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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!

Our gardens and homes have never felt as important to us as they do at this time. We have spent a summer enjoying, and working more doing the things we love to do, garden, explore, and experiencing. We have appreciated how much these things provide, not only as a sanctuary but as a place to keep us safe and comfortable. We have turned to our environment, which many of us seek inspiration from, each and every day.

Your state officers remain diligent in working for your club to help maintain stability in all that we continue to accomplish. Even though state functions have been canceled this year, District Directors meet on a regular basis via Zoom video conferencing to make sure projects remain alive and well.

We have a great celebration to look forward to next year. A committee is working on The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.'s 90th active year as an organization. Fun and good times are in our future.

Many of your clubs have started meeting again under safe circumstances. I know it has been good to see friends and discuss your club's ongoing activities. Don't forget, your club can apply for an award if you participated in the Woman's Suffrage Movement this year. The award is on the TGCI website.

I am so pleased to announce that The Garden Club of Indiana in 2019 gained 160 new members. In 2020 we gained 126 new members including a new club. Thank you so much for helping with this endeavor and supporting the President's Project, Plant America With More Members.

The Hobart Garden Club, in the Northwest District, made an appearance in the summer issue of The National Gardener regarding their curbside plant sale to raise funds for club scholarships and planting native trees in our state. Congratulations Hobart. Congratulations to all clubs who participate in state and national projects!

The summer issue of The National Gardener also highlights the renewed interest in vegetable gardens. Yes, the "victory garden" has returned. Applause to clubs and club members who have renewed or started their interest in this environmentally friendly, and yummy, project.

Many thanks to our leaders and club members for their continued efforts in keeping our work alive. Your success is so greatly appreciated.

Betty

Blue Star Memorial

COVID-19 can knock us out of our garden club meetings, but we gardeners still manage to keep our community projects completed. Peru Garden Club figured social distancing and masks while completing the weeding and tending of our Blue Star Memorials. I hope your clubs have taken the opportunity to work on your Blue Star Memorial gardens as well.

We were anticipating a price increase from Sewah Studios for their Blue (Gold) Stars effective May 1, 2020. Due to COVID-19 the Ohio Governor had the studio closed from April 4th to May 4th. This caused delays in many dedications. Sewah is currently back in production, and the new prices became effective July 1, 2020, and are good through May 1, 2022. I have sent a list of the current prices to all District Directors so they can let their clubs know of the changes.

Memorial/Highway Markers

Delivered with a 7' post - \$1,590.00

Byway Plaques - \$530.00

Replacement Posts - \$325.00

Refurbish no post - \$800.00 *Round trip freight included.*

Cap Repair/Refurbish no post - \$900.00 *Round trip freight included.*

Extra shipping (western states) - \$50.00 *Memorial Highway markers only*

Clubs are to use the current/updated forms (there are only three) found in the Guidelines and on the Blue Star Memorial page at www.gardenclub.org.

All order forms will come to me along with checks made out to Sewah Studios, and I will get the president's signature and send them on to the Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairman of the National Garden Clubs.

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. is looking forward to the Boonville Garden Club's BSM dedication when it is rescheduled. We also have an upcoming order for our first Gold Star Memorial Marker. I'll have more on that exciting event in the next Indiana Gardens.

Take pictures of your Blue Stars with the landscaping in summer bloom. I would love to share those at our Annual State Convention next April. Stay well and enjoy gardening!

Jayne Kesler
Blue Star Memorial Chairman



**Broadripple Garden Club's
Blue Star Memorial**

CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD UPDATED

At the December 2019 Board of Directors' Meeting, Awards Co-Chair Jim Pavelka and First Vice-President Linda Harkleroad were given the task of updating the Club Achievement Award milestones. This updated form was approved at the April 2020 Board meeting.

The changes/updates include the following:

- ◆ Assigning a uniform 5 point value for each of the milestones.
- ◆ Reflecting the change in Indiana Gardens
It no longer has ads and is no longer a subscription.
- ◆ Combining milestones that deal with similar achievements.
- ◆ Adding milestones that recognize NGC, Central Region and TGCI projects and events.

The hope is that these changes and updates will better reflect the interests and goals of TGCI clubs and their members.

