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Greetings from the President!

We have arrived at a special time of the year. December 2020 finds us grateful with renewed hope. We have faced our challenges and found rewards in unexpected places. Our gardens continued, our projects flourished, and we found new friends. So, at this holiday season, in whatever way is enjoyable for you and yours, I join you in feeling appreciative and grateful for the continuation of all good things around us.

Traditions are one of my favorite things. At this time of year filling the freezer as my mother did, with mouthwatering goodies, putting up lots and lots of lights, and planning a family meal are more enjoyable than exhausting. It's also a time to walk through the gardens and select dried or fresh foliage for natural displays, centerpieces, adorning the fireplace, or just tucking around pictures. It is also a time to make jams, teas, or seasoning mixes from our garden herbs. A time to relax and enjoy our efforts.

As your clubs begin thinking about planning for 2021, don't forget to use the new National Garden Club website, ***gardenclub.org***. NGC is a tremendous resource for our clubs, and helps your members stay on track regarding projects and awards. Awards give your members the credit they deserve for all their hard work. Talk with other clubs to find out what programs or trips they enjoyed. Also, many thanks to our District Directors and club presidents who continue to support your club efforts.

Thank you for a fantastic 2020 in spite of the challenges that were thrown upon us. Your clubs have managed to continue our good work for the environment. Your members rose to the challenge and faced it head-on. Stay in touch with one another. There are many more good times ahead of us.

Betty

“Zooma, Zooma, Zooma, Zoom...Come on give it a try”

Zoom, Face Time, Cisco, Skype, Webinars, Virtual Meetings...in 2019 I had heard of these words and even used several of them for work and personal meetings, but who knew that in 2020 these words would become so integrated into our lives? For me, Zoom always leads me to singing the song from my childhood show (see title above) though it now has become part of my family's everyday life beyond the song.

My kids use Zoom to go to school and I attend so many zoom meetings, that sometimes we have three different meetings going on in three different parts of our house. I do enjoy not having to travel to meetings, being able to wear comfy pants and attending virtual meetings that normally I wouldn't be able to attend due to having kids at home. I am actually going to be sad when *some things* go back to in person only but trust me, I am looking forward to being able to do things as we did pre-COVID-19.

My garden club has been so lucky this summer to have had beautiful weather each month so we have been able to meet in the yards of some of our members. This actually has led to us getting a few new members – a silver-lining during this time. But with the cold weather coming, I am afraid those days are over and it will be back to Zoom for us and many clubs around the country.

For any of you who did not jump on the Virtual Meeting bandwagon back in March but would like to join it during the upcoming cold-weather season, here is some basic information.

You can host a zoom meeting for free for up to 100 participants but it can only be for 40 minutes. If you want longer than 40 minutes, then you will need to either pay for the next level up or find a friend who is already paying and use their account.

You will need to sign up at www.zoom.us (or download the app) for a free account in order to host but it is not required to attend a meeting.

You can use a tablet, smart phone, computer, laptop or even listen to a meeting by using your land-line. And if your computer does not have audio connected, you can still use it for viewing and use a phone for the audio.

Once you register with zoom, you can schedule the meeting and send out the link to your club members. DO NOT POST THE LINK WITH PASSWORD ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR IN ANY PUBLIC LOCATION or you may have a zoom bomber. Ways to avoid a zoom bomber include using the waiting room feature (attendees must be admitted by the host to attend the meeting) or if hosting a large participant meeting, you could have a registration and then only send the link and password to those who have registered.

You can still get speakers to give presentations via screen sharing. As the host, you give the speaker permission to share their screen. I would suggest a test meeting with your speaker to make sure everything is in working order.

I am by no means an expert on Zoom and there are several TGCI members who know more than I do, but if you would like to have more information, please send me an e-mail (doncyn@hotmail.com) and I would be more than happy to help you get zoom set up for your club meetings.

