



THE GARDEN DIRT

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President's Message

I will not steal one speck of Cindy's thunder, except to say I am ALWAYS blown away by the efficiency of the plant sale. I never see ONE issue! Cindy has it down to a science, and the club continues to be sooo grateful ! I LOVE how we are represented in the community. KUDOS to Cindy, Mr. Ted Cartner and all of us! All I saw were smiling happy faces !

Our gardens look so very lush. All the perennials are up and in their full glory.

Our June meeting will be one for the books!

Jane Buck will be installing the new officers, our program will be amazing — Eileen Davis, the educational chair from Lake County Forest Preserves, will present "Landscaping with Natives." I have listened to Eileen, and she is phenomenal. I know we have really been preaching natives, but I think after listening to Eileen, you will know more.

Our calendar—seems like we just started, and now it's the end. Ha, ha! June is the end of the fiscal year, so we celebrate with a potluck. Then we take July and August off to do other stuff.

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Birthdays

6/22—Lori Linck

6/27—Karen Coulter

7/5—Bonnie Garfinkle

7/7—Elizabeth Vogt

7/11—Annette Lubkeman

7/21—Jane Buck

June — Officer Installation!

Potluck! Join us to celebrate a great year. Bring a dish to share. The program is on landscaping with natives. Hospitality brings desserts.

Hospitality & Raffle Hostess

Barb Gollwitzer: Nancy Colby, Nancy Zitkus, Betty Collins

Congrats new officers!

Congrats to new board members, to be inducted June 8: Holly Swehla, President; Susan Ullrich, Betty Sprovieri, Co-Vice Presidents; Chris Priller, Secretary, and Lana Svitak, Treasurer.

CALENDAR

June 8 — General Meeting, 1 p.m., Antioch United Methodist Church, doors open 12:30 p.m.

June 26 — Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Antioch Village Center

July 24 — Budget Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Antioch Village Center

Aug. 26 — Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Antioch 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, Interim Vice President-Judy Caldwell, Secretary-Nancy Zitkus, Treasurer-Lana Svitak

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Plant Sale

Plant Sale Results are in!

Approximately 40-plus buyers began lining up at 9 a.m., as our determined volunteers worked feverishly assembling this years' wide range of plants and homemade baked goods.

Each year, I am proud to have such a group of hardworking, can-do volunteers helping make the club fundraiser successful while having fun doing it. I thank you all and hope you'll join me next year in building our sale into another profitable fundraiser.

Several members brought tens, even hundreds of plants. Thank you to those participants. However, by 11 a.m., much of our inventory was depleted. Let's kick it up a notch next year!

In the next few months, notice where plant-thinning could be beneficial and take notes to remember next spring, when we dig again.

Considering the cool spring temps, and many inches of rain, we did great! AGC couldn't have asked for better weather. The sky cleared, it warmed up, and buyers came. We sold \$3,211 worth of plants and earned a whopping \$122 from the well-displayed bakery table.

Heartland Bank & Trust Company, our sponsor, generously gave the club \$750 again this year. Additional donations brought the total net income to \$3,972. That's the highest net income ever!

THANK YOU to those who volunteered to place signage, manage the bake sale, publicize, arrange for complimentary coffee and pizzas, dig for others, act as cashiers, and bring plants for those who could not! Our Antioch Garden Club members have much talent, energy, knowledge, and support. I'm so proud to be a part of the team. I look forward to working alongside you all on May 17th, next spring.

Wishing you a summer of gardening pleasure!

"Too much of a good thing is wonderful" Mae West

-Cindy Cartner



2024 AGC Plant Sale Crew

Antioch Garden Club, Regular Meeting, May 11, 2024

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



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

Secretary's Report: No report. The minutes were published in the *Garden Dirt*; hearing no corrections, the minutes were filed.

Treasurer's Report: No report. The treasurer's report was published in the *Garden Dirt*; there being no corrections, the report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws – Bylaws were voted on last month.

Audit – No report

Historian – Joyce K. will put photos in our binder. Turn in awards to her. Barb provided a photo of the bench the club donated to the village.



Pictured above is a photo of the smokebush in the Mini Park, provided by President Holly Swehla.

Holly – The club's 30-year certificate of merit will go to Joyce for archiving. It reads that the club was formed in 1994. However, the club records the year as 1995. Garden Clubs of IL Honorable Mention for Laura's plant notebook will go to Joyce to archive as well.