Linda Harkleroad
First Vice-President

Plant it Pink

"Plant it Pink" is a National Garden Clubs initiative named for the National Breast Cancer Awareness month every October.

The Plant It Pink projects can be added to every garden clubs project list. You can include partnerships with other groups such as Girl Scouts, Master Gardeners, Churches, Civic clubs.

You give a gift of Hope by promoting a passion for PINK by planting pink flowers or pink flowering shrubs. Some ideas are:

Shrubs:

Mountain Laurel "Pink Charm"
Proven Winners "Pink Mink" Clematis
Dwarf Crepe Myrtle "Pocomoke"
"Sonic Bloom Pink" Weigela
"Double Play Pink" Spirea

Flowers:

Dianthus, Roses, Coral Bells, Lupine, Impatiens, Pink Lavender, Dahlias, Astilbe, Zinnia, Petunia, Asters.

Go forth and "Plant it Pink."

Jodi Meyer
Chairman

ANNUAL CIVIC FUND

New Name - Updated Guidelines

An explanation: Originally a project of the National Garden Clubs, World Gardening/Habitat for Humanity was a project of TGCI for many years. The focus and scope of the project changed over the years with NGC separating the project into many areas and dropping the name "World Gardening." To better accommodate the Indiana clubs who didn't have a HFH in their district, this requirement of the project was dropped four years ago and clubs were allowed use of the funds for any approved civic project. The name "World Gardening" remained and caused confusion as to the purpose of the project.

During the past year, the TGCI Executive Board directed the seven District Directors to discuss a name change and make the guidelines easier to follow. The name ANNUAL CIVIC FUND was approved in April, along with updated guidelines proposed by the Guidelines Committee. The changes are effective with this year.

What remains the same: Contributions to the ANNUAL CIVIC FUND are available each year to the District hosting the state convention for approved gardening-related civic projects by their garden clubs.

What changes: Interested clubs in the district hosting the state convention have until November 1 of that year to submit their project proposal and request form to the district director. The previous deadline was 30 days prior to the convention date, putting an extra time-consuming requirement on clubs when they were already busy planning the convention.

The *GUIDELINES FOR FUNDS USE*, the *CLUB REQUEST FORM* and the *CONTRIBUTION FORM* are all found on the TGCI website under "All Forms."

Please contact your District Director, or me, with any questions you may have.

Sharon Baldwin, Chairman
Annual Civic Fund
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Updated: June 2020

Important NGC Schools Refresher Information!

As a response to COVID-19, Environmental, Gardening Study and Landscape Design Refreshers have been cancelled or postponed until next year. This is a concern for any Consultant who has not attended a refresher since 2015 and their Good Standing status will expire this year, December 31, 2020.

This is a good time to check your good Standing Status to make sure it has not lapsed or will by the end of this year. While this State Chairman may send reminders to Consultants, each Consultant is responsible for maintaining a record of all courses and refreshers they have attended. Therefore, they should know when their credentials expire.

This chairman has received word from the three National Chairman for each school stating an extension will be granted for Consultants that have not refreshed and a Good Standing status will expire at the end of 2020. If an extension is needed (unable to refresh) by 12/31/20, Form 9-2019 is available on the NGC website, Schools, Forms/zip download. Once this form is filled out by the Consultant, it is forwarded to the State Chairman, me. After it is received and is in order, the form will be sent to the appropriate NGC Accrediting Chairman who can approve the one-year extension request. The NGC Chairman will notify the State Schools Chairman, me, of the approval. Then the consultant will be notified of the granted extension and maintain a record of the extension.

This is very important information for Schools Consultants. As with most things . . . if the paperwork is not done, an approval will not be given. Please download the form and send it to me by September 1, 2020. If I don't receive this form by this date, I will assume you are in good standing beyond this year. The last Tri-Refresher presented in Indiana was at the 2016 State Convention at McCormick's Creek State Park. Therefore, the majority of Indiana Consultants are in good standing until 12/31/21. I sincerely extend this information as our Consultant numbers are small and anyone needing this extension for this year needs to forward their extension form request to me. Any questions, feel free to email me at WowEdie@aol.com.