Cynthia Wright
State Treasurer

90 Years-The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

Did you know that The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. has been gardening in Indiana for 9 decades? Think of all the lives that have been impacted and areas that have been beautified during the last 90 years thanks to The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

Co-Chairmen Wanda Zahrt and Jayne Kesler along with Jim Pavelka and Sue Rosiak will be researching and planning a 90th Anniversary Celebration at our Annual Convention in Richmond, sponsored by Central East District. We are picking up on their “Dancing with Nature” theme, and so we will be “Dancing Through Indiana Gardens for Ninety Years.” You’ll learn about the changes in gardening throughout 9 decades as well as a few of the dances that our members may have done through those gardens.

It is our hope to share with you the highlights of those decades. For instance, did you know that The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. received the Bronze Seal, a National Award for the building of the greenhouse at Clermont Girls’ School in 1953? Or that the first Garden Club flag was made and presented by Green Growing Garden Club of Marion, IN in 1976? Or that the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy presented an award to The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. for preserving Hemlock Bluff Nature Preserve in Medora, IN in 1976? See, you have a lot to learn and also a lot to share as federated clubs of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

When was your club federated? What achievements has your club garnered for TGCI? Do you have any 90-year-old active members in your club? Do you have long term projects in your community? These are all questions that we want to generate discussions in your clubs and possibly share with TGCI at the convention in April, 2021.

Our hope is to inform and most importantly to celebrate through fun activities, costuming or hats and gloves...remember your hands get pretty worn out in the garden and it is best to wear gloves socially.

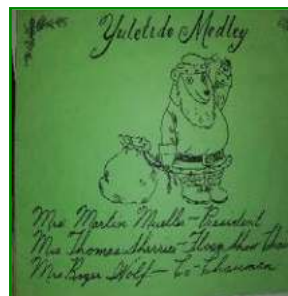
The committee will share information through Indiana Gardens and will keep you up-to-date on plans to be “Dancing Through Indiana Gardens for Ninety Years!” through your District Directors and Club Presidents.

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The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Celebrating 90 Years with our Christmas Past



The Garden Clubs of Indiana have enhanced the holidays by holding flower shows, decorating public buildings, private homes, and holding special events throughout our 90 year history. There have been 126 holiday shows – 34 clubs, 4 districts that had Standard Christmas Flower Shows. 39 of the shows received NGC, Inc. Awards. Pictured above is one of the many 21 years that the Central District garden clubs decorated rooms at the Lilly Pavilion of the Indianapolis Museum of Art (Newfield's). One of the most popular was the doll tree as seen in above photo.



1949



1956



1963



1972



1985

Christmas Flower Show Schedules

90 Year Celebration



1947



1938



Fresh evergreens filling city sidewalk containers, demonstrations given, wreaths made, are just samples of holiday decorations provided by creative garden clubs for community beautification still today.

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.”

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If you haven’t been on the website lately, here’s the address to use.
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A Gift of a NGC National Life Membership

Have you ever considered giving a National Life Membership? This is a perfect gift for that gardening loving person, to thank or honor someone. This gift demonstrates your commitment to the future of gardening in this country. This person does not have to be a member of a garden club.

The gift of \$200 to become a National Life Member is shared equally by the National Scholarship Fund and it is the Permanent Home Endowment Fund of the National Garden Clubs. Contribution is tax deductible. It is a wonderful way to remember someone and everyone wins.

Mary Jane Smith
NLM State Chairman
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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
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Boonville Garden Club

Boonville Garden Club held a Dedication Ceremony for their sponsored **Blue Star Memorial Marker** on November 7, 2020, on the Boonville Courthouse lawn.

This dedication date was selected since it was just days from Veterans Day 2020. With the pandemic, we were able to social distance and required masks by all in attendance. It was a beautiful morning to commemorate all veterans.

Allydale Downey, Senior at Boonville High School, sang our National Anthem and Violinist Lisa Lance opened the ceremony with America the Beautiful. Invocation by Reverend Steve Phipps, Pastor at Southside Baptist Church. Lynne Greenfield, President BGC, gave history of the Blue Star Memorial Marker.

