



THE GARDEN DIRT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Gardeners, November is home to my favorite holiday meal of the year. For our family, it is a time to feast, a time to take inventory of all we have and a time to look back on what we have accomplished this year. As you gather around the table this year, please know that I will be thinking of all of you and how thankful I am to have become a member of this club.

Happy Thanksgiving! A poem that I found in my internet wanderings looks like it is good subject matter for this column. Enjoy. *Barb*

A Gardener's Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people:

For children who are our second planting, and though they grow like weeds and the wind too soon blows them away, may they forgive us our cultivation and fondly remember where their roots are;

For generous friends with hearts and smiles as bright as their blossoms;

For feisty friends as tart as apples;

For continuous friends, who, like scallions and cucumbers, keep reminding us that we've had them;

For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible;

For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the other, plain as

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November Birthdays:

Linda Fox - 6th

Mary Lou Balazs - 10th

Judy Miscichowski - 10th

Julie Tsuchida - 11th

Betty Collins - 14th

Jackie Horneck - 29th

November Program

"Succulents—Simply Beautiful" will be presented by Master Gardener Gale Borger, founder of Gerry's Garden. Our meeting begins at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30. Guests are welcome to join us. Come enjoy fellowship and refreshments while learning!

Hospitality & Raffle

Mary Spliedt-Dietze, hostess; Carolyn Yoakem, Joanne Dugenske, Julie Tsuchida

CALENDAR

Nov. 4 — Fall Cleanup, 9 a.m., meet in the Mini-Park

Nov. 6 — General Meeting, 7 p.m.

Nov. 18 — Wreath-decorating project, Antioch Senior Center, 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 18 — Champagne and Chocolate Walk, with Village of Antioch

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potatoes and as good for you;

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For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels Sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem Artichokes, and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions;

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For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter;

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For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time, and young friends coming on as fast as radishes;

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For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and withering's;

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And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, and who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter;

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For all these we give thanks.

~ Reverend Max Coots 1928-2009

AGC SPECIAL PROJECT: VILLAGE HOLIDAY WREATH-DECORATING NOV. 18

Come join us for wreath-decorating, 9:30 a.m., Nov. 18 at the Antioch Senior Center. We get in the holiday spirit by decorating wreaths/swags to be displayed throughout Antioch, including senior housing. You don't have to be crafty! We also can use donated tree decorations/ ribbon. Please contact Committee Chair Lynn Zienty. This is one of our main volunteer projects, and the response from the village is always very positive.

GARDENERS' NOVEMBER CHECKLIST

Outdoors

- ◇ Mound soil around base of rose bushes.
- ◇ Wait for ground to freeze before you mulch. Mulch around trees and shrubs; especially newly planted ones.
- ◇ Harvest broccoli, cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, celery, collards, leeks, lettuce, potatoes, radishes, etc.
- ◇ Continue planting fall bulbs until ground freezes.
- ◇ Plant garlic cloves 2 inches deep and 5 inches apart, mulch well.
- ◇ Wrap trunks of young, smooth bark trees to prevent deer or rodent damage.
- ◇ Plant or transplant deciduous trees, shrubs once their leaves drop, before the ground freezes.
- ◇ 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 and bring fish indoors before temperatures go below 50°.

Indoors

- ◇ Groom houseplants regularly; reduce water and fertilizer for most indoor plants.



Antioch Garden Club

General Meeting Minutes Oct. 2, 2017

WELCOME: Barb Gollwitzer, President

CALL TO ORDER: 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND GARDEN CLUB PLEDGE

Barb asked for a moment of silence honoring the victims of the Las Vegas shooting.

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH: James Eaton, a certified arborist via the International Society of Arboriculture, spoke to us on three different categories of trees and proper mulching procedures. Jim can provide the diagnosis and treatment of conditions, diseases, and insects on all types of plants, trees, shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses, and lawns.

BUSINESS MEETING

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The secretary's minutes for the September 11 general meeting were published in the Garden Dirt. The minutes were accepted and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was published in the Garden Dirt. The report was accepted and filed. Kendall asked if a column could be added to explain expenditures. Norma stated that Quick books does not have this option, but would be happy to provide this detail upon request.

CORRESPONDENCE: The club has received a check from Antioch Woman's Club in the amount of \$200. There is a handout for each to fill out and return with your ideas, input on how we should spend this money.

Club is in receipt of \$25 check from Barb Gollwitzer, given in memory of her friend Linda Clements, the money is to be used to decorate the "sunny container" for the upcoming holiday season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAMS: November program will be on "Succulents - Simply Beautiful" by Gale Borger, who is a master gardener through the University of Wisconsin, Kenosha system. She has been gardening for more than 50 years. She founded Gerry's Garden in order to share with others the tremendous satisfaction one can achieve from gardening. She will be sharing with us her love for succulents. Visit Gerry's Garden at gerrysgardenshop.com.

