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"Plant America in
Colors of Hope"

For Cancer Awareness

2021-2023

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Sow the Seeds and Keep Growing

Jan 2

Mar 1

May 1

July 1

Sept 1

Nov 1

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Mission Statement

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

Promotes

Interest and Education

in

Horticulture,

Landscaping,

Floral Design,

and

Environmental Concerns



From our President

After the Holidays of December, many of us who spend the winter months in Indiana look with dread at the coming months and fear the onslaught of that much-maligned CABIN FEVER. Not me. I'm thankful for this part time of the year. Why?

The Holidays are behind us. All of the decorating, baking, meal planning and gift searching are accomplished. I absolutely love everything associated with the days between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, but by January 2nd I'm over it.

My yard is off limits. No longer do I watch the grass inch upwards, demanding that I once more fill the mower with gas and hope it starts after 1 or 2 pulls of the cord. Even when the weather gets cooler, the yard demands attention as my 10 trees drop their leaves (later every year) and the bazillion oak trees of my neighbors decide my yard is their domain. I HATE to rake.

My perennials are at rest and my annuals are gone. Deadheading and weeding the flowerbeds is no longer a part of my weekly routine. By the time I get all of the way around the house and out to the garden, it's time to start over. I love all of my container plantings, but they require watering every other day. Even those annuals that promise no deadheading begin to look leggy and bedraggled by late July, demanding attention.

My scheduled meetings have dropped off. I still have some requiring my attendance, but my home garden club takes a few months off, and my presidential duties really slow down until the preparation begins for our state convention in April.

What do I do? I read. I love to read mysteries, and my Kindle can download books galore without the added responsibility of storing them afterwards.

I binge watch TV- I love British mysteries and gardening shows on BritBox as well as the unique offerings on Netflix such as the glass blowing competitions and period dramas.

I pour through garden catalogs, dreaming of what I want to add to the perennial beds in the spring and planning what to move or dig up and pot up for the plant sales. What are the new plants for 2022? Proven Winners has a new Vista® petunia out - Jazzberry®. Will it be as good as Bubblegum®? Should I give it a try? The possibilities are endless when I'm sitting inside with the catalogs promising new varieties that absolutely need NO deadheading.

Of course I have the luxury of retirement. Many TGCI members are still in the workforce and still leave the house every day, facing snow covered roads and issues at work. Been there; done that. I challenge you to put as much money as you are able into retirement plans - the endgame is worth it.

All of us enjoy our free time in different ways, and that's as it should be. Some people thrive on being busy 24/7/365. Not me. I need the winter months to slow down, sit back and recharge. I love working outside, but I need a few months inside to recover.

Cabin fever? Nope.

Linda



OFFICIAL CALL LETTER

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Annual Convention

Magical Mystery Tour

April 25-26, 2022

Hilton Garden Inn, Edinburgh, IN

"Roll up for the mystery tour... we will take you away... satisfaction guaranteed... Or so the song goes."

The Southeast District garden clubs will take you on a **Magical Mystery Tour** this spring...

of their pursuits in education as well as don your bell bottoms, your tie-dye, add flowers to your hair, and put on your peace beads to channel your inner flower child to join us for the annual state convention April 25-26, 2022. It will be held at the **Hilton Garden Inn** in Edinburgh, IN which is conveniently located just off I-65 and near both an outlet mall and large antique mall you will not want to miss. Registration will open at **8:30am Monday**. For those coming the night before, your registration packets will be available that evening.

