



THE GARDEN DIRT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last week Cheryl Tapia, Karen Chism and I had the opportunity to attend the Conservation Conference in LaGrange sponsored by GCI. I cannot begin to tell you how impressed I was with the knowledge that was shared.

The speakers were so informative and interesting as we covered tree conservation, as well as the different chemicals that are used in our fertilizers, and weed and insect killers. It was truly fascinating to have Mike Nowak, radio personality, writer and horticulturist explain the dangers of using the poisonous chemicals that are in the marketplace. The general public has no idea what they are putting on their lawns for their children and pets to play and romp on. Television and/or internet ads convince us of things THEY feel we need to do, when there are more natural ways.

I know these conferences take a day out of our lives and money to attend, but they are so worthwhile. As Garden Club members we have the opportunity to learn so much about what's happening in our environment. I believe it is our responsibility to learn and share with others who don't have access to this type of education. It's something we can do to make a contribution, one person at a time, to help this planet of ours and try to reverse some of the horrible actions we do without even being aware of it. Nature is so complex and fragile. Please consider attending one of these conferences as opportunities present themselves.

Cheryl Hoke

RAFFLE & REFRESHMENTS:

Joanne Dugenske, Hostess

Julie Skrypnyk, Sharon Halverson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Fox-6th

Judy Miscichowski-10th

Betty Collins-14th

Jackie Horneck-29th

PROGRAM

Jeanne Hillinske-Christiansen, a consumer Horticulture educator from the UW Extension in Bristol, will give us tips on redesigning our garden landscapes.

CALENDAR

November 1st-Fall Clean-up

November 3rd -General Meeting
7:00 pm, United Methodist
Church Hall

November 17th-Board meeting
6:30 pm Antioch Public Library

November 22nd- Wreath Decorating
9:30 am Antioch Senior Center

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Antioch Garden Club

General Meeting Minutes

10/06/2014

WELCOME: Cheryl Hoke, President

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: “How to Attract Monarch Butterflies” Kirsten Larson

BUSINESS MEETING:

SECRETARY’S REPORT: The secretary’s report for the September 8th, 2014 general meeting was published in The Garden Dirt. No additions or changes, filed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The treasurer’s report dated September 8th, 2014 as published in the Garden Dirt. No additions or changes, filed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAMS: November program will be presented by Jeanne Hillinske-Christiansen, MS in Horticulture & Education with U. W. extension on designing/redesigning our gardens.

MEMBERSHIP: Dee Obrochta

22 members, 2 new members, 2 guests for a total of 26 in attendance.

PUBLICITY:

Cynthia Stepanek – Not present.

Website, Chong Li – Updates on website.

Garden Dirt, Cheryl Tapia - New members, please advise if you prefer email vs. snail mail.

Facebook - Barbara Gollwitzer – Nothing to report.

YEARBOOK: Melonnie Hartl – distributed by Membership & Cheryl Tapia.

HOSPITALITY: Hostesses: Jackie Horneck, Joyce Kufalk, Barb Schwind & Dee Oborocho. November hostesses are Joanne Dugenske, Julie Skrypnyk & Sharon Halvorsen.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Andrea Zachotina, Saturday, 11/22/14 @ 9:30AM is date for Wreath Decorations. All supplies are ready.

PHILANTHROPY: Joanne Dugenske – Not present.

SCHOLARSHIP-EDUCATION GRANT: Julie Skrypnyk and Alise Gaughan – Scholarship committee met with Cheryl Hoke and they are currently reviewing how AAUW in Waukegan handles their scholarship program. They will try to duplicate their processes in order to receive more applicants. The Scholarship will now be available to both P/T & F/T students.

HISTORIAN: Betty Collins – Not present.

CONSERVATION HORTICULTURE:

Fall clean up Saturday, 11/01/14 9:00AM. Please bring tools that are necessary, gloves & garbage bags.

WAYS AND MEANS:

Cindy Cartner – Not present.

20th Anniversary celebration – committee has been formed and will be holding first meeting shortly. Kendall Victorine, Cheryl Tapia, Melonnie Hartl & Andrea Zachotina volunteered to serve on committee. Committee has met & will meet again to offer more options and will present to board on Monday October 20th.

NOMINATING: Nothing to report.

BY-LAWS: Nancy Zitkus, Joanne Dugenske - - Nothing to report.

TRAVEL AGENT: Judy Miscichowski - Nothing to report.

AWARDS: Nothing to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave Beutler has been in the hospital but is home now.

Complimentary copies of Garden Design magazine will be available for distribution next month.

DISTRICT IX -

GARDEN CLUBS OF IL – Conservation Conference, Thursday, Oct. 16 featuring Mike Nowak, \$20 includes lunch. Cheryl Tapia, Karen Chism & Cheryl Hoke will attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Women’s Networking Luncheon @ Lehmann Mansion Tuesday, Oct. 14, 11:30AM. This month’s Women's Networking will be a luncheon as opposed to our usual breakfast. RSVPs are necessary by the end of day Friday, Oct. 10th. The cost is \$12 per person. Sign-up may be done online, RSVPs are necessary. Payments should be made at the door. Please make checks payable to LLV Chamber. Please include the name of each person attending when you submit an RSVP. Cancellations must be made by Friday, 10/10/14 also.

NEW BUSINESS:

Antioch Garden Club Board meeting will be on Monday, October 20th at Antioch Public Library, 6:30PM.

QUESTION BOX: None

RAFFLE: Winners were announced.

NEXT MEETING: Monday November 3rd, 2014 Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara E Gollwitzer, Secretary



WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming our new members, Linda Fox and Lynn Zienty.

Linda is a retired Tour Guide who likes gardening, reading and hiking. Her favorite flower is the Hydrangea.

Lynn also likes Hydrangeas along with Dahlias. She is a Home-maker whose pastimes are gardening, reading, scrapbooking, hiking and enjoying nature.



Christmas wreaths In ancient Rome, people used decorative wreaths as a sign of victory. Some believe that this is where the hanging of wreaths on doors came from.



The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. From Germany the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world.

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens with a fifth candle in the middle. Three candles are violet and the fourth is rose, but four white candles or four violet candles can also be used. Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal-- one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. A short prayer may accompany the lighting of each candle. The last candle is the middle candle. The lighting of this candle takes place on Christmas Eve. It represents Jesus Christ being born.

Come help us make the season a little brighter for someone by decorating a wreath.

NOVEMBER 22ND, AT 9:30 IN THE ANTIOCH SENIOR CENTER

NOVEMBER 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 & rutabagas
- * Continue planting fall bulbs until ground freezes
- * Plant garlic cloves 2 inches deep & 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 temperatures go below 50°

Indoors

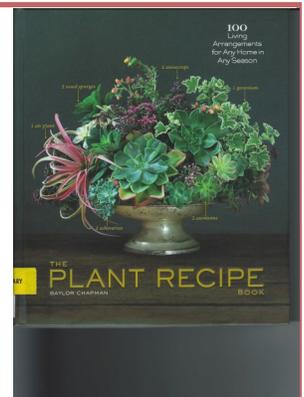
- * Groom houseplants regularly
- * Reduce water & fertilizer for most indoor plants

NOVEMBER BOOK REVIEW

The Plant Recipe Book

By Baylor Chapman

With 100 foolproof recipes to create stunning plant arrangements, Chapman whets our appetite for creativity. Each recipe provides a list of plants, step-by-step instructions, and stunning photos showing where and how to place each plant. The variety of plants he uses include succulents, air plants, orchids and ferns. Both traditional and unusual containers are used to create fantastic arrangements. So when ***need*** to plant something this winter take a chance and try one of the recipes.



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