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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 all garden club members and welcome to 2020! A new and exciting year is ahead of us, and even though it may be hard to top the great year your club had in 2019, I'm looking forward to seeing what exciting adventures you and your members have in the coming months.

Planning your club projects for 2020 should be fun and rewarding. State-wide we have the Centennial of women's suffrage plantings working in conjunction with Indiana Humanities. Plan now to plant purple, yellow and white in your gardens.

Don't forget to take up the national challenge, "Each One, Plant One." National is challenging each member to plant one native tree in their community.

The President's Project, "Plant America With More Members" is in full swing, and several of our clubs have been awarded the new member gift. You don't want to miss out on being a part of this fun project, so let us know about your new members by contacting our state Membership Chair, Linda Cornelius, [linda.cornelius30@gmail.com](mailto:linda.cornelius30@gmail.com).

Our state will enjoy great events in 2020, starting with the state convention April 27-28 in Richmond, Indiana. This convention promises to be very informative as well as a lot of fun, so put this on your calendar and watch for upcoming registration information.

And, our fall event this year, the Wildflower Workshop, will be hosted by the Central District at Ft. Benjamin Harrison State Park in Indianapolis. You won't want to miss this great event.

The Garden Club of Indiana will have the privilege of hosting the Central Region Convention October 19-21, at the Essenhaus Inn in Middlebury. So, mark your calendars for all of these great events and I look forward to seeing you there.

As you work on your club membership don't forget to reach out to the National Membership Committee ([NGCMembership@gmail.com](mailto:NGCMembership@gmail.com)) for assistance. They have worked tirelessly coming up with ideas and suggestions to help you.

"Garden clubs are a "best kept secret." Don't you think it's time we remedied that?

See you soon,  
Betty

## Blue Star Memorial



The Garden Club of Indiana's Blue Star Memorial has had a good 2019. Our donations for the Blue Star Memorial Fund were \$1,145.00 for the year total. Those funds are available to help Indiana garden clubs with funds for Blue Star Memorial markers and Blue Star Memorial landscapes projects. I encourage clubs to make the commitment to set a Blue Star Memorial marker in your town or county. Our Armed Forces need a visible reminder that we are grateful for their service in the past and especially in 2020.

Two new Blue Star Memorial markers were set in 2019. We have Boonville Garden Club's new Blue Star Memorial marker to be set in the warmer weather in 2020. I will keep you informed as to the date and time selected for their dedication ceremony.

The Garden Club of Indiana will be working to rectify the I-70 East rest stop Blue Star Memorial which has fallen out of the responsibility of a local garden club. We will be contacting a local landscape company for their help in cleaning it out and planting it with shrubs and river rock. The Blue Star Memorial marker gardens send messages to families and veterans and must be kept up to show our respect.

Two clubs have applied for Blue Star Memorial Awards at the State level and possibly to be moved on to the National Garden Club level. Broadripple Garden Club received an award from Central Region for their marker setting and dedication ceremony in 2019. As you plant your gardens with Suffragist Centennial flowers and colors, please take pictures to document your ongoing projects or new planting projects. Our Awards Chairmen and I will work with you to see you get the recognition for your club patriotic efforts. Keep your local news and media outlets informed of your efforts. Share, share, share so the word is out that our federated garden clubs are impacting the communities and would indeed love to have new members.

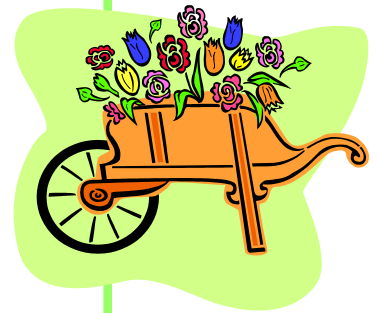
Please feel free to contact me with concerns your club may have or information they may need in setting up a Blue Star Memorial in 2020. It would be wise to get your requests in by our TGCI April Convention so you can take advantage of our help ordering before the price increase from Sewah Studios scheduled in May.

Again, I encourage you to DOCUMENT your work with photographs and SHARE with your local media to let the communities know the respect we are committed to for our Armed Forces around the world.

**Jayne Kesler**  
**Blue Star Chairman**

## **INDIANA FLOWER & PATIO SHOW**

**MARCH 14-22, 2020  
Indiana State Fairgrounds  
1202 East 38<sup>th</sup> 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 online price of \$7.50 per ticket (\$15.00 is regular admission fee).

