



# THE GARDEN DIRT

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## President's Message

**G**reetings my fellow gardeners! Here is my first of many messages to the club. I am honored to be your President.

This is a really exciting time to be living in Antioch. The Village Center (formerly the Antioch Senior Center) has gone through a little dusting and cleaning and sure looks great. I believe we will continue to meet there.

The Village of Antioch is asking for participation in planning ideas for our various gardens that the club maintains in town. Don't be shy. We have a tremendous amount of talent among us.

Plans for the downtown land in Antioch formerly known as the Pittman Property are ramping up, and I hope the club will be asked for our ideas. So let's start brainstorming!

Keep in touch, keep informed, keep gardening!

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## Birthdays:

8/25—Connie King

8/27—Jayna Legg

9/7—Carol Sackschewsky

9/12—Carolyn Yoekem

9/17—Lana Svitak

9/19—Norma Lucansky

9/30—Laura Vertz

## September Potluck Luncheon.

To celebrate the beginning of another club year of gardening, we will have our fall potluck. Bring a dish to pass. Hospitality will provide desserts. We will start the meeting at 1 p.m. with a tour of our gardens in town, led by the Horticulture Committee.

## September Hospitality & Raffle:

Barb Gollwitzer, hostess, with Karen Coulter and Linda Fox

Please see the hostess schedule on p. 4.

## CALENDAR

Sept. 10 — General Meeting, 1 p.m., Antioch Village (Senior) Center, doors open 12:30 p.m.

Sept. 28 — Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Village Center

Oct. 8 — General Meeting, 1 p.m., Village Center, doors open 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 26 — 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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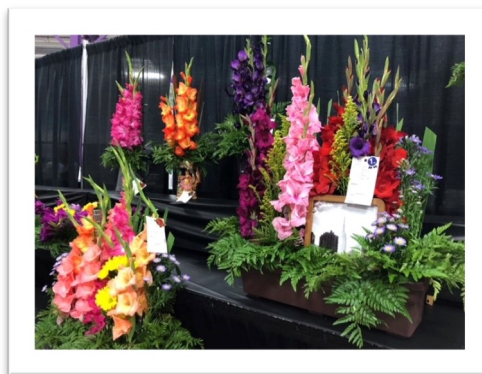
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## More firsts to share — Flower Shows

**G**arden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. held a NGC Standard Flower Show at the Chicago Botanic Garden Aug. 6-7. After enjoying the beauty of the Botanic Garden, I attended the show for the first time. While judging was being completed, a group of garden club members from the area happily waited for the doors to open. I was surprised to see the great variety of entrants and categories. I ran into our District IX Director Barbara Gilblair, who entered several things from her garden. She mentioned how easy it is to enter the show. I noticed every entry received a ribbon of recognition, even if they didn't place. The themed arrangements were spectacular and ranged from ultra-modern to traditional. I encourage all to consider entering next year!

In addition to the GCI show, I made a point to seek out displays at the Wisconsin State Fair. Long ago, I had entered the state and county fairs when I lived in Oregon. Times have changed! No longer were items blandly displayed on plain banquet tables. I was delighted to see clever and creative displays for the all entries in the Grand Champion Hall. Flowers, vegetables, herbs, and arrangements made for a unique display.

This Fall, GCI is offering "Flower Show School - Course 1." Flower Show School is a comprehensive program that teaches all you need to know about judging, entering, competing, and chairing a NGC flower show. Floral design, horticulture, and flower show procedure are taught in each course. Information can be found at the Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. website: [www.gardenclubsofillinois.org](http://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org). Deadline to register is Sept. 16.



The top left photo is from the GCI Flower Show. The others are from the Wisconsin State Fair. *Thank you to club Vice President Marianne Peters for these photos and story!*



# AGC General Meeting Minutes June 11, 2022

**WELCOME:** Barb Gollwitzer, Acting President **CALL TO ORDER:** 1 p.m.



**Moment of silence for Uvalde**

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

**Nominating:** A vote was held for Nancy Zitkus as our new secretary. We need to vote before we install her. All were in favor.

**Installation of new officers:** Karen Coulter installed new Antioch Garden Club President Holly Markwart Swehla. Also installed for two-year terms:

Vice-President: Marianne Peters  
Treasurer: Lana Svitak  
Secretary: Nancy Zitkus

Outgoing officers were recognized – Jayna Legg, Lana Svitak, Linda Fox, Barb Gollwitzer. Officers received citronella plants.



