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2017-2019

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Mission Statement

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

Promotes

Interest and Education

in

Horticulture,

Landscaping,

Floral Design,

and

Environmental Concerns



Greetings from the President!

Hello everyone!

It's difficult to believe that another year has gone by and my term as your president is nearly over. It has been an honor to serve as your president and I look forward to the remaining months to see what new things will be accomplished by our clubs.

The next big event on the calendar is the Indiana Flower and Patio Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on March 9-17. The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. will once again have a booth, staffed by our members. This is a wonderful opportunity for our group to spread the word about the benefits of garden club membership. Last year we received over 100 inquiries about membership in our organization.

If you haven't already volunteered to work a few hours in the booth and would like to do so, contact Rosie Springer who is coordinating the volunteers. Or you may contact me and I will relay the information. Don't forget that TGCI members are eligible for half price tickets!

I want to encourage all of you to attend the 2019 TGCI State Convention. The theme is "Door to the Wild Side" and I know that the North Central District has spent many hours planning for a wonderful convention. Information is available in this edition of Indiana Gardens. I hope to see many of you in LaPorte April 9-10.

Club Presidents, don't forget to fill out the Club Achievement Form available on the website (look under the forms tab) and send it to President-Elect Betty Leverett by February 15th. The top club in each membership category will receive \$25 instead of the rosette that was awarded in the past.

Finally I want to thank all of you who have served your clubs in any capacity during the past year. We as garden club members make a significant impact in our communities. You are to be commended for everything that you do!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

Sue

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**THE FOLLOWING PAGES HAVE THE BIOGRAPHIES OF THE NOMINEES
THAT WILL BE VOTED ON AT STATE CONVENTION**

**President: Betty Leverett
1st VP: Linda Harkleroad
2nd VP: Linda Cornelius**

**3rd VP: Wanda Zahrt
Treasurer: Joyce Karns
Recording Secretary: Cynthia Wright**



***Nominee for TGCI State President
Betty Leverett
Broad Ripple Garden Club***

Betty has been a garden club member for 12 years. After attending a Judges' Luncheon she was recruited by the Broad Ripple Garden Club. Over the next few years she held club offices for Recording Secretary, Club President, and held the position of Recording Secretary for the Central District. She then became Central District Director for four years. She currently holds the office of 1st Vice President for The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

Betty follows in her father's footsteps with a love of gardening and promoting practices to help the environment and pollinators. Her experience with The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. has been a whirlwind of learning and growing. Those early years of retirement, when she felt as though she was on an extended vacation, she looked for a way to become involved in volunteer work and give back. She found it in the best possible way with The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.



***Nominee for TGCI First Vice President
Linda Harkleroad
Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club***

Linda has been a member of the Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club since 1976 and has served as president, vice-president and secretary several times. She is currently the secretary.

On the state level, she was North Central District Director for 2 years and is currently the TGCI Recording Secretary. She is also both in the North Central District and TGCI Civic Development chair.

Linda received a BA in English from Wittenberg University and an MA in English from the University of Notre Dame. For 36 years she taught high school English, finishing the last 10 years with seniors.

Her son Ryan lives in Indianapolis with his wife. They presented Linda with granddaughter Alison on Thanksgiving Day in 2016, and a second baby is due at the end of January 2019.

Linda is also an active member of Michiana Master Gardeners and in addition to a love of annuals and perennials, she loves to read and travel.



***Nominee for TGCI Second Vice President
Linda Cornelius
Arts & Flowers Garden Club***

Linda joined the Arts & Flowers Garden Club of Washington, Indiana in 2013. She served as President two years (2014 and 2015) during which time we began the Garden Expo, “Through the Garden Gate” which is on the verge of their 5th event. Also, during that time we planned and implemented an extensive environmental/conservation project in our city “Team Up to Clean Up”.

At the state level during the term of Jodi Meyer (2015-2016) served on the board as Member Services chair and on committee for the State Convention in New Harmony. Served as Blue Star Memorial chair during President Sue Fuhrman term (2017-2018). During that same time period Vice chair of Southwest District and served on planning committee for the Wildflower Workshop held in Santa Claus. The current Southwest District Director.

Linda and Ken, her husband of 47, years live in Washington, Indiana where along with their sons have grown watermelons for 46 years. We have 2 sons and daughters-in-law and blessed with 5 grands. Linda is active in many volunteer community service organizations.