Horticulture – Judy Caldwell. Concerning the hose at the Blue Star Garden, be careful. It's in a bucket by the spigot. Grab sprayer, turn it on, then turn on water, to keep pressure off hose. Be careful of rocks. We want to try to avoid overhead watering. Roses are getting a virus; we're trying to get them back on track. Please water at the base. Check annuals in the little garden. Hose has a switch; leave nozzle on. Roll it up. Then, make sure to turn it off. Make sure to sign up for summer maintenance.

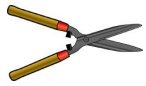
Hospitality – Betty Sprovieri. Thank you Cindy, Lana and Sharon for bringing refreshments in at the last minute. In June, Barb is the lead hostess. Nancy Colby, Nancy Zitkus and Betty Collins are helping. We will install officers. And we have a talk from Eileen Davis, from the forest preserve district, about natives. It's the year-end potluck. Hostesses bring desserts; rest bring dishes to pass.

Membership – Carol Z. – We have 23 members today and one guest, Vicki Chapman.

Nominating Committee – The committee is Betty Sprovieri, Jennifer Wittenberg and Laura Skender, (not here today). We are going to present the 2024-26 slate of officers:

Holly Swehla for President; Co-Vice Presidents -Susan Ullrich and Betty Sprovieri; Secretary – Chris Priller; Treasurer – Lana Svitak

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Horticulture Committee Report

Check out these tips for club's garden maintenance in village

With the spring cleanup, the spring planting, and the plant sale all behind us (WHEW!), I'd like to address the maintenance schedule in this report.

In case you missed it, I gave a brief tutorial on handling the new hoses in the mini park and at the Blue Star Memorial. The take-away is to not let pressure build up. You do this by keeping the trigger locked in an open position.



The tools you're going to need for your maintenance week are: a trowel, pruners, and a good weed/dandelion puller. Please bring a large paper yard waste bag and a small grocery store plastic bag for dog poop. Trash can go in the village receptacle along with the dog poop bags.

The following chores are:

- #1 - At the Blue Star Memorial garden, check the annuals for watering needs. Root water the roses if needed. Pinch and prune as needed.
- #2- Check annuals in the Mini Park pots for water, pinch if needed.
- #3 - Weed as needed, checking borders for intruding grass.
- #4 - Pick up trash, especially at the West End of the mini park. This area can get pretty messy. Also check behind the arborvitae.
- #5 - Pinch/deadhead (much easier after watering).

Thank you all! If you have any questions, you can contact any of the people on the Hort Committee by message or email.

-Judy Caldwell

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Hope is we will have the happiest gardeners in town!

We still need to care for the gardens, so please see the sign up sheet for your turn.

I am excited to see the membership growing. My goal is to have the happiest bunch of gardeners in town. Bring a friend. Step up to be a part of the club. Share your talents.

I would like to congratulate our new officers, to be inducted at the June meeting! THANK you for stepping up! We still have a few open slots on the Horticulture Committee, which is different than the Maintenance Calendar. Please ask questions if you are confused. We like to keep things exciting!

- Holly Markwart Swehla



AGC Treasurer's Report

Respectively submitted by Lana Svitak, Treasurer

April 30, 2024

Beginning Bank Balance						\$ 7,823.89
Disbursements Cleared						
	Check #	Paid to	Committee			
3/9/2024	1213	Lana Svitak	Operations (Postage Stamps)			20.40
3/9/2024	1218	Carolyn Yoakem	Hospitality - March			20.00
3/27/2024	1221	Cindy Cartner	Plant sale			34.02
4/13/2024	1223	Lana Svitak	Hospitality - April			17.33
4/13/2024	1224	Penny Pines	Philanthropy			68.00
4/13/2024	1225	Judy Caldwell	Operations			8.39
4/13/2024	1227	United Methodist Church	Operations			25.00
4/13/2024	1229	The Preservation Foundation	Programs - April			50.00
4/30/2024		State Farm (electronic payment)	Operations - Liability Insurance			350.00
				Total		\$ 593.14
Deposits						
		From				
4/3/2024		Deposit	Dist IX Luncheon			55.00
4/3/2024		Deposit	Dist IX Awards			80.00
4/3/2024		Deposit	Membership Dues			410.00
4/3/2024		Deposit	Raffles - March			83.00
4/3/2024		Deposit	Donation			500.00
4/17/2024		Deposit	Membership Dues			510.00
4/17/2024		Deposit	Raffles - April			58.00
				Total		\$ 1,696.00
Ending Bank Balance 4/30/24						\$ 8,926.75
Disbursements Outstanding						
1/21/2024	1210	University of Illinois Extension Office	Publicity, Seed Expo, 1 table			25.00
4/3/2024	1222	Jackie Horneck	Membership			43.24
4/13/2024	1228	Holly Fales Garvey	Programs - April			100.00
				Total		\$ 168.24



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Officers to be installed in June

Need motion to accept – Norma L. motioned. Elizabeth seconded. Motion is carried. They will be installed in June, by Jane Buck.