Go to [www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com](http://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 #651 is located in Expo Hall.

## **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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ruthtgci@yahoo.com)**

# National Garden Clubs Project



Walnut



Birch



European Beech



Eve's Necklace



Buckthorn



Walnut



Birch



European Beech



Eve's Necklace



Buckthorn

## Plant America With Trees - Each One Plant One

National Garden Club members are encouraged to reach out to members of their communities in the “Plant America with Trees” effort as we hope to plant at least 165,000 trees in each year of the 2019-2021 administration. All it takes is for **“Each One” (member) to “Plant One” (native tree)**.

The National Garden Club initiative, “Plant America with Trees”: Each One Plant One reaches far beyond the physical planting of trees. Increasingly, studies are finding that climate change understandably causes depression. Not only are even the best prospects pretty grim but the large scale of problems can be overwhelming. For example, planting 165,000 trees in one year, and the example this sets in our communities, can be empowering.

Even planting a single tree in a small garden provides an opportunity to talk with neighbors about choosing a tree, planting a tree and nurturing that tree. However large or small your tree-planting project may be, it is important to look for ways to incorporate community education into your plans.

Report your tree planting to our Indiana Tree Chair, Laura Kearby, [laurakearby@hotmail.com](mailto:laurakearby@hotmail.com), and let's see our many native trees Indiana can plant by 2021.

## What's new with Land Trust??

After a highly successful year of wonderful donations from you and your clubs, we have been able to retire the project of the butterfly trail at Kankakee Sands preserve. As you saw in an earlier report this was two years ahead of schedule and all due to great enthusiasm of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. and members. **THANK YOU ALL.**

Now it is time for a new project. At the December board meeting a couple of different options were presented and with great excitement, the following was adopted as our next Land Trust project.

We are going to divert for a couple of years to partner with Central Indiana Land Trust, Inc. for a specific project. This new project will entail our purchase of trees (roughly 14000 of them) to be planted at property adjacent to Meltzer Woods in Shelby County. Meltzer Woods is a property already under management by CILTI (Central Indiana Land Trust) and had true old growth forest - one of very few stands left in Indiana. Having hiked there several times, I can only tell you how amazing and wonderful it is. By the way, it is open to the public and you may want to take your garden club there for a hike this spring!

So, the new project: CILTI is working on finalizing the purchase of farmland adjacent to the property with the intention of planting it with Indiana natives to reestablish a forest similar to what would have once been there. Our part will be covering the cost of the trees. Needless to say (it's trees) I am very excited about this project. It also coincides nicely with the National Garden Club effort to "Plant America" and specifically their challenge to plant trees during this administration. Whether we will qualify to apply for the grant or award likely will depend on timing, but regardless we are aligned nicely with a fabulous win win project!

So, once again, I will try to motivate you all to consider donations to Land Trust as you prepare your annual budgets. Everyone wins when we work with nature!

**Sarah Nahmias**  
**Land Trust Chairman**

**The TGCI website has a "Calendar of Events". If you have an event coming up, please send that information to me and I'll put it on the "Calendar of Events".**

**Gloria Notaro**  
**[gnotaro@mail.com](mailto:gnotaro@mail.com)**

**If you haven't been on the website lately, here's the address to use.**  
**[www.gardenclubofindiana.org](http://www.gardenclubofindiana.org)**



**Central East District**  
Invites you to  
**The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.**  
**89th Annual State Convention**  
**April 27- 28, 2020 at the Richmond Holiday Inn**

*"Dancing with Nature"*

All garden club members *Dance with Nature* on a regular basis. We move a shade loving plant out of the sun, we water because we have been in a drought, and we just want to be outdoors breathing the air, soaking up the sunshine and listening to the sound of the critters. With that in mind, Central East District is pleased and excited to invite all members and non-members to our annual state convention.

Sunday will be a casual day of viewing project exhibits, reuniting with friends, and giving our creative side an opportunity to come out and play. There will be a Paint & Canvas opportunity and an opportunity to learn and make an origami project. There will be groups of friends visiting in the lobby and plants to view in the hallway.

Monday will be a busy day for note taking, intense listening and photo opportunities. Ways & Means will offer quality merchandise, raffle baskets and the chance to purchase those plants you have been hungering for. We will have two authors selling books, a floral designer giving all sorts of tips and design possibilities, and a former National Garden Club president sharing her "sightings" around the world.

