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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

***April is the cruelest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain
-T.S. Eliot, "The Wasteland"***

Written in the aftermath of the Spanish Flu pandemic, Eliot's use of "cruelest" in reference to April might tempt readers to consider this stanza a condemnation of the month.

Those people are obviously not gardeners. Lilacs breeding out of the frozen land and roots stirring in response to spring rain are not cruel in our minds—though the sleeping lilacs and roots might think differently.

It's the end of that 2nd line into the 3rd that resonates most with us. April allows us to mix the memories of past gardening experiences while anticipating the ones that lie before us.

First and foremost before us is the TGCI State Convention which is scheduled for April 25th and 26th in Edinburgh. District Director Sarah Nahmias and the members of the South East District have been hard at work to put together our first live convention in 3 years. They have shortened the proceedings so that only one overnight stay will be needed for most attendees and packed the time with interesting speakers. Join us as we celebrate spring, our 2021 scholarship winners, and each other—in person!

This is also the month that most clubs across the state make plans for their civic plantings. You only need to read [Indiana Gardens](#) to realize that almost every club in the state plants park beds, containers, or government buildings in their communities. This year choose one or more of the colors associated with a form of cancer and dedicate your planting in honor of a friend or relative who has battled the disease. Then take a picture, collect your receipts, and apply for a President's Project grant as my way of saying thank you. Chair Wanda Zahrt has more information in this issue.

NGC has proclaimed April as Plant America month. Arbor Day's 150th Anniversary and Earth Day make this the perfect month to remember our past and anticipate our future. Did you get a chance to see NGC's webinars celebrating Frederick Law Olmsted's 200th birthday and noted ecologist Doug Tallamy's "Homegrown National Park?" Both presentations led up to April—the perfect time for your club to plant a tree, carrying out the directive "Each One, Plant One." Get onto the NGC website for special articles on community grants, environmental concerns, and horticulture. NGC President Mary Warshauer's Plant America month proclamation is located elsewhere in this issue.

Order those seeds (if you haven't already); make a list of the plants you need to pick up at the garden center; inventory your garden tools; plant a tree; be inspired by Olmsted and Tallamy. It's time to be "...mixing/ Memory and desire..."

See you in Edinburgh!

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 47201-9261*

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 47201-9261*

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



*In Loving
Memory*

**Karen Hix
2/19/1943 to 10/9/2020**

Karen Hix served as President of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. from 2001-2003. She was a member of the Portage Garden Club and Vale of Paradise GC. She founded South Haven GC and served as leader of the South Haven Boys and Girls Junior Club for many years, helping them receive the Club Achievement Award many times. Karen was elected Central Region Alternate Director and became the Director when Marie Potts passed away.

Karen had a major role updating the Central Region Bylaws and enjoyed the only NGC Convention that was held on a cruise ship. Her accomplishments included winning a blue ribbon at the Flower Show held at NGC Convention in San Diego, and writing a poem that was published in a book at the NGC Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Garden in Austin, Texas. Karen also was an Environmental Consultant, Award of Honor entrant from Indiana, and winner of the Honeywell Award.

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.

2022 INDIANA ACCREDITED FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE/EMAIL	DATE
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ACCREDITED JUDGE

1. SYLVIA RILEY	1401 Eagle Valley Dr. Greenwood, IN 46143-9589	217-778-7435 sriley1@illinois.edu	12/31/22
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ACCREDITED LIFE JUDGES

2. ELIZABETH WAGNER	875 White Hawk Drive Crown Point, IN 46307	312-498-5996 elizabeth_wagner@sbcglobal.net	12/31/24
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MASTER JUDGES

1. NANCY SUE BARTLE	107 Nashua Drive Clarksville, IN 47129	812-945-8219 suebartle@yahoo.com	12/31/22
2. CAROL BRANSON	2016 Mystic Bay Ct. Indianapolis, IN 46040	317-727-5307 cbranson4@comcast.net	12/31/22
3. ELLEN ELLIOTT	118 Adams St. Pendleton, IN 46064	765-778-4782 ejelme@comcast.net	12/31/22
4. RUTH MOORHEAD	715 E. 48th ST. Marion, IN 46953	765-674-8088 ruthgtci@yahoo.com	12/31/22
5. JIM PAVELKA	1034 E. 8th ST. Hobart, IN 46342	219-942-6793 jamespavelka@comcast.net	12/31/22
6. SUZANNE POTTS	9114 Cinnebar Drive Indianapolis, IN 46268	317-875-5267 smp9114@att.net	12/31/24

