



THE GARDEN DIRT

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President's Message

Greetings Antioch Garden Club members! Here it is, almost the end of another beautiful season of gardening. This spring came and went. In spite of the crummy, cloudy, cool weather, our gardens thrived. Perhaps they enjoyed not having us "fuss" on them.

Summer came eventually, and we got our "gardening" on. Of course you all know if you spend time in the gardens, most folks that we come in contact with LOVE the gardens we maintain in Antioch. It makes it all worthwhile, not just for those who toiled tirelessly to keep them gorgeous!

Our new Mayor Scott Gartner has really enjoyed the gardens. We have his full support in continuing our existing gardens, and he is looking forward to our input on future plantings in and around our zip code. Put your gardening ideas caps on. We look forward to the continued collaboration as well.

Speaking of that, our member Judy Caldwell as lead, Betty Sprovieri, myself, Linda Fox, and Carol Sackschewsky met with Michael Garrigan (Village of Antioch Community Development Director) several times to come up with a plan to beautify Toft Street.

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Birthdays:

11/1—Donna Rieter

11/3—Susan Serawicki

11/6—Linda Fox

11/10—Judy Caldwell

11/14—Betty Collins

11/29—Jackie Horneck

November "Add a Little Prairie to Your Garden!"

Cindy Crosby is an author/contributor to more than 30 books and blogs each week at *Tuesdays in the Tallgrass*. She has a master's degree in natural resources, is a Master Gardener, a natural history instructor for The Morton Arboretum, and so much more. She will be speaking about including Illinois prairie plants to our gardens, as well as sharing stories of these plants and how they have historically been used.

Nov. Hospitality & Raffle:

Laura Vertz, hostess, with Natalie Barlow, Donna Rieter

CALENDAR

Nov. 12—General Meeting, 1 p.m., Antioch Village (Senior) Center, doors open 12:30 p.m.

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

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 Mtg., 1 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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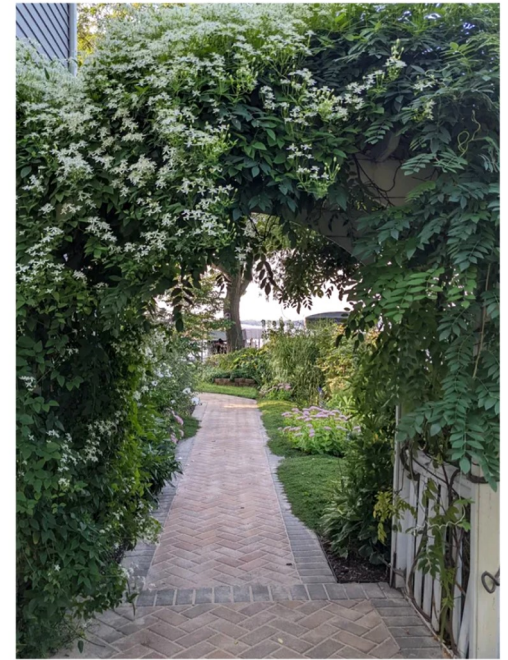
The Garden Dirt is emailed to members and posted online at: antiochgardenclub.org.

Members share their gardens on AGC website

If you haven't already, take a look at the "Members Sharing" page on our Antioch Garden Club website:

<https://antiochgardenclub.org/members-sharing>

There you will find beautiful photos of our members' gardens, showing off during all seasons of the year. Here are just a few of the photos to entice you to take a look!



The vista above, with the bloom-covered arbor and inviting path, can be found in Laura Vertz's garden. To the left, a gorgeous Rose of Sharon blooms in Dee Obrochta's garden.



This friendly amphibian visitor lived in one of Judy Caldwell's pots over the summer.

To the left, a welcome pollinator lands on milkweed in Lana Svitak's garden.

Antioch Garden Club General Meeting Minutes Oct. 8, 2022

WELCOME: Holly Swehla, President

CALL TO ORDER: 1:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

Program: The meeting was paused for our program. Vice President Marianne Peters introduced our program, “Gourds,” given by Marlene Maroff, who grew up in a family of gardeners in New Jersey. She has raised many types of gourds over the years—growing, harvesting, drying and decorating. We then enjoyed our refreshments.



Secretary’s Report: Nancy Zitkus. The September minutes were published in the newsletter. Since there were no additions or corrections, the minutes were accepted and filed.