***Nominee for TGCI Third Vice President
Wanda Zahrt
Iris-Elm Garden Club***

Wanda has been an active member of the Iris-Elm Garden Club since 2011. She is also a National Life Member and a Scholarship Patron. She currently serves as the club’s Secretary/Treasurer. For the North Central District of TGCI, Wanda currently serves as treasurer, and in the past she was Recording Secretary. On the state level, Wanda has served as TGCI Correspondence Secretary for Garden Club Presidents Sarah Nahmias, Jodi Meyer, and Sue Fuhrman.

Wanda holds a BA in Business with a major in management. Before an early retirement, she worked for 20+years in the Zahrt Family business, North Express Inc. She covered multiple areas from Tractor Dispatch, to Accounts Payable, to Human Resources. The company downsized in 2004 and Wanda gave up her position so that her colleagues could remain employed. After retiring from a local CPA firm in 2011, she has found much joy in “all things Garden Club” and serving her church through several mission projects.

Wanda and her husband David, have one daughter, Leeann, who is a graduate of Exeter University in Exeter, England. Leeann currently is employed by Valparaiso University in Advancement, where she focuses on alumni engagement and fundraising for scholarships. Leeann and her husband, Steven, presented Wanda and David with a granddaughter on August 3, 2018.



***Nominee for TGCI Treasurer
Joyce Karns
Hendricks County Garden Club***

Joyce McFatrige Karns was born in Rushville, Indiana. She attended RHS high school and completed a B.A. major, Spanish minor, Russian at Hanover College. She completed masters (MLS) at Indiana University. Her husband is Dennis and her daughter is Megan, who now lives in Fort Worth, Texas. Joyce's work history is at Indianapolis Marion County Public Library 1970-present; Library Branch Manager: Wayne Branch 1974-1999; Library Branch Manager: Eagle Branch 2000; Library Branch Manager: Glendale Branch 2001-2005; Library Substitute 2005-present.

One of Joyce's personal interests includes garden clubs. Her history includes past president of Hendricks County Garden Club (7 years). She continues now as membership chairman and creator of the HCGC program book. She is also Treasurer of Central West District (TGCI), Treasurer of Hendricks County Master Gardeners beginning January 2019, currently Assistant Treasurer of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., and nominee for Treasurer in April 2019. Joyce has also served on state committees, such as Plant it Pink and Container Gardening.

Other interests include Indianapolis Council of Women, and as Second Vice President she creates their program book. She is also a member of: AAUW, Red Hat novel lovers, and Chat-n-Do Homemakers.



***Nominee for TGCI Recording Secretary
Cynthia Wright
Hillcrest Garden Club***

Cynthia Wright joined Hillcrest Garden Club in 1993 and has served as the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Hillcrest Garden Club is in the Central District where Cynthia has also served as the Vice-Director and Scholarship Chairman. She became involved at the State level when she was asked to serve as the Wildflower Chairman. She has also served as the Scholarship Chairman, Awards Chairman, Members Services Chairman, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. She currently is the Treasurer for The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. She has also served as the Treasurer for the Central Region.

Cynthia has a degree in Financial Planning from Purdue University and has worked in the Human Resources/Accounting area for several companies including some non-profit 501 (c)3 organizations. Her current occupation is trying to keep up with her 9 year old son Nick and her 14 year old daughter Heather. Cynthia, her husband Don, and family live on the North side of Indianapolis where gardening is a family affair.

Official Call Letter
The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
88th Annual State Convention

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April 9-10, 2019

The members of the North Central District are happy to open the doors of the Best Western Plus Hotel and Convention Center in La Porte, Indiana, to invite you to the 2019 TGCI Annual State Convention to be held on Tuesday, April 9th and Wednesday, April 10th. All members of garden clubs, master gardeners and anyone interested in the topics are welcome to attend with a paid registration.

Arrive in LaPorte on Monday, April 9, to enjoy some special make and take projects. You can choose to make your own painted quilt block or make five containers of organic lip balm. For dining choices, the Timbers Restaurant conveniently located right in the hotel and convention center, or you can drive just a short distance and take your pick of many local and chain restaurants right on the same street.

