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## From our President

Whether the summer of 2021 brings the "new" normal or we are able to eventually move into the "old" normal, I'm certain all of us are ready for some version of normal in our lives.

Nothing was so new normal as the April 28<sup>th</sup> State Convention held via Zoom. Betty Leverett, Joyce Bulington, and Cynthia Wright guided us through a pared down business meeting followed by a most enjoyable speaker. If you missed the incredible presentation by the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (Wanda Zahrt, Jayne Kesler, Sue Rosiak, and Jim Pavelka) you really did miss something. You will find a link to the program on the TGCI website. I **hope** we can meet in person next spring as the South East District hosts the convention.

I have been amazed over the past 15 months at the number of clubs across the state that have managed to soldier on and plant their parks and civic areas in spite of the restrictions. Being a former state civic development chair, I am aware of the overwhelming number of clubs across the state that do some sort of civic plantings - from 2 containers outside a library to multiple areas around town. Last summer's events brought a need for something beautiful in our lives, and the garden clubs throughout the state helped provide that.

I **hope** you have continued that effort this year with my project of Plant America in the Colors of **Hope** for Cancer Awareness. I don't imagine there is a garden club member in the state who hasn't lost a loved one, or a friend to this terrible disease. This is an opportunity to recognize those who lost their fight or those who are still fighting. I **hope** you have chosen to honor them by planting private and public areas in your communities with one or more of the 28 colors associated with the different forms of cancer.

Wanda Zahrt and her committee of Phyllis Goble-Kruger and Nancy Wright are in the process of creating awards in recognition of your efforts. As soon as their proposal is approved by the Board of Directors, information will be sent to all club presidents.

There are clubs around the state who have not been able to meet during the pandemic, and I **hope** with warmer weather and the easing of the restrictions you find an outdoor venue to connect this summer. Zoom meetings are an excellent way to meet when they are the only option; they allow for business to be conducted; however, social interaction is sorely missed. The Zoom program purchased by TGCI will be useful even when we are able to return to in person meetings. Small group meetings can now be held without spending more time in the car than in the meeting itself.

I **hope** to be able to meet with the Board of Directors in person in June; I **hope** all of you can meet in person with your club members this summer; I hope to see all of you in person at the Wildflower Workshop at Ft. Ben in September.

We can only **hope**.

## Linda



## **Promoting Club Membership**

## Jim Pavelka – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President- Membership Chairman

Get a Facebook account. They are free and there are YouTube videos to help you start one.

**Use the TGCI Bookmark template**. *It is free and comes in every issue of Indiana Gardens*. It is also on our NEW Website at <a href="www.gardenclubofindiana.org">www.gardenclubofindiana.org</a>. Copy on card stock and put information about your club on the opposite side. Give them to your club members to pass out and invite their neighbors, friends, and work associates to attend a meeting.

**Register with your local chamber of commerce** that can give out your information when someone inquires about there being a garden club in your town.

List your club information on the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (<a href="www.gardenclub.org">www.gardenclub.org</a>) website with current president, and contact information for interested individuals.

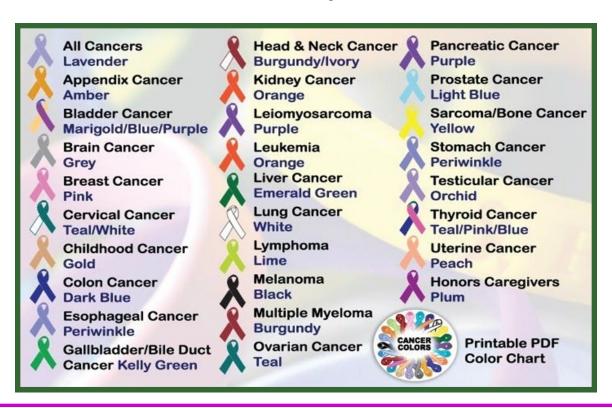
## IDEAS FROM THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC.

