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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 Garden Club Members across the state of Indiana.

“I once read that in a forest of a hundred thousand trees, no two leaves are alike. And no two journeys along the same path are alike.” Paule Coelho, Aleph

Welcome to fall! After our summer endeavors, cooler weather, colored leaves, pumpkins and squash are a welcome sight. You have all been “busy bees” during the past several months doing what you do best, saving the world. Now you can take another turn educating yourself and those around you during our cooler months.

I have enjoyed visiting clubs in all parts of the state during the past few months, and you are all endeavoring to Plant America in your own way. Each District of Indiana has a great deal of influence in their part of the world. We are proud of your efforts.

The National Garden Club Membership Committee is now using the slogan ***“Members Matter Most.”*** Many Indiana clubs have boosted their membership, maintained their membership, or reached out to the youth in their community. We have the tools to help you continue these endeavors.

Our State Membership Chairman is Linda Cornelius, linda.cornelius30@gmail.com. Our National Membership Chairman is Becky Hassebroek, BeckyHasse@aol.com. Reach out to them for assistance. We depend on our “flora and fauna” and we can help support them by strengthening and educating our members.

Let’s continue marching on in our own way to help protect the trees and our environment so we may continue enjoying the “no two leaves alike.”

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Facebook Club Pages

Boonville Garden Club

Broad Ripple Garden Club

Crown Point Garden Club

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Gas City Garden Club

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The Munster Garden Club

Vale of Paradise Garden Club

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Blue Star Memorial

As we begin President Leverett's term of office, let us commit to supporting the Blue Star Memorial Fund and to purchasing and setting more of the beautiful Blue Star Memorial Markers throughout Indiana.

We can keep increasing these markers honoring our Armed Forces in two ways. The first and easiest is to have a club donation to the Blue Star Memorial Fund to ensure that The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. has the funds to help garden clubs who need a little financial boost to purchase a marker.

The second way is to organize your club to sponsor a Blue Star Memorial in your community. As Blue Star Memorial Chairman, I will walk you through and answer any questions on the process that you might have. The National Garden Club has a helpful pdf booklet to help with the process as well. As I mentioned earlier, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. may also be approached for financial help in securing your marker.

Please get a discussion going in your club as to an appropriate place (gardens, parks, historical sites and areas, Veterans Centers) which would best display your club's appreciation for those men and women in the Armed Forces who have served, are serving, or will serve to keep America free.

Four Winds Garden Club and Broad Ripple Garden Club just completed their dedications in the last four months bringing our total count of Blue Star Memorials in Indiana to 60.

I had the honor of speaking at the Broad Ripple Garden Club's Blue Star Memorial dedication at the John W. Hensel Government Center in Carmel. Please enjoy the pictures of this 60th Blue Star Memorial Dedication ceremony.

Jayne Kesler
Blue Star Memorial Chairman

Blue Star Memorial Chairman Jayne Kesler and TGCI President Betty Leverett.

Broad Ripple Garden Club Members proudly displaying their Blue Star Memorial.

President's Project for 2019 – 2021
"Plant America With More Members"

"Go & Grow Award" - A $100 award will be given yearly in every district to the club with the largest number percentage-wise of members in attendance at their district meetings. The District Director will determine whether the spring or fall district meeting is more appropriate for the award. In districts where one club is the host club, it will be ineligible for the award that year. In districts where multiple clubs are responsible, all clubs will be eligible. The District Directors will submit the attendance record from the meeting. The Membership chair (2nd VP) will determine the club winners and announce them at the state convention. District Directors can then take the awards back to their meetings to distribute.

New member *gift* - Every month, clubs with new members (as evidenced by receipt of dues for current year) will have their club names placed in a "bowl" - one ticket for each new member. At the end of the month, the President's Project Committee will draw 3 names and a $25 *gift* will be awarded to each winning club. Those clubs not drawn each month will remain in the bowl for future possible *gifts*.

21% by '21 - The membership challenge from the NGC President Gay Austin is to increase membership "21% by '21." With this in mind, the districts, which have increased their membership by 21% or more by the end of President Leverett's term in 2021, will receive a $100 award.