Start the day on Tuesday with a free breakfast for all registered hotel guests. Following breakfast our educational program will be **"Why Do Wild Sandhill Cranes Come Through Indiana?"** After lunch on your own, the annual convention business meeting will convene. Then following the business meeting will be a chance to see and touch birds during the program **"Raptors- Rehabilitating Wild Birds."** Please be sure and make time to visit our seven vendors during your free time. They'll be offering everything from lavender products, chocolate delights, plants and perennials, pottery, metal yard art, water color paintings and even worm castings.

After a full day of speakers, meetings and shopping, you'll be ready to unwind and relax. Dress for a wild time in animal prints or wildflower designs before visiting our cash bar before the banquet. At the President's Banquet, the new officers will be installed by our honored guest, the National President-Elect Gay Austin. Michael Homoya will present the evenings program **"Natural Indiana – Wilder Than You Think."** A quiz will follow and prizes will be earned. The evening will end with the TGCI Awards Chairman announcing the awards.

On Wednesday, the last two speakers will give you a reason to wake up and enjoy your free hotel breakfast for all registered hotel guests. Programs will be learning how the rehabilitation of the **"St. Joseph River-A Return to the Wild"** is progressing and discovering **"Your Wild Backyard,"** the wild things in our own backyards. This will also be your last chance to make purchases from the fabulous vendors, and to purchase raffle tickets for the gift baskets that each club in the North Central district has donated. The highlight of this day will be the scholarship luncheon and meeting our wonderful students from Purdue, Ball State and Indiana University.

Convention Chairman and North Central District Director, Valerie Bartels
Convention Co-Chairmen: Linda Harkleroad and Amy Freehafer
TCGI President, Sue Fuhrman

"A DOOR TO THE WILD SIDE"

Tentative Schedule

Monday, April 8

12:00-4:00 pm (CDT)	Registration	Riviera Room Lobby
1:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting	Monaco Room
2:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Monaco Room
5:00 pm	Dinner on your own	
6:30 pm	Painted Quilt Blocks—Jayne Kesler Lip Balm Seminar—Arleen Corson	Monaco Room Barcelona Room

Tuesday, April 9

6:30-9:30 am	Free breakfast for registered hotel guests	Timbers Restaurant
8:00 am-6:00 pm	Registration	Riviera Room Lobby
9:00 am-5:30 pm	Vendors open	Monaco Room
10:00 am	"Why Do Wild Sandhill Cranes Come Through Indiana?" Jim Bergens, Manager of Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife	Riviera Room

Lunch on your own

12:30-3:00 pm	Formal Opening of Convention and Business Meeting	Riviera Room
3:15-4:15 pm	"Raptors - Rehabilitating Wild Birds" - Aimee Pico, Director, Lake Milton Raptor Education Center	Riviera Room
5:00-6:30 pm	Cash Bar	Riviera Room
6:00 pm	Presidents' Banquet – Riviera Room Honoring Presidents, Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers "Natural Indiana - Wilder Than You Think" Michael Homoya, Indiana State Botanist/Plant Ecologist	

Wednesday, April 10

6:30-9:30 am	Free breakfast for registered hotel guests	Timbers Restaurant
8:00 am -12:00 pm	Registration	Riviera Room Lobby
9:00 am -12:00 pm	Vendors open	Monaco Room
8:45 am	Reconvene Business Session (if necessary) "St. Joseph River - A Return to the Wild" Daragh Deegan, Elkhart County Aquatic Biologist	Riviera Room
10:15-11:15 am	"Your Wild Backyard" Aaron Stump, Programs Manager, Indiana Wildlife Federation	Riviera Room
12:15-3:15 pm	Scholarship Luncheon	Riviera Room

A Door to the Wild Side

Hotel Registration Information

The TGCI Annual State Convention will be held at:
The La Porte Best Western Hotel and Convention Center
444 Pine Lake Ave., La Porte, IN 46350

Room rates are \$89.99 - breakfast buffet included.

This block of rooms and the rates are guaranteed until March 9, 2019.

Please tell them you are a part of the Garden Club State Convention.

**Convention attendees are required to make their own room reservations.
Call the hotel directly at 219-362-4585.**

Buffet breakfast is included in your room rate. Monday's dinner and Tuesday's lunch are on your own. The Timbers Restaurant is located in the hotel and there are many other restaurants that are a short drive nearby.



Once you arrive at the convention, register first for your hotel room.