## How to Get New Members to Join Your Club? Easy, just ask!

## Here are just a few ideas that you may want to try:

- 1. Ask your neighbor, church member, or Bridge Club to visit a club meeting.
- 2. Have club members send invitations to new residents in their neighborhood.
- 3. Have a Plant Party or Plant Exchange invite the public. Hand out invitations to the club meeting.
- 4. Print up a flyer on how nice a yard looks and place it on the front door of the home inviting the owner to the next garden club meeting.
- 5. Start conversations about gardening when in supermarkets and/or garden nursery lines if they are purchasing plants or flowers.
- 6. Have a Membership Table with a sign-up book and club membership information at your garden club's flower show, fund-raisers, and community fairs and events.
- 7. When someone shows interest, follow up by contacting them and sending them a notice of meetings.
- 8. And the most important one of all: **MAKE THEM FEEL WANTED AS A MEMBER!**

## **Plant America in Colors of Hope for Cancer Awareness**





Ann Herrman won the **TGCI Honeywell Award** in April of 2020 in Indiana accompanied by the traditional gift presentation of a crystal vase.

This is the most prestigious Horticulture award that Indiana offers. It requires a Book of Evidence to be judged by a committee of three; the book is a history of her horticulture leadership and work in her yard as well as her volunteer work in Richmond Rose Garden, Hayes Arboretum and other areas in her community.

She was then nominated with a 6 page book of evidence for the National Garden Clubs Award of Honor and chosen in April 2021.

As a result of the evidence of of her labors and Honeywell Book of Evidence, the Central East Director decided to fill out the application with a compilation of Ann's efforts. The nomination, with a 6 page book of evidence for the National Garden Clubs Award of Honor was forwarded and was one of seven chosen for the NGC prestigious Awards of Honor presented in April 2021.

## 2021 Summer Horticulture

Predictions for this summer indicate at least 4 months of hot, dry weather, added to the noise of the 17 year cicada cycle. While we may not be able to do much about the cicadas, we can prepare our soil and containers to support good growth for our flowers and vegetables.

If you don't already have a compost "heap," please, consider starting one. Aged compost is like gold to a garden. It's easy. Pile up fresh grass clippings, shredded dry leaves, shredded paper (not colored paper, ads with colored printing or shiny paper), egg shells, coffee grounds, tea leaves, melon rinds cut into small pieces, and kitchen scraps. *DO NOT use meat, bones or grease.* You can add old straw (not hay as it has lots of seeds). If you can get rabbit manure, mushroom compost, fish meal or earthworm castings, add it also.

Mix these components with a pitch fork, or potato fork, and wet it down thoroughly at least once a week. Turn the pile over once a week as you add new components. (Yes, you can ask Starbucks or other coffee shops to save old grounds for you, if you provide a bucket.) There is no "bad" smell. You don't have to build a chicken wire cage for your pile. I have three piles going now. One is 2 years old and ready to add to my containers and garden; it's black, loamy, friable, and makes the garden soil SO much easier to work. The second pile is last year's, and needs more months to turn over and decompose. The newest already has 4 weeks of grass clippings, 2 garbage bags of shredded paper, plus 2 bales of old straw. I let the straw germinate any seeds left in it over the winter months, so that there won't be any seeds in the finished product.

By the way, if anybody "gifts" you with fresh horse manure, note that half of what goes in the front of the horse, comes out the other end the same way. You'll have oats, corn and hay seeds coming up in your garden. Even horse manure composted outside for 3 years may have sprouting seeds. I speak from experience.

Besides incorporating compost, please mulch your garden to keep as much moisture in the soil as possible. With the dry conditions that are expected this summer and fall, moisture is critical for the roots of your landscape plantings, and your garden plants.

For high yields in vining plants (cucumbers, pumpkins, melons, gourds, etc.), prune the vines after they reach 2 feet long to encourage side shoots which form mostly female flowers. If you don't prune, you'll get mostly male flowers, and poor fruiting. Hand pollinate the "girls," two female blossoms to one freshly picked male. Just dab them together.

As you work in your garden this summer and fall, take pictures of your progress. You'll need them for your book of evidence when you apply for the Honeywell Horticultural Award. Labeled photographs count for 10 points, publicity or letters of recommendation count for 5 points, evidence of stimulating interest in horticulture counts for 50 points, Awards won in flower show, or county fairs count for 20 points and garden club activities count for 15 points.