MASTER JUDGE EMERITUS (retired, may not judge a flower show)

1. RUTH HARTLEY	5544 Carrollton Ave.	Indianapolis, IN 46220	317-257-5617
2. BEV KELVER	2714 W. Hogan Ave.	LaPorte, IN 46350	219-362-1768
3. AVIS KRESS	3902 Oak Harbor	Indianapolis, IN 46237	317-784-2076
4. EDIE DYER-Wilson wowedie@aol.com	3852 E. Co. Rd. 300 N.	Sullivan, IN 47882	812-397-2619

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IDEAS TO HELP YOUR MEMBERSHIP BE HAPPY PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS

by James Pavelka - TGCI 2nd-Vice President and Membership Chairman

- Involve each member on a committee.
- Provide an agenda and follow it! Start and stop on time.
- Your members should vote on actions of your Executive Committee. This will give them ownership in your organization. Shorten meetings by conducting business meetings separately from your regular meeting.
- Praise your members in front of the club for work that they've accomplished. Special certificates or other items make a nice gesture.
- Get their input on a recurring basis, at least annually, of what programs they would like to have and what projects they would like to be involved in. Make sure there is a program at every meeting. The main reasons a person joins a garden club are for education and socialization. Be sure to provide these.
- Providing some kind of food at a meeting makes people happier, as well.
- Be a good listener and show your members that their opinion matters!
- Healthy debate is wonderful and should be nurtured – when members cross over the line and it turns to arguing, it's time for the individual leading the meeting to step in and make sure those differences of opinion are taken care of in private.

A happy, well-run club is a joy to behold! It's something every member deserves! REMEMBER, our Members Matter Most! as you PLANT AMERICA with membership.

Ideas Taken From:

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.– Membership Matters booklet. Please contact this chairman if you would like an Email copy of the booklet. There will be limited copies available at the state convention, at the Membership/Awards display.

AWARDS UPDATE

by James Pavelka

Thank you for your hard work in supporting NGC goals. The entries submitted for awards at the NGC level included 5 clubs, 10 individuals, and TGCI. A total of 7 districts, 32 clubs, 120 individuals, are among the 216 awards to be given out at the 2022 TGCI state convention later this month.

A complete list will be published in the June issue of Indiana Gardens. 1st place winners will be acknowledged at the state convention and packets with the certificates will be given to the district directors to distribute later to the clubs in their district.

Now is the time to start planning for next year. Think of what projects your clubs or you will do this coming year. To have a successful entry, follow the suggested scoring rubric that NGC suggests which can be found on the NGC website under awards. Please submit everything in word (preferred) or a pdf document so application can be revised if needed.

You can submit 2 applications – 1 for NGC, with their application cover page and 1 for TGCI with its cover page. Or you can just submit the 3 pages once and then separate TGCI and NGC award cover page. Take lots of before and after pictures; include the description of project, financial report, who helped, and any publicity.

Feel free to contact this chairman if you need help. You do great work; now enjoy getting the accolades for your hard work. Also, remember most of your projects can be entered in the Central Region awards. See the Central Region awards website to find out the categories. They follow the same format. (Dates are earlier to apply so make sure you check.) One project could win on all 3 levels (state, region, and national). A Zoom program is being planned to help clubs better understand awards and how to enter.



April 2022 PLANT AMERICA MONTH COMMUNICATION TIMELINE

Purpose: To highlight the National Garden Clubs Plant America initiative using PLANT AMERICA MONTH Proclamation issued by President Mary Warshauer (see page 3)
Message from President Warshauer in her words:

PLANT AMERICA seeks to inspire members to reach beyond the confines of their backyard beds and apply their ardor for gardening to broader community initiatives.