At the banquet we will be *"Putting on the Ritz"* preceded by visiting Betty's Bar. Honors will be acknowledged, and awards given. Our own Jodi Meyer, the 2019-2021 Central Region Director, will be our honored guest.

Tuesday will be a more laid-back casual day starting with a Q & A session and a program full of surprises. Our lunch *"Dance Party"* with the treasured scholarship students is our finale to a well-planned convention.

Bring your spouses, your friends, Master Gardeners, and even your crabby neighbor. Richmond is a pretty town with an interesting historic downtown, an Arboretum, Cope Environmental Center and the famous Rose Garden. When you come east on I-70 you will find a great candle shop that is worth a quick break, and then the hotel is right off the next exit. When you arrive, you will be greeted by members of Central East District. They are friendly, have a good sense of humor and occasionally laugh at my jokes. The unexpected and fun will be unexpected and fun.

Make your reservations, registrations, and pack your bags with expectations and anticipation, because we enjoy *Dancing with Nature* and hope you will also.

**Betty Leverett, TGCI President**  
**Convention Co - Chairs**      **Joyce Bulington & Evelyn Villarin**



# Dancing with Nature

## Tentative Schedule

### Sunday, April 26 (EDT)

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Registration	Hotel Lobby
TBD	Executive Board Meeting	Richmond A
TBD	Board of Directors Meeting	Richmond A
5:00 pm	Dinner on your own	Multiple choices
6:30 pm	Paint and Canvas (historic downtown)	Paint the Towne
	Origami	Richmond B

### Monday, April 27 (EDT)

6:30 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast on your own	Your choice
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Registration	Lobby
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Ways & Means*	Richmond B
*Ways & Means will <u>not</u> be open during programs or business meeting		
9:00 am - 10:00 am	<b>"I Didn't Know That"</b> John Turner-Grey, Retired Professional Florist	Richmond A-B
10:00 am - 11:00 am	<b>"Gardening Tools Beyond the Hoe"</b> Carol Michel, Horticulturist and Award-Winning Author Books will be available for sale	Richmond A-B

### Lunch on your own

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>Formal Opening of Convention and Business Meeting</b>	Richmond A-B
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	<b>"BUGS: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly"</b> Judy Burris & Wayne Richards, Naturalists, Authors and Professional Photographers Books will be available for sale	Richmond A-B
4:15 pm - 5:45 pm	Ways & Means (Ways & Means will not be open during meeting)	Richmond B
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Cash Bar	Exhibition Hallway
6:00 pm	Presidents' Banquet	
	<b>"Inspired by Nature"</b> Sandy Robinson, Gardener, Former NGC President	

### Tuesday April 28 (EDT)

6:30 am - 8:45 am	Breakfast on your own	Your choice
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration	Lobby
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Ways & Means*	Richmond B
9:00 am	<b>"Q &amp; A"</b> TGCI Board Members	Richmond A-B
10:00 am - 11:00 am	<b>"In the Garden"</b> Ron Wilson, Radio Personality sharing new trends	Richmond A-B
12:15 pm - 3:15 pm	Scholarship Luncheon	Richmond A-B

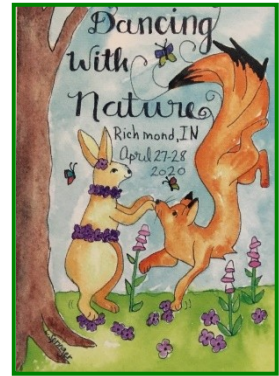
# *Dancing with Nature*

## **Hotel Registration Information**

The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of TGCI  
will be at the

### **Holiday Inn Richmond**

6000 National Rd. E., Richmond, Indiana 47374



Room rates are \$99.00 breakfast not included

Breakfast pass available for \$10

Breakfast and Dinner available in dining room

**This block of rooms and the rates are guaranteed until March 26, 2020.**

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

**Please call the hotel directly at 765-488-1975** to make room reservations.

**DO NOT** use discount services or we will lose booking credit count.

The rooms are limited to 2 before up charge, have a coffee maker, microwave and mini fridge.

April 26th, Sunday dinner and April 27th, Monday lunch are on your own. There is a dining room in the hotel for breakfast and dinner only, and many places within 6 blocks.

Once you arrive at the convention, check with the hotel and then the TGCI registration table which will be open on Sunday afternoon from noon to 4:00 pm.