The convention will commence at **12:13pm** on Monday, April 25, 2022, with the usual and customary business meeting conducted by our state president Linda Harkleroad. At about **2:37pm** our first speaker will be Dawn Slack, from the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, who will tell us all about our newest Land Trust project: Waller Woods in south central Indiana. Many of you have heard Dawn speak before on other topics and know how dynamic and inspired her talks are. After a brief break, at about **3:42pm** we will then hear from Karen Mitchell about some magical and mysterious "WEED(s)." Karen was a TGCI scholarship winner in the past and has a special connection to us as a result. Then after some time to hang out with friends, shop and relax, we will gather for happy hour at **5:17pm** in the reception area for music, fun and a cash bar. Dinner will commence at **6:00pm** with a buffet style service featuring two main dishes of chicken parmigiana or port marinated flank steak with wild mushroom sauce accompanied by salads, veggies, rolls, and dessert. Our honored guest will be Brenda Moore, the National First Vice-President. She will address the assembly and install new district directors. Following dinner will be a short presentation of awards and then NGC Five Star Member Edie Dyer Wilson will entertain us with a lively throwback floral design extravaganza in keeping with our theme.

On Tuesday the convention will reconvene at **9:07am**, Linda Harkleroad presiding. Our speakers on Tuesday will be Brian McGown on "Where the Wild Things Are." At **10:23am** Bob Bruner will talk about "Beatles" (sic) and other mysterious creatures. You will have more shopping opportunity in Garden Harmony Boutique and then at **11:57am**, lunchtime will commence with the scholarship recipients from both Purdue and Ball State Universities. There will be a deli lunch buffet available, and we will hear some of their adventures, ending our convention full of inspired excitement from these students. The convention will close with the awarding of door prizes and the special baskets offered by the host clubs of Southeast District.

Rooms will be blocked at the **Hilton Garden Inn, Edinburgh, IN** and it is located off I-65 at exit # 76B, 12210 N. Executive Dr., Edinburgh, IN 46124. Call 812-526-8600 to reserve rooms at \$129/night which includes breakfast. A block is being held until April 1, 2022.

There are additional hotels in the immediate area including Hampton Inn: 812-526-5100 and the Holiday Inn Express: 812-526-4919. There also are several restaurants nearby.

***Masks are strongly encouraged during indoor gatherings and we will follow state and hotel guidelines for health and safety of all participants.**

****Meals are served buffet style with varied choices, so there will be no exceptions or substitutions made.**

*****Every effort has been made to keep convention costs as low as possible; we realize the recent increases in food costs are reflected herein and are beyond our control.**

>>We suggest and encourage garden clubs who can afford to do so to cover their delegates' registration fees.

>>>Please invite friends. This convention is open to all.

Linda Harkleroad - TGCI President
Sarah Nahmias & Sharon Baldwin
Event Co-Chairmen

Magical Mystery Tour
April 25-26, 2022
Hilton Garden Inn, Edinburgh, IN

REGISTRATION FORM

ONE FORM PER ATTENDEE. PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON NAMETAG

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ Zip Code _____

EMAIL _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

STATE OFFICER _____ STATE CHAIRMAN _____ DISTRICT OFFICER /CHAIR _____ CLUB PRESIDENT _____

CLUB OFFICER _____ CLUB MEMBER _____ LIFE MEMBER _____ CENTRAL REGION LIFE MEMBER _____

NATIONAL LIFE MEMBER _____ NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER _____ REGIONAL BOARD MEMBER _____

HONEYWELL WINNER _____ CONSULTANTS: GARDEN STUDY _____ ENVIRONMENTAL _____ FLOWER SHOW

JUDGE _____ LANDSCAPE DESIGN _____ YOUR 1ST CONVENTION? _____ MASTER GARDENER _____

NON TGCI MEMBER _____ CLUB APPOINTED/ELECTED DELEGATE _____ (see also page two)

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____

FEES: *Send registration to Sharon Baldwin: 611 Terrace Lake Dr, Columbus, IN 46201-9261*

REGISTRATION ... \$29 _____ postmark by March 25

REGISTRATION.... \$35 _____ postmark after March 25

*Registrations received after April 7 will be allowed admission, but no guarantee for meals

Presidents' Banquet Monday April 25. - \$33 _____

Scholarship Luncheon Tuesday April 26. - \$20 _____ ***see Page one of call letter for description of menus.