Send me your gardening questions!

How do I fertilize my outdoor plants?
What kind of tools are needed for gardening?
How often should plants be watered?
What advice would you give to a new gardener?
Should I plant seeds or the small plugs?

This is just a sample of questions you may have.
Whatever the question, I should be able to answer
or "transfer you to a source that can".

Send your questions to me at: ruthtgci@yahoo.com

2019 INDIANA ACCREDITED FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

ACCREDITED JUDGES

1.	SYLVIA RILEY	1401 EAGLE VALLEY DRIVE GREENWOOD, IN 46143-9589	217-778-7435 sriley1@illinois.edu	12/31/20
2.	ELIZABETH WAGNER	875 WHITE HAWK DRIVE CROWN POINT, IN 46307	312-498-5996 Elizabeth_wagner@sbcglobal.net	EXT.6/30/19*

Elizabeth is awaiting an update from NGC to move to Life Judge, GS 12/22

ACCREDITED MASTER JUDGES

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2.	CAROL BRANSON	2016 MYSTIC BAY COURT INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46040	317-727-5307 cbranson4@comcast.net	12/31/20
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7.	BARBARA STAUCH	304 LAKEWOOD COURT AVON, IN 46123	317-272-4032 BSTAUCH826@ATT.NET	12/31/20
8.	EDIE DYER-WILSON	3852 E. CO. RD. 300 N SULLIVAN, IN 47882	812-397-2619 wowedie@aol.com	12/31/20

MASTER JUDGES EMERITUS

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Youth Programs

Youngsters participating in Garden Gate's ***"I Grow"*** program were enticed into joining the "Storybook Gardening" themed program by thinking about visiting Mr. McGregor's garden and ducking under a flower pot with Peter Rabbit, or helping Jack plant some "magic beans" and watching them grow into a tremendous bean stalk, or if those didn't intrigue them, how about walking back in early frontier Indiana days learning about the legend of Johnny Appleseed?

Diana Payne and Tia Carpenter took 35 youngsters traveling through nine different storybooks with gardening themes and provided hands on learning experiences through gardening, crafting and writing on the Peru Garden Club sponsored eight week program.

Diana gave our club a sample lesson on "Planting for Pets." We identified plants as to whether they were "toxic" or "safe" for pets, listened to a Clifford the Red Dog storybook, and learned pet protection recommendations from the ASPCA . The only activity we missed that the children experienced was drawing a pet around a packet of seeds in their "What I Know from ***"I Grow"*** keepsake book made in the classes.

Peru Garden Club has been the major sponsor of this youth program for three years. Each child gets a T-shirt and hands on help from our gardeners. At the end of the eight weeks we have shared time and talent with the children and hope their gardens are living happily ever after.

Garden Gate T-shirts

Keepsake Book

Learning to Plant for Pets

Diana Payne
Tia Carpenter
Youth Program Chairmen

Land Trust

Hello from the Land Trust project. Just wanted to gleefully inform you all that the butterfly trail project at Kankakee Sands Preserve in NW Indiana has completed. You all raised over $10,000 for this project!! And you did so in a quick two year time period. Amazing! We had slated this project to take at least four years!

This chairman went to visit that and the bison on the prairie in July. You would be most proud, and The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. was a big contributor to same. So THANK YOU! This wouldn't be possible without all the plant sales and generous donations you all made over the past two years to this project. Whether it was a club donation, a memorial or honorarium or even the "buck for a butterfly" it all came together wonderfully.

Now, what's next? What holds your interest? We will be in conversation with the Indiana Chapter of Nature Conservancy to determine what project will be a good fit. Our long standing cooperative effort has had impact on many areas of concern around Indiana including, but not limited to: the White River watershed, Indiana Bats, re-establishment of Indiana prairie and reintroduction of bison to balance the prairie eco-system. Please continue to support Land Trust projects and we will hopefully have a new project by January 1, 2020.

Sarah Nahmias

A new seedling milkweed.

Common milkweed

The Monarch trail.

And the buffalo roam...