The registration table will be open on Monday afternoon from Noon to 4 p.m.
The registration table reopens on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. until Noon.
Registration will again open after the business meeting until the banquet begins.
Registration for Wednesday will be from 8:00 a.m. until Noon.

**Vendors will be open on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
and Wednesday, 9 a.m. until noon.**

Please remember that LaPorte is on Central Time.

Check out page 13 for the information on the two Workshops that will take place at convention. "Painted Quilt Blocks" and "Making Your Own Lip Balm". Sign up for these classes on the registration page.

"A Door To The Wild Side"

Best Western Plus La Porte Hotel & Convention Center
444 Pine Lake Ave, La Porte, IN 46340 (219) 362-4585

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. 88th Annual State Convention April 9 and 10, 2019

Registration Form

(One Form per attendee. Please PRINT name as you want it to appear on nametag)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Check all that apply:

State Officer: _____ State Chairman: _____ District Officer/Chairman: _____ Club President: _____

Club Officer: _____ Club Member: _____ State Life Member: _____ Scholarship Patron: _____

Gold Star Member: _____ National Life Member: _____ Region Life Member: _____

Is this your 1st Convention? _____ National Board Member: _____ Region Board Member: _____

Honeywell Winner: _____ Consultants: Gardening Study: _____ Environmental: _____

Landscape Design: _____ Flower Show Judge: _____ Club appointed/elected delegate: _____

(see 2nd page for more info) Non-TGCI club member/spouse/guest: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact # _____

Please specify any special dietary needs: _____

Postmarked by 3-26-19 Postmarked after 4-2-19

Registration (members & spouses)	\$30.00 _____	\$40.00 _____
Registration (non-members)	\$35.00 _____	\$45.00 _____

President's Banquet	\$32.00 _____	\$32.00 _____
Choose one	Roast Beef _____	Chicken Marsala _____

Scholarship Luncheon	\$32.00 _____	\$32.00 _____
Choose one	Herbed Baked Chicken _____	Tortellini _____

Painted Quilt Blocks (limited)	\$35.00 _____	\$35.00 _____
Organic Lip Balm Workshop	\$25.00 _____	\$25.00 _____

Total Remittance: \$ _____ \$ _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 26, 2019. REGISTRATIONS AFTER APRIL 2ND ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

Mail Registration Form and Check payable to:

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. (Memo – Convention)

Wanda Zahrt
1247 Links Road
Winamac, IN 46996-9728
574-946-6547 dawbzahrt@gmail.com

Club Presidents: Please make sure to fill out the Memorial Service and Club Delegate information. Please send the information to the Convention Registrar listed above.

Club Delegates

Each club is entitled to delegate (s) based upon their current paid membership. Club Presidents are not automatically voting delegates and must be marked as delegates if wishing to be their club representative. Do NOT list any delegate that is already a voting member (i.e. State Life Member, Scholarship Patron, State Officer, and State Chairman)

Clubs with 1-24 members = 1 delegate
Clubs with 50-74 members = 3 delegates

Clubs with 25-49 members = 2 delegates
Clubs with 75 members or more = 4 delegates

Club: _____ District: _____

Delegate 1 _____

Delegate 2 _____

Delegate 3 _____

Delegate 4 _____

Memorial Service

Name of Deceased Member: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Number of years in Garden Club: _____ Special Honors (i.e. Honeywell winner, National, Regional, State and Club positions): _____

State Chairman:

Note your title and how much table space you will need for your display on bottom of this form.

A Door to The Wildside

Convention Speakers



WHY DO SANDHILL CRANES PASS THROUGH INDIANA?

JIM BERGENS is the manager of the Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife area and the former assistant manager at the Winamac Fish and Wildlife area. He is a 1975 graduate of Humboldt State University on the northern California coast. Jim will discuss the history of sandhill cranes in Indiana.



RAPTORS-REHABILITATING WILD BIRDS

AIMEE PICO is the director of Lake Milton Raptor Center in Jones, Michigan. She holds a bachelors degree in zoology and ornithology from the University of Akron. Her presentation will cover rehabilitating all species of wild birds. You can learn how these fine-tuned hunters use their skills. Bring your camera to get up close photos.



