



THE GARDEN DIRT

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President's Message

Sunny chilly greetings! Hard to believe our season is virtually over. As this goes to press, we will have done our fall cleanup and participated in the Treat the Streets event. Nancy Colby and Mary Yott "manned" a table for us at the bandshell. A new event for us. I'm quite certain it was a huge success!

I had the opportunity to attend the District IX GCI Fall bonus event. Many members of many clubs in our district were represented. We broke out into 30-minute sessions on topics such as technology, publicity, membership, yearbook and awards. Great leaders and lots of ideas, which I will sum up in a future letter. My biggest takeaway, is that our club is really on board with many things! I got a few new ideas to pursue as a club also. One important thing I took away is that the club should have a privacy policy. I have referred this to the bylaws committee.

Looking forward to holiday events we will participate in. One good thing as I'm sure Nancy Colby will address is the Christmas parade, Friday, Nov. 29. The route is from Park Avenue (Rivalry Alehouse) to Sequoit Creek Park.

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Birthdays

11/1—Donna Rieter

11/10—Judy Caldwell

11/14—Betty Collins

11/29—Jackie Horneck

November Program: Turn your garden into a B & B for birds.

Transform your backyard into a showcase of bird activity. The right balance of food, feeders, water and shelter are essential elements for the perfect birdscaping design.

This discussion includes: ideal location for birdscape design, desirable food and feeders to attract your favorite birds, proper hygiene and squirrel prevention.

Hospitality: Hostess Joyce Kufalk with Annette Lubkeman, Donna Rieter and Elizabeth Vogt

CALENDAR

Nov. 9 — General Mtg., 1 p.m., Antioch Village Center, 817 Holbek Dr., doors open 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 20 — Board Mtg., 6 p.m., Antioch Village Center

Nov. 23 — Wreath-decorating, Antioch Village Center

Dec. 14 — General Mtg., 1 p.m., Antioch Village Center, doors open 12:30 p.m.

The **Antioch Garden Club** is a member of Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.; Central Region Garden Club, District IX and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Officers: President-Holly Markwart Swehla, Co-Vice Presidents-Susan Ullrich & Betty Sprovieri, Secretary-Chris Priller, Treasurer-Lana Svitak

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Antioch Garden Club makes 10th Mountain Division “Blizzard” Newsletter

Veterans Day article by Ted Cartner highlights Blue Star Memorial & fallen Antioch Soldier

Some of you may remember last Veterans Day, club members gathered at the Blue Star Memorial to honor all Veterans and to specifically honor Specialist Andrew Wade, a 2007 graduate of Antioch High School who perished in 2011 while serving in Afghanistan. Specialist Wade joined the Army after high school and became a member of the 10th Mountain Division.

Club member Cindy Cartner’s father-in-law served in the 10th Mountain Division, in Italy, in WWII. Cindy’s husband, Ted Cartner, is Midwest region chairman for the descendants of the 10th Mountain Division. He submitted a photo of the club at the Blue Star Memorial to the *Blizzard* newsletter.

Specialist Wade’s name is carved in stone at the base of the memorial. Our club was instrumental in having the memorial erected in Antioch, so it was thought our members should be a part of Ted and Cindy Cartner’s special tribute and his submission to the *Blizzard*.

Members met at the memorial at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 2023. Ted Cartner read the tribute, and the group unfurled a 10th Mountain Division flag for a photo. The newsletter is available here:

<https://10thmntndivassoc.org/blizzard-newspaper/>



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I'm Sorry *A Note from the Editor:*
The Midwest Chapter submitted this article last quarter, I unfortunately overlooked it and did not publish it. Please accept my heartfelt apology. Thank you for your understanding, opportunity, and patience to correct this.
CTG! Lisa

MIDWEST CHAPTER
Ted Cartner

IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN OFFICERS OF THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION

WWII
PFC ARMY WILLARD J. MANN
PFC MC THEODORE C. CARLSON
SFC AAF WALTER C. EDELMAN
CPL ARMY ALLEN HANKE
1ST LT RUFEDWARD A. KRICHELBEIN JR
PFC ARMY WILLARD J. MANN
1ST LT WAT. ARTHUR M. SCOTT

KOREA
NONE

VIETNAM
SP4 ARMY JIMMY C. BOWER
PFC ARMY EDWARD C. GOELZ
PFC USMC ROBERT J. HAWKS
S SGT ARMY CHARLES G. TAUBERMAN
PFC USMC HARRY C. VANDERBLOOT

AFGHANISTAN
SPC ARMY ANDREW P. WADE

MIDWEST CHAPTER: Some members of the Descendants Midwest Chapter along with the Antioch IL Garden Club paid homage this past Veterans Day to all our Veterans.

The ceremony was held at the Blue Star Memorial in Antioch. The local Garden Club had sponsored the construction of the Memorial.

