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Promotes

Interest and Education

in

Horticulture,

Landscaping,

Floral Design,

and

Environmental Concerns



Greetings from the President!

Spring is here, and as we all looked forward to sunshine and warm days filled with gardening and the outdoor things we love, we were hit with the Corona virus. Our country and state are very resilient and during challenging times we all manage to pull together. The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. has the interest of all its members at heart. We want you to stay safe and well.

It is with sadness and knowing it is the right decision for your well-being, your state board has voted to cancel the state convention April 27-28, 2020. Watch for a contingency plan on a state-wide annual membership meeting. **Please remember to cancel your hotel reservation, and void your registration check because it has not been cashed.**

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the Central East District, under Joyce Bulington's leadership, for all the dedicated and creative hard work they put into organizing this convention. Their smiles, pansies, and speakers will be missed. The convention is a time when we all gather to learn, share, hug, and laugh together. Our time will come again, and in the meantime, we will do our part to flatten the curve by fighting the spread of infection and keep our members as safe as possible.

Our national convention for May 11-15 has also been canceled for everyone's safety.

We do have a bright spot in April and one we can all participate in without the crowds, "Earth Day" on April 22, 2020. While we have all this extra time without meetings, plant a seed, seedling, or tree. (Remember our national project asking members to plant trees this year.) Put anything green in the soil no matter how large or small; this is what we do best!

If you're not already, begin using reusable bags when you shop and reduce the approximately 1,500 plastic bags per year per person that go into the landfill. As always, invite birds, bees and butterflies into your yard with native plants. Spend time in our green spaces and remind yourself why it's worth it.

And, last but not least, ***"talk it up!"*** Share what you're doing and why it matters. If you keep it to yourself, you're missing out on the biggest impact you can have.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Betty

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.

TREES 2020 ~ 2021 TREES

Already Planting TREES? Planning on Planting TREES? Thinking about Planting TREES?

An award of \$100 and a Certificate of Award may be presented, when merited, at our annual State Convention, to the Indiana Garden Club with the most outstanding tree program. Additional awards of \$50 may be given on occasional years when funding permits. Your new TGCI *Awards Manual* has all the specifics for applying for the **Bev Kelter Arbor Award**.

Don't be intimidated by the requirements –
preparing and applying for an award is easy.
!!! The time to start is NOW !!!

Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony

May 30, 2020

10:00 AM

Boonville, IN Courthouse Lawn

West side of Courthouse

Sponsored by:

Boonville Garden Club

*Dedicated to all
are serving
serve in the*



*who have served,
or will
Armed Forces.*

Light refreshments after Dedication

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, and let's see how many native trees Indiana can plant by 2021.

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

If you haven't been on the website lately, here's the address to use.
www.gardenclubofindiana.org

Thank You

As Central East Director and co-chairman of the 2020 Annual State Convention I want to extend my thanks to Evelyn Villarin, my co-chairman. Evelyn was by the phone and e-mail during the entire planning process. She signed papers, chased contracts, had wonderful ideas, and laughed and cried with me. I could not have had a better co-chairman and friend. Thank you, dear lady! This would have been our third convention working together. Ruth Bane, Ellen Elliott, Vickie Martin and Ruth Moorhead have always been a part of the bigger committees as well. These teams of ladies were looking at our last opportunity to provide you with a successful convention before retiring from this responsibility. Retirement came earlier than we had planned.

Thanks to the members all over the state who had already registered in numbers so large we had already increased the room block. We appreciate your support and interest. Thank you for being understanding and your kind thoughts upon cancellation. Thank you for maintaining interest in TGCI.

Each club of the district, Pendleton, Garden Club of Marion, Summittville, Smalltown, Petal & Stem, Creative Hands and our new club Gas City Garden Club did a wonderful job of volunteering and participating. Floral arrangements, signs, program designs, surprises, etc. that will stay surprises were accomplished from their efforts to offer our best. Their responsibilities were suited to their talents and the results were something to have shared with pride.