NATURAL INDIANA - WILDER THAN YOU THINK

MICHAEL HOMOYA is an Indiana State Botanist/Plant Ecologist with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). He has an MS degree from Southern Illinois University. His published works include Wildflowers and Ferns of Indiana Forests: A Field Guide and Orchids of Indiana. He will be your host for a challenging, fun-filled trivia game show on all things about natural Indiana. Join a team and compete for “big prizes” while learning about our natural world



YOUR WILD BACKYARD

AARON STUMP is the Habitat Program Manager for the Indiana Wildlife Federation. He has a degree in environmental science from IUPUI and is involved in photography. His discussion will concern all of the wild things in your backyard.



ST. JOSEPH RIVER - A RETURN TO THE WILD

DARAGH DEEGAN, the Aquatic Biologist for Elkhart, evaluates the health of the St. Joseph River. He has a bachelor’s degree in environmental science from Goshen College and a master degree in aquatic biology from IPFW. His presentation will highlight amazing fish that live in the waters of Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties while emphasizing recent history of the St. Joseph River.



Central East District welcomes an energetic group of people known as the **Gas City Garden Club**. They have been accepted into TGCI and we are so excited and pleased to welcome them. **Gas City Garden Club** was formed so that continuation of the beautification of their city and parks does not fall behind. Volunteers are necessary to replace the professional landscaper and so the birth of a club became a fact. There is a sincere dedication, within this club, pursuing already formed goals and willingness to follow through with them. **Gas City Garden Club** will be an asset to the community as well as to our state club. We wish them the best of green thumbs and strong backs bringing them great joy and satisfaction.

Workshop Presenters for Convention

PAINTED QUILT BLOCKS AREN'T JUST FOR BARNES!

Join JAYNE KESLER on Monday evening, April 8th to paint a 12x12 wooden quilt block. The quilt painting party will include the OMD trimmed and coated board, the quilt pattern, and paint colors of your choice. At the end of the evening you will have a unique folk art piece to decorate a shed, flower pot, or garden bed and you can apply the same techniques to paint a larger one of your own for your garage or barn. The cost is \$35 and the only thing needed to bring is a hairdryer.

LIP BALM WORKSHOP

ARLEEN CORSON will conduct a workshop to make your own lip balm on Monday evening, April 8th. She will include the materials needed: bee's wax, shea butter, sweet almond oil, and essential oil for flavoring as well as 5 lip balm containers, instructions and labels. The fee for the workshop will be \$25.00.

Sign up for these workshops on the Registration Page

INDIANA FLOWER & PATIO SHOW

MARCH 9-17, 2019

**Indiana State Fairgrounds
1202 East 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205**



SPECIAL TICKET PRICE -- 50% SAVINGS

Your cost -- \$7.50 each

Since The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. will be an exhibitor this year at the Indiana Flower and Patio Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, we are offered a special price of \$7.50 per ticket (\$15.00 is regular admission fee, which has increased from 2018).

Go to www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com Click on Buy Tickets, and enter under Promo Code: GCI. The price will change to \$7.50.

Please encourage all garden club members, family and friends to attend the show and use the promo code to purchase tickets online.

To volunteer to work in the booth, please call Rosie Springer at 317-846-1902.

Our TGCI Booth, #648, is located in Expo Hall, which is the same location as last year.

**The Board of Directors presents the following proposed amendment to
The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Bylaws:**

NOW READS:

TGCI BYLAWS, ARTICLE XIII-STATE MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Annual Convention

c.(1) The Host District shall be responsible for any deficit incurred from the Annual Convention. It shall retain surplus from the Ways and Means projects at the Annual Convention. Any surplus from the Annual Convention shall be allocated to the General Fund of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. The current Board of Directors shall decide the distribution.

AMEND BY DELETING LAST TWO SENTENCES AND INSERTING: Any surplus from the Annual Convention shall be allocated to The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. State President's Project Fund.

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WOULD THEN READ:

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If you need one more reason to attend the 88th Annual State Convention,

Door to the Wild Side

please register for the Scholarship Lunch. This is the time that you will meet face to face the students that you so generously have supported this past year. Also we have a surprise for you to enjoy from our National Scholarship Winner. A super lunch has been chosen and super students are going to sit with us and then share with us their future plans. I will look forward to seeing you there.

TGCI Scholarship Chairman

Joyce Bulington



Arts & Flowers Garden Club
“Through the Garden Gate”, Garden Expo
February 23, 2019
9 AM to 3 PM

Washington Community Building
Eastside Park, 310 NE 21st Street, Washington, Indiana
Vendors displaying garden décor and more!

