



THE GARDEN DIRT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOY OF THE MONARCH

Cheryl Tapia and I had the privilege of attending the GCI District VIII Summer Meeting in Joliet Monday, July 14 which was focused on the Monarch Butterfly. If you've looked at our website, Chong posted pictures and notes from that meeting. Dolly Foster and Bob Erlich presented a program on the Monarch Butterfly, their life cycle and migration back and forth to Mexico which was extremely interesting and really got me "hooked" on Monarchs.

I planted some milkweed last fall, which is fully grown now and I have been so excited to notice more butterflies in my yard this year than ever before. They are even hanging out on the milkweed, which is exactly what I want. That is the only plant they will lay their eggs on and according to our speakers, Monarchs are near being declared "endangered" due to the low supply of milkweed. This is due to all our new construction and clearing of weeds along our roadways. Milkweed used to be so prevalent and now you have to really look for it!

I brought home some milkweed seed which I plan to use to increase my crop and then I want to harvest some seed from my own plant to share with anyone in the club who would like some. Butterflies are such beautiful creatures and such fun to watch flutter about. I hope you'll join me in my campaign to do what I can to save the butterflies; particularly the Monarch, which gives me much joy!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Neckermann-3rd

Carolyn Yoakem-12th

Norma Lucansky-19th

Program

The program will be "Cooking with Dressings and Sauces" presented by Meg Dhamer from *Pigtale Twist*.

Meg will demonstrate how to use her spectacular dressings and sauces as the secret ingredient to enhance your gourmet creations. She uses only the finest, freshest, local ingredients to prepare her low-calorie "magical festival of clean flavors". She will also share recipes and other suggestions on how to serve a quick, healthy meal.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a friend!

CALENDAR

Sept. 8th-General Meeting 7:00pm

United Methodist Church Hall

Sept. 15th--Board Meeting

Antioch Public Library

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President-Cheryl Hoke , Vice President-Melonnie Hartl , Secretary Barb Gollwitzer, Treasurer-Nancy Zitkus

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Antioch Garden Club General Meeting Minutes 06/02/2014

WELCOME: Cheryl Hoke, President

The first annual end-of-the-year Celebration Dinner

This meeting was held at the Lake House Restaurant in Lake Villa, IL. Twenty-one club members were in attendance and one guest. A wonderful meal of chicken & roast beef was enjoyed by all.

After dinner Cheryl Hoke made a special presentation to founding members of the Antioch Garden Club. Nancy Neckermann and Nancy Zitkus were presented with a framed certificate of appreciation. Joanne Dugenske was not in attendance and will receive her certificate at a later date.

MEMBERSHIP – Installation of new members. The following new members were installed by Jayna Legg, Membership Co-Chair:

Karen Chism - present Alise Gaughan – absent
Jackie Horneck - present Mary Beck – absent
Sharon Halverson - present

WAYS AND MEANS

GARDEN WALK – Kendall Victorine – everything is a “go”.

A sign-up sheet was passed around to prepare for Preview Night.

BY-LAWS

Those in attendance voted to accept the by-law changes that were approved by the Board and published in the June Dirt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cheryl Tapia was approached by Barbara Porch of the Antioch Chamber of Commerce inviting us to participate in the fall craft sale. Booth space would be at no charge since the club is a chamber member.

Submitted By:

Cheryl Hoke for

Barbara E. Gollwitzer

Secretary

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HELP WANTED - One (chairman) or two (co-chairmen) for the 2015 Garden Walk.

Qualifications: willingness to follow previous notebooks which were prepared with guidelines and timelines and forms to assist you. Needs to be a good communicator and well organized. This is a volunteer position with compensation available in the form of sincere appreciation of the Antioch Garden Club and garden walk attendees. Your choice of hours at your discretion. Please reply to Cheryl Hoke cheryl@hokestone.com, 847-714-2090 or Kendall Victorine phoenixfarmoo@aol.com, 262-857-2097 or in person

President's Comment's

Detailed reports should be given at the board meetings and summaries given at the general meetings.