It is with gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that I publicly acknowledge “my” clubs and their members for the energy and efforts put forth to offer you a great convention. I will miss the conversations, sharing of surprises, the “dancing” and the warmth of your friendships. Take care of each other, keep smiling, make good memories and know that you now have time to produce the cleanest flower beds ever. Till we meet again – Giggles and Hugs to all of you!

Joyce Bulington of Central East District

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Booneville Garden Club

The Booneville Garden Club wrapped up 2019 with their Annual Luncheon in November, prepared by the ladies of the Main Street United Methodist Church. This is always a good meeting for invited guests.

In preparation for the Christmas Bazaar at the Warrick County Museum, the planters outside were decorated with greenery. The BGC decorates one of the Christmas trees as well as making craft items and baked goods to sell at the bazaar. December's guest speaker was Helen Newton who made several herb butters for tasting.

Shortly after Christmas, the **Blue Star Memorial Marker, sponsored by the Booneville Garden Club** arrived! Seems fitting to wait until close to Memorial Day to hold our **Dedication Ceremony**, which will be held **Saturday, May 30, at 10:00 AM**. The County Commissioners will accept the marker for Warrick County, since it is being placed on the Courthouse Lawn. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



Incoming President Lynne Greenfield and Mary Pate being creative with Museum planters.

Thelma Whoberry

Sending in articles for the Indiana Gardens

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Deadlines are listed on page 2 of each issue of Indiana Gardens

Broad Ripple Garden Club

The members of Broad Ripple Garden Club held their Annual Planning Meeting on February 7, 2020 when we met at Bravo Restaurant for lunch and the planning of our upcoming meetings for 2020. We had a huge turnout for this meeting and we have a full schedule planned for the year, including speakers, off-site trips and our Annual Plant Sale in May. We will be planting a flower bed by our Blue Star Memorial this year and also replenishing our planter at Nora Library once the spring weather arrives. At this time, Susie Skok, our Yearbook and Directory Chairman, is very busy updating our 2020-2021 Directory with new calendar events for the upcoming year.

Most importantly in June of this year, Broad Ripple Garden Club will host a 70th Anniversary Luncheon at Crooked Stick Golf Club. We will take this time to celebrate the great women who formed our garden club seven decades ago and celebrate each other at the same time! This is a special event for our members and we are busy planning to make it a memorable occasion. The 70th Anniversary Committee has been meeting once a month to work on the plans for this event. Our 'Save the Date' card, designed by Jan Krukemeier, was sent to members last week; thanks to Jan for designing such a lovely card.

Our next meeting will take place on March 6, 2020 and we will design a floral arrangement at Oberer's Florist in Carmel. This should be a great workshop and our members are looking forward to getting design tips from professional floral designers. Afterward, we will go to Bru Burger Bar for lunch and our Business Meeting.

We are all anxious for the arrival of Spring!

Phyllis Grzeskowiak
President



Hendricks Garden Club

Hendricks County Garden Club introduced speaker Amy Sieferman, the Outreach Coordinator of Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District, who presented an educational program on recycling to help protect our natural resources.

She explained about the five Tox-Away-Days throughout Hendricks County, to bring your household hazardous waste to dispose of properly, instead of dumping it into the environment. Information was provided on the do's and don'ts of the recycling bins, an eye opener in what we all need to do.

In February we welcome the renowned speaker, Colletta Kosiba, with a wonderful program on Landscaping Ideas, and examples out of her own landscaping areas. Color in your garden gives that added touch, and it does not have to be plants. Use paints, glass, metals, old fences, chairs, mulches, etc. Nothing is excluded; let your imagination be your guide. Also go vertical with your gardening: ladders, terra cotta pots, wire, picture frames, mirrors. There were so many more ideas that were shared. Our club always enjoys when Colletta is coming to speak as she has programs on every subject and can answer questions on everything.