MEMBERSHIP: Lana Svitak reported that 22 members were in attendance. She welcomed our newest member, Linda Nutter.

PUBLICITY: Linda Fox is in the process of setting up a distribution list to reach local media about our monthly meetings/programs and special events.

Website: Chong has updated our site with new information. She asked that more members support our website by sharing their garden pictures. She needs members' input to maintain a successful and vital website.

Yearbook: Chong asked members to review the new yearbook and let her know of corrections.

Newsletter: Jayna would like articles to her by October 23, 2017.

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Antioch Garden Club Reconciliation Summary

HEARTLAND BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Period Ending 10/13/2017

	Oct 13, 17
Beginning Balance	6,954.54
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 6 Items	-334.19
Deposits and Credits - 1 Item	305.00
Total Cleared Transactions	-29.19
Cleared Balance	6,925.35
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 2 Items	-13.00
Total Uncleared Transactions	-13.00
Register Balance as of 10/13/2017	6,912.35
New Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 1 Item	-65.50
Total New Transactions	-65.50
Ending Balance	6,846.85

Respectfully Submitted by Norma Lucansky, Treasurer

Horticulture Committee News

Members, be sure to put the following dates on your calendars: Fall clean-up, November 4, 2017, at 9 a.m.; Spring clean-up, April 21, 2018 at 9 a.m., and Spring planting, May 12, 2018 at 9 a.m. Be sure to bring gloves, tools, garbage bags, and plan to make friends. Many hands make light work — we typically go for a late breakfast/early lunch when we're done. The village will spread mulch for us; one less chore when we gather Nov. 4 to put our village gardens to bed for the winter.



- Chairwomen Julie Tsuchida and Cynthia Parker

New Member Profile

Welcome to Linda Nutter! Linda has two children and four grandchildren. She is a retired high school Biology teacher and college professor of Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology. She has lived in Antioch two years. She formerly lived south of Boston. Her hobbies are gardening, reading, puzzles, and she enjoys crafts to include sewing, knitting, crocheting and cross-stitch. Her favorite garden flower is dianthus. If she could meet anyone, it would be Garth Brooks and/or Peter Falk. Hello Linda!



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Public Relations: Chocolate & Champagne Walk Nov. 18. A signup sheet will be passed around.

HOSPITALITY: Hostesses for the October meeting are Judy Miscichowski, Mary Lou Balazs, Cheryl Hoke and Lynn Zienty. November meeting hostesses are Mary Spliedt-Dietze, Hostess, Carolyn Yoakem, Joanne Dugenske, Julie Tsuchida.

WAYS AND MEANS: Kendall reported that Cindy wants to encourage members to read article in Garden Dirt about separating plants in fall. The annual plant sale is planned for May 19, 2018.

CONSERVATION & HORTICULTURE:

Cynthia Parker & Barb Gollwitzer will meet with the Village of Antioch Manager, Jim Keim and Village Clerk, Lori Romine on Tuesday, Oct. 3 to discuss:

Watering & overall maintenance of the village gardens for 2018, how and in what capacity can the village assist us? We will need volunteers to monitor work completed.

Upcoming project, local artist, Dennis Downes has approached the Village of Antioch about erecting a Native American Trail Marker Tree in the triangle that is at the entrance to the mini park. It is our understanding this will be voted on Monday Oct. 9 at the Village of Antioch Board meeting at Village Hall, 7 p.m. There is a handout for each of you detailing what we know about this project.

Cynthia thanked members for emergency watering of our gardens during dry spell. Our fall cleanup day is Nov. 4 at 9 a.m. Bring gloves, tools, garbage bags and a smile.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: The Village of Antioch has completed work on the "Street Clock Project". Plants were being planted today. Village hall landscaping project is complete.

SCHOLARSHIP: Judy Miscichowski and committee will be working on getting the information out for the scholarship.

PHILANTHROPY: No report

HISTORIAN: No report

BYLAWS: No report

TRAVEL AGENT: No report



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

District IX: Fall leadership program Oct. 3, 2017. Are you registered?

Floral design class next Wednesday Oct. 11, 2017 in Northbrook, IL. Are you registered?

Garden Clubs of IL: President has forwarded all information on upcoming programs for GCI members.

National Garden Club: Our National Garden Club has a lot of interesting and informative information and programs that we might like to participate. Let Barb know if you are interested in pursuing these programs

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Norma is looking for wrought iron chairs for her granddaughter's project.

Dee reported that a store in Gurnee, Carhartts, sells jeans with knee pads. Dee also stated that our newsletter and website should be reported to District IX.

Raffle was conducted by Carolyn Yoakem.

NEXT MEETING: Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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