PLANT AMERICA began in 2017 under the leadership of former NGC President Nancy Hargroves. NGC's focus on community centered projects and efforts, brings life to this PLANT AMERICA ambition. By dedicating our work to preserving ecosystems and engaging in civic beautification, we can make a positive impact on our environment.

PLANT AMERICA embodies NGC's commitment to raise awareness about environmental issues such as land restoration, water conservation, environmental science and sustainability, and access to green space such as public parks. It also promotes the love of gardening, floral design, civic, and environmental responsibility.

PLANT AMERICA projects enhance public areas, honor our veterans with Blue Star landscaping projects, educate children and adults about the joys of gardening and create pride through local, city, and county projects. NGC awards PLANT AMERICA Community Grants to member clubs for these projects.

PLANT AMERICA envisions a glowing community of not only dedicated gardeners, but also the common environmentalist and typical nature enthusiasts.

PLANT AMERICA seeks to embrace the environmental challenges at hand, and to use them as a source of inspiration for new projects and initiatives. Through innovative methods of education and communication, NGC leads our communities into a greener and cleaner future.

As former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson once said, "The environment, after all, is where we all meet, where we all have a mutual interest. It is one thing that all of us share."

President Warshauer is requesting that NGC committees support PLANT AMERICA MONTH in April. We are emphasizing **Earth Day** material (theme—Invest in Our Planet), **Arbor Day's** 150th Anniversary (Each One—Plant One—plant a native tree), and the 200th Anniversary of **Frederick Law Olmsted's birth (celebrating 200 years of his role in American landscape design)**. Short articles will be posted on Facebook. Longer articles will be featured in The National Gardener and on the NGC Blog in April. Please submit these to Gerianne Holzman, TNG Editor, at gholzman@gardenclub.org and/or to Peggy Riccio, NGC Blog Editor, using this form <https://gardenclubwebsite.wufoo.com/forms/wu3v4jk0ed19v8/>

The first in a series of 2022-2023 Presidential Videos was recorded in early February. Here is a link to Kirk Brown's presentation entitled "When Can We Celebrate Olmsted's Legacy?" <https://youtu.be/AwplhCANDMg> Please share! This video will be available until May 11 only.

The second video in this series will feature ecologist Doug Tallamy's program entitled "Homegrown National Park™" on March 8, 2022. Registration will be announced by NGC Headquarters about ten days prior. Watch for a Registration email as space is limited. The video will appear on the NGC website in the Video Library, too. Homegrown National Park is a term coined by Doug Tallamy. "The concept for Homegrown National Park™, **a bottom-up call-to-action to regenerate habitat where we live and work**, and to a lesser extent where we farm and graze, extending national parks to our yards and communities."

You are invited to participate in the inaugural PLANT AMERICA MONTH April 2022. Your submissions will be the heart of all NGC messaging in April. Here are some ideas:

PLANT AMERICA Community Grants—announce 2022 grant winners. Share before and after images of past grant winners with Social Media for Facebook publication throughout the month of April. David Robson

Each One, Plant One—an article about this program and why planting native species is important. History of Arbor Day Foundation? Audrey Coyle

Environmental Concerns and Conservation - information for a Facebook post from each member. Send to Valerie Seinfeld, Social Media chairman. If longer than 200 words, please send to Peggy Riccio.

Horticulture—an pertinent article from several of the chairmen. Please send to Peggy Riccio, Blog Editor or Valerie Seinfeld, Social Media chairman.

Schools—an interesting article from each about conservation, landscape designs, xeriscape, environmental, organic gardening or innovative ideas, etc. Perhaps an article could be shared in Newscape?

Website— update website graphics and information. Include a new PLANT AMERICA information page, intro from Mary, printable copies of the Proclamation and the PLANT AMERICA MONTH poster. Jane Waugh

TNG— Gerianne Holzman has planned April's issue with these subjects in mind.

NGC Photography Group (private)- please be aware of this initiative and share info with your members. If any member would share pictures relating to Mary's message or proclamation, please contact Valerie Seinfeld at Social Media for release info. Thank you.

The NEW NGC Website Calendar will be in beta testing soon, so many events and schools will be announced. Watch for more info.