WHY I FIND HUMMINGBIRDS SO FASCINATING
JAN KRUKEMEIER, SEPTEMBER, 2019

In Native American culture, hummingbirds are seen as healers and bringers of love, good luck and joy, and they are a sign of love and will bring love to the person who spots them.

Although I love all species of birds, I think the hummingbird has always been the most unique and amazing beautiful birds. Even though they are the smallest birds in the world, weighing roughly two to twenty grams, with the females being larger than the male, they have the fastest wing beats of any other bird, beating their wings over 1000 times a minute. Thus, the name hummingbird comes from the humming noise their wings make as they beat so fast. They are the only birds that can fly backwards, at times fly upside down and they have no sense of smell.

A hummingbird's brilliant throat color is not caused by feather pigmentation, but rather by iridescence in the arrangement of the feathers. Light level, moisture, angle of viewing, wear and tear and other factors all influence just how bright and colorful the throat may appear.

Hummingbirds cannot walk or hop, though their feet can be used to scoot sideways while they are perched. These birds have evolved smaller feet to be lighter for more efficient flying. They will use their feet for itching and preening, however.

Hummingbirds have 1,000 to 1,500 feathers, the fewest number of feathers of any bird species in the world. Not only do they not need as many feathers because of their tiny size, but fewer feathers also keeps them more lightweight for easier flight.

A hummingbird's maximum forward flight speed is 30 miles per hour. These birds can reach up to 60 miles per hour in a dive. Despite their small size, hummingbirds are one of the most aggressive bird species. They will regularly attack jays, crows, and hawks that infringe on their territory. Backyard birders often have one dominant hummingbird that guards all the feeders, chasing intruders away.

A hummingbird's flight is its most unusual behavior.

The migration of these tiny birds is amazing, with all the obstacles they have to deal with, but surprisingly there is order as they depart your backyard feeder for migration. Just before migration, their weight increases by 25 to 40 percent for extra fuel to travel.

Mature, male hummingbirds will be the first to migrate in order to secure the best spaces and strongest mates. By leaving first before the females and immature birds, the males do not have to compete for whatever fading flowers are left. Nor will they have to compete for other dwindling food sources. This gives immature birds enough time to gain necessary fat stores before they begin the journey south – most for the very first time. Female hummingbirds migrate 7 to 10 days after males.

They migrate alone to avoid being noticed by predators and sharing food resources. They migrate from mid-morning to early evening when the air is warmest, and during migration flights they stay low to the ground in order to spot food and resting places.

So, in closing, I will miss our beautiful hummer friends, but also look forward to continuing to observe our beautiful year-round residents -- cardinals and blue jays, house sparrows and house finches and goldfinches, chickadees and titmice and white-breasted nuthatches, downy, hairy, and red-bellied woodpeckers.

Herbs as Ornamentals

Herbs rate as some of our favorite and most beloved plants. They have been essential ingredients to cooking and medicine for thousands of years and even non-gardeners know their names. But what many gardeners often overlook is their potential as outstanding ornamental plants. Even if you never snip a leaf of oregano to toss in a pot of soup or slip sprigs of lavender into a linen drawer, herbs are worthy additions to the garden.

Basically, herbs have it all – flowers, foliage, texture, color, taste and fragrance. A traditional way to present herbs is in a structured form or kitchen garden, but they are just as well suited to a sunny informal border among perennials, annuals, and shrubs. Mix up their colors and textures among purple coneflower, small- to medium-size ornamental grasses, sedums, salvias, daylilies, dianthus, roses, and yarrow. And don't assume herbs are "just green." They produce an abundance of flowers and their foliage colors run the gamut from deep purple to blue, silver, dark green, chartreuse, and variegated. Basil alone has dozens of varieties, with an amazing range of colors, leaf sizes, leaf forms, and heights. A bed of just basil can look like a tapestry.

Herbs also fill the design roles of other ornamental plants. Towering, feathery fennel gives dynamic height and structure. For edging, try 'Boxwood' or 'Summerlong' basil or curly-leaved parsley such as 'Extra Curled Dwarf'. Thyme makes an ideal groundcover in a well-drained location and can be tucked between pavers/stones to create a fragrant pathway. Several herbs are evergreen and lend color to the garden even in winter.