We were honored to have Betty Leverett, President of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., present to reiterate the importance of the Blue Star Memorials. Betty shared that this marker is the 60th marker now in Indiana.

Local VFW Post 3418 was nearby to present colors. Club members Judy Titzer and Thelma Whoberry unveiled the marker which was covered with a flag that resembled the flags in homes of family members during WWII. The Blue Star in the center represented you had a member serving in the war. If two members were serving, your flag would have shown two blue stars.

Thelma Whoberry read the Dedication followed by Roger Emmons, Administrator of the Warrick County Commissioners, accepting the marker for Warrick Co. Tribute of flowers was done by club member Joni McWilliams, who decorated the beautiful wreath that was hung behind the marker.

The ceremony concluded with a Benediction by Reverend Steve Phipps and farewell music was Hallelujah played by Violinist Lisa Lance.

Please follow Boonville Garden Club on Facebook where you can see a couple of short videos of the dedication.

Submitted by: **Thelma Whoberry**
Vice President BGC



Allydale Downey - National Anthem

Boonville Garden Club Blue Star Memorial Dedication



BGC Members in attendance:
Judy Titzer, Betty Powers, Virginia Harris, Lynne Greenfield, Joni McWilliams, Carol Kroeger, Sue Cundiff and Thelma Whoberry.



**Thelma Whoberry, Judy Titzer
Unveiling the Marker**



Rev. Steve Phipps - Benediction



Thelma Whoberry - Dedication

Boonville Garden Club

Annual Book Donation

Each year Boonville Garden Club donates a book in honor of our current year's club President. This year President Lynne Greenfield chose LOGE Elementary to dedicate our book, The Frightened Frog. Pictured left is Lynne Greenfield presenting book to Loge Elementary Principal, Lynn Pierce. Lynne chose Loge because her children attended this school, and she was an active member in their PTO, also holding office of President.



Hartman Arboretum

The club met for the first time in October after the start of the pandemic in March 2020. We found a church which would allow meetings. Being able to distance and wear masks we felt the need to gather. Our November meeting was an outing to Hartman Arboretum. A beautiful November morning to walk the ground of the arboretum and listen to Grant and Jean Hartman explain how it all began.

A Professor at Purdue University, along with a group of students, helped design Hartman Arboretum. Take note of the design on Jean Hartman's tee-shirt. The same logo used on their business cards, designed by a student at the University of WI.



Joni McWilliams, Thelma Whoberry, Lynne Greenfield, Gretchen Powers and Judy Titzer



Jean Hartman with cocklebur plant. She called it a “chafing flower.” An invasive plant, get one on your sock, you pull it off, toss it on the ground, and you’ve just planted another!

Boonville Garden Club

Decorating a Historic Building – Ella Williams

The Warrick Museum is located in the Ella Williams School building, which served as an elementary school until 1976. Inside the museum, the original 1875 Washington Press is displayed that used to print the Boonville Standard newspaper during the early 20th century. Different rotating exhibits can be seen inside the Miss Ella and Professor Clark rooms.

The club has decorated a Christmas tree for many years, for display during the holidays, along with other groups' Christmas trees.

We often have a themed tree. This year, being the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage, we chose to decorate with the colors of purple, white and yellow. Thinking, we captured the theme with the hand-painted ornaments, as one generally does not see purple Christmas tree ornaments.

The club also maintains the large flower pots outside the Museum's entrance. These are changed by the seasons.



L to R: Gretchen Powers, Sue Cundiff, Lynne Greenfield, Carol Kroeger, Thelma Whoberry and Judy Titzer



Submitted by:
Thelma Whoberry
Vice President



Broad Ripple Garden Club

Broad Ripple Garden Club had a great event on October 9, 2020 at Altum's Gardens in Zionsville. Altum's designer Kelly, gave us great instructions on making little pumpkin succulent centerpieces. We had our monthly business meeting, lunch, and delicious homemade pies made by our member Jane, before our workshop began. It was a great day, perfect weather, social distanced, but still enjoyable because, even at 6 feet apart, the members are always happy to see each other. We hope to continue to have safe, socially-distanced meetings, depending on the circumstances around the COVID-19. I hope you enjoy meeting some of our members via the attached photo.

