



# THE GARDEN DIRT

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## President's Message

**C**old, wet, dark fall greetings my fellow gardeners! As we put our flower beds away for yet another beautiful, glorious season, I am reminded as to why I joined the club.

I have known about the club for many years. I heard through the grapevine that there was a monarch initiative happening. As I had been raising monarchs for a few seasons, this really got me to attend the June meeting. The club was accepting a very generous donation from the Antioch Lions Club to help save the monarchs. I just so happened to have baby caterpillars from the "spring" migration. I attended the meeting, with my babies (and magnifying glass) in tow. We were a big hit. To actually see that tiny creature grow and transform is very humbling. The rest is history!

Now, I am halfway through my first term as your president. I announced to the board this week that I'd like to stay on for one more term if that is acceptable with the members. We have a lot of new members, and a lot of exciting things happening. My first term ends in June 2024. That said, the club needs a vice president, secretary and treasurer. These are not difficult positions. Many members have already done

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## November Birthdays:

11/1—Donna Rieter

11/3—Susan Serowicki

11/10—Judy Caldwell

11/14—Betty Collins

11/29—Jackie Horneck

**November Program** — Larkspur & Leo. Floral Designer Andrea Persman will share with us ways to create floral arrangements. Andrea has learned her craft from a variety of sources and has come up with her own unique style of making beautiful floral arrangements.

**Wreath Decorating** — We'll gather to decorate wreaths and swags for the town Nov. 18. We have a special guest—Antioch's mayor—who is stopping by at 9:30 a.m. AND bringing us coffee and donuts! We would like members to arrive at 9 a.m. so we're in place for our guest. Bring a glue gun, and your ideas!

## Hospitality & Raffle

Laura Skender, hostess; Susan White, Joyce Kufalk, Laura Vertz

## CALENDAR

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

**Nov. 18** — Wreath Decorating, 9 a.m., Antioch Village Center

**Nov. 22** — Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Antioch Village Center

**Dec. 2** — Festival of Trees Decorating Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Hiram Buttrick Sawmill

**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, Interim Vice President-Judy Caldwell, Secretary-Nancy Zitkus, Treasurer- Lana Svitak

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## November Garden Checklist

### Outdoors

- ◇ Mound soil around base of rose bushes.
- ◇ Wait for ground to freeze before you mulch.
- ◇ Harvest broccoli, cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, celery, collards, leeks lettuce, potatoes, radishes and rutabagas.
- ◇ Continue planting fall bulbs until ground freezes.
- ◇ Plant garlic cloves 2 inches deep and 5 inches apart, mulch well.
- ◇ Wrap trunks of young, smooth bark trees to prevent deer or rodent damage.
- ◇ Plant or transplant deciduous trees and shrubs. Once their leaves drop they are dormant and can be planted until the ground freezes.
- ◇ Mulch around trees and shrubs; especially young or newly planted ones.
- ◇ Continue to feed the birds. Install birdbath heating device for the winter.
- ◇ Remove leaves that fall into your pond.



- ◇ Place hardy pond plants deeper in the water.
- ◇ Bring fish indoors before temps go below 50°.

### Indoors

- ◇ Groom houseplants regularly.
- ◇ Reduce water & fertilizer for most indoor plants.

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their "part," and everyone is happy to tell you what to do! :)

Please consider your qualifications, and let the board know how you can be an integral part of the club. I will be selecting one board member, and two members from general membership to serve on the nominating committee. Please read your yearbook to see what part you would like to play.

Installation of new officers is at the June 2024 meeting. Nominees are selected and voted on by general membership at the April 2024 meeting. There is no May meeting, because the Plant Sale is a large undertaking for the club. Time flies when you are having fun!

***-Holly Markwart Swehla***

# Antioch Garden Club

## General Meeting Minutes Oct. 14, 2023



**WELCOME:** Holly Markwart Swehla, President **CALL TO ORDER:** 1 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE** led by the President Holly Markwart Swehla. She paused the meeting for our program given by Glenn Grosch. He presented the basics of successfully growing deciduous shrubs, including plant selection, planting, watering, fertilizing and pruning. He has been on the Chicago Botanic Garden teaching staff since 1999 and is a certified arborist.

After delicious refreshments, President Holly brought the meeting back to order.

**Secretary's Report: Nancy Zitkus.** The minutes were published in *The Garden Dirt*. There being no corrections they will be filed.

**Treasurer's Report: Lana Svitak.** The report was published in *The Garden Dirt*. There being no corrections the report will be filed for Audit. Balance on Hand, August 31, 2023 - \$12,430.50; Disbursements - \$285.17; Receipts - \$250.00; Disbursements Outstanding, \$500.00, leaving a Balance on Hand as of August 31, 2023 - \$11,895.33.

The Audit report was read and accepted.

There was no correspondence.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Audit:** Lana has made the name and address change at the bank.

**Historian: Joyce Kufalk.** She is looking for articles about our club for the history books that are archived in the library.

**Conservation/Horticulture: Laura Vertz.** Laura announced there will be a meeting on Friday to discuss this year's fall cleanup, which will be Saturday,

November 4, 2023.