Mary Lovejoy, representative of Misty Eyes Animal Shelter, an animal rescue service in Hendricks County, spoke about the different agencies in our area. Misty Eyes is a no-kill shelter with goals of uniting pets and people and teaching kindness towards all living things. Mary collected donation of supplies and monies.

We have been finalizing our planning for the New Year 2020-2021, and we are excited about filling our upcoming goals in this new decade and year.

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Hendricks County Garden Club

The Hendricks County Garden Club has been busy making plans for the "Gardening for All Ages." This is a gateway to spring sponsored by the Hendricks County Master Gardeners.

This wonderful garden show is held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds located at 1900 E. Main Street, Danville, IN on April 25, 2020 from 9:00am – 4:00 pm. The Hendricks County Garden Club will have a booth and will be selling plants, books and miscellaneous items donated by the members of the garden club. We look forward to presenting our homegrown plants and meeting potential gardeners while making new friends and encouraging young people to become garden club members. We endeavor to help educate our booth visitors.

With as many as 50+ vendors, we welcome everyone to attend.

Jan Armstrong
Secretary

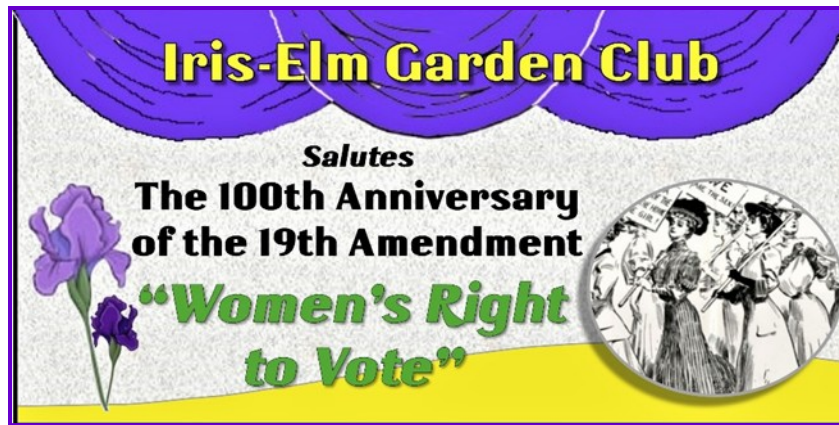


Iris-Elm Garden Club

Along with celebrating our 90th year, Winamac's Iris-Elm Garden Club's civic project this year will salute the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment by planting the freight wagon at the Historic Freight Depot and around the Blue Star Marker at Winamac Town Pathway Park with the yellow, purple, white colors.

Iris-Elm is also partnering with WOW (Wander Our Winamac) to encourage businesses, the community and home owners to salute the 19th amendment by planting purple, yellow, and white.

This is a picture of the banner that will be displayed on the caboose when the plants are in:



David Zahrt
President

North Harbour Garden Club

The North Harbour Garden Club has already started making plans for their annual "Plant Sale" for this year. Our members have been digging and potting perennials from their gardens and selling them for 13 years at the annual North Harbour garage sale.

Nearly 700 plants are sold yearly. Proceeds are used to plant flowers at the entrances for the beautification of our community. If anyone is interested in our "Plant Sale," the date is May 1st & 2nd. (9 am to 3 pm), it will be at the home of Member & Master Gardener, Norma Minion, 219 Cheshire Circle, North Harbour, Noblesville, IN 46062. Look for signs once in the development.

Linda Franck
Co-President

Munster Garden Club

The Munster Garden Club is gearing up for its busy spring season of events. On May 22, 2020, members will be sharing their gardens' bounty with the public at their annual Plant Sale. The Munster Garden Walk will be held this year on June 20 and 21, 2020. Seven gardens will be on the walk this year. Over the last couple of months, we have had some interesting speakers at our monthly meetings. We learned a great deal about Winter Sowing from Dolly Foster and recently heard Craig Zanstra from the Lake County Park System talk about planned expansions of the county's parks.