TOTAL Remitted \$ _____ *Checks payable to TGCI. Send check and registration form to Sharon Baldwin: 611 Terrace Lake Dr., Columbus, IN 46201-9261*

CLUB PRESIDENTS: Please be sure to fill out memorial information and club delegate information. Send this information with your registration. If you are not registering, please email this information to skbald@sbcglobal.net.

CLUB DELEGATES: Each club is entitled to a delegate (s) based on current paid membership. Club presidents are not automatically a delegate and must be listed to vote as a delegate. Delegates listed should NOT be a voting member such as Life Member, Scholarship Patron, State Officer, State Chairman

Club:	District	
Delegate: 1 _____	2 _____	
3 _____	4 _____	
_____	_____	

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

Name of deceased member: _____
Club: _____ District: _____
Numbers of years in garden club: _____ Special honors, awards, offices held or
memory to share _____

STATE CHAIRMAN: please indicate if you will bring a display and amount of space requested.
If you have questions regarding the convention or registration, please contact Sarah Nahmias by email: nahmiasmud@gmail.com or Sharon Baldwin at skbald@sbcglobal.net .



Introducing Edie Dyer - Wilson



Edie is a member of Sullivan County Garden Club, and a longtime member and icon of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Edie Dyer - Wilson, an Emeritus Flower Show Judge, from Central West District, will present designs that will be "Far Out and a Sock It To Ya" program!

Many design styles will be included with the hope they will inspire your imagination and make you channel your own creativity using found objects, in interesting backgrounds with a myriad of floral colors and textures. Her floral designs have been in local, regional, and national flower shows. She is an avid promoter for creativity and loves to have fun on a stage.

Edie is a recently retired registered nurse of 45 years and a Fine Arts graduate in ceramics, photography and art history. In her spare time, she enhances her design programs with ceramics, welding and metal/fiber art created in her studio. An NGC 5-Star Member, Edie enjoys presenting and working with others to explore their own artistic talents. She wants to inspire the artist in all of us! Her presentation will occur after dinner on Monday evening. ***Be there or be square!***

"Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour." — John Boswell

MEMBER SERVICES SALES AWARD

This is a reminder to all clubs to survey its members for items purchased during the year from NGC Member Services and tabulate total cash amounts of all purchases. These totals along with receipts/invoices should be submitted to Sue Fuhrman, Member Services Chairman, by February 15th.

Awards include largest purchases by a district and largest purchases by a club. Submit your entries to Sue Fuhrman, 559 E Sleigh Bell Drive, Santa Claus, IN 47579-6056 or electronically to clvgc@hotmail.com.

I would also like to remind everyone that the new book Network with Nature is available from Member Services and would be a nice addition to your local library or as a gift for a child.

Sue Fuhrman
Member Services Chairman

Nominee for TGCI First Vice-President

According to the TGCI Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 10: A vacancy occurring in an elected office shall be filled until the next Annual Convention by one selected by the Executive Committee.

Due to the resignation of the First Vice-President in September of 2021, the Executive Committee selected Jayne Kesler to fill that position until the Annual Convention.

Jayne Kesler is now being presented as the nominee for First Vice-President to fill the remainder of the term. Election by the delegates will be held at the Annual Convention.



Jayne accepted the invitation from the mother of her best friend to come to a Peru Garden Club meeting in 2004. She had just retired from teaching English, literature and speech for 28 years and living in Hamilton County; she and her husband Keith moved to the farm and home her grandparents had built in the 20s. Becoming a part of Peru Garden Club was a perfect fit. While in Hamilton County she became a Master Gardener and joined the Goosebean Garden Club in Tipton. Twenty years of her life were spent teaching students at Tipton Middle School.

It had been a 40-year absence when she and Keith moved back to her hometown of Peru. She graduated from Purdue University with a major in English and minor in speech and then went to Indiana State University and earned her MS in Communication Theory. One big plus for Peru Garden Club was their beautifully maintained gardens around the Peru Historic Depot where she was becoming active in the Ole Olsen Memorial Theatre. The two interests complimented each other.