Edie Dyer-Wilson

Environmental State Chairman

Gardening Study State Chairman

Landscape Design State Chairman

Many of you know me, most of you will at least recognize my name and for those of you who have no clue – I am the TGCI Treasurer. Growing up, people would always ask my brother and me what we wanted to do in life. My brother would tell them he was working to be a pilot and I would mention that I wanted to be an accountant. You could see the eyes glaze over, and they immediately started asking my brother all these questions. Well, I am hoping that your eyes didn't glaze over when you saw this was from the Treasurer. I mean it is about money and who doesn't love money?

***Writing checks to TGCI** – Soon it will be time that many of you write those wonderful checks to the TGCI projects for which we are always so grateful. When you write a check to TGCI for a donation, a registration to the State Convention/State Fall Workshop, or your dues, ALWAYS write the check to The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., or just TGCI and put on the memo line the project or meeting. Please do NOT make it payable to the project or meeting you want to attend, as the bank teller will just give me this look and tell me no, I cannot cash it. And definitely do NOT make it payable to the registrar of the meeting, as you are just tempting them to take that long-awaited vacation to Hawaii.

***The Back of the Check** – I know many of you are from the days where you write For Deposit Only so checks won't be deposited by anyone other than the intended person for whom it was written. However, checks written to The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. or TGCI can only be deposited and not cashed; so, there isn't a need anymore. **Plus**, that little area on the back is MY area – you get to write on the entire front of the check, let me have my small area on the back. Actually, if I use our stamp it does get crowded, but the bigger problem is, I do a lot of online deposits, especially right now. When you do an online deposit with our bank, they are very particular about the wording that is required to be on the back so leaving that area blank would really help.

***New Members** – As you know we have a big membership drive (See President's Project article) and hope to get a lot of new members throughout the year. When you send in the dues for the new members, you do NOT need to do the cover sheet (this is the one where you tell us who the officers are). Just send in the form with the new member(s) information (or use a **standard sheet** of paper) along with the check. Please do NOT send the information in on a sticky note which could get lost in all the papers. **And** to make sure that your new member counts toward the awards including the Silver Bowl, send an electronic copy to the Asst. Treasurer who will then send it out to the appropriate people.

***Address** – You may have noticed on the website or with the last dues notice that the TGCI Treasurer has an address now that is different from where I live. The plan was to go pick up the mail each week and go to "my office" (Starbucks) to do TGCI work. I only got to do that a couple of times before the COVID-19 shut down happened and now I am back to working from home again. I would still like you to use that address (5868 E. 71st St. Ste. E #136, Indianapolis, IN 46220). It helps me to keep track of TGCI items compared to my personal mail which has really increased these last few months as my daughter is starting to look at colleges.

Well, if you are still reading this and have any questions, please send me an e-mail. Maybe we could do a question and answer column – wouldn't that be fun! Just don't ask me to identify any flowers/plants or trees.

President's Project Update

As was mentioned in a previous newsletter article, President Betty Leverett tasked a committee with ways to promote membership during her term. The committee came up with 3 award/grant ideas as incentives. This is an update on the project.

New Member Gifts – Clubs that have new, paid members have an opportunity to receive an incentive of \$25 as three clubs are chosen at random throughout the year. This past April to March, monies were gifted to clubs in the following districts: NC – 4; NW – 3; CE – 11; CW – 1; C – 11; SE – 2 and SW – 4. CE District had a new club last year plus other new district members to total 40 NEW MEMBERS!! Central District followed with 35 new members. This upcoming year, NW District has a new club so we will have to see if they increase on the new member gifts. In 2019, we had a total of 160 new members which is fabulous! As we get started in 2020, we already have 102 new members plus the new club for a total of 127. Let's see if we can beat 160 new members in 2020!

Our next award incentive was for the Go and Grow Award. The club (non-hosting unless there is more than one host club) with the largest number percentage-wise of members in attendance at their district meetings would receive \$100. The districts were allowed to choose whether they wanted to use their Spring or Fall meetings during the second year but had to use the Fall meeting the first year. We are still waiting on a couple of districts to report to the committee so we can write the checks but some clubs have already received the \$100 for this incentive award. As for this current year, districts had to cancel their Spring meetings and the Fall meetings are currently being reviewed at the time. The President's Project Committee has decided that we will suspend this incentive until 2021 Spring or Fall meetings. We look forward to seeing large turnouts in 2021!