You don't need a big landscape to enjoy herbs. Many have compact forms that are perfect for small-space gardens where there is ample sun and good drainage. Herbs also make ideal container plants. Place them individually in their own pots or mix them in a large planter or trough for a mini herb garden. When the season starts to cool down, simply move them indoors to a sun porch, a bright room, or a garage that gets plenty of light, and move them back out into the landscape the following spring.

The big bonus to all this beauty is the usefulness of herbs, particularly in the kitchen. And regular snipping benefits and refreshes the plants, leading to a flush of new foliage and often flowers as well. Another plus is that herbs are wildlife friendly. Pollinators are crazy about the blooms of all plants in the mint family--basil, lavender, rosemary, thyme, mint, oregano, sage, catnip, marjoram and savory. Some herbs are important host plants for butterfly caterpillars--black swallowtail larvae favor parsley, dill, and fennel.

Most herbs are easy to grow from seed, though they are also readily available as plants. When thinking about their locations in the garden, note whether they are annual or perennial, their cold hardiness, ultimate sizes, and will they continue to get enough sunlight as other plants grow and leaf out around them. Key is to plant them where you have easy access to harvest for frequent use. Just enjoy them!

Shirley Vargas
Broad Ripple Garden Club

World Gardening

While the name "World Gardening" may be misleading, all monies awarded from this fund are used by Hoosier garden clubs to benefit local communities. The funds may be used for:

1) Gardening, landscaping, beautification and/or restoration of civic areas.
2) Garden-related restoration efforts as a result of disasters.
3) Increasing access to safe drinking water.
4) Landscaping to beautify Habitat for Humanity properties.

Your contributions to World Gardening throughout the year are available to the district hosting the state convention. The district determines distribution of their grant and they have two years in which to complete their civic-related project/s.

Currently, the North West and North Central Districts are planning and implementing projects. The Central East District will be awarded funds after hosting the convention next April. Please consider a contribution before the deadline of December 1st. The contribution form is found on the TGCI website under ***ALL FORMS***. Please contact me for any questions or information. Thank you for your support.

Sharon Baldwin
Chairman, World Gardening
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Newburgh Garden Club

The Newburgh Garden Club has had an active and busy year. The project that excites us most continues to be the student garden at Castle Middle School North.

Our club has obtained grant money and made several upgrades and improvements this year. We enjoyed a visit to a member's lovely gardens this summer. Several of our members are Master Gardeners who also participated in that Garden Walk in June.

We are looking forward to our September meeting, with author, bird, and flower expert Sharon Sorenson as our speaker. We will have a Christmas luncheon in December, where officers will be installed for the coming year.

Venita Hooper
President

Boonville Garden Club

We planted annuals in planters at the Warrick County Museum, which involves keeping them watered as many of you can relate. We also mulch and keep the grounds in front of the old jail manicured, as well as the corner of First/Locust Streets.

We delight in planting marigolds with the kindergarten classes at Oakdale Elementary School, as much as the kindergarteners delight in having a plant to take home to mom on Mother's Day. It's always a lesson learned when they understand not all yellow flowers are sunflowers! Several students were excited to say they have helped their grandmothers plant flowers.

For National Garden Week we designed a display at the Boonville-Warrick County Library to promote joining a local Garden Club. We had past member Lynn Greenfield to join. Welcome Lynn!

If you haven't checked out our new Facebook page, please visit sometime and give us a like. Thanks to clubs of the SW District for your inspiration.

We visited Family Roots Nursery in Dale. It is interesting to hear their growth progress. They provide flowers to the beautiful French Lick Resort. Our latest outing was to Mulberry Jeans Accents in Newburgh where we enjoyed a Tea Party luncheon. It is fascinating to learn the many health benefits of drinking tea daily. Walnut Green must have been a favorite as that teapot was empty first.

Lastly, we will be presenting 3 books – The Tiny Seed, by Eric Carl to Oakdale Elementary in honor of our clubs last 3 presidents; Sue Cundiff, Ann Taylor and Betty Powers. Thank you ladies for your years of service.