The TGCI registration table reopens on Monday at 8:00 am until 12:00 pm and again at 3:00 pm. On Tuesday, the hours are 8:00 am until 10:00 am.

You must be registered to attend meetings, programs and/or meals.

***See you at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Richmond***

# *Dancing with Nature*

Holiday Inn Richmond  
6000 National Rd E, Richmond, Indiana 47374

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.  
89<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention

**April 27-28, 2020**

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_ Central Region Life Member: \_\_\_\_\_

National Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Central Region Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Honeywell Winner: \_\_\_\_\_

Consultants: Gardening Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental: \_\_\_\_\_ Landscape Design: \_\_\_\_\_

Flower Show Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-TGCI club member/spouse/guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your 1<sup>st</sup> Convention? \_\_\_\_\_ Club appointed/elected delegate: \_\_\_\_\_ (see 2<sup>nd</sup> page for more info)

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Postmarked by April 9:**

### **Late Registration:**

Registration (TGCI members & spouses)	\$34.00 _____	\$40.00 _____	
Registration (non-members)	\$40.00 _____	\$45.00 _____	
President's Banquet	\$27.00 _____	\$32.00 _____	
Scholarship Luncheon	\$20.00 _____	\$25.00 _____	
Paint the Canvas	\$20.00 _____	\$20.00 _____	limited to first 30
Origami Flowers	\$ 5.00 _____	\$ 5.00 _____	no limit
Total Remittance:	\$ _____	\$ _____	

**NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 9, 2020 POSTMARK.**

**NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 15.**

## Mail Registration Form and Check payable to:

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. (Memo – Convention)  
Ruth Bane  
2009 Willow Grove  
Centerville, IN 47330  
765-855-5450 Rhbane39@aol.com

**Club Presidents:** Please make sure to fill out the Memorial Service and Club Delegate information below. 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, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

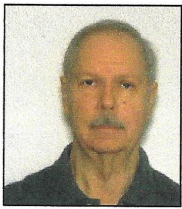
Number of years in Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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.





## ***"Twist and Turn"* with John Turner- Grey... With you thinking, "I Didn't Know That"**

John has worked in the floral industry for over 47 years. He has worked in greenhouses, flower shops, wholesale floral suppliers and growers. He won his first design competition at the age of 15 when he competed against professional florists in the Indiana State Florists Association convention in Indianapolis, winning several trophies and ribbons in 4 categories.

John has won 60 national and international design awards, including FTD's Designer of the year twice, Teleflora's Designer of the Year twice, third place in the America's Cup and Illinois State Florists' Association Designer of the Year. John was Education Chairman for the FTD District 5 A and B (northern Illinois/Chicago) for many years and was elected to American Institute of Floral Designers. His design work is published in several countries and has helped over 4000 brides celebrate their wedding days.

John became a member of Petal & Stem Garden Club 3 years ago when he moved to Richmond from Denver. John spends his days working in his yard and home, reading, painting, and giving his dog, Mitzi Louise with the Hairy Knees, her daily sausage muffin. When John counts his blessings, he counts the members of Petal & Stem Garden Club twice.

He will share design and practical gardening tips, hints, and trends during his program...as well as his sense of humor. A great beginning to a fresh new day while he is *Dancing with Nature* amid flowers.



## ***"Rumba with your Rakes"***

### **After Carol Michel tells us about Gardening Tools Beyond the Hoe**

Carol J. Michel is the award-winning author of a trilogy of gardening humor books and one children's book. With degrees in horticulture and computer technology, she spent over three decades making a living in healthcare IT while making a life in her garden.

I consider myself a gardenangelist, an evangelist for gardening who loves gardening and wants others to love it, too. (Yes, I made up that word!)

I've been gardening in some capacity my entire life, starting as a toddler following behind my dad as he planted peas every spring. I wore out the gardening books at my local library by checking them out repeatedly. And there still might be a spoon or two - my childhood digging tool of choice - buried in the backyard. Carol is also the keeper of the world's largest hoe collection.

Her awards have come from several organizations, including GardenComm; Garden Communicators International; National Federation of Press Women; and National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Her library is a sanctuary for old gardening books. You will be looking forward to working with your tools and *Dancing with Nature*.