21% by 21 – This follows National President Gay Austin's membership challenge. 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. At the end of the last fiscal year (March), we only have one district that is eligible but several districts are so close. So, keep working on bringing in new members!

MEMBER SERVICES

The Member Services department of National Garden Clubs has several items that might be of interest to your club members. Among these items are magnetic buttons and car magnets with the Plant America logo. The car magnet is a great way to advertise National Garden Clubs and the theme of Plant America. To purchase items go to the National Garden Clubs website, gardenclub.org, click on shop online, and view the items available. Seeing this magnet on your car could possibly motivate someone to seek out a garden club and become a new member!

Sue Fuhrman
Member Services Chairman



SCHOLARSHIP APPRECIATION 2020

To all clubs and members who donated to the Scholarship Project during 2019, a huge appreciation is extended. Your generous donations allowed 17 full time students to be awarded scholarships for the 2020-2021 school years.

Linda Harkleroad 1st Vice President, David Zahrt photographer and I interviewed 22 students at Purdue and Ball State in February. The experience is always exciting, rewarding and full of refreshing conversations with the students and staff. Every year both schools' express gratitude for our monies, time and efforts to provide \$1000 scholarships to their students. The schools provide us with lunch and opportunities to visit with staff.

Each student shares stories of their different paths to their chosen majors and each has a unique approach to accomplish their goals. While all students expressed their love of nature and outdoors, they are also expressing their need to be creative and to be an asset to their profession. Garden therapy, landscape design, landscape architecture, residential design, horticulture marketing, growing flower fields and marine biology are among their choices.

I have listed the chosen winners and their hometowns. If you are interested in contacting them, I will give you their email address.

Purdue students are:

Nicole Achor, Chesterton
Richard Joseph Green, Osceola
Helen Nesius, West Terre Haute

Ball State students are:

Claire Thurlow, Noblesville
Natalie Freeman, Muncie
Kaitlin Gobrogge, Muncie
Ciera Silva, South Bend
Jake Senne, LaPorte
Kayla Davis, Whiteland



Sarah G Burger, Indianapolis
Ellen Joseph, Westfield
Morgan Smith, Silver Lake

Kirsten Toole, Goshen
Kathy Unland, Indianapolis
Caitlin Osburn, Lebanon
Brant Hile, Kendallville
Morgan Getz, South Bend
Tanner Prewitt, Seymour

Tanner Prewitt is also TGCI's National Scholarship Recipient for 2020-2021.

I would especially like to recognize the 4 clubs who donated more than \$1,000 this year.
Petal & Stem, Vale of Paradise, Spring Green and Four Winds.

Large donations, small donations, Memorials and Honorariums are so welcome and appreciated. TGCI expresses gratitude to them and to you and your clubs for your continuous support.

Joyce Bulington

TGCI Scholarship Chairman

NEW FOR 2020 - ADULTS LIKE TO WRITE POETRY & ESSAYS & SCULPT

At the 2021 NGC National Convention this chairman is offering a special award for essay, poetry, recycled sculpture, and Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contests. They will be same themes and rules, except the categories are adult; 1st, 2nd 3rd, and honorable mention certificates will be awarded. 1st place winners will receive \$25 to the individuals club in each category. Please submit your entry to this chairman by March 1st, 2021.

James Pavelka, 1034 E. 8th St., Hobart, IN. 46342-5220/jamespavelka@comcast.net/
(219) 629-2358. You may mail or e-mail your entries.

Remember, also, if you combined these contests with other aspects of gardening projects of design, building gardens, horticulture or other youth related projects, please document and send pictures in to the Central Region Vice-Director Joyce Bulington, so she can compile with other submissions for the Central Region Unified Project NGC, Inc. Award and make Jodi very happy and also earn a possible award for your club and state garden club too!

POETRY: "Exploring Backyard Mysteries" - include name, garden club, state.

ESSAY: "Adapting our Actions to Protect our Natural Habitats" - include name, garden club, state.

RECYCLED SCULPTURE: Send in (2) pictures 4"x 6" - use the application the youth use with description, materials used and title (see NGC youth contests) for entry form and complete rules.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster: Use the application the youth use with description. Smokey Bear posters must include: **Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!** Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsys conservation message: **Lend a Hand - Care for the Land!** Each entry should be 11"x17" inches in size. Include name, garden club, and state on back (attached or additional with e-mail of poster).

