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Promotes
Interest and Education
in
Horticulture,
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Floral Design,
and
Environmental Concerns



From our President

“Thanks for the memories...” To those of us of a certain age, this was comedian Bob Hope’s signature exit line.

Well, I too am about to exit, but I want to thank you for a very eventful, enjoyable, and fast paced two years as your state president.

During that time I have...

- attended 13 district meetings—8 in person and the remainder over Zoom.
- attended two national conventions—1 in person and 1 over Zoom.
- attended two Central Region conventions—1 in person and 1 over Zoom.
- attended flower shows, garden seminars, and spoke at the Blue/Gold Star dedications.
- driven 6,526 miles.
- chaired 7 Executive Committee meetings and 7 Board meetings (with one more of each to come).
- written 14 scripts for those meetings (again with 2 more....).
- racked my brain for topics for 12 of these articles for [Indiana Gardens](#).

However, these details don’t begin to tell the real story of my last 2 years. The places I’ve been and the people I’ve met far outweigh the time I’ve spent on paperwork, driving, and board meetings. Attending the district meetings and listening to the various speakers has taught me more about not only plants and animals, but also the history and geography of the state I have lived in my entire life.

I have been treated with kindness and generosity. I’m much cleaner thanks to all the wonderful smelling soaps I’ve received, happier from all the great chocolate, smarter from the great books, and younger in spirit from the first corsage I’ve received in eons.

I’ve witnessed clubs working together to raise funds for TGCI scholarships, educate their communities on bees and native plants, celebrate our Veterans with Blue and Gold Stars, and exhibit their creativity and horticulture prowess with flower shows. We may be getting older as a group, but we’re not standing still.

I have represented you at the Central Region and National Garden Club meetings and have found that Indiana is not alone in both its concerns and achievements. I hope you have read the weekly blogs NGC provides and taken advantage of the incredible webinar presentations on everything from Holland’s bulb production to the landscape designs of Frederick Law Olmsted. It’s important to remember that we are a part of 2 larger organizations who are there to help and inform us.

Most of all I am very proud of all that your Board of Directors has accomplished over the last 2 years. They have worked very hard to make certain TGCI is always listening and always working to make your clubs run more smoothly and efficiently. The revised President’s Manual is filled with practical information; the website has been constantly updated with new material; and the bylaws have been amended to include this new-fangled Zoom process.

It’s been a wonderful 2 years. “Thanks for the memories.”

Plant Trees for Hope

By Jayne Kesler



TGCI President's Project

Why trees? I've always been an unabashed Tree Hugger but why decide on devoting my two years as TGCI President to planting trees?

It's hard to overstate the importance of trees from their debut millions of years ago to their transforming our habitat into a utopia for land animals. Trees were a turning point for the Earth. And yet, despite our reliance on trees we can take them for granted.

Perhaps as gardeners we understand and appreciate the benefit of plants and trees a bit more than many others. However, one goal of my project is that an awareness of the benefit of trees be clearly understood by all.

The Arbor Day Foundation provides a short list of challenges our world is facing and solutions that planting trees will provide for these challenges. They are as follow:

Climate Change - The warming planet threatens our way of life. Trees can be an efficient and inexpensive source of capturing carbon which can mitigate the effects of climate change.

Communities - Cities can be enhanced as calming canopies of trees provide a sense of inclusivity. Trees can change the health and well-being of our communities.

Our Ecosystem - Deforestation contributes to hundreds of species becoming endangered. Planting trees is a catalyst to nurturing biodiversity.

The clubs in The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. have a unique opportunity to impact their communities by using the President's Project "Plant Trees for Hope" Grant Program. We can increase the benefits that trees provide to our communities as well as letting them know the advantages of being a Federated garden club.

Save the date

For

2023 SEPTEMBER SEMINAR

Friday, September 15, 2023

Oakwood Resort Lake Wawasee

702 East Lake View Rd

Syracuse, IN 46567

Hosted by

North Central District





FOR 2023

Think of TREES when planning your club's new fiscal year programs/speakers, events and projects. A few simple inclusions could qualify your club for monetary awards thru TGCI 2023-2025 President's Project and/or the Bev Kelter Arbor Award.

PLAN ~ ACT ~ APPLY

IT'S AS EASY AS THAT

BEV KELTER ARBOR

An award of \$100.00 and a Certificate of Award will be given when merited, to the club with the most outstanding tree program. Additional awards of \$50.00 may be given on occasional years when funding permits.

Requirements:

1. Submit an application form (see Award Rules).
2. Include photographs, financial statement, project summary, publicity, and number of trees planted.
3. Project work to be from January through November of current year, however, it may show evidence of a continuing project.
4. No club may win this award two consecutive years.

