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Garden Clubs of Ill. Annual Meeting

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the 2022 Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. 95th Annual Convention. It was held on April 24 -25 in Lisle, IL. If you have ever attended this event, did you walk away feeling welcomed into a bigger gardening and community family? Were you inspired by the people you met and the activities being awarded during the Garden Clubs of Illinois annual meeting? How about feeling like a member of an even larger national community of gardeners? I certainly did!

Members from all over the state gathered to make this event special and enjoyable for all. On the first day, some were able to go on a tour of a climatology lab, while others attended a wearable floral art workshop. Honors were presented to our National Garden Clubs President Mary Warshauer, Garden Clubs of Illinois President Marilyn Krueger, as well as present and past presidents and life members at the evening's banquet. Plenty of flowers decorated the event, via centerpieces, arrangements, and corsages. Lots to see via the vendor tables, educational displays, and raffle items and baskets.

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Birthdays:

5/3—Linda Worchel

5/25 —Dee Obrochta

6/27—Karen Coulter

7/9—Jessica Szmegalski

7/11—Annette Lubkeman

7/21—Jane Buck

June (*Remember the Plant Sale replaces the May meeting!*)

Potluck Luncheon. To celebrate the end of another club year of gardening, we will have our spring potluck. Bring a dish to share. Hospitality will provide desserts. We will review accomplishments of the previous year, honor the scholarship winner and induct club officers for the next year. Thank you to Nancy Zitkus, who has offered to be the secretary! Other officers are Holly Swehla, president; Marianne Peters, vice president; Lana Svitak, treasurer.

June Hospitality & Raffle

Carol Sackschewsky, hostess, with Annette Lubkeman, Cheryl Hoke

CALENDAR

May 14—Annual Plant Sale (NOTE there is no May meeting), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Williams Park

May 21 — Spring Planting, 9 a.m., Meet at Mini-Park next to Vintage Mercantile downtown

May 25 — Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Antioch Senior Center

June 11 — General Meeting, 1 p.m., Antioch Senior Center, doors open 12 p.m.

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-Vacant, Vice President-Vacant, Secretary-Jayna Legg, Treasurer-Lana Svitak

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Plant Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Yikes, our Plant Sale on Saturday, May 14, is right around the corner now. Finally, let's get into the fresh spring air and do some diggin'! Bring your potted houseplants, herbs, veggies and perennials in containers wiped-clean. ID craftstix labeled with ultra-fine markers should include:

Name of plant, common and/or horticulture

Sun requirements (full sun, part shade, shade)

Color (blooms) and height of plant, bloom time

Please write on only 1 side of the craftstix. We'll put the price on the opposite side.

IMPORTANT: If you suspect/know that your soil has jumping worms, PLEASE do not bring them to our Sale! AGC cannot be the source of this invasive pest to our buyers.

Baked goods can be packaged in smaller lots, possibly in plastic deli boxes. Donate clean, gently-used garden-related books, planters, and garden décor.

No plastic pots, please.

Deliver your plants/items to the north side of the Williams Park pavilion, where we'll park our cars. The south entrance will be for the public to line up. Deliver plants from 8-9:30 a.m., no later. Much work needs to be accomplished before the 10 a.m. stampede. We'll need "all hands on deck!"

You can select plants for yourselves. Store them in your vehicles, and be trusted to pay the cashier once the big rush subsides. (Full price if taken before noon, when 1/2 price takes effect.) Do not walk past the public with purchases as they wait in line for us to open.

We'll cover the picnic tables with tablecloths first.

ID signs will be attached to the tables (sun, hostas, etc.).

Plants will be priced and delivered to the proper tables.

Plant ID descriptions will be placed into pots.

A brief meeting/group photo takes place at 9:50 a.m.

I'll have green aprons available to wear.

PLEASE bring your red wagons/carts to assist buyers with multi-pot purchases. (Sort of like a purse - the more room you have the more you'll stuff into it ...) Wagons/carts are needed to transport plants from arrival to the proper tables and to buyers' cars.

These plants come from our local soil and growing conditions, so they will more easily adjust and flourish in their new homes. Save some of YOUR plant dollars for our sale. I'm hoping a local beekeeper will again be there to give 10% of his profits to our club, so please stock up. **And don't forget, there will be a knife and tool sharpener!** Come and enjoy the camaraderie, knowledge, and enthusiasm of your fellow gardeners.

See you there! Chair Cindy Cartner, 847-395-8902.

AGC General Meeting Minutes April 9, 2022

WELCOME: Betty Collins, acting president **CALL TO ORDER:** 1 p.m.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

Program: Cindy Cartner, video transplanting perennials; Jane Buck, invasive plants in Illinois.

Secretary's Report: No changes; Filed.