Planting at Oakdale Elementary

National Garden Week Display

Spring Green Garden Club

On August 23, 2019 Spring Green Garden Club visited Public Greens, an urban, farm-market inspired eatery situated on the Monon Trail in Indianapolis. Public Greens employs a dedicated farmer for the block-long grounds, fully planted with crops and edible flowers used in the restaurant and in the feeding program of The Patachou Foundation. The menu featured locally grown produce and was followed by a self-guided tour of the block of gardens. Picture #1

Spring Green Garden Club toured the day lily garden of Shirley Toney of Johnson County Garden Club in Franklin, IN on July 6, 2019. Toney's collection of 350+ types of day lilies is nationally recognized.

Visiting Public Greens.

Touring the day lily garden.

Cathy Weber

Dyer Garden Club

The Dyer Garden Club maintains 2 in ground plant sites in Dyer and members bring flowers from their gardens and then make flower arrangements for Meals on Wheels clients in Dyer.

At Easter members collected non-perishable food items which were donated to St. John Township food pantry along with a $25.00 gift certificate for Walt's Grocery Store. We also donated seed growing kits to the Dyer Parks Department for their Easter Egg Hunt.

The Club met at a local restaurant for their spring dinner meeting. They also toured a club member' s garden and toured the garden of a club member' s cousin.

Mary Hoppe
President

Vale of Paradise Garden Club

The Vale of Paradise Garden Club visited the ***"Glory in the Flower",*** which is a daylily farm in Valparaiso. They took a tour through the property and walked through the many varieties of daylilies. The owner also told the group how she started collecting this lovely flower.

In August the members went to the Garfield Park Conservatory in Chicago which is one of the largest and most stunning botanical conservatories in the nation. Every year different plants are showcased in new arrangements, all of which were grown at the conservatory. The group ate at the Inspiration Kitchens which is a restaurant that has a 12 week culinary training program for students. It's run by a nonprofit that's combating homelessness.

Garfield Park Conservatory

The hungry group.

The club meeting in September was held at Brinka Cross Gardens, Michigan City, IN and afterwards we toured the property. Porter County Parks and Recreation purchased the property to create a public park. The gardens boast 400 different types of hostas, 450 varieties of daffodils, 25 kinds of crab apple trees, 40 cultivars of ornamental grasses and 25 varieties of forsythias.

Mudlarks Garden Club

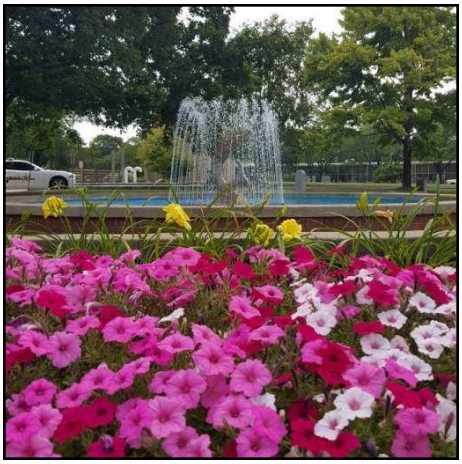
Celebrating 50 Years of Mudlarks, A Garden Club of Bartholomew County

In 1969, nine young Bartholomew County women were searching for a garden club to join. Finding no vacancies locally, they decided to organize their own club and selected MUDLARKS as their name. With sponsorship by Flower Lane Garden Club, they became affiliated with The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. Fifty years later, the Mudlarks enjoy a membership of 20 active members, three of whom are founding members of the club.

Within the first year of existence, Mudlarks began their community beautification project of planting and maintaining the gardens at the Bartholomew County Courthouse now including the Bartholomew County Veterans Memorial. The scope of the project has expanded and changed over the years with members encouraging the building of the bicentennial fountain and seating area and donating the leaping limestone bass sculpture. Members also served on the design committee for the Veterans Memorial and continue to have representation on the governing board. Mudlarks proudly continue to plan, plant and maintain the raised brick beds along Third Street and along the walkway on the south side of the courthouse, our gift of beauty to the community.

To educate club members in horticulture and floral design, Mudlarks held workshops and their first flower show in 1970 and have followed with one every two years since. The shows now provide an opportunity for members to share their knowledge and creativity, stimulate interest in garden clubs and educate the general public through exhibits and displays.