District IX Fall Leadership Meeting

Friday, September 19, 2014

Place: Pesches Garden and Greenhouses in Des Plaines
Time: 10 am till noon

Cost: \$3.00 Lunch on your own

Deadline: Tuesday, September 16th

Program: Fall Containers

Contact: Cheryl Hoke 847-714-2090

THE GARDEN CLUBS OF ILLINOIS CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SAVE A PLANET OR TWO

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Dole Hall, Plymouth Place

315 North La Grange Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526

Featuring Mike Nowak of the Mike Nowak Show

"Sustainable With Style" Karla Lynch

"If Mr. T Had Hugged Tree" Edith Makra

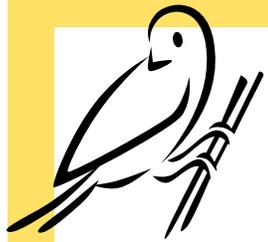
"Saving Plants and the Planet" and "What YOU need to do to become a Citizen Scientist" Dr. Kayri Havens-Young, Ph.D.

"Saving the Planet One Tree At A Time-The Ups and Downs of Tree Care"
Stan Holat

Registration fee: \$20.00, including lunch with 3 choices

Deadline to register: September 25th

Please contact Cheryl Hoke if interested in attending. 847-714-2090



BIRD'S EYE VIEW

MICROCLIMATES!

You may have heard of microclimates in your yard; those pockets of places where the rain never touches or the sun never shines.

I believe we live in a regional microclimate. It could be pouring in Chicago or Milwaukee but we may be high and dry. How many times have those mega snowstorms or thunderstorms gone around us only to slam us another time when they don't hit anyone else?

There aren't any mountains to create a rain shadow and we don't have a lake to the west of us to give us a lake effect.

Maybe we have a weird force field that drops when we let our guard down. I wonder if we collectively thought of rain when we need it... Well, maybe not, I do think that some kind of weird weather pattern has been in place for longer than we realize and we just have to learn to live with it and hope the weather cooperates.

What's your theory?

SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST

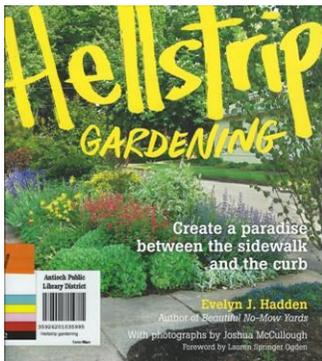
Early September

- * Store leftover garden seed in a cool, dry place
- * Clear away spent plants and continue dead-heading except coneflowers and others that feed the birds post season
- * Plant beans, beets, collards, chard, lettuce, delphiniums, and pansies
- * Harvest broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, onions, beans, and lettuce

Late September

- * Divide daylilies, peonies, iris, and phlox
- * Cut lawn 3" high through early October
- * Take houseplants in after grooming if frost is predicted
- * Plant fall bulbs for spring bloom
- * Harvest grapes
- * Plant trees, shrubs and perennials
- * Stop pruning and fertilizing trees and shrubs
- * Continue watering if needed
- * Dig tender bulbs if frost is predicted and store in dry peat moss or vermiculite

SEPTEMBER BOOK RE-



Evelyn Hadden invites you to use your gardening power to convert your "hellstrip"-the space between the street and the sidewalk-into a rewarding garden that generates smiles and celebrates nature. And you don't need to stop there: if you have some unused ground outside the fence, down the steps, or beside the driveway, you can turn it into a pocket garden bursting with beauty and character.

You'll gain inspiration from dazzling curbside gardens from coast to coast, discover what you need to know before jumping in, learn how to actually create your hellstrip garden, and become acquainted with plants especially suited to curbside conditions. -Excerpt from back of book

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