Particular remembrance was paid to Andrew Wade. After graduating from the local High School, he joined the Army and was assigned to the 87th of the 10th. His name is carved in stone at the base of the monument. Andrew died in Bagram Afghanistan on March 9, 2011.

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Antioch Garden Club, General Meeting Minutes Oct. 12, 2024

WELCOME: Holly Swehla, President

CALL TO ORDER: 1:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

Meeting paused for program.

Betty S. introduced *Chris Cheney*, Master Gardener from IL Extension UIU-C. *Spring Flower Bulbs* was a very informative & interesting program.



The meeting was resumed after a delicious assortment of goodies provided by this month's host/hostesses. **Reminder:** If you are unable to fulfill your Host/Hostess duty please find someone to take your place.

Secretary's Report: Chris P. Minutes were published in *The Garden Dirt*. As there were no corrections, they will be filed.

Treasurer's Report: Lana S. Current Treasurer's report has been published in *The Garden Dirt*. Having no corrections, they will be filed for audit.

Correspondence: Holly reported we had mail. Among the mail were advertisements, Save the Date Seed Program, LCFP reminder of upcoming referendum, Master Naturalist Program (next August). All correspondence was placed at the Membership table for viewing.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: No report

Bylaws: No report

Historian: No report

Horticulture: Judy C. **Annual Fall Cleanup is October 26.** Meet at the Mini Park at 9 a.m. Bring gardening tools, gloves, bags for debris, a smile, & enthusiasm. **This is an All Member Participation event.** **Reminder:** Collapsible hoses must be shut off, then drained. *Holiday Decor* will be put into the garden pots.

Hospitality: Sharon P. suggested host/hostess chairs call to remind members of their month. The schedule is also in the Yearbook on page 22. If you cannot make your date please find a substitute. (We also need a coffee pot for the kitchen.)

Membership: Jennifer W. reported 22 members & 1 guest attended today's meeting.

Nominating: No report

Philanthropy/Arbor Day: No report

Programs: No report

Publicity: Nancy C.



Master Gardener Chris Cheney, a member of the Northbrook Garden Club, presented on spring bulbs at the October meeting.

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September 2024 AGC Treasurer's Report

Respectively Submitted by Lana Svitak, Treasurer

September 30, 2024

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| Beginning Bank Balance | | | | | \$ 12,497.38 |
| Disbursements Cleared | | | | | |
| | Check # | Paid to | Committee | | |
| 9/8/2024 | 1250 | Impressions Count | Yearbook | | 588.00 |
| 9/8/2024 | 1251 | Lana Svitak | Operation - PO Box Renewal | | 182.00 |
| 9/8/2024 | 1252 | Emmons School | Monarch Initiative | | 500.00 |
| 9/14/2024 | 1253 | Cindy Cartner | Hospitality - June | | 20.00 |
| 9/14/2024 | 1254 | Marcia Lauten Raleigh | Programs - June | | 175.00 |
| 9/14/2024 | 1255 | Nancy Colby | Publicity - Festival of Trees | | 50.00 |
| 9/14/2024 | 1256 | Lana Svitak | Website Renewal | | 203.88 |
| | | | | Total | \$ 1,718.88 |
| Deposits | | | | From | |
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| | | | | Total | \$ - |
| Ending Bank Balance 9/30/24 | | | | | \$ 10,778.50 |
| Disbursements Outstanding | | | | | |
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| | | | | Total | \$ - |
| Ending Book Balance 9/30/24 | | | | Total | \$ 10,778.50 |

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We'll have a truck for parade participants to hitch a ride

We did confirm children (grandchildren, great nephews) are encouraged to join us.

I thought it was from the high school. Not knowing how I could possibly walk that long! We will have at least ONE truck for those of us who need to hitch a ride. Hope as many of us as possible can join in the festivities, wearing our signature garden club shirts.

Just a reminder, we have another fun activity in November—our annual **wreath-decorating event**. Committee chair Mary Yott has been getting everything ready so we can hit the ground running at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 23, at the Village Center. Bring your glue guns, glue sticks and extension cords. There will be someone to help with bows.

For the love of gardening!

- Holly Markwart Swehla



Social & Community Happenings by Nancy Colby, Publicity

FESTIVAL OF TREES

*We have just been notified that Festival of Trees is NOT happening this year!
No word on why but it is confirmed that it will not happen. Sorry!*

KRINGLE VILLAGE

We will have a tree to decorate in Kringle Village at 510 Orchard Street. The decorated trees will be on display from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. The trees are voted on by the public. Our tree will be decorated to honor the Illinois State Flower, the violet. We will be given our decorating date approximately one week before Thanksgiving. Once we can confirm the date, an email will be sent to our members.