Membership

As we close out our successful 2018 garden club year and begin our program and club plans for 2019, let's take some time to evaluate what activities worked well for our members and club and what changes are needed to make our club and membership stronger in the coming year. I recommend making a **pen and paper survey** to assess the activities and take suggestions for the coming year. What were favorite programs? Field trips? Activities? What new programs, field trips, activities, or changes would your members like in 2019?

A survey which involves the membership and their ideas will give the officers and program committee an opportunity to evaluate if the past year has served to motivate members and has prompted fresh ideas to keep the garden club motivated in activities and retention of members. Motivation is not an option; it is a necessity.

Is a positive attitude the overriding attitude of your club? If your officers foster an ambitious, supporting and positive atmosphere in your club, your members will feel encouraged to be a part of the movement forward of your club. Recognition of members for birthdays, holidays and most importantly good deeds in your club will go a long way toward making happy members. It also shows that you care and promote the feeling of being appreciated. Remember that you have a shared passion for gardening and learning. Recognize those who share new ideas and go beyond the call of duty. A single flower, seed packet, special gardening cup and many other original ideas you all have to share will make your members feel appreciated. Happy members are motivated to do good for your club.

One thing I hear often is that our garden club members are "aging out." If we are lucky, we'll all have that opportunity; however, we need to find ways to keep our members who can't kneel and dig as they used to because those members still have much to share in the clubs. Check in your community to see if you have younger clubs, i.e. Boy Scouts, school teams or clubs, 4-H clubs, that would lend a hand on the heavier jobs. You can donate to their clubs in exchange for their muscle working with you. It could be a win-win for all involved.

As you finalize your officers and programs, please make sure you take advantage of the new TGCI, Inc. bookmarks. Download them from Indiana Gardens or the TGCI, Inc. website and complete your club side to get the information about your meetings and contacts out in your community. Place the bookmarks in public places like libraries and churches. Inquire if businesses and restaurants have a spot available for the bookmarks.

Enjoy your winter rest and plant the seeds of ideas to keep your current members active and attracting new gardeners to your club. Consider starting a Facebook page and/or a newsletter with pictures to generate enthusiasm to make your 2019 club year the best it has ever been.

Jayne Kesler
Membership Chairman

Munster Garden Club

The Munster Garden Club entered a decorated tree in the annual W.A.N.I.S.S. fundraiser Festival of Trees at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, IN. Garden club members Pat Williams and Rita Powell worked together choosing a theme and decorating this year's tree.

At the annual holiday luncheon held at Briar Ridge Country Club, the garden club inducted their officers for the 2019-2021 term. Northwest District Garden Club Director Reggie Korthals performed the induction ceremony for the new board members and presented each new officer with a lovely Norway Spruce tree.

In the past six months, we were excited to see our membership grow extensively. The Munster Garden Club was thrilled to welcome 11 new members. We look forward to 2019 and the energy these new members will bring.

Mariellen Smith
Munster Garden Club Secretary



The club's tree that they decorated for the fundraiser.



The new officers induction ceremony.

Sponsorship Notices and Fees

Some questions have arisen lately about placing ads and notices in Indiana Gardens. As a benefit to the membership you are now able to place ads from clubs, districts, councils, schools and symposiums at no charge. There is a \$5 charge for individual members wishing to place a Special Angel notice, which is a personal note with 1-3 lines only. Outside groups wishing to advertise events or products must pay the set fees.

Spring Green Garden Club



On Dec 3, 2018 Spring Green Garden Club of Carmel, Indiana addressed the Carmel City Council on the issue of Monarch Butterfly conservation within the City of Carmel.

Currently, the Center for Biological Diversity attributes the decline in North American Monarch Butterflies to the loss of habitat stemming from land development and the widespread eradication of milkweed plants. Spring Green Garden Club feels that a few simple changes in local landscaping ordinances and policies can make a difference for the long-term survival of monarchs.