Scale of Points for Judging:

Number of trees planted by club members on private property	10 pts
Number of trees planted and significance of club planting projects on public grounds	45 pts
Most significant Arbor Day Service	35 pts
Tree planting and/or environmental education programs with youth	<u>10 pts</u>
Total	100

A committee of three (3) members, including the **State Trees Chairman**, shall be appointed by the State President to judge the applications. Application form (see Awards Rules) is to be sent to the **State Trees Chairman** by **December 1**.

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PRESIDENT'S PROJECT 2023-2025

PLANT TREES FOR HOPE

Climate change and the warming planet threaten our way of life. Carbon dioxide, the primary driver of global warming, has played a crucial role in shaping our Earth's climate.

"As an efficient, inexpensive source of carbon capture, trees can be a major part of the solution to mitigate the effects of climate change." (www.arboday.com)

Trees can be the solution to support communities, providing calming canopies and a sense of well-being; trees can provide hundreds of species which nurture biodiversity for forests, and they can absorb carbon dioxide and produce approximately 260 pounds of oxygen per tree per year. (Utah Forest Facts: "Trees and Climate Change" by Megan Dettenmaier, Michael Kuhns, Bethany Unger, Darren McAvoy)

With increasing concern about climate change, Jayne Kesler chose **Plant Trees for Hope** as her President's Project to challenge The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. clubs to take a part in providing Hope by Planting Trees.

Lucy Larcom captures it by saying,

"He who plants a tree, plants a hope."



PLANT TREES FOR HOPE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT 2023-2025

General Guidelines:

- Provide an actual in-kind value donation of at least \$100 by the sponsoring club for the project. This could be from the club treasury or be a labor or material donation from an outside party.
- Plant in a public space or private property dedicated to public use.
- Define how the tree will benefit the public and site.
- Explain why the particular location was chosen and what significance does it hold.
- Host a public "Tree Dedication" coinciding or coordinated with Arbor Day or any other public educational program.
- Acknowledge The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. as a sponsor and partner in all events, articles, promotional and print materials.
- Provide and explain on-going tree maintenance and public educational programs on tree issues and care.



EARTH DAY

April 22nd, 2023

“Invest in our Planet”



ARBOR DAY

April 28th, 2023

“Celebrate and Recognize the Importance of Trees”



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).



**The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
91st State Convention
“Pieces of the Past”**

**Gasthof Amish Village
6747 E. Gasthof Village Road
Montgomery, IN**

The South West District is knee deep in finalizing plans for the 91st State Convention “Pieces of the Past” to be held at the Gasthof Amish Village, 6747 E Gasthof Village Road, Montgomery, Indiana.

We are excited about the speakers, the entertainment, and the opportunity to host our gardening friends from the entire state.

Get your reservation in now. You must **CALL** the hotel for reservations in order to receive the discount. You must say you are with TGCI Convention. IF you do not follow these simple directions you will be told that there are NO Vacancies. Phone (812) 486-2600.

See you soon,
Linda Cornelius
South West District Director



Save the Date

**The 27th Annual
Garden Walk**

Wednesday
June 7th, 2023
9AM-3PM

Details and tickets available
on April 14
Indianapolisgardenclub.org



“Through the Garden Gate”, the 8th annual Garden Expo held Saturday, February 25th, in Washington, IN. We were so thrilled to have so many gardeners from all over the state.

Karen Taggart gets the “scoop” on how to become a member from Linda Cornelius.



Mary Lou Gotwald, Haley Liming, Gloria Ackerson and Mary Jo Kane have the Garden Gate Cafe ready to serve breakfast and lunch.



Sue Colbert and Sue Harper welcome visitors and answer questions about Arts & Flowers Club programs and projects.



Maggie Tuggle, Shari Gray, and Bev Spillman collect donations for concessions.



Come into the Garden

It was all business for Come into the Garden Club in January as we met at the Mooresville Public Library to discuss business matters and make plans for our upcoming fiscal year. In the same month, three of our members were fortunate enough to travel to the Sullivan County Garden Club's Gardening Seminar. It was such an enjoyable day.

We hit the road again in February going to the Parke County Maple Fair at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Rockville. After a stop for breakfast, we continued on into downtown Rockville visiting the various shops and local art gallery. We couldn't leave town without dropping in at the Drunk Tank Winery located in the basement of the historic Parke County old jail which is now a bed and breakfast.

We had to use our GPS, but we finally found it, and to cap off the day, we stopped at Harris Sugarbush Camp to discover more about maple syrup production and products in Indiana.

At the camp, they collect the maple sap from their own trees, process the sap into syrup and prepare the syrup for bottling or use in maple consumable products. They also use a very controlled storage system as to have syrup and maple products available year round.

Starting the new fiscal year, April 12th will be our 1st quarter business meeting at the Mooresville Public Library. Also included in the month will be a day to venture out to a new destination which has yet to be determined.