Ladies of Broad Ripple Garden Club were also busy planting mums at our Blue Star Memorial flower bed and in our Plant America flower pot at Nora Library. We also maintain a small flower bed in front of the Monon Coffee Shop in Broad Ripple and planted mums at that site. This week, six members will work on our Blue Star Memorial flower bed, removing annuals and planting 80 'Plant America' Daffodil bulbs. A lot of work, but the flower bed should look lovely next spring.

We have already submitted several Award Applications and we also applied for a Plant America Grant to help us with projects. It has been a busy time for our club. Our upcoming meeting on Friday, November 6, 2020 will be a workshop on "Using Your Fall Garden to Decorate for the Holidays," led by Jeanette Daniels, Advanced Master Gardener and Shirley Vargas.

Our members wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and we send out a virtual hug!

Phyllis Grzeskowiak
Club President



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Cultivating Garden Club

The Cultivating Garden Club has been busy this spring and summer with the continuation of our community beautification club projects. These projects promote interest in gardening and spread awareness of our club.

We continue to maintain our Blue Star Memorial at Camp Atterbury. We xeriscaped it several years ago, due to its location. It was a rough spring for the blue fescue, but our own looks like this too – it will recover. The sedum will be blooming soon. We plan to replace the switch grass with something more colorful, possibly Rose Campion.

We are reconfiguring and replanting the St. Jude Parish Center front and back garden plots. It is a work in progress, but we have made great headway. These plots are viewed by churchgoers, parish employees, people using the patio, walkers, joggers, bicyclists, and nearby students.

Garden Club members along with some Southwind Estates residents continue to keep the entrance planted with a colorful display worthy of praise by many neighbors. The area has mostly perennial plants plus a few annuals added each spring. In fall, the beds will be cleaned and seasonal wreaths will be placed to add interest to the area.

Julie Wells
Debbie Timmons



Fall Creek Garden Club

Summer and now Fall has had members gathering again online. The August program Indiana Environment Update focused on the effects on animals and plants due to changes in our local environment. The examples reminded us how important it is to favor “tough” flowers, shrubs and trees that can adapt.

Programs in July and September proved very enjoyable as we shared photos of our favorite plants along with anecdotes about their special meaning to us. We especially loved those plants because they were constant reminders of gardening friends who had given them to us, or because they delighted neighbors and passersby, or simply because of our own love of their color, form, or robustness in our gardens. It was a great way to learn more about each other and to get ideas for new plants that others recommended.

The October program was held in the garden of one of our members, Tess Park. Although rain was predicted, it turned out to be a perfect day with a blue sky and ideal temperature. We could social-distance as Tess and her husband led us and told us about their beautiful conifers and companion shrubs. It was refreshing to be together in person, and we commemorated it with photos.

Speaking of in-person activities throughout this time with the pandemic, we have continued to maintain flower beds at Holliday Park. Each month 2 to 3 or more of us have met at the children’s playground to weed, prune and groom three beds which have been amazingly resilient during drought and deluge. In spring of 2019, we planted more natives, and that has made a difference.

November and December will find us back online when we hear first from botanist Bill McKnight on common gardening mistakes. Perhaps his talk will help us save some time, effort and money! The next month Linda Williams will entice us with slides from spectacular gardens she has toured over the last few years. That will surely inspire us with dreams for the future.

Gayle Sanders President



Flower Lane Garden Club

The Flower Lane Garden Club has been busy this summer . Several members and extended family members have added a red, white and blue flower bed around the Blue Star Marker at Bakalar Airport in Columbus, IN. This air port and base was instrumental in the WWII war effort.



Jan Ross passed away on April 15, 2020. She had been a member since the late 60's in Flower Lane Garden Club. A wife, mother and nurse, she would drop everything to rush to assist those in need, to provide food, medication, advice, and even gave shots when needed.