Correspondence: We received a letter from the Antioch Public Library District asking for donations to their Library Garden Walk that will be constructed on the west side of the building. There was a recommendation from the board that we donate a native tree—specifically a Serviceberry. We will use the Arbor Day budget (\$500) for this project. The recommendation was accepted.

There also will be an event hosted by the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation on October 15, 2022 at the Rivalry Restaurant. Holly also announced that the Central Region Annual Meeting will be Oct. 16-18 in Bloomington, MN.

Treasurer’s Report: Lana Svitak. The report was published in the newsletter. Balance on Hand as of August 31, 2022-\$11,803.08; Expenses-\$824.97; No Receipts: Checks Outstanding-\$354.20, leaving a Balance on Hand as of August 31, 2022-\$10,623.91. Being no additions or corrections, the report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historian: Joyce Kufalk. Joyce is asking for pictures for our History Book.

Conservation and Horticulture: Linda Fox/Laura Vertz. The Fall Cleanup for all the gardens will be Nov. 5 – 9 a.m. starting at the Mini Park. There was discussion at the board meeting that the maintenance schedule will be looked at for next year, making it more convenient for the members to sign up.

Hospitality: Betty Sprovieri. Betty read the hostesses for today – Cindy Cartner, Dee Obrochta, Barb Gollwitzer for Carolyn Yoakem. November’s hostesses are Laura Verta, Natalie Barlow, Donna Rieter.

Membership: Jackie Horneck. There were 20 members and two guests. Three members will be initiated—Lesia Switka, Susan Serowicki, Mary Yott.

Philanthropy/Arbor Day: Joanne Dugenski/Jane Buck. There will be a tree donated to the Antioch Public Library District to be planted in their Library Garden Walk.

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AGC Sept. 30 Treasurer's Report

Respectively Submitted by Lana Svitak, Treasurer

Beginning Bank Balance					\$ 10,978.11
Disbursements Cleared					
	Check #	Paid to	Committee		
7/10/2022	1133	Linda Fox	Hospitality = 58.81 Horticulture = 246.88		305.69
8/19/2022	1136	Dist IX, GCI	District Dues		10.00
8/28/2022	1137	Laura Vertz	Horticulture		38.51
9/12/2022	1138	GCI	New Member Dues - Susal Serowicki - Mary Yott - Lesia Semitka		18.00
				Total	\$ 372.20
Deposits					
		From	Committee		
9/12/2022		Deposit	\$76 September raffles \$90 new member dues		166.00
				Total	\$ 166.00
Ending Bank Balance 9/30/22					\$ 10,771.91
Disbursements Outstanding					
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
				Total	\$ 108.27
Ending Book Balance 9/30/22					\$ 10,663.64

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 IV meeting on March 14 at The Cotillion of Palatine. See *Garden Glories* for details.
- ◇ **Annual Wreath Decorating event is Nov. 19.** We'll start at 9 a.m. at the Antioch Village Center (formerly Antioch Senior Center). We will decorate Christmas wreaths and swags to hang around the community. Bring your creative skills, ideas, tools, supplies and holiday spirit!



Horticulture Committee

Watch for insects hitching a ride inside

Greetings all and happy Autumn! By now plants should have been moved inside to overwinter. Occasionally we also may bring in insects with them. Not to worry.



Fungus gnats can be controlled with yellow sticky traps. Keeping plants dry helps prevent gnat eggs from hatching.

If you have aphids, a shower of water will dislodge them. For fungus gnats, try yellow sticky traps or Mosquito Bits spread in a layer over the soil surface. Mosquito Bits is a (environmentally sound, biological mosquito control).

Keeping the plants on the dry side also prevents the fungus gnat eggs from hatching.

If you have scale insects, use soapy water or 70 percent isopropyl alcohol on a cotton swab to remove them. Whiteflies? Use the yellow sticky traps or spray on horticultural oil. Lastly, keep an eye out for insects that may come home with you from a greenhouse-purchased plant during the Winter.

- Colette Monahan

Sign up for Amazon Smile & support Antioch Garden Club

Antioch Garden Club is now a registered charity on Amazon Smile. We receive .5% from eligible purchases when customers select us as their charity. More than 20 purchases were made the first month! If you shop on Amazon.com, please sign up and select AGC as your designated charity.