If you have any horticulture questions, or questions about winning the Honeywell Award, contact me by email or phone, and I'll do whatever I can to help you. <a href="mailto:ruthtgci@yahoo.com">ruthtgci@yahoo.com</a>

Ruth Moorhead State Horticulture Chairman

## My Final Scholarship Report

At the April 1958 Annual State Convention, garden club members gave their approval for the establishment of a scholarship fund. This fund has grown extensively through the years,

The recipient is chosen based on scholastic record, personal letter proving evidence of interest in his/her chosen field, a list of extracurricular activities and need of financial assistance.

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage the study of horticulture and allied subjects. We have given scholarships to students with varied majors such as Landscape Design, Landscape Design Architecture, Forestry, Turf Sciences, Marine Biology, Environmental Science and/or any major that falls within our protocol of subjects. Students are of a diverse nature, traditional and non-traditional, young, old, single and married.

TGCI asks scholarship students and their professors to attend our scholarship luncheon at the Annual State Convention following their required term. Their presence during mealtime allows members to visit with them about a multitude of subjects. Students learn from the member and the members learn while listening to them express their gratitude and share their future plans. This time with students reminds us that they are young adults interested in being a Good Force for our planet as are we.

It is with grateful appreciation and acknowledgement to the clubs and their members that this project has awarded well over \$300,000 since its inception.

It is with sadness, but willingly, that I am retiring as the TGCI Scholarship Chairman. Please note that this is the most rewarding of chairmanships and I have been gifted by my time spent with the students, the school administrations, and club members who have so generously allowed me their time. I have so many wonderful stories, an increased vocabulary, an appreciation for administration secretaries and amongst many memories. I could share stories of heartbreak, nervous students, achieved goals, etc., but there is never enough time.

However, I say Thank You and introduce you to David Zahrt your new Scholarship Chairman. He has been a part of the interview team and is uniquely qualified to hold this chairmanship. Thanks go to him for being willing, for his intelligence, his interview skills and for being a genuinely good guy. His dedication to TGCI goals is to be admired and will be beneficial to this chairmanship. May you work as kindly with him as you have with me while continuing to donate to this wonderful project. I will see you at meetings and in my memories.

With a warm and grateful heart, Joyce Bulington



## TGCI 2021-2022 Scholarship Recipients

Name Hometown Scholarship Name

### Purdue

Josey Kronewitter Walkerton TGCI

Allison Miller Kokomo Professor Honeywell
Grace Moore Middletown Georgia Mary Honeywell

Emily Elaine Peterson Cicero Dr. Michael Dana Max Edward Schimmel Delphi Virginia Jones

Kathleen Kaylee Zapf Lafayette Jo Jarboe Scholarship

## **Ball State**

Grace Olivia DeBaun Shelbyville TGCI

Ciera Silva South Bend GC of Michiana Lauren Claire Green Bluffton Mildred Stewart

Andrea Elaine Eageny Plainfield TGCI

"Kathy" Unland Indianapolis Vale of Paradise GC Claire Thurlow Noblesville Petal & Stem GC Adam Langhans Lyons Vale of Paradise GC

Stephanie Allyn Gates Indianapolis Daniel Gates
Riley Kathryne Tangeman Marion Petal & Stem GC

## 2020 Scholarship Patrons

Carolyn Cunningham Christmas Lake Village Linda Coleman Hobart GC

Dave Krueger Hobart GC
Amanda Haley White Crown Point GC

## "Penny Pines"

Don't forget that all checks sent for the Penny Pines Fund through The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. (TGCI), should be made out to TGCI with Penny Pines noted on the memo line. Checks may be sent to the Trees Chairman (me) or to the TGCI State Treasurer. Checks of \$68.00 (or multiples of) may be sent directly to National Garden Clubs (NGC) with the proper forms (available on the NGC website). When sending funds directly to TGCI or NGC, please keep the Trees Chairman informed so as to keep the Trees Reports and records up to date.

Funds are growing with \$68.00 received from Newburgh Garden Club that was sent to the TGCI Treasurer for deposit into the Penny Pines Fund.