We are also prioritizing increasing and maintaining membership this year. Not only finding ways to reach new members, but also insuring that we keep the ones who have already joined. Some of the things we have started doing are sending notes to those who have missed several consecutive meetings, encouraging more members to get involved with various committees and planning activities that allow us to get to know each other better. At our recent meeting, two interesting facts about two members were presented to the group, and everyone tried to guess which member went with each fact. It was great fun and we learned things about these members that were surprising to all. Our goal is to make all members feel inclusive and a part of our garden club community. We have also heard from some working people that wished we had meetings in the evenings or on the weekend, so we intend to hold a Saturday program this year to see what interest that brings.

Mariellen Smith
President



Save the Date

Wildflower Workshop on September 15, 2020

Central District will be hosting the Wildflower Workshop
On September 15, 2020

Garrison Restaurant and Conference Center
Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park

Call letter and more information will follow.
Put the date on your calendar.

Sages Garden Club

During the November monthly meeting of Sages Garden Club, members enjoyed a presentation: "How to Prepare for a Flower Show" by Suzanne Potts, Accredited Flower Show Judge for the Central District of TGCI. Suzanne shared her knowledge and expertise from many years as a judge and gave the club insight regarding what it takes to host a standard flower show. For members who might want to participate in a flower show, she explained that there are various categories for submissions and judges have specific criteria they look at to score each submission. Suzanne offered suggestions and tips on how to best submit an entry specimen for judging.

Later in November, as one of their Civic Projects, Sages club members decorated Eagle Creek Park's Earth Discovery Center for their annual Artist's Reception of the Celebration of Nature event. The members festively decorated throughout the building and added greenery and red bows to the metal panels which showcase the artists' submissions on display. Ka Freeman, a Sages Garden Club member, submitted and sold one of her photographs that she entered in the event. Congratulations, Ka!

The December meeting took place the week before Christmas. The attending members enjoyed a holiday pitch-in with appetizers and desserts at a member's home. Everything there was beautifully decorated for the holidays, including four differently themed Christmas trees set up throughout the house.

For 2020, Sages Garden Club programs will include the following:

- ◆ March - Garden Grab Bags which are packages of various gardening items donated by the members and auctioned off during the meeting as a fundraiser.
- ◆ April - a visit to the greenhouse at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) in Indianapolis.
- ◆ May - a program presentation (to be determined) at The Forest Flower garden center.
- ◆ June - Richard Bartlett from Bartlett Tree Service will discuss proper care of trees; and also later in June, a trip to Willowfield Lavender Farm.
- ◆ July - Dawn Slack from Indiana Invasives Initiative will speak on invasive plants in Indiana.
- ◆ August - a trip to P & D Flower Farm on the southeastern side of Indianapolis; and later that month a visit to the Paramount School of Excellence to see an outdoor classroom garden.
- ◆ September - a visit to Avon Gardens with members from the Shamrock Garden Club; and later that month a visit to the demo garden for the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- ◆ October - a presentation by the organization Watch Us Farm.
- ◆ November - members will create a holiday "make and take" item at the meeting.
- ◆ December - the club's annual holiday party and potluck.

Cindy Martin
President

Sages Garden Club



Sages Garden Club member, Ka Freeman, stands in front of her photograph at the Artist's Reception for the Celebration of Nature event. Submissions include various forms of art representing nature. This year the event was held from mid-November through December 22nd at the Earth Discovery Center in Eagle Creek Park, located in northwest Indianapolis. (Picture #1)

Art displays at the annual Celebration of Nature event where Sages Garden Club members decorate with wreaths, table decorations, greenery and bows. This is Sages annual civic project with the Eagle Creek Park organization. (Pictures #2-3)



Sages Garden Club members pose in front of the Christmas tree during their December meeting and holiday celebration.

Standing left to right are Julie Brunette, Carolyn Stewart, Ka Freeman, and Cindy Martin.

Seated from left to right are Marcia Holcomb, Sally Micheel, Beth Frailey, and Rita Hummel.

Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club

The Syracuse-Wawasee Chamber of Commerce awarded our Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club, Volunteer of the Year Award 2019.

Sharing with you some of our exceptional experiences: Our club averages 20 members since our beginning in 1960. We care for a multitude of flower gardens in and around Syracuse. Three Welcome to the Park's signs, 30 hanging baskets in downtown Syracuse, Blue Star Memorial, 5 planters at the fire station, a stop sign between the lakes, Welcome to Syracuse on I-13, and our feature design "Big Bed" at Syracuse Lakeside Park with stunning quilt garden designs.

We meet March-December and have a winter dinner in January. Our meetings are held at the Community Center on the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings are from 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

Meetings this year are: March-Designing Gardens, April-Native Plants to see or buy, May-Rocks Craft Painting, June-Wine Tasting, July-Picnic, August-Visit Krieder "World Fair's Garden," September-Goshen College Art Gallery and Dinner, October-Carving Pumpkins, WACF, November-Native/Invasive Identification, December-Christmas party, January-Winter dinner. TBA.

Happy that our local library has a place for a fresh floral arrangement each month which our garden club sponsors. At that site we have copies of the bookmark, membership opportunity brochures with information on our schedule of yearly programs.

Our biggest challenge is facing an aging membership. We lost two members last year and gained three for 2020. We have back-up friends of the gardens who help with planting, watering, weeding, dead heading and fall cleanup.

We are More than Happy for this new experience and publicity we are receiving state wide. Thank you Indiana Gardens for the full page invitation. Visit our Facebook page: Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club.



Arleen Corson, center, representing the Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club, accepted the Volunteer of the Year award from Dr. Richard Burngardt, Lakeland Animal Clinic, and Dawn-Marie Bass, Bass Audiology.

Joyce Arleen Corson
President

Vale of Paradise Garden Club

Our garden club for a number of years has had a booth at the Master Gardener Annual Gardening Show. It's our annual membership drive. We always have interest, but this year we actually got 4 new members/dues paid. (WOW) We also have some interesting programs for the new year: a speaker on hydroponics, a Master Gardener who is a bee keeper speaks on "The Fascinating Honeybee." Also a trip to Morton Arboretum. Just a few of our activities for the year.

Linda Dingee
President



Penny Pines Program

TGCI Members and Member Clubs can partner with NGC and the National Forest Service and participate in the Penny Pines Program, a meaningful and practical Reforestation / Education Program that NGC and NFS partner. The Forest Service provides the labor to replant catastrophe damaged areas, which may be designated as to a particular state (Indiana, of course!!!), with indigenous trees, not just pines (which were originally planted when the program started in 1941), to provide for soil protection & conservation plus areas for recreation. Donations are a minimum of \$68, or multiples of (at its origin, donations were \$6.80 to plant an acre with 680 pines that cost a penny each, thus also explaining the program name).



I encourage all clubs throughout the state to participate in this project. Contributions may be made "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" as a great tribute to your club or an individual member. All monies collected are sent to the TGCI Treasurer for deposit. Monies may be sent directly to TGCI or to me, your TGCI Trees Chairman, to be forwarded.

Please consider making a Penny Pines commitment and help to replant TREES in Indiana. I think this a great and worthwhile program and I hope you do too!

Laura Kearby
TGCI Trees Chairman



Facebook Club Pages

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Garden Club of Michiana

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- to improve your gardening skills
- to meet new friends and exchange experiences in growing
- to exchange seeds, cuttings and plants
- to serve your community by planning and implementing beautification projects
- to develop a deeper sense of pride in the resources of our land and its preservation
- to attend schools in horticulture, flower arranging, landscape design and environmental education
- to receive our state publication, *Indiana Gardens*
- to attend district meetings and annual state, region and national conventions

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- provided over \$500,000 in scholarships to Indiana students studying horticulture, landscape design or related subjects
- supported The Nature Conservancy with contributions of over \$125,000 to protect and preserve Indiana's lands and waters
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