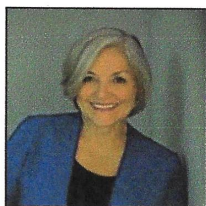
## ***"Jitterbug Jitterbug"* Judy and Wayne after telling us about BUGS: The Good, the BAD and the UGLY.**

You will remember **Judy Burris** and **Wayne Richards** from their entertaining and educational Monarch Butterflies program at the Wildflower Workshop in Marion 5 years ago. Judy and Wayne live in northern Kentucky just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati and are coming to Indiana to educate us about bugs.

They are Naturalists sister-brother authors and photographer team. As adults, their childhood interest in animal and plant life has translated into a nearly full-time devotion to gardening, specifically to support butterflies in every stage of their development, and photographing these miraculous creatures in our own backyard butterfly gardens.

They enjoy teaching others about flower gardening, nature photography and butterfly life cycles. Over the years they have also documented the life cycles of many other insects including lightning bugs, giant silk moths, ladybugs, lace wings, praying mantis, and others so they decided to write a book about those.

*The Secret Lives of Backyard Bugs* won the National Outdoor Book Award (NOBA) and a Teacher's Choice award. They have published articles in many papers and magazines, many times with their own photography. A must attend program that will be remembered for months to come, especially when you are *Dancing with Nature's* bugs.



## ***“Waltzing the World”* with Sandy Robinson who is Inspired by Nature.**

Sandy has many fond memories of her travels as a garden club member and the people she met along the way. The experiences are numerous, and all left an impact on her. Sandy is a former National Garden Club President, a wife, mother and grandmother as well as an avid gardener, voracious reader and cognizant of many environmental issues.

Sandy has traveled all over this country, Mexico, Central and South America, and other countries to represent NGC but also many other places for her adventurous enjoyment. Sandy makes friends everywhere she goes and makes her home with her family in London, Kentucky.

At her instigation the Frightened Frog Book was born. Now she has an entire frog population in her home on walls, shelves and probably even in drawers.

Sandy comes to us to share some of her sightings while traveling, her shared experiences that were unexpected and surprisingly rewarding and her excitement viewing many gardens large and small. She will be expanding our vision of the world and we will be glad that we are *Dancing with Nature* and belonging to a federated garden club.



## ***“On Pointe”* with Board Members Questions asked - Questions answered Audience Participation Required**

Have you been wondering why, when, what do you mean? Now is the time to get your questions answered? The board will have had their sleep, their caffeine fix and their smile on and you will be armed with questions. If you are shy, just turn in a question on a folded note ahead of time. If you are not shy, just blurt it out. Someone on the board will know the answer or maybe even someone in the room will share with all of us. There are no dumb questions, no cost, no fine and all of us will learn. Financial questions, questions about our state projects, what do we do at Board meetings, or why do we even have to have an annual meeting anyway?

Think of your questions, ask them and then watch us squirm, deflect or make a funny face - but we will answer. Just please ask garden club related questions and nothing intimately personal. Censorship and a sense of humor along with a genuine curiosity is mandatory. The board wants to know what you want to know and a chance to share their insights while listening to your questions. Bring your sense of humor, your inquisitiveness and your curiosity. We will all leave with a better understanding and appreciation for why we are and who we are in a casual setting with friends. This will be a casual time for casual conversation with friends. Finish packing your car, your shopping at the ways and means boutique after breakfast and join us while we are *Dancing* with you and with your questions.



## ***“Do You want to Dance?”* In the Garden with Ron Wilson**

Join gardening expert Ron Wilson for this fast paced, open formatted, very casual conversation about “gardening” what’s hot, what’s not, new plants or products, timely tips, points to ponder, and who knows what else! Bring your gardening questions!

Ron Wilson, Your Personal Yardboy, attended the University of Kentucky and is a graduate of Ohio State University with a degree in Landscape Horticulture. He is a past ONLA President, was awarded the ONLA Distinguished Contribution Award and is serving on ONLA Committees. He is a recipient of the Garden Club of Ohio Citation Award. I have it on good authority that Ron is a popular speaker on the garden club circuit.

Ron hosts a radio show called “In the Garden with Ron Wilson” every Saturday from 6am til 9am on 55KRC in Cincinnati. He also does a nationally syndicated program called “Yardening” on Saturday evenings 10pm-12pm on 610WTVN, Columbus.

Bring your sense of humor, your hunger for knowledge, and your ability to listen. You may or may not take home a surprise, but you will leave for home thinking it was a worthwhile program. A winning finish to our *Dancing with Nature* for you.