WANTED..." NEW MEMBERS" and we got one! We now introduce you to Sandy H, a new member to our club. She's already become a great addition to our group!



The NEW one! Sandy H.

Laura Kearby Club President



Fall Creek Garden Club

The Fall Creek Garden Club has been going places... at least in our programs.

In November, club member Gayle Sanders presented us about the origins and history of Japanese gardens. While teaching in Japan in 1985, Gayle was introduced to the renowned gardens of Kyoto for the first time and fell in love with them. Later, over a period of eight years of teaching in Japan, she had many opportunities to view gardens in Kyoto and in other locations. Gayle taught us that Japanese gardens are not flower gardens. In fact, there are no Japanese words for that type of garden!



Gayle Sanders' presentation about Japanese gardens.

After the holiday and business meetings of the end and beginning of the year, club member Sarah Gray took us with her on a journey to the South West of England (Dorset, Devon, Somerset, and Cornwall) in February. This area is known for its beaches, coastline, and cream teas and according to Sarah, who lived in that area and still has family living there, this area of England also has some of the best gardens in the whole of the UK. From the tropical to the hidden, Sarah showed us pictures of many different and beautiful gardens to visit in that area. We are fortunate to have members like Sarah and Gayle who can share about gardens they've visited in other areas of the world.

Fall Creek Garden Club members held their first Vase Exchange fundraiser at their February meeting. We all brought vases we no longer wanted to the meeting, donating one dollar to the club for each vase donated. We displayed all the vases on a table and members could buy any vase they liked for a five-dollar donation to the club. At the end of the meeting, we sorted the vases and boxed up those that met the size criteria for Random Acts of Flowers and one member took those to donate to them. Another member took the remaining vases to donate to a second-hand store. We all enjoyed the event, which gave us the opportunity to clean out our old vases, raise money for our club, and donate vases to a good cause.

Carol Michel
Club President

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Four Winds Garden Club

We are getting ready for our annual plant sale which is held on the first Saturday of May at the Wellfield Botanical Garden in Elkhart, IN. The Wellfield waives the entrance fee for attendees during the hours of our plant sale. This is our fund raiser with the proceeds going toward the Memorial Garden at the Wellfield Botanical Garden. We have included the card as an attachment so other clubs can use this idea for promotional purposes. The Wellfield Botanical Garden is an amazing destination for people visiting Elkhart for any reason.

Four Winds Garden Club inspired the idea of a memorial garden at the very conception of the Wellfield Botanical Garden. Since 2011 with donations from area and district garden clubs, we have donated almost \$18,000 dollars. Elkhart Community Foundation Fund has also made donations toward the Memorial Garden. Garden Clubs have been instrumental in the creation of the Memorial Garden at Wellfield Botanical Gardens. We should all be proud of this accomplishment.



The future Memorial Garden.

Laura Stevens
Club President

Four Winds Garden Club Plant Sale

Plant Sale, "Ask-An-Expert", Wellfield Health & Wellness programs preview, just in time for Mother's Day!

Saturday, May 6, 2023

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Free Admission

At Wellfield Botanic Gardens

1011 N. Main Street

Elkhart IN 46514

574-266-2006 ext 105

wellfieldgardens.org



Wellfield
Botanic Gardens

Friendly Garden Club

The Friendly Garden Club is ready for spring, and gearing up for gardening, club projects, interesting presentations at our meetings, and tours. At the January meeting, our own Coletta Kosiba, did a lovely presentation entitled “Costume Jewelry” on beautiful annuals. Her knowledge, beautiful photos from her gardens, and delightful sense of humor were enjoyed by all.

Our February meeting was “An Afternoon Tea” which could not have been more lovely and delicious, thanks to our gracious hosts, Jill Clouser, Kerry Cates, and Susel Taylor. They ensured that every detail was in place, the beautiful table setting, tiered plates of yummy sandwiches and desserts, including homemade jam and hard to find clotted cream, and a variety of teas. Everyone who attended all felt so special and spoiled. Members brought Valentine cards and goodies for the very cute mailboxes, made by the hosts. Four lucky ladies won the teapots and everyone received a rose.

Our February program “From Antique Hoes to Smart Phones” was presented by Carol Michels, who belongs to the Fall Creek Garden Club. Her interesting and humorous presentation did, in fact, show her collection of hoes, and how she came about collecting them. Her message was about how gardening should be fun and how we can use what’s available to prepare and maintain our gardens. She shared some easy and practical tips, which we all can use.

Kathe Rae Club Secretary



Coletta Kosiba



“An Afternoon Tea” given by the gracious hosts, Jill Clouser, Kerry Cates, and Susel Taylor.



Everyone is enjoying all of the goodies that were presented. The mail boxes are simply adorable. Fun times.