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE SOME FUN USING YOUR CREATIVITY



National Garden Clubs, Inc. – 2020 Awards Congratulations!

PUB 1-3 Cii Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit
The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. " Indiana Gardens "

EC-5 Pollinators Cii - **The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.**
1st place certificate of commendation

CS-1 Community Gardens - Ci- **Fort Benjamin's Blossoms Garden Club**
1st place certificate of commendation

NGC, Inc. scholarship in honor of Thekla Neuner - **Tanner Jordan Prewitt**

YB-1 Yearbook- Central Region - **Shamrock Garden Club**
Under 20 - 1st place certificate of commendation

YB-1 Yearbook - Central Region - **Spring Green Garden Club**
20-29 - 1st place certificate of commendation

7. Recycled Sculpture - **Grace Brewer** - 2nd place - 7th grade
Northwest Adventist Christian School - sponsored by the Hobart Garden Club

8. Recycled Sculpture - **Jaydon Scalzitti** - 3rd place - 8th grade
Northwest Adventist Christian School - sponsored by the Hobart Garden Club

Certificates of appreciation to **Crown Point Garden Club, Hendricks County Garden Club,
Hobart Garden Club, Sages Garden Club, & Fort Benjamin's Blossoms Garden Club**

Central Region Awards – 2020

1. Yearbook - Central Region - **Shamrock Garden Club** - under 20 - 1st place
2. Yearbook - Central Region - **Spring Green Garden Club** - 20-29 members - 1st place
3. Award #13 - youth contest participation 3rd place - **The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.**
4. Recycled Sculpture - **Daniel Vincent** - 2nd place - 4th grade
Northwest Adventist Christian School - sponsored by The Hobart Garden Club
5. Recycled Sculpture - **Mariestelle Rarama** - 2nd pl. - 5th grade
Northwest Adventist Christian School - sponsored by The Hobart Garden Club
6. Recycled Sculpture - **Micah Rosales** - 2nd place - 6th grade
Northwest Adventist Christian School - sponsored by the Hobart Garden Club
7. Recycled Sculpture - **Grace Brewer** - 1st place - 7th grade
Northwest Adventist Christian School - sponsored by the Hobart Garden Club
8. Recycled Sculpture - **Jaydon Scalzitti** - 1st place - 8th grade
Northwest Adventist Christian School - sponsored by the Hobart Garden Club

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Club Achievement Award Form

Directions: Please print out and complete the form by checking each milestone your club achieved in the past year. DUE FEBRUARY 15TH, 2021

Send completed form to 1st Vice-President Linda Harkleroad, 8022 E. Cherokee Road, Syracuse, Indiana 46567.

YEAR: _____ DISTRICT: _____

CLUB NAME: _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____

Milestone	Points	Achieved?
Apply for one national award	5	
Attended a NGC Convention (5 points no matter how many members attended)	5	
Apply for one state award (completing this form counts as one)	5	
Applied for a Central Region Award	5	
Made purchases from National Garden Club Member Services	5	
A state Scholarship Patron added during the year	5	
A Gold Star Membership added during the year	5	
A NGC Life Membership added during the year	5	
Contributed to Blue Star Memorial	5	
Contributed to Land Trust	5	
Contributed to Scholarship	5	
Contributed to Annual Civic Fund	5	
Attended TGCI Fall Seminar/Wildflower Workshop (5 points no matter how many members attended)	5	
Attendance at District Meetings (5 points no matter how many members attended)	5	