The paperwork has been sent to the TGCI Treasurer for the past years' accumulated Penny Pines funds to be forwarded on to National Garden Clubs, Inc that will provide for thirteen (13) additional acres of trees to be planted in Indiana.

## "Bev Kelver Arbor Award"

We have a winner! Congratulations to Hobart Garden Club being the recipient of the Bev Kelver Arbor Award and \$100.00 to be announced at the 2021 Zoom TGCI Conventions.

If your club is not already participating in a tree planting program, now is a good time to start your plans for the year. Check out the TGCI *Awards Manual* on our new website for details.

## "Plant America with Trees" (PAT)

Don't forget to send your tree planting reports (number of trees planted, species and location of city and state) to this Chairman, (<a href="mailto:laurakearby@hotmail.com">laurakearby@hotmail.com</a>) for forwarding to National Garden Clubs for participation of their new initiative "Plant America with Trees" (PAT).

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## CONGRATULATIONS BEV KELVER ARBOR AWARD 2021 WINNER

The **Hobart Garden Club** was busy trying to plant trees and also still celebrate Arbor Day during the crazy COVID-19 pandemic year. "Virtual" and "Hands On" events and celebrations along with "Tree Plantings" enabled the outstanding work this club accomplished to win this award along with \$100.00.

New trees planted on public grounds: **31** plus seedlings planted (**500**) for National Lakeshore Restoration

Private property: 35





## NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK June 6-12, 2021

## **Broad Ripple Garden Club**

The ladies of Broad Ripple Garden Club had their new officer installation in early April at Crooked Stick Golf Club. The newly slated officers for 2021-2023 are: Phyllis Grzeskowiak, President; Jane Jerman, Vice President; Wilma Borinstein, Treasurer; Jan Hutchings, Secretary; and Carol Branson, Corresponding Secretary. We enjoyed a lovely lunch and a great afternoon of friendship.

We have an exciting schedule of programs coming up this year, beginning with our Annual Plant Sale which takes place next week. We always have a large selection of plants from which to choose and it is a great opportunity to raise money toward our Scholarship Fund.

Broad Ripple Garden Club was pleased to receive some State Awards for the year 2020. Among them is a 1st Place Blue Star Memorial for Class Aii-Medium Club. This award is for Outstanding Work in Establishing or Maintaining a Blue Star Memorial. Our 100th Anniversary Suffrage Garden tied for 1st place in Class C, Medium Club. We also won a 2nd place award for our Facebook page and an Honorable Mention for our Yearbook. It is an honor to receive this recognition for our hard work and dedication.

We hope you all have a great planting season! It seems as though it would never arrive, but is now quickly upon us.

## Phyllis Grzeskowiak Club President



'Plant America' Daffodils beginning to bloom at Broad Ripple Garden Club's Blue Star Memorial.

## **Duneland Garden Club**

The Duneland Garden Club celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up Thomas Park in downtown Chesterton and laying 80 bags of mulch to dress it up in time for the opening of the European Market. The Market is our town's version of an upscale farmers' market. Much time was spent weeding, moving plants and laying mulch to get ready for spring and the influx of people from neighboring communities.

Our club has also taken on the maintenance of the landscape in front of the Chamber of Commerce which is in the same area as the European Market. Money being tight, we divided plants from within the park gardens and members donated perennials of their own. We anticipate the improvements will visually enhance our town and help draw more people to this iconic event.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, the club gathered at a member's home to pack homemade cookies and to assemble vases of cut flowers for shut-ins. Everyone having been vaccinated, we were able to enjoy each other's company without masks or fear of getting sick. We brought our own lunches and were able to sit around a table and catch up with old friends.

May 15<sup>th</sup> was the date for the Duneland Garden Club's plant sale. Last year we were unable to hold it because of COVID-19 restrictions and we hope to make a good amount of money to replenish our diminished coffers. The sale was held at the Thomas Branch Library parking lot at Indiana Avenue and Fourth Street.



Packaging up cookies were: Lynda Fowler, Victoria Phillips, Helen Hufgard-Collins, Theresa Buehler, Marian Wray, Helen



Vickie Konopacki, Theresa Buehler, Karen Davis, and Helen Hufgard-Collins are getting ready to mulch.