The only office she has not held in Peru Garden Club is treasurer. She is serving her second term as District Director for North Central District. The Blue Star Memorial Chairmanship has been a big part of her life in TGCI. She had the pleasure of serving for 7 years as that chairman. Currently, she is chairman of Programs and Scrapbooks. She has been Recording Secretary and Second Vice President for TGCI.

Her son Dylan has an apple orchard on the farm; grandson Rowan enjoys fishing the pond and helping in Grandpa's building projects; and granddaughter Zoe is a senior in Pendleton Heights High School and plans to go into Landscape Architecture in college. Barn quilt painting and Airbnb hosting round out Jayne's days on her family farm.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS

When you plan your new year's local garden club programs consider adding to your year's program at least one of the following topics related to Landscape Design. Even better, choose a Landscape Design Theme and match your club programs, tours, or workshops throughout the year to the Landscape Design Theme. Choose from local professionals for your speakers and use other local resources in your area to develop your programs. Here are topics taught at the four courses making up NGC Landscape Design Schools, as examples:

Your Ecosystem; *Space, Design and People*; Principles and Elements of Landscape Design; *Developing Your Garden Plan*; Basics of Site Plan; *Color in the Landscape*; Design for the Environment; *Development of Landscape Design – Ancient Times to 1840*; *Xeriscaping*.

Landscape Design Process; *Designing for Pollinators and Wildlife*; Plants in the Landscape; *Accessible, Enabling and Therapeutic Gardens*; Structures in the Landscape; Redesign of Areas; *Development of North American Landscape Design*; Preservation of Historic Sites and Structures; *Overused, Often Invasive Plants and Native Alternatives*.

Landscape Design Process; *Woody Plants in the Landscape*; Herbaceous Materials in the Landscape Design; *Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind*; Graphics Interpretation; *Creating Your Own Home Garden Landscape Plan*.

Contemporary Landscape Design Trends; *Community Participation in Landscaping Projects*; History and Development of Community Gardens; *Suburban Design*; Guidelines for Evaluating Landscape Designs; *Evaluation of Landscape Designs*.

Please let me know what programs your club plan for the coming year related to any of the above Landscape Design topics. Also, send me contact information for speakers used, tours taken, etc. This will help me build a resource that can be used statewide. Looking forward to hearing from you.

You can learn about all the topics listed above by enrolling in the NGC Landscape Design School. In four two-day schools, generally over a two-year period, you can become an accredited NGC Landscape Design Consultant. Courses are available in-person and virtual. You will acquire the tools for making your own gardens more beautiful and easier to maintain. Some students continue to be motivated to serve in decision-making in well-designed landscapes in public areas. Go to the NGC website for further information or contact me with your questions.

Judy Wessel, Chairman
Landscape Design

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New Land Trust Project!

The new partnership with the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and TGCI is in protecting a unique area in south central Indiana called Wallier Woods. This land was protected by The Nature Conservancy in 2018 and here are some of the reasons why: The area is approximately 900 acres in Harrison County along the Ohio River. Within the property are wonderful forested areas, an assortment of wildlife as well as river frontage and some high bluffs reaching as high as 200 feet. This area has several species of threatened bats including the Indiana bat, the long-eared bat, the little brown bat, and gray bats. TGCI has pledged to raise at least \$10,000 over a four-year period toward this effort. The money we raise will be earmarked for an 80-acre area of new tree planting and the under planting of the area with forbs. By establishing more native planting the entire area can then support more species.

If you as an individual or your club wish to donate, just find the forms on the website and send in to the treasurer asap. We have an incredible anonymous donor who has offered to match donations received prior to October 1, 2022 (up to \$1000 max). Additionally, of particular interest the Lilly Endowment, Inc., has offered the Indiana Chapter of Nature Conservancy matching money for donations received through the end of 2022.