Club Achievement Form
Updated 2020

Attendance at State Convention (5 points no matter how many members attended)	5	
Promptness in payment of State Annual Dues	5	
Article on club activities placed in <u>Indiana Gardens</u>	5	
Publicity clippings sent to State Historian	5	
Not less than 50% in attendance at club meetings	5	
Increased or maintained club membership	5	
Club members participated in a Plant Society Standard Show, or entered in an open class Horticulture contest at county fair	5	
Club held an NGC standard flower show	5	
Attended a Central Region Convention (5 points no matter how many members attended)	5	
Maintenance of established or current civic projects	5	
Established or maintained a Garden Center or a Mini-Information Center or display in a library or public building for at least one month	5	
Attended an NGC School—landscape, flower show judge, environmental, or garden studies	5	
Incorporated in a majority of meetings one or more study programs on horticulture, design, environment, birds and/or butterflies	5	
Participated in Central Region Director's Project	5	
Participated in current NGC President's Project	5	
Participated in current TGCI President's Project	5	
Sponsored a new adult or youth garden club	5	
Sponsored a youth in a youth activity project (5 points no matter how many projects)	5	
Total Maximum Points	160	

Club President Name:

Club President Signature _____

Arbutus Garden Club

Arbutus member Anne Ripley has planted Kennebec seed potatoes in a garden bed at SHarP (Shared Harvest Project) Community Garden at 46th and Illinois Street in Indianapolis, In. The community garden has been in existence for ten years according to Mary Ellen Gadski, who is a core member.

The shared part of the garden name comes from the fact that 18 of the 38 garden beds are dedicated to the community. The produce from the community gardens is donated to the Boulevard Place food pantry at 42nd and Boulevard Place. The other beds are rented to gardeners to grow whatever they want to plant. The gardens have amazing varieties of vegetables and flowers.

Anne Ripley



Anne Ripley in the Community Garden.

Fall Creek Garden Club

Like other clubs, we have had to postpone many of our programs. For example, in June we had scheduled a garden and home tour, but the owner and the sponsor on the program committee along with the board decided to move it to next year. Instead, we were able to do a virtual tour of the same venue because photos of a previous tour at the location were located by a diligent member. She shared slides and commentary, and we enjoyed it and getting together again in a safe way.

The proposed July meeting was thought to be a go since it would be outside at Garfield Park, but then Garfield's representatives felt ambivalent about going ahead, so that was also canceled. Instead, we are once again "Zooming." Members are submitting photos of a favorite mid-summer flower, and we will have a casual discussion on the merits of the plants selected.

August's meeting will go as planned because the speaker has agreed to present online. Executive Director Emily Wood of the Indiana Wildlife Federation, will give her program entitled "Indiana Environment Update." Fall programming will be determined on a case by case basis. We all long for better times in the future, but are grateful every day for the refuge of our own gardens.

Gayle Sanders President

Broad Ripple Garden Club

Hello and happy summer from Broad Ripple Garden Club! We met for a 'social distanced, mask-wearing' meeting and lunch, at a pavilion, in West Park in Carmel on June 5th. Although only half of our membership was in attendance, we had a delightful visit with each other and a short Business Meeting.

On June 12, 2020 five ladies worked on the flower bed for our Blue Star Memorial. We planted red and white Knock Out Roses, white Coneflowers, Boxwoods, Vinca annuals and Lantana. We will be able to change out the annual plants seasonally. It was a big job during very hot weather, but we are very happy with the results! We love our Blue Star Memorial.

We have a Hosta Garden tour planned for July 10th, where we can preview a garden with 400 Hostas and as always in these uncertain times, we will be social distancing and wearing a mask. All of our upcoming scheduled events are being carefully looked at and only events taking place outside and social distanced are being considered. We hope to have our Annual Plant Sale take place in the late summer or early fall.

Broad Ripple Garden Club is the proud recipient of the following 2019 State Awards from The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

They are:

- 1st Place - Blue Star Memorials - Class A1-Outstanding work in establishment of a memorial site.
- 2nd Place - Club Achievement - Class B under 25 members.
- 2nd Place - Scrapbook Printed - Class Bii 20-29 members 30-80 pages.
- Contributions - Land Trust Project - Class F
- Scholarship - Class B4.

We are planning to have our 70th Anniversary Luncheon on July 15, 2020 at Crooked Stick Golf Club. We hope to have a good turnout from our membership, as we will be socially distanced seating outside.

Please stay safe and healthy ladies.