Sharon Baldwin
Mudlarks President



The Mudlarks Garden Club

Hendricks County Garden Club

Hendricks County Garden Club visited the breathtaking rose garden of John and Donna Hefner. John Hefner is one of the leading rosarians in the country, winning most every award in the rose society. Mr. Hefner provided many tips on growing and maintaining these lovely shrubs. Garden club member Phyllis Ballantine takes time enjoying the magnificent view of Mr. Hefner's Gardens.

We had lunch at the Olive Garden restaurant in Greenwood where good food and fellowship were had. Boarding our party bus we returned to Avon Library, where Darlyn Haskett, Children Specialist, greeted our group.

Mrs. Haskett's program of Investigation Destination was explained and her program on Monarch Butterflies. Avon library has a butterfly garden in which the butterflies' eggs that are laid on milkweeds, are harvested and put into a protective cage until they become a butterfly, then tagged and released. What a wonderful field trip for our Hendricks County Garden Club.

In August we celebrated the Hendricks County Garden Club 70th Anniversary. We planned a tea, bringing our favorite tea cup and saucer, wore our hats and gloves and enjoyed the day immensely.

Our speakers were Past Presidents Phyllis Ballentine and Judy Wessel. They relayed stories of past presidents and fun things that the club did in the past, and also spoke of accomplishments the club has achieved, and fun memories on our members we have lost.

Laura Kearby spoke about the Fall Seminar that the Central West District Club was in charge of, and we hope everyone had a good time.

All our committees gave a two minute report on what they have achieved and what the committee does so our new members will be informed on the duties.

It was a wonderful day and enjoyed by all!

Deloris Elza
Club President

The TGCI website has a "Calendar of Events". If you are in need of your district call letter and registration form, that is where you should get it from. Just click on the date next to your district and the page will open up so you can print it out.

You can also get the Award Application from the calendar. These need to be sent in by December 1, 2019.

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North Harbour Garden Club

The North Harbour Garden Club held a progressive dinner with a "Garden Walk" on June 26th. This was our way of encouraging potential new members to come and spend the evening to see what we are all about.

We started with appetizers at 6 p.m. at the home of Sherry Cartwright, then at 7 p.m. the main course at Norma Minion's home, and at 8 p.m., desserts and a brief business meeting at Fran Hartman's.

There were a lot of questions and answers, plus wanting to know what all we do in our development and the community. Why do we raise money by having a plant and mulch sale? What about the scholarships we continue to support . The Garden Club is very appreciative of our members for opening up their beautiful homes and yards. Did we get new members? Yes, so far this season our Garden Club has signed up 5 new wonderful ladies. We are very pleased. Have a great month!

Linda Franck
President

" Garden Walk Pictures 2019"

Iris - Elm Garden Club

Winamac's Iris-Elm Garden Club (federated in 1936) is the recent recipient of The Garden Club of Indiana's Amy Little Mason Wildflower Award for use of native plants and wildflowers in a civic project.

The award-winning pollinators garden is located at the Winamac Pathway Park's Freight Depot and is an on-going project in its second year. The state award and the club's fund raisers have funded this project. Garden club members, Pulaski County Sheriff's trustees and Key Bank employees have contributed their time in construction and maintenance of the garden.

Iris-Elm encourages everyone to visit the garden at 200 West Main Street and observe the variety of plants. You will be treated to butterflies and bees feeding throughout the garden.

A recent survey of the monarchs' congregation site in Mexico in 2018, revealed a 144% increase in monarchs over 2018. Iris-Elm has spotted 3 monarchs in their garden this year.

The club's next year civic improvement goal is to increase the pollinator garden and to plant dog-wood trees along the pathway to tie into the Blue Star Memorial at the Freight Depot.

Pollinator garden at 200 West Main St.

Blue Star Memorial at the Freight Depot

David Zahrt
President

Broad Ripple Garden Club

Broad Ripple Garden Club is proud to announce the dedication of a Blue Star Memorial, which took place on August 7, 2019 at the John W. Hensel Government Center in Carmel, Indiana.