National Garden Clubs, Inc.
PLANT AMERICA MONTH
Proclamation

Whereas, April 22, 2022 is the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day, which recognizes and celebrates the birth of the global environmental education and stewardship movement grown out of an awareness of our impacts on the local and worldwide communities;

Whereas, April 26, 2022, is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, renowned conservationist and landscape architect credited with having created public parks providing city dwellers "a sense of enlarged freedom," being restorative in nature and connecting communities;

Whereas, In April, the last Friday of the month, April 29, 2022, is the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, which recognizes and celebrates the critical role of trees in the earth's environment and in creating healthier, safer and more connected communities;

Whereas, The world has endured for the last two years, a pandemic where so many members of our communities have sought refuge and taken solace, hope and sustenance in their gardens;

Whereas, It is the Mission Statement of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to provide education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility and to share these resources within their communities;

Whereas, It is the Mission Statement of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to provide education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility and to share these resources within their communities;

Whereas, The National Garden Clubs, Inc. instituted the Plant America program to provide resources and support for its local member clubs and the gardening projects they have undertaken in partnerships with their communities; and

Whereas, The Board of Directors of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. wishes to acknowledge and celebrate the import and confluence of these events of April 2022, now, therefore, be it Resolved, That National Garden Clubs, Inc. hereby declares April 2022 as PLANT AMERICA MONTH.

Mary Warshauer
NGC President 2021-2023





President's Project Grant

The President's Project for **"Plant America in the Colors of Hope for Cancer Awareness"** has lots of grant money to be given to clubs that apply in 2022. Start thinking of the colors your club will choose and get that grant application submitted.

Pictured are the recipients of the President's Project Grant in 2021. They are, 1-Flower Lane Garden Club, 2-Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club, 3-Iris-Elm Garden Club, 4-Peru Garden Club and 5-Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club.



The process is easy; go to the TGCI website under Member Access and Forms, and check the application named Linda's Project Application. Just complete the form and email, along with receipts and pictures to:

Wanda Zahrt, President's Project Chair. gardenclub.zahrt@gmail.com

Arts and Flowers Garden Club



Haley Liming stepped up to Chair the Garden Gate Cafe. Not only did she do a wonderful job; just look at that smile.



Another new vendor.



The Plant Van, just one of the new vendors.

August of 2014, eighteen members of Arts & Flowers sat around my dining table to discuss a Saturday event for the community. My first thought was, select a couple speakers and offer an educational workshop. One member looked at me and said, "Do we ALWAYS have to learn something?" "Can we just offer a fun day to thank the community for their support?" And just like that, "Through the Garden Gate" garden expo was born.

Because we were in RED and with 500 plus new cases every two days we took fewer vendors and spread things out. We took a huge leap of faith and our efforts were rewarded. We signed up 3 new members and have 7 more prospects.

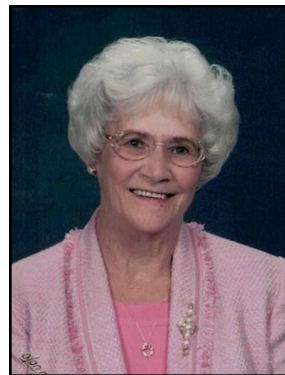
We always have it the last Saturday in February and it seems everyone is anxious to dream of spring. We are excited for our first meeting of the season on 3-9-2022,

Keep Goin' and Growin'

Linda Cornelius
Arts & Flowers President

Boonville Garden Club

We wrapped up 2021 with our December meeting being held at the Warrick County Museum, where we decorated a Christmas tree for their annual Festival of Trees. Our theme being "Birds and Butterflies." We enjoyed fellowship and a gift exchange before visiting the many rooms decorated with Christmas trees by various community organizations, as well as Nativity Scenes from around the world.



IN MEMORY OF

In memory of Sylvia M. Davis, 83 of Boonville, passed away on January 24, 2022. She retired from St. Mary's Hospital as Patient Representative. She was a member of Main Street Methodist Church where she sang in the choir. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society, Boonville Garden Club, Home Ec., and sang with the Evansville Choral Society. Sylvia loved to read, sing, play games and spend time with her family.

A donation to the Blue Star Memorial Fund will be made in memory of Sylvia Davis from the Boonville Garden Club.