Phyllis Grzeskowiak President



Hendricks County Garden Club

Garden Club Members Host International Virtual Meeting for National Garden Week

Members of the Hendricks County Garden Club hosted a surprisingly international virtual “Ask the Garden Club” event on Monday, June 8, 2020 to honor National Garden Week. With physical distancing requirements, the club created this fun way to safely connect with the public and share their 1000+ years of gardening expertise. Promoted through social media, anyone was welcome to participate. “We were so thrilled to have participants not only from Hendricks county, but also from Texas, Ohio and even the country of Peru,” said club President Deloris Elza. “We shared advice about common gardening challenges and favorite plants for specific growing conditions.”

Club members participating were President Deloris Elza of Plainfield, 2nd Vice-President Barbara Stauch of Avon, Recording Secretary Jan Armstrong of Indianapolis, Jackie Rosales of Danville, Judy Thurman of Clayton, Judy Wessel of Avon, and Susan Yoder of Martinsville.

With their mission to “promote greater interest in gardening and in nature’s beauties,” the club plans to host more of these kinds of events so that physical distancing does not lead to social isolation. Keep up to date on their work through their Facebook Page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/HendricksCountyGardenClub/>.

Our “Zoom” meeting participants.



Deloris Elza
President

Lowell Garden Club

The Lowell Garden Club was asked by the Halsted Home Historical Society if we could help clean up the overgrown garden along the fence that surrounded the property on June 11, 2020. We had perfect weather for the day. The Halsted home was built in 1850 and was the home of the founder of Lowell, Melvin A. Halsted. It was built from bricks he manufactured locally. Social distancing had kept us apart already so it was good to see friends and to work together.



The newest garden club in the NW District of Indiana.
Welcome Lowell Garden Club!

Munster Garden Club

This past month, the Munster Garden Club members were invited to open up their gardens for members to tour. We greatly missed having our 2020 Garden Walk, so this was a way to allow members to see each other and also enjoy some of our member's hard work. Members wore masks and kept socially distant during these visits. Members Betsy Cameron, Jayne Glass, Aggie Grimmer, Jan Kiszcka, Helen Jancich, Diane Shaw, Tamara Simonetto and Liz Starewicz shared their gardens with us. We were also thrilled when one of our Garden Walk 2020 hosts invited us to tour her lovely gardens, too. It was so wonderful to see friends and catch up with them.

Members also received photos of the gardens for those unable to attend. Regular club emails bring member news and gardening information as a way of keeping in communication. We are planning on trying a zoom program for members in August.

Mariellen Smith President



Vale of Paradise

The Vale of Paradise Garden Club maintains the planters in front of the Valparaiso Public Library each year. The colors are appropriate for honoring the Women's Suffrage 100th Anniversary.

We have had a couple of e-mail meetings, and in July we met at the Westchester Bird Sanctuary in Chesterton. The Sandhill Cranes also showed up and were fun to watch. It was a beautiful day out there and everyone enjoyed being together, yet keeping a distance.

Linda Dingee President



Petal and Stem Garden Club

Our spring was far from normal, as we canceled three meetings and our annual plant sale. That doesn't mean our members were not busy. Our own flowers are looking better than ever since we have had so much time at home to work in our beds. Besides that we have been busy working at the Richmond Rose Garden. Petal and Stem has its own large bed which we take care of on a regular basis.

We started spring by planting six new rose bushes and fertilized the entire bed. Now members spend time weeding and dead-heading. How come the weeds grow so fast? Members also help in other beds that need attention. Several of our members also have their own rose beds. That means they not only work in their bed but the Petal and Stem bed too.



The big fund-raiser, **BLOOM&GLOW**, of which member co-president Ann Herrman is the chairman, and three other members on the committee, had to be canceled because of COVID-19. This is an event that our members look forward to helping with and are proud of the money raised.

Even though **BLOOM&GLOW** was canceled, the Rose Board president presented the 2019 awards and member Jean Campbell was named Volunteer of the Year. Jean has two beds that she keeps in excellent shape but also helps in several other beds including Petal and Stem. Jean can be seen several mornings a week weeding and dead-heading. She is a very hard worker and a real asset to the Rose Garden and the club is very proud of her.

Besides working at the Rose Garden, members plant and maintain flowers at their churches, Hayes Arboretum butterfly garden and Friends Fellowship Community. In all of these places members follow guidelines from the governor and practice social distancing.

We miss seeing everyone and hope all are staying healthy and safe.



Jean Campbell, Volunteer of the Year Richmond Rose Garden.