Our garden club has dreamed of dedicating a Blue Star Memorial for a couple of years, and through hard work and determination, we are so proud that we were able to hold a beautiful dedication ceremony. In the past two years, Broad Ripple Garden Club members have donated monies to make this Blue Star Memorial become a reality. The National Garden Club of Indiana also provided a grant to our club to help with the cost of the memorial; we thank them very much for their monetary help and best wishes.

Mary Baker, Broad Ripple Garden Club Blue Star Memorial Chairman and Broad Ripple Garden Club President, Phyllis Grzeskowiak, were pleased to be working with Clay Township Trustee Doug Callahan and the City of Carmel; they were invaluable to our project. We had a very big turnout at the dedication, over 150 people attended...Carmel City dignitaries, veterans, friends, and garden club members.

A Welcome speech by Phyllis Grzeskowiak, President BRGC, acknowledged dignitaries in the audience and thanked the servicemen and women for their service, dedication and love of our country. Next, remarks from Nancy Heck (representing Carmel Mayor Brainard), thanked BRGC for placing our beautiful Blue Star Memorial in the city of Carmel. Blue Star Memorial Chairman, Jayne Kesler, spoke of the history of the Blue Star Memorial and then Betty Leverett, State President, The Garden Club of Indiana, spoke about the importance of the Blue Star Memorial in the State of Indiana. Both ladies had beautiful words to say about the Blue Star Memorial.

BRGC Blue Star Memorial Chairman, Mary Baker, then invited Clay Township Trustee Doug Callahan to join her and Phyllis Grzeskowiak at the Podium. At that time Mary announced the dedication of the Blue Star Memorial. As Mary Baker, Phyllis Grzeskowiak, Doug Callahan, Betty Leverett and Jayne Kesler unveiled the Marker, and the acceptance of the Marker by Clay Township Trustee Doug Callahan followed, rounds of applause arose from the audience.

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet played a "Tribute to Armed Forces" and the audience sang along to "God Bless America". A Benediction by Carmel VFW Chaplain was followed by "Taps", by an officer of the Carmel Police Department. Immediately after the ceremony, guests were invited to share some desserts and drinks and take a few minutes to reflect on the enormity of what we, Broad Ripple Garden Club, had accomplished!

We received Congratulatory letters from Vice President Michael Pence and Susan Brooks, U.S. House of Representatives, for Indiana's 5th Congressional District. The whole ceremony was professionally videotaped and a clip of the ceremony appeared on the local Fox TV station. News articles ran in the Broad Ripple Gazette, Carmel Topics and Noblesville Newspaper.

It has been a wonderful honor to have been involved in this dedication.

Phyllis Grzeskowiak
President

Crown Point Garden Club

The Crown Point Garden Club started in 1929. There have been 66 ladies that have been past presidents. Their 1st flower show was in 1930 and admission was .25 cents. In June of 1940, Mayor Collins issued a proclamation declaring “Garden Week” with special programs and special speakers.

Since the 1930’s the garden club has been making May baskets for the shut-ins. This project is still being done today. In 1993, club member Carol Drasga was successful in getting the “Stella D Oro” Day Lily named Crown Points official flower. The Crown Point Garden Club has many projects and activities going on. For their 90th year they were honored to be the Grand Marshalls in the 4th of July Parade.

As they reflect on this, their 90th year, they remember past members who paved the way for membership work of today. Hopefully, future generations will keep this club alive and growing with new ideas and new projects for the betterment of the city. Let’ s keep gardening alive till the end of time.

Sages Garden Club

At the July monthly meeting, members of Sages Garden Club travelled to the home of member Rita Kerner, and toured her hosta and flower gardens. Rita is a member of the Indianapolis Hosta Society and has won various hosta awards from that organization. Members enjoyed learning from Rita as she shared her knowledge of growing and caring for hostas (see photos).

In mid-July, two Sages members took a 2-day trip to Chicago with a group of local gardeners, mostly from the Fall Creek Garden Club. Leaving on Friday, July 19th, Julie Brunette and Cindy Martin traveled to downtown Chicago and toured Lurie Garden and Millennium Park, then went to the Chicago Botanical Garden later that afternoon.