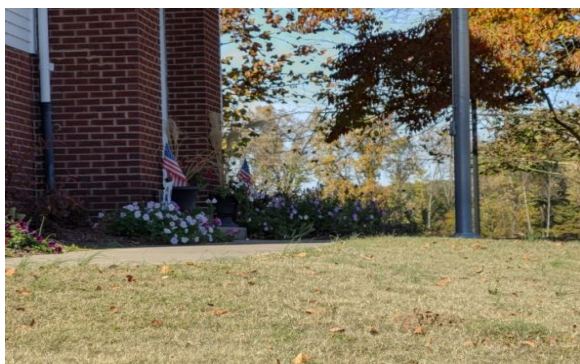
Thelma Whoberry VP

Green Thumb Garden Club

This cabin is used as an education building. All fourth graders in the county and surrounding counties come on site to learn; milking a cow, shelling corn, how to churn butter, how to use a spinning wheel, and much more. This garden is a kitchen herbs garden and other edible plants. In the school building there is an actual heritage classroom.



Our club members have worked together in planting and maintaining of various garden plots at Lyles Station School and Museum in Princeton Indiana. We are starting seedlings in the new cold frame and general up keep of gardens. In 2021 a new shade garden was added at the entry. Lyles Station is one of the last remaining black settlements in the state.



Jodi Meyer

Various garden plots planted and maintained around the Lyles School by the Green Thumb Garden Club.

Hendricks Garden Club

In January, our club theme of “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” was related to gardening when Bree Ollier of Hendricks County Soil and Water Conservation District presented a program on “Soil Health and Regenerative Agriculture for the Home Gardener.” Bree focused not only on conserving the soil but also on building it up through planting cover crops and reducing tilling in the garden.



Longtime member Phyllis Ballentine, (in our club since about 1951) has a green thumb when it comes to growing amaryllises. They bloom beautifully indoors for her in January and February; then she allows the plants to dry down before replanting them in her garden in the summer. When the first frost comes, she brings them into the house for a dormant period before they bloom again for her in the winter.

Our February meeting consisted of a field trip to a restaurant for lunch, and afterwards, a tour of the large greenhouse at Hilltop Orchids owned by Dick and Sandy Wells. We were given a presentation on the history of the greenhouse and the culture of orchids. Then we visited the greenhouse that showcased many orchids and succulent plants. We were excited about the new plants, as well as the fertilizer, that we purchased there!



Jackie Rosales
Co-President

Member Sue Yoder, headed up the club youth poetry contest, and we were excited to award three students for their entries to Hendricks County Garden Club. Later, the three students, won the poetry contest at the state level. We hope they do well in Regional competition!

**The Little Bird
by Amelia S.**

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



**Jackie Rosales
Co-President**

**Songbirds are Everywhere
by Emma Burleson**

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
by Victoria Camloh**

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 instru-
ment:
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.

Vale of Paradise Garden Club



**Linda Dingee
Club President**

Hello everyone. Spring is finally here, and soon our flowers will be blooming. We are starting the year off with the installation of new officers.

Vale of Paradise GC is still working on their programs for this coming year. We hope to visit some gardens, take a guided hike, maybe a bus trip. Just a few of our plans.

Our motto this year is
"Plant for Membership,"
which is our main objective.

Sullivan County Garden Club



The Sullivan County Garden Club partnered with the Sullivan High School FFA members to collect and sort caps and lids to purchase benches. Three benches were purchased with the over 600 pounds of lids. Placement of the benches was at the FFA barn and Sullivan County 4-H grounds.



The Sullivan County Garden Club celebrated Christmas with a dinner. Members brought personal items and groceries to be donated to needy families in our area.



Several Garden Club members attended a demonstration on eradicating invasive species put on by the Future Farmers of America (FFA) at their barn.

Donna Cox
Club President



The Sullivan County Garden Club members decorating a Christmas tree on the square beside our Blue Star Memorial. A red, white, and blue wreath was placed beside the tree that was decorated with miniature flower pots, poinsettias, and red, white, and blue lights and ornaments.

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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Lowell Garden Club

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Pendleton Garden Club

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Sages Garden Club

Spring Green Garden Club

Sullivan County 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

“Your club here”



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