One of six pots planted at Holy Family Church by Ann Herrman.



Member Pat Murphy, Jean Campbell and Pat Jarvis work in the spring preparing the rose garden for summer.

Ann Herrman
President

Sages Garden Club

Members of Sages Garden Club met on Zoom for their monthly meeting in May. Despite not having a live presentation, members of the club were emailed materials from the scheduled speaker, Richard Bartlett of Bartlett Tree Service, outlining the proper care and pruning of trees.

Our 3rd annual Plant Sale in Normandy Farms this June was a little different. Due to COVID-19, the neighborhood garage sale scheduled for June 6th was canceled. So, the club came up with another plan. With social distancing and various restrictions in place, Sages members worked to make the fundraiser happen at the home of one of their members. Plants were donated by the members from their own gardens for the sale. Visitors enjoyed shopping outside, finding wonderful plant bargains, and meeting new gardening neighbors and friends. It was a huge success. Several visitors are interested in becoming members of the club and our profits totaled over \$500!

Later in June, members were finally able to meet face to face for our monthly meeting! Everyone wore a mask and maintained their 6' distance, while sharing one thing about their garden this year that surprised them. Many interesting stories were shared, including ones about plants that weren't expected to return after the winter and yet they did amazingly well and one plant that wasn't recommended to be moved because it doesn't typically "like" to be moved, but was moved and is growing very well. Members enjoyed sharing and visiting with each other again during this fun time together.

Cindy Martin, Past Club President (2017-2019)



Plant Sale organizers were: Carolyn Stewart, Julie Brunette, Rita Kerner, and Rita Hummel

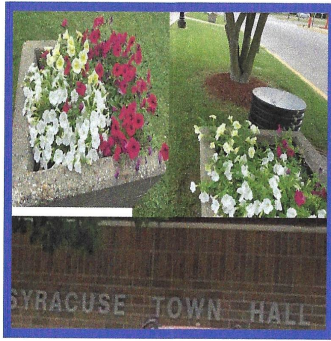


June 6th Plant Sale fundraiser for Sages Garden Club.

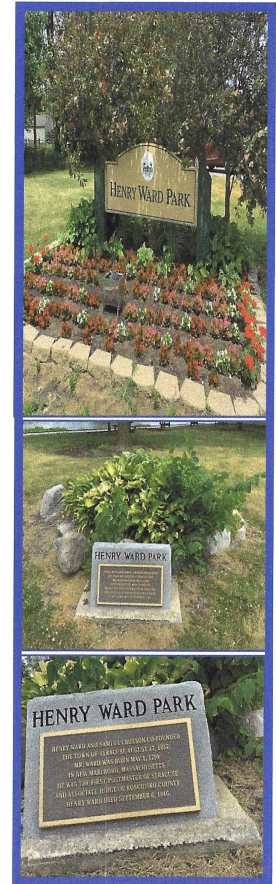
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In Loving Memory



Marian P. Hunter, 91, of Mooresville, passed away March 1, 2020. Marian was an active member of Come into the Garden Club of Mooresville for more than half a century and was passionate about flowers and all things pertaining to gardening and nature. Her other activities included raising rabbits, beekeeping, bridge club, travel (with many trips to Alaska) and shelling on the Florida beaches.

Within one week in June, members of the Mudlarks Garden Club had to say good-bye to two cherished friends and special members of the club.



Sylvia Kiel passed away June 6, 2020 and was a co-founder of the Mudlarks Garden Club in 1969. Along with her sister Jacque, she proposed the club's first community project of beautifying the grounds of the Bartholomew County Courthouse, continuing now for 50 years. Sylvia served on the Design Committee to plan The Veterans Memorial which includes landscaping on three quarters of the city block. Sylvia was bright, fun, energetic and very creative, winning many awards for her floral designs and horticulture entries. She had an infectious laugh and a beautiful smile and is greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.



Susan Adler passed away on June 13, 2020 and was a 30 year member of the Mudlarks Garden Club. She served in many leadership capacities. She was always helpful and a ready volunteer for all Mudlarks projects and programs. She had a beautiful, warm smile and kind heart, plus a delightful sense of humor and a quiet wit. She was a member of other community organizations, sharing her interest in reading and education. She is sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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