Philanthropy and Arbor Day – We're working with the village to put an oak tree in Thelen Park.

Programs – Norma L. read a piece celebrating Mother's Day, started by Anna Jarvis, at the request of her mother Ann Reeves Jarvis, who was a social activist. Young Anna was inspired to create Mother's Day in 1876 when her mother closed a Sunday school lesson with the following:

"I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life. She is entitled to it."

Publicity – Nancy C. Pizzas for the sale will be there at noon. June 1 she will do a table at the library. Matty the Mouse from the library is coming to the plant sale. He is the library mascot.

Newsletter – May 22 is the deadline.

Website - Lana needs pics from our gardens for the website. She wants a backup person to help with the website.

Yearbook – Elizabeth – Input due by third week of July, updated committee descriptions welcome. Let Elizabeth know if you are good with your current committee description. New members will get a new book in September. She will take photos of those who want to do so. Members can email photos, as well.

Facebook – Lori L. does this, and someone else will take over the private club page.

Scholarship – Jennifer W. We have a winner, Hayley Ross, she won't be here in June.

Monarchs – No report

Wreaths – No report

Ways and Means

Plant sale – A sample of what should be written on the craftstix is on each table. Deliver to the NW corner. Park there as well, by the pool. Public will start to line up early. Wear your Garden Club shirts, pins, and Cindy will have green aprons to wear. Cindy tries to get IDs for most of the plants. They shouldn't be taken home.



A busy bee visits a rugosa rose in the Mini Park, which is maintained by the club in downtown Antioch. Photo provided by President Holly Swehla.

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Social & Community Happenings by Nancy Colby

Shirts, Mice & More

Need a shirt? We are so thankful for our new members! Since we have new members who are requesting our cheerful lime green shirts, we have placed an order for additional shirts. If you want a shirt, please contact Nancy Colby and you'll have one. They are still only \$20, and the benefit to our image is priceless.

The new order contains the following sizes:

- 6 large
- 4 X-large (two spoken for)
- 2 XX-Large
- 5 small still on hand



Matty the Mouse

Isn't he cute? Matty is the mascot for the Antioch Public Library. He made a special guest appearance at the plant sale. His mission was to thank the Antioch Garden Club for participating in the library's kickoff to their Summer Reading Program.

The garden club will have a table at the Saturday, June 1st event in the library parking lot. (You are probably reading this after June 1, so stay tuned for details next month!)

This event is simply to greet the public and spread a little community happiness. We want to be part of that community spirit! It costs nothing but the benefit of community spirit is great.

Plant Sale Shout Out

Huge shout out of thanks to Antioch Pizza for supplying our hungry plant sale workers with lunch! They donated four 18" pizzas to us. Next time you're hungry for pizza, please visit Antioch Pizza, and tell them you're there because of their generosity to our club. A little thanks goes a long way.



Community spirit is alive!

More about the annual plant sale ...

From 8-10 a.m. we are busy pricing and putting things where they should be. There will be a map to show where the plants will go after they are priced, e.g. hostas, natives, garden-related items. Feel free to take plants and discreetly bring them to your car but never go in front of the customers.

Then we trust you to come back to cashiers to pay up. At noon, everything is half-price. We have run out of plants the past few years. Cindy has 136 dug up. She doesn't expect that many from anyone else but some from each member is good. There also is a bake sale.

Bring wagons if you have them. We've never lost a wagon. People always bring them back. The more space they have the more they'll buy. It really helps.

Bee guy will be there as well as Wray, the knife sharpener. You can bring garden tools and scissors to get sharpened.

Heartland Bank will be there with their popcorn machine. Do stop and thank them for their support.



There are plants in trays in the Mini-Park garden, behind the shrubs. Cindy needs someone to pick them up and take them to the sale.

Old Business – None

New Business – Lana was able to secure a new insurance policy for the club.

Announcements – See someone on the board if you didn't get your *Garden Glories*.

Garden Clubs of IL summer meeting is July 2, 8:30 a.m., in Wheaton, Illinois, \$55 a person at Cantigny. See *Garden Glories* for more information.

Treehouse community playground is opening in July. It is an all-inclusive playground in Antioch.

Garlic mustard fact sheet is available.

Raffle was conducted.

Meeting concluded at 2 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jayna Legg, Acting Secretary*

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