Spring Green Garden Club requested the Carmel City Council remove milkweed from the list of value-less plants in Carmel's Public Health and Safety Code, where it is currently listed in Common Weeds of the United States as an undesirable or value-less plant. Specifically, Spring Green Garden Club proposes a variety of native milkweed should be defined as Valued Plants, including:

- Asclepias syriaca (common milkweed)
- Asclepias incarnata ('ice ballet' swamp milkweed)
- Asclepias perennis (aquatic milkweed)
- Asclepias purpurascens (purple milkweed)
- Asclepias sullivantii (prairie milkweed)
- Asclepias tuberosa (butterfly weed)
- Asclepias tuberosa ('hello yellow' butterfly weed)
- Asclepias variegata (redring milkweed)
- Asclepias verticillata (whorled milkweed)
- Asclepias viridis (spider milkweed)
- Cynanchum laeve (honeysuckle milkweed)

Additionally, Spring Green Garden Club recommends convening city park and public works staff to identify opportunities for revised mowing programs and allow for milkweed habitats.

And direct city property managers to consider the use of native milkweed and nectar plants at city properties where appropriate.

In conjunction with their appeal to Carmel City Council Members, Spring Green Garden Club submitted a request asking Mayor James Brainard take the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge. This action has already been taken by 13 mayors in the state of Indiana, including Zionsville, Westfield, and Indianapolis.

This to be followed by the mayor and his staff working toward becoming a **Monarch Champion City** by taking these specific actions:

First, declare September 2019 "Monarch Butterfly Awareness Month" in the City of Carmel, in recognition of when monarchs begin their winter migration, passing through Indiana on their way to winter habitats.

Second, create a webpage providing information about planting monarch friendly backyards or container gardens as part of the National Pollinator Garden Network's Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, this is a program endorsed by the National Garden Club and the Garden Clubs of Indiana.

Finally, Spring Green Garden Club recommends using two or more roundabouts to establish Monarch Waystations with official signage.

Submitted by Cathy Weber

Project Monarch Chair



Arbutus Garden Club's Washington D.C. Trip Dec. 3 through Dec. 5, 2018

The Arbutus Garden Club had the field trip of a lifetime when thirty-two people went to Washington D.C. to see the sites and, in particular, the Christmas decorations at the White House. Our sixteen members, some with husbands, a few with sons, and even one grandson visited everything we came to see on our three-day sightseeing marathon.

On our first day, December 3, we checked into the Lombardy Hotel and then took a tour of the nearby Decatur House, which was built in 1818 and was the first house built in the White House neighborhood. That evening, we dined at the Old Ebbitt Grill. Two of my grandsons, who lived in the area, joined us for dinner, as did my son who came down from NYC, and, of course, the son who was on the trip with me, making my dinner especially delightful. After dinner, most of us took the lighted tour of all the monuments.

On December 4th, we had reservations to tour the entire White House except for the private quarters. The decorations were fabulous, every tree was fresh, and each room had its own charming theme. And yes, the all red entrance was spectacular and beautiful too with red trees of different heights filled with red berries. We toured the White House for about an hour and a half.

After the White House, some of us went to the Capital Building where we waited in line for more than an hour to see President George H. W. Bush lying in State. As we stood near the casket, we found ourselves only a few feet from Senator Dole as he was lifted from his wheelchair and saluted the dead President. A very moving moment! Others, not wanting to wait in line, went to the National Portrait Gallery. The whole group met for lunch, arranged by Senator Todd Young, in the Senate Dining Room. On our way to the dining room, we ran into Senator Donnelly and had our picture taken with him. For dinner, we ate at 1789 in Georgetown and then on to the Ford Theater where we saw "The Christmas Carol."

On December 5th, we were treated to a tour of the Vice President's office. Unfortunately, Vice President Pence wasn't there because he was attending ceremonies honoring George H. W. Bush. We were, however, invited to the Bible study he holds every Wednesday morning and we took many photos of the flags and other memorabilia in that room. Later, some of us visited Arlington Cemetery, walked among the crosses and stars of David, and watched the changing of the guard.

We felt we had been in a wonderful whirlwind which reinforced our love of this country and made us want to return to our capital soon.

Sharon T. Terry
President of Arbutus Garden Club

*A special Thank You to Jamia Jacobsen and Senator Todd Young
and staff for making this possible.*



Hendricks County Garden Club

The Hendricks County Garden Club wishes fellow gardeners a Happy New Year with many blooms and no weeds in your gardens.

We are looking forward to a busy year with projects to complete and educational programs to keep us informed on new gardening techniques. In December we visited the Indiana Historical Society to view the Festival of Trees. What a great day!