Treasurer's Report: No changes; Filed

Correspondence: No correspondence

Committee Reports:

Audit: No report

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

ARTICLE V: Duties of Officers

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Section 5: Add to the paragraph.

Should send out notice of upcoming board and regular meetings.

Clarification of Secretary's duties.

ARTICLE IX: Standing Committees

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Section 1: Program: Vice President(s), as Program Chairman, selects, organizes and prepares programs.

Clarification of duties.

Section 8: Scholarship: Promote interest in the scholarship program. Promote youth education and awareness. Committee selects qualified student for the club award and presents the scholarship.

Clarification of duties.

ARTICLE X: Elections

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Section 1: Reads: A Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members (not necessarily previous presidents). ADD: The President shall select one (1) from the Board and two (2) from the General membership. They shall serve etc.

ARTICLE XII: Dissolution Clause

Section 1: In the event dissolution of the Antioch Garden Club becomes necessary, the following procedure will be used.

Written notice of the Executive Board will be sent to all members and the District President thirty (30) days in advance of the next regular meeting. Voting shall be held at a regular meeting of the club or at a special meeting held for that purpose. A two-thirds vote of the members

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AGC March Treasurer Report

Respectively Submitted by Lana Svitak, Treasurer

Beginning Bank Balance				\$ 11,315.08
Disbursements Cleared				
	Check #	Paid to	Committee	
3/12/2022	1107	Marianne Peters	Programs	224.79
3/12/2022	1108	Holly Swehla	Hospitality	15.00
3/12/2022	1109	Cindy Cartner	Ways and Means (plant sale)	37.50
3/23/2022	1110	Barb G	Operations	5.20
			Total	\$ 282.49
Deposits				
		From	Committee	
			Total	\$ -
Ending Bank Balance 3/31/22				\$ 11,032.59
Disbursements Outstanding				
3/23/2022	1111	Dee Obrochta	Membership	15.00
			Total	\$ 15.00
Ending Book Balance 3/31/22				\$ 11,017.59

News briefs

- ◇ **Congratulations** to our club! Marianne Peters was surprised when she attended the Garden Clubs of Illinois annual meeting to be called up for an award. Antioch Garden Club was honored for most new members in our club size category.
- ◇ **Scholarship**—We had six applicants and after reviewing, Riley Nebel from Wadsworth was the winner. Riley currently attends ISU with a 3.9 GPA, and majors in Horticulture and Landscaping Management. Other interests are hydroponics and vertical gardening. Riley will be invited to the June meeting.
- ◇ **Reminder:** There will be a **knife and tool sharpener** will be at the plant sale!
- ◇ **Art and Bloom**—Marianne Peters submitted this photo to the right of her entry in the Antioch Arts Foundation's first Art and Bloom exhibit this month.



Club member Marianne Peters created this floral arrangement for the Art and Blooms show at the Antioch Arts Foundation this month. The artist is Barbara Wagner.

Horticulture Committee Report

Welcome to warp speed Spring 2022! Welcome to warp speed spring 2022 ! Could we really have expected anything much less after the pandemic. I think we are on the downswing of COVID-19. It seem like it is subsiding.

Thanks to all who came out for our annual spring cleanup! We had a wonderful day weather-wise. There were 16 of us to carry on the tradition of the Antioch Garden Club taking care of the gardens in downtown Antioch! Job well done ladies!

The plant sale is Saturday May 14, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Williams Park Pavillion (by the Antioch pool)! Hope you are potting your plants to donate! Be sure to check with Cindy Cartner for whatever you signed up to do. We are a team, and we all contribute our slice of the pie.

On deck is the spring planting day at the gardens. That is 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 21, starting at the Mini Park.

And to finish up here, good, make that great news! The youth group has agreed to care for the pollinator pocket garden at the church. Only committed to this year (great idea youth group), kudos to whoever thought of it! 'Til next time, happy gardening!

- Chairwoman Holly Markwart Swehla



Spring Cleanup. Not pictured: Betty Sprovieri, Norma Lucansky, Mary Priller, and Carolyn Yoakem. Photo by Carolyn Yoakem. See more photos on the website.

Annual Meeting, *cont.*

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The next day was full of fun and club matters, with the annual business meeting and awards distribution. I was surprised and honored to represent our own Antioch Garden Club, accepting the membership award for the most new members for a club of our size. The theme of this year's convention was Climate Change, and the main presentation was given by Dr. Trent Ford from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He talked about how climate change will affect gardening and farming conditions in Illinois. NGC President Mary Warshauer spoke to us with hope and enthusiasm, and general gratitude for the ability of clubs of all levels to continue on so well during COVID times.

All in all, I was glad I went. I met fellow gardeners from the smallest and largest of clubs in Illinois. Approximately 150+ delegates were present, including many from our own District IX. I look forward to sharing what I have learned and inspiring all of us in our own Antioch Garden Club.