## Karen Davis Club President

## Fall Creek Garden Club

Fall Creek Garden Club members finished our 2020-2021 programs with a Zoom course of gardening humor. Members chimed in with their own humorous stories of gardening exploits which brings to mind... what goes on at garden club stays at garden club. All agreed, however, that driving hundreds of miles with a tree in the front seat next to you is sometimes the only way to get that tree home safely.

We kicked off our 2021-2022 programs in April with a visit to the Blatchley Nature Sanctuary near Noblesville, Indiana. This 15-acre wooded sanctuary near the White River is owned and managed by the Blatchley Nature Study Club.

After a program on wildflowers presented by Fall Creek Garden Club (and Blatchley Nature Study Club) member Tess Park, members explored the trails to see many spring ephemerals in bloom.

Weather permitting, most of our programs through the summer will take place primarily outdoors as we explore other parks and gardens in the Indianapolis area.

**Gayle Sanders Club President** 



Caption is: Dawn Vandeman, Park Manager at Eagle Creek Park, second from left, shows Fall Creek Garden Club members Sarah Gray, Gayle Sanders, and Barbara Hise, a black rat snake at a recent meeting.



Woodland phlox and spring beauties at Blatchley Nature Sanctuary April 2021

## 25th Annual Garden Walk Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Indianapolis Garden Club

## June 2, 2021

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Garden Club is excited to celebrate its 90th anniversary along with the 200th Anniversary of the City of Indianapolis, on June 2, 2021 at the 25th Annual Garden Walk.

## The event will:

- showcase five of the city's finest urban and north side gardens
- feature a local fine artist working en plein air in each garden (with the works for sale)
- raise funds for nonprofits that serve conservation, civic improvement and beautification projects in Indianapolis

Tickets may be purchased <a href="http://indianapolisgardenclub.org/garden-walk/">http://indianapolisgardenclub.org/garden-walk/</a>.

25th Annual Garden Walk Hosted by The Indianapolis Garden Club Wednesday, June 2, 2021 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

http://indianapolisgardenclub.org/garden-walk/

Event is rain or shine.

Garden addresses and map with ticket purchase. Artwork available for purchase.

Since 1996, proceeds from the annual Garden Walk have allowed the Indianapolis Garden Club to direct more than half a million dollars back into the city. For more information about the Indianapolis Garden Club, visit <u>indianapolisgardenclub.org</u>. The club is a member of the Garden Club of America.

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## **Syracuse - Wawasee Garden Club**



## NATIVE NATURALIZED NATIVAR

Brad Clayton, charmed our Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club with a fresh new approach using a vocabulary we are familiar with but using a twist for the greater appreciation of gardening application.

He explained the National Wildlife Foundation defines native plants as those that occur naturally in a particular region, ecosystem or habitat without human introduction. Examples in our area are spotted mint, cup plant and lavender hyssop. Brad then went on to give a few more definitions: A cultivated native is called a nativar and these have been bred for specific traits to make them more desirable (mostly accidental breeding). These plants are adapted to modern landscapes and have the same ecological benefits as native plants. Examples are Arizona sun gaillardia, Agastache Kudos and many Heuchera. Naturalized plants are naturally reproducing non-native plants that do not invade areas dominated by native plants like iris. The impact of natives is increasing biodiversity both above and in the soil, increased water infiltration, shoreline protection and bringing people back to nature to mention a few. Forbes are non-woody perennials like prairie smoke geum and Agastache foeniculum. Good sources for native plants are: perennial resource.com; mis-souribotanicalgarden.org and zerces.org is especially good for pollinators.

Brad has an impressive horticultural background. We struck a cord on species of grasses! Our place was seeded with Creeping Red Fescue, shade oriented, has colonized to become our favorite ground cover. Continuing with this interest I consulted Brad on the broad ranges of grasses that I needed to identify for an interest in a wetland project. Carrying to him grass species, root and all, I have made a collection of grasses with the species held in place on very tall pages. Actually a favorite grass of mine, Prairie Cord grass, has remained front and center in the pages.