**Barbara Gollwitzer** led a special recognition of Linda Fox for being vice president for five years.

**Secretary's Report:** No changes; Filed.

**Treasurer's Report:** No changes; Filed

**Correspondence:** Bill from insurance company, given to Lana

## Committee Reports

**Audit:** No report

**Bylaws:** Revisions will be read by Nancy Z. for general membership approval. Below was **Approved**.

Nancy Zitkus: "As we have not had a President and Vice President because of the pandemic meetings, it has put us off schedule in electing our officers. Now we have elected a President, Vice President, Treasurer and hopefully a Secretary, and as such, **ARTICLE X: ELECTIONS, SECTION 2** has to be changed to cover this:

## ARTICLE X: ELECTIONS

**Section 2: Reads:** The Nominating Committee prepares a slate of officers and chairmanship of each standing committee. President and Secretary to be elected in the odd years and Vice President (s) and

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# AGC June Treasurer's Report

Respectively Submitted by Lana Svitak, Treasurer

June 30, 2022

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<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>				\$ 13,832.64
<b>Disbursements Cleared</b>				
	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Paid to</b>	<b>Committee</b>	
5/25/2022	1122	Jackie Hornek	Membership	41.45
6/8/2022	1123	Jackie Hornek	Membership	5.28
6/11/2022	1126	Barb G	Operations (gift for Linda Fox)	50.00
6/11/2022	1127	Betty Sprovieri	Operations (citronella plants for outgoing and incoming officers)	64.09
6/22/2022	1129	Illinois State University	Scholarship - Riley Nebel	1000.00
6/22/2022	1130	Judy Caldwell	Horticulture	108.61
6/22/2022	1131	Cindy Cartner	Horticulture	53.77
Total				\$ 1,323.20
<b>Deposits</b>				
6/13/2022		<b>From</b> Deposit	<b>Committee</b> Membership dues	130.00
6/30/2022		Deposit	\$91 June raffles \$30 membership dues \$13 Plant sale	134.00
Total				\$ 264.00
<b>Ending Bank Balance 6/30/22</b>				<b>\$ 12,773.44</b>
<b>Disbursements Outstanding</b>				
6/8/2022	1124	GCI	Dues	30.00
6/11/2022	1128	Karen Coulter	Horticulture	154.98
Total				\$ 184.98
<b>Ending Book Balance 6/30/22</b>				<b>\$ 12,588.46</b>

## 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."

◇ **Hostess Schedule** (*Lead hostess is bolded. June is a potluck; hostesses bring dessert*):

- October - **Cindy C.**, Dee O., Carolyn Y.
- November - **Laura V.**, Donna R., Natalie B.
- December - **Jane B.**, Susan W., Marianne Peters
- March - **Annette L.**, Cheryl H., Jayna L.
- April - **Betty S.**, Jennifer W., Judy C.
- June - **Lana S.**, Betty C., Nancy C.



These delicious treats were provided at the club's August ice cream social.

# Horticulture Committee Report

**W**e've all been busy this summer taking our turns maintaining our village gardens. Thank you to members who generously filled out the schedule when we had openings. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed!

We always get compliments on our gardens.

For new members who may not know, the club plants and maintains the Mini-Park in the center of town where the sidewalk leads to Toft Ave., the garden at the top of the berm at the intersection of Rt. 83/Main Street and Orchard Street, the Blue Star Memorial Garden at Main Street and Orchard Street, the Seven Sons Flower Tree Garden on Orchard Street east of the Berm Garden, and the Brad Ipsen Memorial Garden on Orchard Street, between the Berm and Seven Sons gardens. We'll have a chance to visit some of the gardens at the beginning of our September general meeting, at 1 p.m., Sept. 10. Horticulture Committee members will take us to the Mini-Park, Berm and Seven Sons gardens.

Something to note on your calendars this fall is the **annual garden cleanup, 9 a.m., Nov. 5**. We meet first in the Mini-Park Garden. Parking is available in the lot on Toft Ave. Each member should bring yard waste bags, and it helps to have your own garden gloves, rakes, pruning shears and large shears. The more people who show up, the faster it goes, and we usually eat downtown afterwards. Until next time, happy gardening!



Karen Coulter, Betty Spovieri and Joyce Kufalk work in the Brad Ipsen Memorial Garden last fall cleanup.

