy, Happy to everyone! I got the virus. As careful as I was. Marianne Peters picked up presidential duties seamlessly!

At press time, we are on track to participate in the Inaugural Festival of Trees at the sawmill. Kudos to everyone involved to make this happen. Trees will be on display at the Sawmill from Dec. 3 thru Dec. 18. Cash prizes will be given for 1st and 2nd places. There will be a Christmas Market and Judging Dec. 18 between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. Come out and enjoy the festivities!

There's no newsletter for January and February, so here are a few reminders:

- * Seed Expo Feb. 4 - this is a must go to. You will be sorry if you don't!
- * We will be using our toilet paper and paper towel rolls for a winter project. Please start saving empty 2-liter pop plastic bottles and/or 1-gallon plastic milk jugs. We are gearing up for Winter Sowing. Once you do it, you'll never not do it!

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Birthdays:

12/2—Jennifer Wittenberg

12/6—Betty Sprovieri

12/15—Mary Priller

12/25—Holly Markwart Swehla

1/13—Barbara Gollwitzer

1/21—Colette Monahan

1/23—Joanne Dugenske

1/26—Mary Yott

December Meeting: "Holiday Succulent Make & Take"

Floral Acres will help us with a fun holiday make & take. Containers will be provided; however, you may use your own container if it's wide enough to plant 3 small succulents with a few holiday embellishments. Note, this meeting is NOT a potluck.

Dec. Hospitality & Raffle:

Jane Buck, hostess, with Marianne Peters and Susan White

CALENDAR

Dec. 10—General Meeting, 1 p.m., Village Center, doors open 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 28—Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Village Center

Feb. 22—Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Village Center

March 11—General Meeting, 1 p.m., Village Center, doors open 12:30 p.m.

March 22—Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Village Center

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-Holly Markwart Swehla, Vice President-Marianne Peters, Secretary-Nancy Zitkus, Treasurer-Lana Svitak

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November & December AGC Photo Album

Enjoy these photos of club happenings in November and December, to include Wreath-Decorating and the Antioch Festival of Trees project. More photos can be found on the club's website and Facebook page:



<https://antiochgardenclub.org/wreath-decorating>

<https://www.facebook.com/antioch.gardenclub>

Members gathered the Saturday before Thanksgiving to create striking wreaths to be displayed across town at municipal buildings, businesses, museums, the train station and senior housing.



Above, Dee Obrochta provided the above photo of Antioch Township staff accepting their wreath.



Left photo, Jennifer Wittenberg, background, and Mary Yott, right, decorate the Antioch Garden Club tree for the Antioch Festival of Trees at Hiram Buttrick Sawmill. Cast your vote soon for our club's tree, before the judging Dec. 18!

Antioch Garden Club General Meeting Minutes Nov. 12, 2022

WELCOME: Holly Swehla, President

CALL TO ORDER: 1 p.m.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

President Holly introduced our guest, Barbara Gilblair, GCI District IX Director.

Our meeting was paused for the program given by Cindy Crosby – “Add A Little Prairie To Your Garden.” We then enjoyed refreshments. President Holly brought our meeting back to order.

Secretary’s Report: Nancy Zitkus. The minutes were published in the *Garden Dirt*; hearing no additions or corrections, they were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Lana Svitak. The report was published in the *Garden Dirt*; hearing no additions or corrections, they were approved for audit. Beginning Balance: \$10,978.11; Receipts: \$166.00; Disbursements: \$372.20; Outstanding Checks, \$108.27; leaving a Balance on Hand as of Sept. 30, 2022 - \$10,663.64.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit: Norma Lucansky. No report.

Bylaws: Nancy Zitkus. No report.

Historian: Joyce Kufalk. She is looking for pictures for the History Book.

Conservation and Horticulture: Laura Vertz. Laura thanked the different groups that came and cleaned up the village gardens. Each member was given a blue pamphlet containing maps and plants that are in our village gardens. Jennifer Wittenberg, committee member, will be in charge of the seasonal wreaths that are put at the Blue Star Memorial garden. Karen Coulter was thanked for doing this for “several” years.

Hospitality: Betty Sprovieri. Betty read the Hostess Committee for today.

Membership: Jackie Horneck. Jackie announced we have 35 paid members; 23 members and 4 guests were present. She initiated Laura Skender. Welcome Laura!

Nominating: Betty Sprovieri. No report.

Philanthropy/Arbor Day: Jane Buck. No report.

Programs: Marianne Peters. Marianne was thanked for today’s great program. Our next meeting, Dec. 10 – 1 p.m., will be ~~our potluck~~, at the Antioch Village Center (Senior Center). The program will be “Holiday Succulent Make and Take,” given by Floral Acres. **(NOTE, there will NOT be a potluck!)**

—Minutes, continued on page 6

AGC Oct. 31 Treasurer's Report

Respectively Submitted by Lana Svitak, Treasurer

Beginning Bank Balance					\$ 10,771.91
Disbursements Cleared					
	Check #	Paid to	Committee		
9/28/2022	1140	Marianne Peters	Awards-yearbook	31.40	
9/28/2022	1141	Marianne Peters	Yearbook	50.00	
9/28/2022	1142	Jackie Horneck	Membership	26.87	
10/8/2022	1143	Marlene Marloff	October Programs	300.00	
10/8/2022	1144	Barb Gollwitzer	Hospitality (September)	17.28	
10/8/2022	1145	Cindy Cartner	Hospitality (October)	20.00	
			Total		\$ 445.55
Deposits					
		From	Committee		
10/14/2022		Deposit	Lion's club donation for Monarch Butterfly Initiative	2000.00	
			Total		\$ 2,000.00
Ending Bank Balance 10/31/22					\$ 12,326.36
Disbursements Outstanding					
			Total		\$ -
Ending Book Balance 10/31/22					\$ 12,326.36