Brad's horticultural background, beginning at Oklahoma State University, and has extended to Social Marketing, and Public Relations Managing. He is Host of Clayton GC TV on YouTube at Clayton Garden Center. Also a Watershed Conservationist at The Watershed Foundation of Tippecanoe Lakes.

He is very enthusiastic about sharing his knowledge!

The Clayton family has been on board in our community, and now we have the old/youngest talented laden generation at hand to please us through gardening and landscaping. Their help and advice is appreciated.

The "Grass Identification Book" has been useful with Brad's help. It remains rolled up on end roll paper from the Mail Journal and is in my garden space!

Thanks to Pam Schumm for locating a space on our agenda to introduce us to this talented horticulturalist.

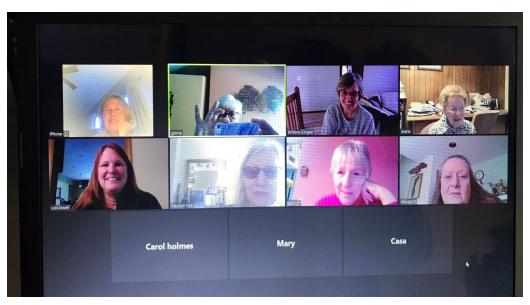
Joyce Arleen Corson Club President

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## Vale of Paradise Garden

We are planning to keep our meetings outside for the spring and summer. Hoping the early spring weather cooperates. A new garden season has begun for Vale of Paradise Garden Club.

We maintain gardens at Sunset Hill Farm County Park. Our work/pleasure for gardening will soon begin. We also plant the containers at the Valparaiso Public Library entrance. The library has asked us to help with more plantings in their new Library Rotary Garden. Let the planting begin.



Linda Dingee President

Some of the club members at a Zoom meeting!

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

has a new website

Check it out at: www.gardenclubofindiana.org

## **VEGETABLES – New Cultivar April 2021**



## Tomato, Veranda Red Hybrid

Exciting news for those with limited space, or anyone who loves a constant supply of the sweetest little cherry tomatoes. This little powerhouse, a Burpee breeding breakthrough! Pumps out a huge and ongoing harvest. Just pick as needed. The dwarf plant, only about a foot high and wide, is ideal for your sunny deck, balcony, patio, or even for growing as a windowsill houseplant. Enjoy this summer!

## Herbs



Parsley is the herb of 2021 as declared by the International Herb Association. A new parsley variety is: **Green Dream Parsley** 

Highly-aromatic with elegant feathery leaves and tender very-edible stems. Aromatic parsley creates a marvelous fantasy of flavor and beauty - elegant, delicious, feathery leaves and tender, edible stems. Adds great taste to soups, stews, sauces, pastas, ragouts stuffing and many other dishes. The

plant can be brought in during the winter for year round availability.

Parsley is rich in **antioxidants** and **nutrients** like **vitamins A, K,** and **C**. Parsley may improve blood sugar and support heart, kidney, and **bone health**. What's more, this herb can easily be added to many tasty dishes. Parsley stays fresh for up to two weeks, whereas dried parsley may last up to a year.

Parsley is easy to grow in a container, as an edging mixed in with other plants. Grow lots of it and use in so many ways.

Shirley Vargas Veggie/Herbs/New Cultivars Chairman

## **Facebook Club Pages**

Boonville Garden Club Lowell Garden Club

Broad Ripple Garden Club National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Crown Point Garden Club Pendleton Garden Club

Duneland Garden Club Peru Garden Club

Enter the Garden Club Petal and Stem Garden Club

Flower Lane Garden Club Sages Garden Club

Friendly Garden Club Spring Green Garden Club

Garden Club of Michiana Sullivan County Garden Club

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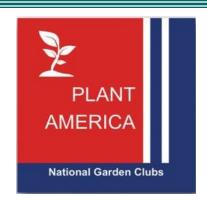
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- to develop a deeper sense of pride in the resources of our land and its preservation
  - to attend schools in horticulture, flower arranging, landscape design and environmental education
- to receive our state publication, Indiana
  - to attend district meetings and annual state, region and national conventions

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. has...

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