1. Sign in to **smile.amazon.com** on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to your account and select the option to change your charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select **change your charity** from the options at the bottom of the page.
3. Select Antioch Garden Club to support.

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

The village plans to use this location again as the place for ongoing craft fairs, and fun village events, as in past years. Phase I has been completed, and I believe the plants are in the ground. Kudos to Judy for the lovely design. I'll work on getting a few photos for our website.

Backing up a bit, well, quite a bit, we had arranged for our 25th anniversary festivities to be kicked off by being the grand marshalls in the July 4th parade. Along came COVID. We had to forego the festivities. We will make up for that I'm sure. I'm reviewing the oldest yearbook I have in my possession—2007-2008. Annette Lubkeman was president, and the Mini Park was an all-white garden. I'll bet it was gorgeous. Fall cleanup that year was Oct. 11. According to my calculations, we had 44 members.

My goal in the next two years is to exceed that number. I would really LOVE to get our hands more involved in the garden spots in our village, and we need more gardeners to do that. I'd love to see our handiwork at the signs welcoming folks to our village. More on that to follow.

You all may as well know this now: I am a color freak! The more color in our village will make me extraordinarily happy!

Yours truly, *Holly Markwart Swehla, President*

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Programs: Marianne announced the program for the November 12, 2022 meeting will be **Add a Little Prairie to Your Garden**, given by Cindy Crosby, author/contributor to more than 30 books and blogs each week at *Tuesdays in the Tallgrass*. She will be sharing stories of plants and how they have historically been used.



Publicity: This position is open. If you would be interested in this committee, please talk with Holly.

Newsletter: Jayna Legg – Nov. 6 - due date for articles.

Website: Lana-updated club information and members pictures.

Yearbook: No report.

Facebook: Barb Gollwitzer – No report.

Special Projects:

Wreaths: Carol Sackschewsky. The wreaths will be bought at Floral Acres. The date for decorating will be November 19 at 9:00 a.m. at the Antioch Village Center.

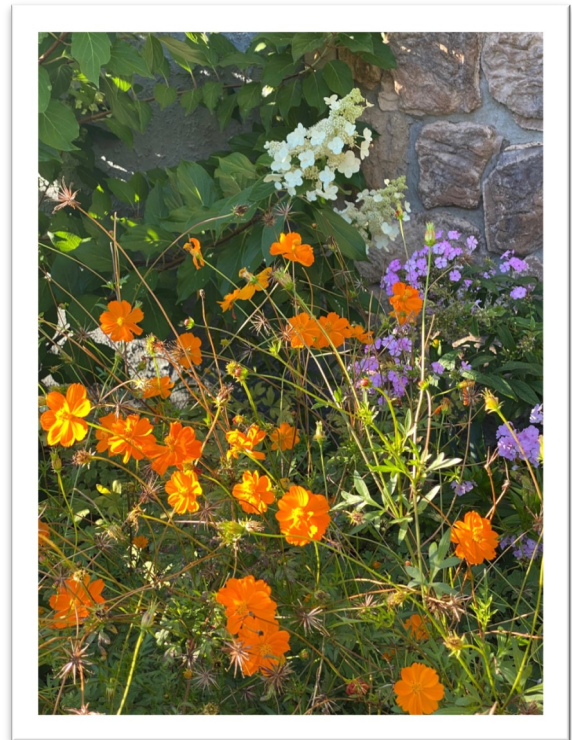
Monarch Butterfly: Barb – No Report. Her committee will be meeting soon.

Ways and Means: Cindy Cartner. The 2023 Garden Club sale will be Saturday, May 20, 2023.

Old Business: Barb Gollwitzer has offered to help members set up their Amazon Smile account.

New Business: Holly reminded the members that the club has been invited to the Antioch Township meeting, Wednesday, October 12-7 p.m. We are being honored by the Lake County Audubon Society for our joint efforts and work at the Osmond Sports complex over the last few years.

Announcements: Holly reported if you are looking for a sunflower maize, pumpkins, fruits and vegetables, there is the Von Bergen's Farm on Route 173, just west of Route 12. And there is Huff's Apple Orchard – Genoa City, WI.



The cosmos flowers in the Mini Park were still blooming into November!

Now is the time to plant pansies and violas!

Barb conducted the raffle. No further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Zitkus, Secretary

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