SOOOOOO...your money will really bloom and grow this year. Please talk about this project and support it! Note also, that at the upcoming state convention, we will be honored to have Dawn Slack as one of our speakers. Dawn is the Director of Stewardship for the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and is intimately involved with the Wallier Woods project. You can see more about Dawn in the call letter information about convention.

The Land Trust Chair of TGCI aims to choose projects from all areas of the state and is always open to suggestions from members.

Sarah Nahmias
Land Trust Chairman

National Garden Club's Youth Poetry Contest – State Winners Announced!

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. has selected the state winners of the National Garden Club's Youth Poetry Contest! Winning their grade-level are: First Grade: Amelia S., Avon; Fourth Grade: Emma Burleson., Danville; and Sixth Grade: Victoria Camloh, Danville. All three winning poems have been sent to the Central Region for consideration in the regional contest. Regional winners are sent on to the national contest. National winners are announced in late Spring 2022.

The theme for the contest was "Sing with the Songbirds – Exploring the Glory of Nature."

First Grade Winner: Amelia S. - Avon



Fourth Grade Winner: Emma Burleson - Danville

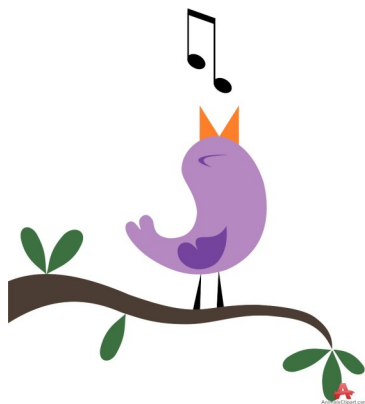


Sixth Grade Winner: Victoria Camloh - Danville



The Little Bird

The little bird loved to fly
The little bird loved the sky
The little bird flew to its nest
The little bird took a rest
The little bird woke and sang a song
The little children sang along



Songbirds are Everywhere

Songbirds are Everywhere,
I see them in the air.
You can follow them where they fly,
They are very high in the sky.
Songbirds are beautiful creatures,
Listen to them sing something nice

Morning Chimes

Every day that passes by
each morning at the exact same time
I wake up to a symphony
of clanking morning chimes.

They sing a new song every day,
each lovely and sublime,
I listen to the wind's sweet instrument:
those clanking morning chimes.

I lay awake in bed at night
way past my bedtime,
knowing mornings will not be the same
without those clanking morning chimes.

Arts and Flowers Garden Club

Last year, one of the most frequently made statements had to be, "I will just be glad when everything is back to normal." **WHAT is NORMAL?** As a teenager I remember a joke that went like this, "What is normal?" And the response was, "A setting on the dryer." Well friends, I'm afraid that we will not ever return to the way things were BUT that doesn't mean we can't find a new way and in some cases perhaps a better way.

We spent the last year meeting outside, at the homes of members, or at the park and at garden nurseries. We were able to continue with all of our previous projects, added some new, and learned a thing or two.

The last three months of the year we met in a large fellowship hall of a local church. We are making plans for our annual Garden Expo, "Through the Garden Gate." The roll call at our December meeting was "a topic or program I would be interested in pursuing in the coming year." The answers were varied, exciting and we look forward to sharing those experiences with you in the coming months. ALSO, we are very excited to share that during the last quarter of the year we added 4 new members to our group.

So, now, more than ever I say:

*Keep **GOING** and **GROWING**.*

Linda Cornelius
President



Another meeting, at the home of member Shari Gray, she taught us how to preserve peonies for a month or more, thus making sure we had plenty for the nursing homes in June.



At our Christmas meeting we learned about the Silver Bell flower and shrub. Just for fun Tunia McClure, Becky Kremp, Mary Lou Gotwald, Pat Thompson, Bev Summers, Sue Garrett, Peg Stephens and Jan Hicks "played" Silver Bells with hand bells.