## Sunday Options



Paint & Canvas is an opportunity to paint a wind-blown dandelion on canvas at the cost of **\$20 per 8x10 canvas**. This is a fun challenge for 30 persons and will have instructor Maria Haber to assist. This will take place off location. It will be in historic downtown Richmond at **Painte the Towne** across from a highly recommended restaurant.

Dinner at the historic Firehouse in the Richmond Depot District is located at 400 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The oldest firehouse in Richmond has been converted into a fantastic restaurant. The décor pays homage to the recording history in Richmond.

The menu features all Hickory featured meats and a favorite dessert of many is the Banana Pudding and alcoholic beverages. Reservations are needed for the painting class.



For those who want to stay at the hotel, there will be **Origami** instructor, Megumi Wedig for to assist in a make it, take it project. You will be given paper and instructions for a **\$5.00** fee and then be able to take home an origami flower.

There are **multiple restaurants** within 6 blocks, or you may stay and eat in the hotel dining room. You will have time to eat and return for the Origami class if you leave the location.

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## Broad Ripple Garden Club

The members of Broad Ripple Garden Club extend their good wishes to everyone for a Happy New 2020!

We celebrated the holiday season and our friendship at our Annual Holiday Party, which took place on December 6 at Crooked Stick Golf Club. We had a big turnout of 20 members, plus we were thrilled to have three guests in attendance. Later that afternoon, the three guests became new members of Broad Ripple Garden Club!

After a brief Business Meeting, we enjoyed a delicious lunch menu. Our Past-president Jan Kruke-meier shared her newly written rendition of A Partridge In a Pear Tree. (We have such talented members in our club!). Then the fun began with a gift exchange; a 'stealing' gift exchange to be exact. It provided a lot of excitement and laughs! We had a great time and we even got a picture of the whole group of ladies in our garden club!

Our member, Wilma Borinstein, designed and arranged the lovely Plant America planter which is outside Nora Library in Indianapolis and pictured in this article. Our thanks to Wilma for the lovely planter and gesture.

As we look forward to the upcoming new year, we pause with grateful hearts to think of our last year spent together as members of Broad Ripple Garden Club. Through all of our achievements as a club, good times and sad times, good health and sickness, loss of a loved one, we all have supported each other wholeheartedly.

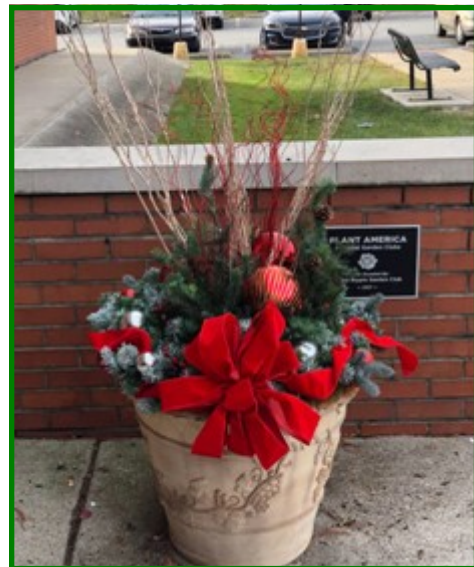
Our next meeting will be at Bravo's Restaurant, where we will enjoy lunch and then work on our plans for meetings, speakers and trips for the upcoming calendar year. I am sure we will have another spectacular year! We have plans for planting a Pollinator Garden at the sight of the Blue Star Memorial, which we dedicated last August. We will also celebrate our Club's 70th Anniversary with a lovely luncheon and program on June 6, 2020. Our 70th Anniversary Committee

has been working hard at making it a memorable occasion. Looks like 2020 will be a busy year for Broad Ripple Garden Club!

### Phyllis Grzeskowiak President



Broad Ripple Garden Club members at  
Annual Holiday Luncheon



'Plant America' planter at Nora  
Library by Wilma Borinstein

## FALL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

Garden tours figured prominently in our programs last year with trips to gardens in northern Indiana, Chicago and Indianapolis. The featured garden in Nappanee was at the Benedict Nursery where they have developed interesting crevice and rock gardens using mainly rocks from their own property. A bonus to that trip was that Dr. Jay Park, who accompanied us, came again in November to give an excellent presentation on Conifers. Along with other information, he told us about several beautiful cultivars that offer stunning color in foliage and/or cones that can enliven our gardens in winter.