The next morning the entire group spent several hours visiting the home and gardens of the Kurtis Conservation Foundation before heading to the Chalet Nursery & Garden Center in Wilmette, IL for lunch and shopping. Returning back to Indianapolis early that evening, the group had an enjoyable trip, despite the hot weather. It was fun meeting new friends, seeing beautiful gardens in and around Chicago, and bringing home new plants for our gardens. (To see more photos from the trip, visit the Club's Facebook page @SagesGardenClub.

The August meeting for Sages Garden Club was held at the Fitness Farm, 2525 West 44th St., Indianapolis. Sarah Adams, their Program and Wellness Coordinator, gave club members a walking tour of the farm and discussed what types of activities the farm has as well as explain what CSA's are (Community Supported Agriculture). Members also stopped at the event center which holds classes or special events. For more information, visit their website: www.FitnessFarm.org.

At the time of this submission, the invitations have been sent for the club's Pollinator Garden Dedication ceremony at the OrthoIndy Foundation YMCA on Saturday, September 14, at 9:30 a.m. The garden sign being installed will indicate the club's donation and their affiliation with TGCI. A reception for the dedication will be held in the community room following the dedication ceremony. Light refreshments will be provided, along with an educational hand-out from the Indiana Wildlife Federation on Native Plants.

Cindy Martin
President

The Members Garden Walk

Syracuse/Wawasee by Joyce Arleen Corson

Our Syracuse/Wawasee Garden Club walk this year was probably the most unique we've ever organized. Sixteen members participated, and five guests enjoyed the event on August 6, 2019. Each of the gardens was on a lake front, tributary or featured a water enhancement. I find it difficult writing about gardens and such, without talking history! Kosciusko County hosts the ending of one of the glaciers and there are kettle lakes, with Indian names, in many locations. Many, many glacial rocks are scattered near and far with many colors of the molten rock in our community. Our first garden (Arleen) was on Papakeechie Lake with a fresh water Tivoli inspired fountain and a collection of Monarchs in Ball jars!

A Water Fall surrounds the corner of (Pam S) home with enormous collection of SunPatiens. The area faces a channel that leads to Lake Wawasee. Garden 2

Lake Waubee hosted two porch scenes, one with a "bump-out" arrangement of SunPatiens and Hosta (Pam D), a beach front with annuals and perennials.(Rhonda)

The Syracuse/Wawasee Garden Club sponsors 30 baskets of hanging flowers during the summer months in down town Syracuse, located on beautiful Syracuse Lake. A watering schedule is shared with club members and the Park Department.

Friendly Garden Club

Friendly Garden club was rained out for a tour at Avon Gardens in June. So Gail Douglas's Christ Evangelical Lutheran church hosted the meeting. Hostesses Kay Bollinger, Millie Wilson and Peggy Martin provided a sack lunch for the 27 ladies that included Millie's homemade cookies.

Three guests visited and are interested in joining. Master Naturalist Colletta Kosiba provided a lovely program on "Monarch Wonders". Interested in a garden club? Call Colletta at 317-852-5973 for information.

Friendly Garden Club's members Gail Douglas & Colletta Kosiba lead a tour of the Medicinal Gardens for the twenty six participants of the July meeting.

Marion County Master Gardeners have created medicinal plant gardens outside the Indiana Medical History Museum, showing some of the plants that have been the source of medicines in the past and present.

Many of the miracle drugs of today are molecules or variations on compounds that were originally available from plant medicines. For example, Bayer aspirin (acetyl-salicylic acid) had its beginnings in 1897 from a compound that occurs naturally in the herbaceous perennial European meadowsweet.

Friendly Garden Club members spent their August meeting touring the Avon Out Door Learning Center with Jennifer Davies the Educational coordinator. Started in 1980s the OLC is on 7 acres, where students can put classroom information into real world practices. Most recently added are the vegetable gardens. Thousands of students take part in the educational programs provided by the OLC. Community partners to make this possible are Hendricks County Master Gardeners, Hendricks County Solid Waste, Duke Energy and the Avon Superintendent.

Colletta Kosiba

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