Broad Ripple Garden Club

Happy New Year 2022 from Broad Ripple Garden Club! We are not meeting in the month of January, but we look forward to meeting on February 4, 2022 at Nora Library for our Yearly Planning Meeting. This will be our first meeting at Nora Library since it reopened its meeting room to organizations; we are having a pitch-in luncheon, along with our Business Meeting.

In December, Broad Ripple Garden Club celebrated the end of the year with its Holiday Party and Gift Exchange at Crooked Stick Golf Club. We enjoyed a delicious lunch, followed by a lively gift exchange. It was a very festive luncheon and we all enjoyed visiting with each other.

The Gold Star Families By-Way Marker took center stage during the month of December, as the City of Carmel decorated the Gazebo with lovely Christmas lights, which highlighted the boulder. Photos of the Gold Star Families By-Way Marker are shown with this article. One photo with many of our members, on November 8, 2022, the Dedication Day and one photo from Christmastime at the Gazebo. We are so very proud of this accomplishment! We hope you can visit the City of Carmel City Hall and view the first Gold Star Families By-Way Marker in the State of Indiana. A great road trip for your garden club!

Two of our members, Horticulture Chairman Colette Bracken and President Phyllis Grzeskowiak, refreshed the Plant America planter at the Nora Library a few weeks ago. We were hoping for a little snow to compliment the arrangement of fresh greenery and pine cones, gold balls and sticks.

We hope to have excellent programs and speakers in the upcoming year for our members. On March 4, 2022, we will visit Wild Birds Unlimited in Indianapolis for a program.

Here's hoping everyone stays healthy and has a great year 2022!

**Phyllis Grzeskowiak, President
Broad Ripple Garden Club**



Broad Ripple Garden Club continued...



Christmas time at the gazebo.

Munster Garden Club

The Munster Garden Club enjoyed two great speakers this Fall. In October, Dolly Foster gave us tips for preparing our vegetable gardens for a great harvest and in November, Matt Kalwasinski from the Dunes Calumet Audubon Society, gave us ways to better take care of our feathered friends in the winter.

The club also participated in the annual Festival of Trees and entered a tree with the theme "Vegetable Gardening - Good for the Body and Mind." We were excited to be chosen as the favorite tree at the luncheon that kicks off the Festival of Trees and the proceeds support the symphony. Several of our new members helped design and decorate the tree.



The club held its holiday luncheon at Briar Ridge Country Club on December 15th. A game of membership bingo was played to help new and old members get to know each other's names. Members had to find the name of the member on the bingo sheet whose photo was up on the screen. It was a great way for all to get to learn the names of members.

In late December, we were very sad to learn of the passing of one of our long standing members Claudia Pellar. Claudia loved being in the garden club and was active in the club since joining in 2004. She was president from 2011-2012 and was Parliamentarian from 2013-15. She also organized the holiday luncheon for many years. She was a warm, kind woman who will be greatly missed.

Mariellen Smith
Club President

Petal and Stem Garden Club

Christmas tea & auction huge success and lots of fun



Treasurer, Ruth Bane, and Secretary, Barb Shirden, keep track of auction items. Each member was given an envelope to list purchases and insert cash or checks. Envelope were then given to Ruth.

Petal and Stem Garden Club met December 8th at Elaine Mollenkopf's home for a Victorian Christmas. Valets were available to help with parking. A harpist played during refreshments giving forty-one members and guests time to share holiday plans and visit. Sheila Shute gave devotions titled "The Christmas Gift" based on Matthew 1:21.

Everyone was asked to bring an item to auction off. Many items were handmade and items ranged from terrariums, baskets of flowers or wine, candy, to things with a Christmas theme and many more beautiful items. Sandy Witherby and Ann Herrman were the auctioneers and things moved along quickly with much laughter and bidding.

This is one of three major fund-raisers and a nice profit was made for the club.