Irvington Garden Club

The Irvington Garden Club is busy preparing for their 23rd Garden Tour. The committee of 13 has been meeting since November 2022 to formulate and carry out plans. Here one of the members,



Lucy Newton, is displaying the winning flyer for the tour to be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023 from 1 to 5 PM at the reasonable price of only \$10.00 per person with children admitted free.

The event is held rain or shine with tickets available that day or previous to the tour at Ace Hardware at 10th and Arlington.

A drawing is held for 2 gift certificates to the same Ace Hardware store to everyone who registers for the tour. Proceeds from the sale of tickets goes to support the Irvington Garden Club's beautification efforts in Irvington.

The tour is held the same day as the historic Irvington Methodist Church's Ice Cream Social at 50 N. Audubon. As well, this year the committee is arranging for live music in some of the gardens, in addition to artists who often paint on site. There will be a total of 8 private home gardens available to tour in the Irvington neighborhood as well as the historic Benton House Garden. Club members prepare for a free plant give away at the Bona Thompson Memorial Center for each registrant.

All this is quite a bargain for a lovely day of touring in the beautiful and historic Irvington neighborhood. A map of suggested route is provided along with your ticket. Some even prefer to tour by bicycle.

The club is also making plans for their Irvington Farmer's Market held at Ellenberger Park the 2nd Sunday of each month June through October from noon until 3.

Ronna Brown
Club Vice-President

Blue/Gold Star Memorials

We have received a price increase from Sewah Studios for Blue or Gold Star Memorials effective May 1, 2023, good thru May 1st, 2024.

Memorial/Highway Markers - \$1,995.00
Delivered with a 7' post.

Byway Plaques - \$665.00

Replacement Posts - \$375.00

Refurbish no post - \$1,200.00

Extra Shipping (western states) - \$100.00
Memorial/Highway markers only.

Clubs interested in a Blue or Gold Star Memorial can find order forms on the National Garden Club website at www.gardenclub.org. Click on Programs, Blue Star, and Gold Star Memorials, Blue and Gold Star Ordering Details.

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. is looking forward to a dedication this year in Monticello, IN. A Blue Star By-Way Marker dedication on Veterans Day at Altherr Park in Monticello, IN, is planned by the Monticello Garden Club.



Petal and Stem Garden Club
Blue Star Memorial
Dedicated on May 30, 2022.

Chris Seal
Blue/Gold Memorial Chairman

Munster Garden Club

This past December, the Munster Garden Club entered a tree in the annual Festival of Trees at the Center for the Performing Arts. For the second year in a row, our tree won first place. The theme was “Queen Bee” and the decorating team had a wonderful time designing her.

At our holiday luncheon at Little Italy in Dyer, we bid farewell to our board that had been in office for four years and welcomed new members in an induction ceremony. The outgoing board members were awarded the “Golden Trowel” award for staying on the board for an additional term as a result of the pandemic.

The new board members are Vice-President Nalan Turan, Treasurer Eileen Patterson, Secretary Lee Holzman, Corresponding Secretary Michelle Manoski, and Bitsy Sullivan as Parliamentarian. Mariellen Smith will stay on for one more term as President.

The club is pleased to announce that we will be having a garden walk this year. The walk will be held July 14 and 15. Our annual plant sale will be held on May 19.

Mariellen Smith Club President



Vale of Paradise Garden Club

We are having our Membership Drive & Scholarship Fund Raiser.



Just a few of our pictures from the 17th annual Gardening Show that was mentioned in the last issue. It was a great day and enjoyed by all.

In February we had a social breakfast which included our members and a few potential newcomers that were interested in learning about our club.

It was a successful meeting. Three new members and 2 that are considering to join. What a great day and fun to meet new people.



Facebook Club Pages

Boonville Garden Club

Broad Ripple Garden Club

Crown Point Garden Club

Duneland Garden Club

Enter the Garden Club

Flower Lane Garden Club

Friendly Garden Club

Garden Club of Marion

Garden Club of Michiana

Gas City Garden Club

Green Thumb Garden Club

Hendricks County Garden Club

Hobart Garden Club

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Irvington Garden Club & Farmers Market

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Newburgh Garden Club

Pendleton Garden Club

Peru Garden Club

Petal and Stem Garden Club

Sages Garden Club

Shamrock Garden Club

Spring Green Garden Club

Sullivan County Garden Club

Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club

The Cultivating Garden Club

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

The Garden Club of New Harmony

The Munster Garden Club

Vale of Paradise Garden Club

Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club



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- 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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- supported The Nature Conservancy with contributions of over \$125,000 to protect and preserve Indiana's lands and waters
- installed over 50 Blue Star Memorial Markers statewide to honor those who have served, are serving, or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States
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