News briefs

- ◇ **Sock Donation Drive** —The club will continue collecting socks to donate to Open Arms Mission's *Socks for the Soul*. Donate **new** socks in original packaging for adults & children, to this worthy cause. Please help, as Open Arms states, to "Warm the hearts & feet of our neighbors."
- ◇ **Save the Date:** You are invited to the **Garden Clubs of Illinois District IX meeting** on March 14 at The Cotillion of Palatine. See *Garden Glories* for details. Also, it will be our club's turn to provide a gift basket for the raffle. We'll be taking ideas.
- ◇ **Save the date:** The **2023 Round Lake Area Garden Club Seed Expo** will be Feb. 4, at the Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center. For more info., contact Project Leader Carolina Schottland, cschottland@protonmail.com.



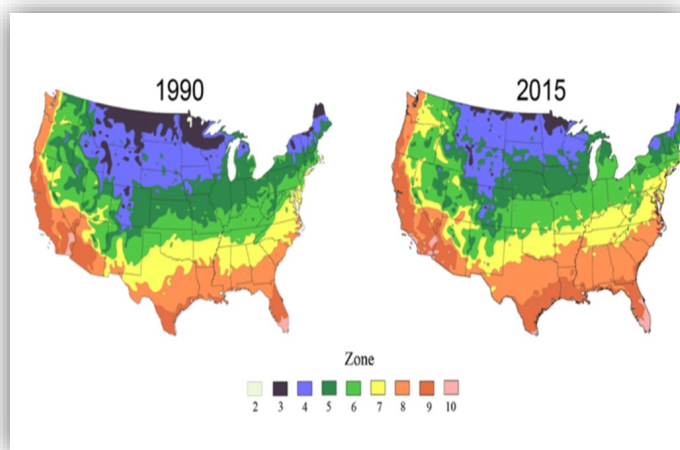
Horticulture Committee

Climate change impacts USDA planting zones over time

We all know about climate change and USDA planting zones. Looking at the change in planting zones from 1990 and 2015 provides a stark visual on what is happening in our state. In 1990, the vast majority of the state was in planting zone 5 (5A or 5B). By 2015, the state was primarily zone 6 with the very southern tip of the state moving into zone 7.

These changes mean we have more options for planting than we did in 1990. Less hardy plants will now survive our winters. On the other hand, climate change can be especially hard on native plants, because they were established at a time when our climate was different. The University of Maryland extension warns about the following impacts of planting zone changes on native plants:

- Higher temperatures cause native plants to experience more heat-related stress. Heat stress causes higher water demand, a situation made worse by longer droughts.
- Higher atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels preferentially promote the growth of invasive plant species, decreasing the space needed to support natural areas.
- Elongated growing seasons cause earlier leaf out and bloom times, which in turn affects the animal species synchronized to the life cycles of native plants, especially pollinators.



The latter point, the synchronization of bloom times and pollinators, is cause for concern. In addition, as pointed out above, higher temperatures have occurred along with increased drought. Both factors need to be considered as our gardening methods, plant choices, and garden design evolve.

— Laura Vertz

President's Column (*continued from p. 1*)

ICYMI: There were two great horticulture articles in the November newsletter.

Last month, I reviewed our yearbook from 2007-2008. I was lent the 2003-2004 book to review this month. A few tidbits I'll share ... membership was \$20 per person. We were, and still are, *cultivating a nicer community*. We had 50 members. Interesting in the bylaws, Section 12 – Ways and Means: Develop program for raising money.

In my next article, we will be so much closer to spring. Wishing all of us good health, good cheer, and more experiments in the garden.

Yours truly,

—Holly Markwart Swehla, President



—Minutes, continued from p. 3

Publicity:

Newsletter: Jayna Legg. Articles for the December Garden Dirt needed by Nov. 28.

Website: Lana Svitak. Site is updated. She would like pictures from members' winter gardens, both in and outside.

Yearbook: Marianne Peters. No report.

Facebook: Laura Skender. Laura, new member, has graciously taken on this committee. Thanks!

Scholarship: Cheryl Hoke. No report.

Special Projects:

Wreath Decorating. Carol Sackschewsky. Carol has sent around a sign up sheet for members to help with the decorating at the Antioch Village Center (Senior Center) on Nov. 19, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Please bring glue guns, extension cords, etc.

Monarch Butterfly Initiative. Barb Gollwitzer. No report.

Ways and Means: Cindy Cartner. Barb announced the club has received a check for \$2,000 from the Antioch Lions Club. The Socks for the Soul drive for Open Arms will be an ongoing project.

Announcements:

- Dee Obrochta announced "The Wonderful World of Moths" will be presented by Chicago Living Corridors on Thursday, November 17, at 7 p.m. at the Barrington Area Library.
- Dee also announced the 2023 Extension Master Gardener Seed Expo on Feb. 4, 2023 will be at the Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center.
- Dee told us about a great place - Patyk Farm - that has a wonderful greenhouse just West of Richmond on Route 173. <http://www.patykfarms.com>
- Jane Buck handed out brochures reminding us of the Spotted Lanternfly and what host trees they can be found on.

The raffle was held.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Zitkus, Secretary



This is one of the beautiful trees the Horticulture Committee recently created in the Mini Park containers.



Antioch Garden Club was recognized at the Oct. 12 Antioch Township meeting by the Lake County Audubon Society for the club's contributions to bird conservation. Photo provided by Vice President Marianne Peters.

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