December Committee

Front: Elaine Mollenkopf, Penn Ansorg, Pat Murphy, Donna Backmeyer. Back: Barb Shirden, Connie Locker, Sandy Witherby, Gail Davis. Not pictured, Barb Black

Showing off our flowers, celebrating and planting, all part of Nov. meeting

During the meeting a PowerPoint was shown of members flowers. All members were invited to send photos of their flowers and gardens. They were then put in a PowerPoint with the names of those whose flowers they were. Many members sent numerous photos so the presentation had a good variety of flowers.

After that, we celebrated Chris Nicholson's 90th birthday by singing "Happy birthday" and eating cake.

John Turner-Grey gave a program on forcing bulbs. He explained you set bulbs in a teacup or a coffee cup, put gravel around them. In the house, bulbs tend to get tall and leggy, so give them 90% water and 10% alcohol. Water halfway up the bulb. John gave everyone a bag of bulbs to pick up at the end of the meeting to force or plant in their yards.



November Committee

Jean Campbell, Janke Groot, Barb Shirden, Fe Thomas, Ann Herrman.

Interesting table decorations



For the October meeting, committee members picked flowers from their own gardens and arranged them in a hollowed out pumpkin.



In November Janke Groot decided we had done too many centerpieces with flowers, so she used vegetables.



October Committee

Linda VanVleet, Sandy Witherby, Janke Groot, Pat Jarvis

Protecting the Bees

After enjoying our annual soup luncheon with bee themed cupcakes for dessert, the program was presented by Alex Zomchek who works in bee research in the Ecology Department at Miami University. He presented many interesting facts about bees and why they are so essential to pollination of the foods we eat. He also had honey to sell with proceeds going for bee research.

Fun fact – If honey has crystallized, it can be brought back by putting the closed jar in the dishwasher and washing with dishes. The heat will turn the honey back to usable honey. I was skeptical, but tried it and it really worked. He said putting it in the microwave is not good for the honey and setting it in hot water takes forever.



Member celebrated 90th

Chris Nicholson celebrated her 90th birthday at the Petal and Stem meeting on November 3rd, which was her actual birthday. Everyone was asked to bring her a card to celebrate this milestone. She has been a active member of the club for many years holding numerous offices. She is also the one to go to for a plant's common and scientific name.

Club excited about Blue Star

Petal and Stem has been approved to have a Blue Star Memorial placed at Veterans Park in Richmond. The placement and ceremony will take place in May. Donations were made by The Garden Club of Indiana, Vietnam Veterans and Petal and Stem Garden Club of Richmond. Since Petal and Stem was one of the first clubs in Indiana to have one (it has disappeared). It will be an honor to have the Blue Star Memorial placed in the park.





Vale of Paradise Garden Club

Our last get together for 2021 was a Christmas lunch out with a silly/fun gift exchange. The one where you can steal twice and then it is yours. There are always one or two gifts that everyone wants.

A new garden club season will be starting soon. The Vale of Paradise is in the planning stage of several garden club projects, maintaining gardens, deciding on programs and trips.

Hopefully 2022 will be a better year for all garden clubs.

Linda Dingee
Club President

“Plant America in Colors of Hope”

“Plant America - Play Outdoors”



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 Michiana

Gas City Garden Club

Green Thumb Garden Club

Hendricks County Garden Club

Hobart Garden Club

Indianapolis Shamrock Garden Club

Iris-Elm Garden Club

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Pendleton Garden Club

Peru Garden Club

Petal and Stem Garden Club

Sages Garden Club

Spring Green Garden Club

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The Cultivating Garden Club

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

The Munster Garden Club

Vale of Paradise Garden Club

Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club



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Membership is an opportunity...

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

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

- provided over \$500,000 in scholarships to Indiana students studying horticulture, landscape design or related subjects
- supported The Nature Conservancy with contributions of over \$125,000 to protect and preserve Indiana's lands and waters
- 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
- beautified public areas, such as libraries, churches, schools, parks

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