Remember: The public does the voting so be sure you and all of your friends and family vote!

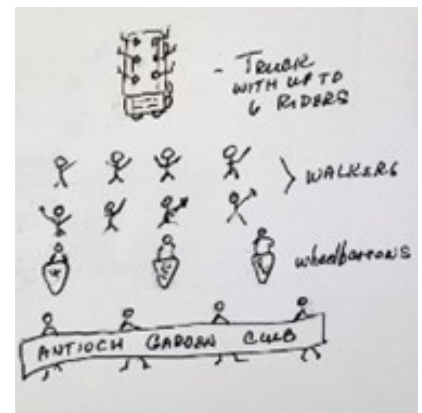
CHRISTMAS PARADE



Slight panic set in among members who thought *everyone* had to push a wheelbarrow down Main Street in the parade. Sorry about that. No, you do not have to push a wheelbarrow. Here's a rough sketch of our parade entry. You can walk, push or ride!

The garden club banner and four people holding it will lead us in the parade. That will be followed by three (or more) members pushing wheelbarrows carrying lighted poinsettias. Then there will be members who are happily walking and waving to the crowd. And lastly, we will have a truck carrying six members who wish to ride and wave. We will have a signup sheet at the Nov. 9 meeting so you can pick your spot.

The parade is on **Friday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m.** The route is from Park Avenue (by Rivalry) to Orchard Street (at the new park). Any and every one can participate! Please wear your club shirt or sweat-shirt if you have one so we stand out in our green. If you don't have a shirt and would like one, contact Nancy Colby. If you don't want a shirt, that's ok. We'd love everyone to participate! Once they give us our position in the parade (one week prior to the parade date), we will let you know where and what time to meet on that night.



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Club to participate in Antioch holiday events

Parade is the day after Thanksgiving (November 29). We will walk from the High School to Orchard St. pushing wheelbarrows & wearing our Club sweatshirts. There will be a truck for those who don't wish to walk. More details to follow.

Kringle Village Tree theme is gold & red. Event is open Thanksgiving to New Year's Day. Tree is to be set up on Thanksgiving.

Festival of Trees December 6. ~~Theme is Illinois State Flower—the violet.~~ **CANCELLED!**

Newsletter: Jayna. Deadline for newsletter articles is October 23.

Website: Report any errors to Lana.

Yearbook: Chris reported she & Elizabeth will be meeting in November.

Facebook: Holly will be updating programs on site.

Scholarship: No report

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Wreath Decorating: Mary Y. Date: Nov. 23. Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Sign-up sheet is on table. We will be decorating 32 wreaths & 6 swags. Baggies of décor will be passed out as needed.

Monarch Butterfly Initiative: No report

Ways & Means: No report

Plant Sale: Cindy C. Save the Date *May 17, 2025*

Old Business: Holly. We continue to collect socks for Open Arms. Children's socks can be "fun" socks.

New Business: None

Announcements: Barb G. stated Cheryl Hoke has been feeling "under the weather". Perhaps a card would cheer her up.

No further business; Meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Priller, Secretary



Annual Fall Garden Cleanup Snapshots



Thanks to all the members who gathered Oct. 26th for the annual fall cleanup of our gardens in downtown Antioch!

We had a beautiful sunny day, and accomplished many tasks before celebrating with food and fun after.



Horticulture Committee Report

Thank you for your help with the gardens!

We will have put our gardens to bed by now. Pulling the beautiful annuals was difficult but necessary. Thank you to all who helped with the fall cleanup Oct. 26! See some photos of the cleanup on page 7.



We have a group who will be decorating the Minipark pots with a holiday theme. Let your artistic juices flow! Share your ideas with the committee. Thanks!

I am looking for cheap or free Lannon stones or pavers to make more paths into hard to reach spots in our gardens. Contact me with any leads, please.

So, now we begin to dream, read, browse catalogs, attend seminars, and listen to blogs until Spring planting time.

I want to thank all who endured the heat this past summer and worked the gardens by watering and weeding. You are very appreciated!

–Horticulture Committee Chairman Judy Caldwell

News Briefs

- * **Volunteer hours:** Remember to track hours you volunteer to the club and report to Donna Rieter, jdrieter@sbcglobal.net. The club accumulated 910 hours from February through August alone. These hours are important because they represent the value the club adds to the community.
- * **Socks for the Soul:** We continue to collect socks for children and adults to donate to Open Arms Mission. Please donate new socks in original packaging. As discussed at the October meeting, children's socks can have "fun" themes.
- * **Board meetings:** All are welcome. Please R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend. Clarification of who should attend — the Executive Board and all committee chairs are expected to attend. If unable to attend, please send your committee report to President Holly. See the yearbook, page 17, for the schedule. The meeting time has changed to 6 p.m., and the board meets at the Antioch Village Center.



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