## AGC July Treasurer's Report

July 29, 2022

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<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>					\$ 12,773.44
<b>Disbursements Cleared</b>					
	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Paid to</b>	<b>Committee</b>		
6/8/2022	1124	GCI	Dues		30.00
6/11/2022	1128	Karen Coulter	Horticulture		154.98
7/10/2022	1132	Holly Swehla	Monarch Initiative		785.38
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 970.36</b>
<b>Deposits</b>		<b>From</b>	<b>Committee</b>		
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance 7/29/22</b>					<b>\$ 11,803.08</b>
<b>Disbursements Outstanding</b>					
7/10/2022	1133	Linda Fox	Hospitality = 58.81 Horticulture = 246.88		305.69
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 305.69</b>
<b>Ending Book Balance 7/29/22</b>					<b>\$ 11,497.39</b>

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Treasurer in the even years. This report is presented in April and voted upon.

**TO READ:** The Nominating Committee prepares a full slate of officers and chairmanship of each standing committee. This report is presented in April and voted upon.



**RATIONALE:** The Nominating Committee will prepare a full slate of officers and chairmanship of each standing committee every two (2) years.

**Historian:** No report.

**Horticulture:** See announcements below.

**Hospitality:** Linda, Cheryl and Annette were hostesses.

**Membership:** 25 members, seven guests – Sue Webb, Susan Serowicki, Laurie Christophersen, Rebecca and Auggie Christophersen, Katrina Disegna, Riley Nebel scholarship recipient

**Philanthropy:** No report.

**Programs:** Programs are set up for full calendar year next year.

**Publicity:**

**Newsletter:** Deadline Aug. 1

**Website:** No updates

**Yearbook:** Committee needs to meet, Marianne will set it up

**Facebook:** This is our best way to promote the club.

**Scholarship:**

Riley Nebel, Illinois State, he will be a junior, double ag major. He thanked the club and said, “I’m excited for my two years to come, my major classes.” During the summer, he works at Prairie Wind family farm.

**Special Projects:**

**Monarch Butterfly:** Holly, joked, “The weeds are growing (native plants in Osmond Park). They are about 24 inches high and ready to bloom.”

**Wreath Decoration:** Supplies need to be inventoried to see what’s needed.

**Ways & Means:**

Income was more than \$3,200 this year for the plant sale. Cindy – “I really appreciate your help.” Cindy has been running this for more than 16 years.

**Old Business:**

None

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### **New Business:**

**Horticulture** – Two clipboards are going around, one for the summer maintenance schedule, need two people per week. Refer to your yearbook for a full description of what needs to be done.

Second clipboard is for a new mentoring program – Some people can't dig in the dirt. Goal is to pair them up with new members. They would bring a chair and then explain to the new members what to do. This is a way for new members to "break in" to the club.

We will help with landscaping around Senior Center. Courtney K. will make sure any plants we donate and plant are maintained. Chong donated plants. Chong came up with a plan for the landscaping.

We can get hydrangeas from Home Depot, on sale now.

There is money leftover from Horticulture budget. Do we want to donate money to the Senior Center?

Discussion – Carol Y. suggests not setting an amount until we shop because everything costs so much more.

Barb – "I can donate plants. Do other members can donate plants?"

Barb offered to be the liaison between the club and the village (Parks and Rec), and the Senior Center.

Horticulture committee – Agreed to oversee it. Committee voted yes. Amount will be \$250. Clipboard passed around for people to sign up to help.

**Other new business:** Barb – "It would be helpful if someone in club could help with awards. We need to track our volunteer hours for our 501c status." Barb said she can do that, but someone else is needed to do the rest of the work for the award applications.

Chong said the club could get a grant ahead of time from Garden Clubs of Illinois.

### **Announcements:**

—Courtney K. asked for help with plants for Senior Center. Chong donated plants.

—Marianne and Jennifer also answered the call and purchased the plants on behalf of the club.

—The knife sharpener, Wray, will be at the St. Raphael rummage sale. 23-24-25 June.

—Jackie has old yearbooks to give away.

—Barb - "We're all very happy with the full slate of officers. Thank you to the nominating committee, and Linda Fox."

—Chong said goodbye. She's moving. She said she greatly enjoyed being in the club and made many friends. She was presented with cupcakes and a balloon. Chong donated a clock with a mill picture for the club to possibly hang in the Senior Center.

POTLUCK

Raffle

Meeting adjourned 1:55 p.m.

*Respectively Submitted, Jayna Legg, Secretary*



Carolyn Yoekem, left, gives Chong Li cupcakes.

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# **September**