You can follow our district and state clubs news via *Garden Glories* magazine, which is published three times a year – winter, spring/summer, and fall. It is free with your garden club membership. Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. have their own websites (gardenclubsofillinois.org and gardenclub.org) as well as Facebook pages.

- **Marianne Peters**



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present and voting shall be required for passage—a quorum being present.

Disposition of funds:

Total assets shall be liquidated after payment of just debts, those remaining funds shall be allocated to other philanthropic organizations to be determined by members in attendance.

No portion of such funds shall be distributed among individual members.

Clarification: Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. suggests every club should have this in their Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII will be ARTICLE XIII: Parliamentary Authority

Historian: No report.

Horticulture: Holly – the committee accepted a plant. But she discovered it is invasive and can't take it. Bartlett Pear Tree. Please don't take offense. Club can't plant invasive plants.

Plastic containers are available for bake sale for plant sale.

We will try to establish relationship with Proven Winners to be a test garden.

Tree of Heaven – we need to remove them almost immediately because they are the host plant for spotted lantern flies. For non-natives, there is a corresponding native plant, for example for the Burning Bush. Once a native is established, you don't have to do anything to it.

Hospitality: Betty – for the plant sale:

Use little plates, three of four cookies, wrapped in Saran Wrap. Big cookies should be in sandwich bags and seal.

Hostesses today – Cindy, Jennifer W. and Dee.

Next month – No meeting so no hostesses.

Membership: Dee inducted four members – Connie King, Colette Monahan, Natalie Barlow, Susan White. Dues is due!

Nominating: These will be submitted to general membership for voting purposes. Betty S. introduced the slate of officers – motion to accept Nancy Z., seconded by Betty. Motion passed.

President: Holly Swehla (2022-2024)

Vice-President: Marianne Peters (2022-2024)

Treasurer: Lana Svitak (2022-2024)

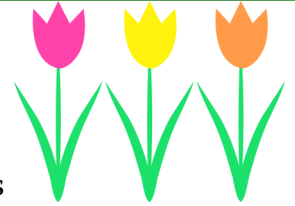
Secretary: Open (2022-2024)

Philanthropy: No report.

Programs:

Gourd seeds are available. We have a challenge going on. Take the seeds and start inside.

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Publicity:

Newsletter: Deadline April 29.

Website: Lana will be the webmaster. Chong is moving.

Yearbook: Need a new editor. Chong has available the last two years' files for use as a template. She already designed new cover page. Chong can help if there are questions. Software is Publisher.

Facebook: Our page continues to receive an average of 5 friend request per day, not all are accepted, we try to rule out the “Nigerian Princes”.

Scholarship: Cheryl – deadline was April 4. We had six applicants. Donna R. and Jennifer W. will meet with Cheryl to go over applications.

Special Projects:

Monarch Butterfly: Holly – if you have a desire to be on the Hort. Committee or Monarch Initiative, see Holly. We're looking forward to the plants coming in at Osmond Park.

Wreath Decoration: No report.

Ways & Means:

Plant sale – May 14. Volunteers should show up at 8 a.m. Park in north parking lot. Plant sharpener will be there. Bring your tools. Beekeeper will be there as well selling honey products. He's been joining our sale for years. He gives us 10 percent of proceeds – Peter P. It's a nice addition.

Heartland Bank will be there with a popcorn machine. They help sponsor the sale.

Bake Sale questions go to Betty. Make sure to label what it is.

Don't bring plants if there's any chance you have jumping worms in your yard. Ground looks like coffee grounds.

Don't bring invasive plants either.

Don't bring lamium, doesn't sell well.

On the craft sticks – light needs, does it flower, add color, time of year it blooms.

Bring carts if you have them, and wagons.

As for your own purchases, it's OK to put things aside. However, pay full price unless you wait until after noon. Don't take plants by people standing in line.

Don't put your plants behind the bake sale.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

Spring Cleanup is April 23, 9 a.m., mini-park.

Proven Winners very graciously gave us 40 copies of “The Gardener's Idea Book,” free to take.

The following people have signed up for the chamber function on April 13th 11:30 a.m. at Rivalry Alehouse: Barb Gollwitzer, Betty Sprovieri, Marianne Peters, Judy Caldwell, Donna Reiter, Betty Collins, Holly Swehla.

If you asked to be registered and are not on this list, please send an email to bgollwitz@yahoo.com. For those registered, bring \$20 to the meeting on 4/13 to reimburse Barb.

Chong brought seeds back. She is having a moving sale, where she will have a lot of plants, garden décor and other household items. She will give the club plants leftover from her sale. Additionally, she has potted up 80 or so perennial plants to donate to the AGC plant sale, separate from her sale.

Raffle; Meeting adjourned 2:51 p.m.

Respectively Submitted, Jayna Legg, Secretary

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