**Hospitality: Betty Sprovieri.** Betty announced the Hostesses for the day. She will be sending around a sheet for Hostess sign up for the 2024-2025 club year.

**Membership: Jackie Horneck.** Jackie announced there were 24 members present. Carolyn Yoakem has been asked to take the pictures for the next Yearbook. Jackie initiated Susan Ullrich and Chris Priller into our membership. Welcome!

Betty reminded the members that we will need new officers and chairman for the 2024-2026 club year.

**Philanthropy: Jane Buck.** No report.

**Programs: Judy Caldwell.** Judy announced we need programs for December, March and April. Any ideas, please talk with her. November's program will be Floral Designing by Larkspur and Leo.

**Publicity: Nancy Colby.** Nancy announced there are still Antioch Garden Club shirts available. We will be decorating two Christmas Trees in the Village to qualify for a Civic Award. Also our own wreath decorating is coming up November 18, 2023 at the Antioch Village Center.

**Newsletter: Jayna Legg.** The deadline for articles is October 25, 2023.

**Website: Lana Svitak.** Lana has been updating the site. Please be sure to send her pictures of your gardens.



New members Chris Priller and Susan Ullrich are initiated.

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## Social & Community Happenings by Nancy Colby



Garden Cleanup Day. To see more pics, go to the club website: <https://antiochgardenclub.org/>



**W**ell, the shirts were a success! Everyone who got one says they are very happy with theirs. Many members wore theirs during the cleanup of the village gardens Saturday, Nov. 4. Does anyone still want one? We can place additional orders as time goes on.

**Facebook:** Our current Facebook page transitioned to a new and improved page in October. The old one (*Antioch Garden Club*) is now dormant. The new page is ***Antioch Garden Club – Antioch, IL***. It is important you include Antioch, IL when searching. Be sure you “like” the new page.

**Tree Decorating:** We have our spot reserved to decorate a tree in the *Festival of Trees at Hiram Buttrick Mill*. Let’s all chip in with cheerful labor, decorations and enthusiasm to make this the best tree! This is an outside tree so we need hardy bodies to help decorate in the beautiful winter weather. The date for set-up and decorating the tree is ***Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*** The kick-off celebration is on the same day, from 2-4 p.m. **Please** let

me know if you will help so we can create a volunteer list. We need you for this fun and festive event! It’s never too early to say “yes!” And it’s never too early to say “thanks” to everyone who does! **NOTE: We thought we had a confirmed indoor tree at Kris Kringle Village this year but at this point, we are on a waiting list. If we do get a spot there, I’ll let you know so we can go to work.**

## Horticulture Committee Report by Judy Caldwell

**S**o, it’s that time of year to get out the sweaters and lift those bulbs and tubers. Speaking of bulbs (although technically a rhizome), the cannas in the Minipark pot were something new to me. I was very impressed with their performance with very little effort. I hope to over-winter them in my garage.

It’s a great time to do evaluations and plan for next year. Personally, I’m not going to waste valuable real estate on Cherokee Purple tomatoes, never a good producer for me. I will cut losses and focus on success.

I really enjoyed my maintenance obligations this summer. I got to know a few of our ‘newbies’ and formed some new friendships. I learned from them and shared maintenance logistics to keep our gardens gorgeous. So, enjoy those garden magazines and catalogs. Look for something new to try. Hopefully, you’ll be pleasantly surprised.

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**Facebook:** No report.

**Scholarship:** Cheryl Hoke. No report.

**Special Projects:** Mary Yott. She has yet to receive quotes for our wreaths for decorating.

**Monarch Initiative:** The bench will be installed at the Williams Park Pavilion.

**Ways and Means:** Cindy Cartner. The annual Garden Club plant sale will be May 18, 2024.

**New Business:** President Holly announced that we may lose this facility for our meetings. Nothing has been decided for sure. Mary Yott asked what will be done with the plantings that are around the clock tower; they will be planted around our various gardens.

**Raffle** was conducted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Nancy Zitkus, Secretary*

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## **September 2023 Treasurer's Report**

***Respectively submitted by Lana Svitak, Treasurer***

<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>				\$ 12,395.33
<b>Disbursements Cleared</b>				
	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Paid to</b>	<b>Committee</b>	
8/23/2023	1191	Antioch Public Library	Arbor Day Serviceberry planted at library	500.00
9/5/2023	1192	Nancy Colby	Publicity - t-shirts	745.03
9/5/2023	1193	Jennifer Wittenberg	Horticulture - blue star memorial wreath update	62.06
9/9/2023	1195	Cindy Cartner	Hospitality - September	20.00
9/9/2023	1196	Jackie Hornek	Membership	13.20
9/9/2023	1197	Lindsay Schwartz	Programs - September	165.00
				<b>Total</b>
				<b>\$ 1,505.29</b>
<b>Deposits</b>				
	<b>From</b>			
				<b>Total</b>
				<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance 9/29/23</b>				<b>\$ 10,890.04</b>
<b>Disbursements Outstanding</b>				
				<b>Total</b>
				<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Ending Book Balance 9/29/23</b>				<b>\$ 10,890.04</b>

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