“Happy New Year In 2019”



**Deloris Elza
President**

PLANT IT PINK for Spring

Cosmos

There are many names for cosmos: Mexican asters, cut leaf, etc. Cosmos are daisy-like flowers that come in different shades of pink, are drought tolerant, and love hot weather. Usually they grow one to two feet tall; some with double flowers and some with semi-double. They are low maintenance plants.

Plant seed after last frost and once soil temperature is above sixty degrees. They also need sun, are annuals, but can reseed. Cosmos grow easily in containers; they also attract bees and butterflies.

“Think Pink and try Cosmos this year”

**Deloris Elza
Plant it Pink Chairman**

Sages Garden Club

At the November 14th meeting of Sages Garden Club, members created decorations for the Celebration of Nature Art Event at Eagle Creek Park. They hot-glued dried sweet gum balls onto Styrofoam cones to replicate pine trees and also hand-crafted bows from several rolls of red ribbon. The bows were added to the artwork display, along with freshly cut pine branches from Altums Garden Center, which were selectively woven in the framework of the vertical display structure. A food table for the artist's reception was lined with the Club's handmade, cone-shaped trees. Members volunteered their time decorating the Earth Discovery Center at the end of November. They then returned after the New Year to take them down and store them away for next year's event.



For the December meeting, Sages Garden Club members enjoyed a Christmas celebration with a pitch-in of heavy hors d'oeuvres, soup, desserts, and beverages. All members in attendance enjoyed the evening and admired the host's beautiful Christmas tree, Dickens Village display, and her blooming, pink Christmas cactus.



Sages Garden Club members at their Christmas gathering include: (back row, L-R) Marcia Holcomb, Debbie Oatis, Ka Freeman, Carolyn Stewart, Debbie Wampler, and Cindy Martin; (front) Julie Brunette and Beth Frailey.

Cindy Martin
President

Sages Garden Club



#1 - Sages Garden Club members decorated the Eagle Creek Park's Earth Discovery Center for their Celebration of Nature event and Artist's reception. Pictured are Mary Elizabeth Rudd, Carolyn Stewart, Beth Frailey, Marcia Holcomb, and Julie Brunette.

#2 - Decorations provided by Sages Garden Club.

#3 - Beth Frailey putting up decorations around the artwork displayed at the Celebration of Nature event at Eagle Creek Park.

#4 - Carolyn Stewart hanging a wreath at the window in the Earth Discovery Center at Eagle Creek Park.

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If you belong to Facebook then you can put in the name of a garden club at the top of your page and you will be directed to that club's page. If you don't belong to Facebook and put in a club's name at the top, you will have to log in or sign up if you want to see all of that club's page.





In Loving Memory



Crown Point Garden Club has lost one of its most dedicated members. Karen Shook was a member of the Crown Point Garden Club since 2001. She served as Vice President for 3 years and President for 2 years. Karen was instrumental in the club's partnership with Meals on Wheels, chairing such projects as the May Baskets, Christmas Tray Favors & Valentine's Day Favors. She was co-chairman of the Crown Point garden walk for several years and was in charge of the Pond & Garden Show Booth in 2011. Thank you Karen for your devotion to Crown Point and the Crown Point Garden Club.



Helen Meads Sherrier, 88, of Carmel, Indiana passed away December 6th 2018. Helen attended Pratt Art Institute in New York City. She was a founding member of Spring Green Garden Club where she had served as president in 1978-79, 1988-90, and again in 1994-96. Her floral arrangements and wreath creations garnered many awards in local and state flower shows.



Marjorie Hendrickson Kippel, 87, passed away at her home in Boonville, IN. Marjorie was co-owner with her husband Bill in the automotive parts business for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Order of Eastern Star, Boonville Garden Club and the Boonville Home Economics Club.



Tamara Lee Hall, age 70, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2019. She graduated from IUN with both Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education. She described herself as a "Christian, Wife, Mother, Sister, Friend, Reader, Gardener and was working on thinking of more. Her passions and interests were pursued throughout her life as a Master Gardener in the NWI Hosta Society and local Garden Clubs; through Portage Live Entertainment; Red Hat Society; Friend of the Dunes; and serving as a "Safety Net" to many. Tamara belonged to the Vale of Paradise Garden Club and the Duneland Garden Club.

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