On the Chicago trip, we were joined by several guests who wanted to view the fantastic gardens at the Chicago Botanical Garden, Lurie Garden, and Metawa Manor. Luckily for us, we also attracted a new member who had a good time and wanted to see more of *us*! Although we didn't expect our trips to be recruiting tools, who can deny the power of a lovely garden to attract admirers. Some say that "a heart in love with beauty never grows old." Now we have another one of those hearts!

Local gardens we visited included the growing "arboretum" of Bill McKnight, a professional botanist, speaker, and author of the book RANTINGS OF A MAD BOTANIST. Bill understands Indiana's climate and soil, and shared ideas, tips and provided thoughtful answers to our questions, if not solutions to all of our problems. Finally, although September and October brought unusually hot weather, we were still able to visit the beautiful garden at the home of Donna Gahwiler.

At our annual December luncheon, we said good-bye to one member whose family is returning home to Australia and talked about trips to see her garden in the future. We can only hope the fires we hear about do not do irreparable damage to the Australian environment. Plant trees, everyone!

### Gayle Sanders President



Interesting crevice and rock gardens were seen at Benedicts Nursery in Nappanee, IL



The club members enjoyed the visit to Mettawa Manor in Illinois. It was built in 1927, has 10,000 square feet and sits on 65 acres.

## **Shamrock Garden Club**

Shamrock Garden Club met in December with Bev Sharritt at her home, Flying Dirt Farm, Pendleton, IN to learn how to make fresh evergreen wreaths and swags.

Fresh and dried plant materials and wreath forms were provided and members were encouraged to bring their own embellishments.

After choosing plant material, members then created their own holiday decorations. Each wreath or swag showed the member's personality and creativity. All enjoyed this one last get-together before the holidays.



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## Three Area Groups Co-Sponsor Gardening Presentation

The **Syracuse Wawasee Garden Club**, **Chautauqua Wawasee** and **Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation** are jointly sponsoring a presentation, discussion and workshop focused on “Gardening in the Face of a changing climate.” The workshop will be held at the Oakwood Resort Inn, Syracuse, IN, and will be on February 8, 2020, from 1:00PM – 4:00 PM and led by John Edgerton. The event is open to the public and free to attend.

This Workshop will be led by John Edgerton of Shelbyville, Michigan. John has been doing small-scale farming for forty years, striving always to work in cooperation with nature. In this workshop we plan to explore holistic, resilient, sustainable techniques for gardening and small farming. We will want to look at the importance of healthy soil, healthy plants and helpful insect habitat. We will also want to think about variety selection and other ways to account for climate-related imbalances of diseases and insects. We will share what others in the bioregion are doing to address these issues. Finally, we want to think beyond our own personal garden: We will consider the importance of collaborating and cooperating in our wider communities to build on food security and justice.

John Edgerton lives with his partner and fellow farmer, Amy Newday. Together, they have done both market gardening and community supported agriculture. John has done dozens of workshops on gardening and seed-saving, most recently, at conferences sponsored by the Michigan Food and Farm Alliance, Michigan Integrative Food and Farming Systems, and KEEP GROWING DETROIT. He and Amy have worked with the Inter-Tribal Food Summit to grow out and rematriate several varieties of indigenous Northern flint corn. They also work with a network of northern gardeners to perform grow-out trials of Upland Rice varieties to determine suitability for our northern bioregion. John and Amy co-taught a course for seniors at Kalamazoo College on “Slow Farming” a form that is committed to limited and appropriate technology. John co-founded a local community garden in Martin, MI. He has also served as a schoolteacher in the Martin Michigan public school, and, long ago, at the Learning Center, a parent-teacher non-public cooperative elementary school, in Fort Wayne.

The Syracuse-Wawasee Garden club was founded in 1961. They currently have 20 members who meet monthly. Their goal is to promote beautification in the town and to learn about gardening and horticulture. They plant and maintain all the town gardens in Syracuse plus 30 hanging baskets lining the streets of the downtown area. Their Facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/swgardenclub/>

### Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club

Our craft project for the winter season was luminaries using battery operated candles. We coated a Ball jar with MOD PODGE on the outside of the jar with brushes. Can give a second coat if you want. While the jar was wet, Epson Salt was poured in a shallow pan and we rolled the jar in the salts to cover. They were then decorated with a twine or ribbon bow and choices of pressed holly leaves, bald cypress berries and black alder berries. They were taken home in a plastic bag so they could finish drying. The coated jar can be MOD PODGE sprayed for lasting effect. MOD PODGE can be sanded to a smooth finish if you want.



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