With Flower Lane Garden Club, Jan and Wendell were instrumental in "planting" a Blue Star Memorial on Bakalar Green near the Columbus Regional Airport, and for years guided the club in providing flowering plants and maintaining the Blue Star Marker and the garden around Norbeck Chapel.

Her indoor expertise was orchids, and she gave lessons to many groups, as well as sharing any of her plants with friends. Her generous spirit will be missed by many.

Hendricks County Garden Club

The Hendricks County Garden Club toured Ray's Recycling Center on Stout Field Drive West in Indianapolis, IN. Suzi Denton was our tour guide, greeting us upon arrival and advised us of the required items that had to be worn, which included mask, hard hat, and safety glasses.

Suzi provided the history of Ray's Trash Service, and that Ray Matthews started it in 1956 in Clayton, IN by collecting his neighbor's trash and taking it to the landfill. In 1982 Ray's son Don Matthews took over the family-owned business. Don realized the need for recycling and it was the answer for a cost-effective business, since Ray's didn't own a landfill, recycling was the answer. The facility we visited in Indianapolis, IN has the latest sorting and bundling equipment and seeing the process from the point of entry until it's in a bail is Amazing. If you ever have an opportunity to visit this site, please go.

This is just one of many things we do:

Hendricks County Garden Club concept is to educate our members about all facets in gardening and the land to make this a better place for man and beast to live in. Our members are dedicated to teach others of what we have learned. Continuing its free on-line virtual event series on October 28, 2020 the Hendricks County Garden Club hosted a program 'All About Herbs.' The third in our series of free public virtual events, with 63 participants at the meeting, we covered the growing, harvesting, drying and the use of herbs. They found out just what an herb is and how it is different from a spice. Club members share tips about personal favorite herbs and their uses.

We continue to find ways to connect with our members about plants and share our experience with each other and the public. In these times of physical distancing, the club is committed to eliminating social isolation.

So, our Scarecrow on the Square in Danville, IN was Hendricks County Garden Club face for the people in Hendricks County. He wore his mask and he social distanced and greeted the onlookers to remind them that our garden club is the available to the public and going strong!

Deloris Elza
Club President

Four Winds Garden Club

We have been meetings out of doors and have canceled November and December. The Wellfield Botanic Garden has a light presentation starting soon. The entire garden is lit up. It is beautiful and I think it might be a great suggestion for other garden clubs that are looking for different ideas. It is only open on weekends but I am sure all of the information is on their website.

Laura Stevens
President

Mudlarks Garden Club



When the brick retaining walls around the raised beds at the Bartholomew County Courthouse were replaced this fall, the County Commissioners installed a limestone plaque recognizing the Mudlarks for their 50+ year project of maintaining the gardens at the courthouse square.

Sharon Baldwin
Annual Civic Fund

Munster Garden Club



The Munster Garden Club has been holding board meetings and monthly programs on Zoom. In August, members enjoyed a program on night time pollinators given by Susan Radovitch. Our September program was presented by Lynn Barbee who showed us ways to put our gardens to bed for the winter. Our October presenter was Sandy Appleby who got us excited about trying our hands at assembling our own terrariums.

The club will also be entering a tree in the WANISS yearly holiday tree competition being held the first week of December at the Center for the Performing Arts in Munster. The club is also planning on having its annual plant sale on May 21, 2021 and our ever popular Garden Walk the weekend of June 25 and 26, 2021.

Those members who are unsure about trying to use Zoom can access the recorded program in a link sent to them via email.

Mariellen Smith
President

Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club

Paint jars were uncapped and brushes flew as 12 members of the Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club created a variety of pumpkin masterpieces at the home of Arleen Corson.

Vice President Kathy Tittle supplied paint and brushes for the event and Pam Schumm brought the pumpkins.



Picnic with Ron and Melanie Mason in September gave us room outside for social distancing and a treat to see the Mason's collection of vintage canning jars.



**Joyce Arleen Corson
President**



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- 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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