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For Cancer Awareness

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Sow the Seeds and Keep Growing

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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***

Did you miss the 2022 State Convention in Edinburgh? If so, you missed ...

- A chance to meet NGC's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Brenda Moore. Brenda is the author of the 3 youth books many of us have bought over the years, and she explained her journey from West Virginia State President, to author, to becoming the NGC President in 2023.
- The revision of 3 bylaws. Changing times require housekeeping every few years.
- The introduction of the new and improved Club President's Manual. Check it out on the TGCI website.
- The election of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Jayne Kesler and installation of Jayne as North Central District Director and Diane Hurless as South East District Director. Congratulations!
- An amazing, incredible, spectacular display of floral designs by Edie-Dyer Wilson. Pictures are elsewhere in this issue.
- Recognition of the clubs whose projects and efforts merited awards. A list appears elsewhere in this issue.
- A confirmation of the importance of our latest Land Trust project at Wallier Woods. Dawn Slack made it abundantly clear how ecologically important this slice of land along the Ohio River is.
- A chance to meet and hear from the students from Ball State and Purdue who received TGCI scholarships in 2021-22. Their sincere appreciation makes it worth all the fund-raising efforts that individual clubs arrange.
- A beautiful venue, unbelievable raffle baskets, a groovy ways & means, and table decorations composed of parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme. (I'm a huge Simon and Garfunkel fan.)
- Most of all: a chance to RECONNECT AND HAVE FUN. Three years is way too long to be absent from friends and to experience the chance to make new ones. Thank you, South East District, for having the courage to schedule this convention in the face of uncertain times.

What's next? Why, the Wildflower Workshop will be held at the newest national park and Indiana's first: Indiana Dunes National Park. Mark September 29<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and plan to find out how the shoreline is protected, what wildflowers are there, and who Diana of the Dunes was. More information elsewhere in this issue.

After that? In one year we will be in Montgomery, Indiana, for the 91<sup>st</sup> TGCI State Convention. The members of the South West District are already hard at work to show us "Pieces of the Past" on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you were in Edinburgh this year, you know not to miss it, and if you couldn't make it this year, plan to join us next year as we "Come Together for Facts, Fellowship, and Friendship."

***Linda***



## Changing Tactics: Encouraging Members to Make a Book of Evidence

As Indiana's Honeywell Horticultural Chairman, I have in the past threatened members with a cattle prod to enter evidence for this award. Well, that's not working, so I'm returning all my unused cattle prods.

We have not had an entry for this most prestigious horticultural award since 2019, but I feel certain that garden and landscape experiments are being done all over our great state. We love growing things, new varieties and heirlooms. We love projects with children. We love helping with community gardens. We love working in containers and patio pots. We love building up nutrients in our soil, making compost. Well, some of us do. With COVID restrictions over the last two years, many of us have found again the joy of working in our gardens, and landscapes.

Some members are specializing in annuals, some with perennials, some with herbs, or bulbs, or pollinator gardens. Take pictures of these plants, or get someone to help you get good photos. Get photos of what works, and what didn't.

Neatness counts. Labeling counts. Sharing your knowledge counts. You don't need newspaper articles. Letters of recommendation will work to verify your knowledge and willingness to share what you have learned.

**Ruth Moorhead**  
**Chairman**

## President's Project

Just in case you missed the President's Project display at the state convention, this is a reminder to:

1. Choose a color and plant.
2. Complete application.
3. Send application, picture and receipts to:

Wanda Zahrt, Chairman  
gardenclub.zahrt@gmail.com



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



## The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. - 2021 Awards Summary

Awarded at the 2022 TGCI State Convention on April 25, 2022

### Annual Civic Development

Class A - District with largest % of clubs contributing	South East	57.1% - 1 <sup>st</sup>
	Central	53.8% - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	North West	28.6% - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Class B - Largest Contribution from a District	Central	1 <sup>st</sup>
	South East	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Central West	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Class C - Largest Contribution from a club	Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club (SW)	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)
	Vale of Paradise Garden Club (NW)	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)
	Sages Garden Club (C)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Fall Creek Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
	Garden Club of Marion (CE)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
	Green Thumb Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
	Hendricks County Garden Club (CW)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
	Monticello Garden Club (NC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
	Mudlarks Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
	North Harbour Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
	Spring Green Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
	Terrace Garden Club (SE)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Class F - Clubs contributing \$25 - \$99	Flower Lane Garden Club (SE)	
	Friendly Garden Club (C)	
	Hobart Garden Club (NW)	
	Shamrock Garden Club (C)	
Participation	Fayette Garden Club (SE)	

**Award of Honor** – TGCI entry - Joyce Corson – Conservation

Member of Syracuse Wawasee Garden Club (NC) \* \*\*

**Bev Kelter Arbor & \$100**

Iris-Elm Garden Club (NC) 1<sup>st</sup> \*\*

**Blue Star Memorials** – Outstanding Work in Establishing or Maintaining

Class Aii - medium club	Hendricks County Garden Club (CW)	1 <sup>st</sup> **
	Broad Ripple Garden Club (C)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Crown Point Garden Club (NW)	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Class B – Largest contribution from a district.

North Central	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)
Central	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)
South East	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Central West	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Class C – Largest contribution from a club.

Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club (SW) 1<sup>st</sup>

Sages Garden Club (C) 2<sup>nd</sup>

Christmas Lake Village Garden Club (SW)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Fall Creek Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Friendly Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Garden Club of Marion (CE)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Hendricks County Garden Club (CW)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Monticello Garden Club (NC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
North Harbour Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Spring Green Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Terrace Garden Club (SE)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)

Class E – Silver Seal will be given to clubs contributing \$100.00 - \$199.00.

Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club (SW)

Class F – All clubs contributing \$25 -\$99 more will receive a certificate.

Hobart Garden Club (NW)

Peru Garden Club (NC)

Shamrock Garden Club (C)

Participation

Fayette Garden Club (SE)

**Civic Development** - Clubs making a significant contribution to civic development

Class Ai - small club

Monticello Garden Club (NC)	1 <sup>st</sup> **
Fort Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club (C)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Shamrock Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Class Bii - medium club

Hendricks County Garden Club (CW)	1 <sup>st</sup> **
Crown Point Garden Club (NW)	2 <sup>nd</sup>

**Club Achievement** - Class A 1-20 members & \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup>

Hobart Garden Club (NW)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Peru Garden Club (NC)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sullivan Garden Club (CW)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Christmas Lake Village Garden Club (SW)	HM

Class B 21-50 members & \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup>

Hendricks County Garden Club (CW)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Broad Ripple Garden Club (C)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Friendly Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Flower Lane Garden Club (SE)	HM

**Garden Therapy**

Class Bii medium - Therapy service for persons who qualify

Crown Point Garden Club (NW) 1<sup>st</sup>

**Historic Preservation**

Class Aii medium - Restoration of grounds

Arbutus Garden Club 1<sup>st</sup>

<b>Land Trust Project - Class A – District with largest % of clubs contributing</b>	Central	69.23%	1 <sup>st</sup>
	North Central	57.1%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	South East	50%	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
	North West	33.3%	HM
Class B – Largest contribution from District	Central	1 <sup>st</sup>	
	North Central	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
	South East	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	Central West	HM	
Class C – Largest contribution from a club	Arbutus Garden Club (C)	1 <sup>st</sup>	
	Cultivating Garden (SE)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
	Vale of Paradise Garden Club (NW)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	Broad Ripple Garden Club (C)	HM (tie)	
	Garden Club of Marion (CE)	HM (tie)	
	Friendly Garden Club (C)	HM (tie)	
	Peru Garden Club (NC)	HM (tie)	
	Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club (SW)	HM (tie)	
Class D – Gold Seal for contributing \$200 or more-	Arbutus Garden Club (C)		
	Cultivating Garden Club (SE)		
	Vale of Paradise Garden Club (NW)		
Class E - Silver Seal for contributing \$100 - \$199	Broad Ripple Garden Club (C)		
	Friendly Garden Club (C)		
	Garden Club of Marion (CE)		
	Peru Garden Club (NC)		
	Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club (SW)		
Class F- all clubs contributing \$25 - \$99.00	Christmas Lake Village Garden Club (SW)		
	Monticello Garden Club (NC)		
	Fall Creek Garden Club (C)		
	Green Thumb Garden Club (C)		
	Hendricks County Garden Club (CW)		
	Hobart Garden Club (NW)		
	Iris Elm Garden Club (NC)		
	Mudlarks Garden club (SE)		
	North Harbour Garden Club (C)		
	Sages Garden Club (C)		
	Shamrock Garden Club (C)		
	Spring Green Garden Club (C)		
	Sullivan Garden Club (CW)		
	Syracuse Wawasee Garden Club (NC)		
Participation	Fayette Garden Club (SE)		
<b>Litter and Recycling - Class Bi -small – Best Recycling project</b>	Sullivan Garden Club (CW)	1 <sup>st</sup> **	
<b>Member Services Sales - Class Bi – small</b>	Christmas Lake Village Garden Club (SW)	1 <sup>st</sup>	
	Broad Ripple Garden Club (C)	1 <sup>st</sup>	
Class Bii – medium			
<b>Membership Increase – Class B – District receiving the most new members</b>	North West (22)	1 <sup>st</sup>	
	Central (21)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
	South East (14)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	Central East (9)	HM	

Class D – District increasing membership by largest % **Hazel Harley Traveling Trophy** - North West 7%

**Membership & Promotion** Class Aii medium club Hendricks County Garden Club (CW) - 1<sup>st</sup> \*\*

**National Garden Week** Class Aii medium club Hendricks County Garden Club (CW) - 1<sup>st</sup> \*\*

**Publications** Class Bii medium club Hendricks County Garden Club (CW) - 1<sup>st</sup> \*\*

**Scholarship** Class A1 - Largest Contribution from a District

North West	1 <sup>st</sup>
North Central	2 <sup>nd</sup>
South East	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Central	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)

Class A2 – District with largest % of clubs contributing

Central	76.4 %	1 <sup>st</sup>
Central West	75%	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)
South East	75%	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)
North Central	71.4 %	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Class A3 – District with most new Scholarship Patrons

North West (1)	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)
South West (1)	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)

Class B1 – Largest contribution from a club

Petal & Stem Garden Club (C)	3,000	1 <sup>st</sup>
Vale of Paradise Garden Club (NW)	1,754	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Shamrock Garden Club (C)	1,500	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Four Winds Garden Club (NC)	1,154	HM

Class B2 – Gold Seal for club contributing \$200 or more

- Arbutus Garden Club (C)
- All Thumbs Garden Club (SE)
- Broad Ripple Garden Club (C)
- Cultivating Garden Club (SE)
- Four Winds Garden Club (NC)
- Friendly Garden Club ((C)
- Flower Lane Garden Club (SE)
- Garden Club of Marion (CE)
- Garden Club of Michiana (NC)
- Garden Club of New Harmony (SW)
- Petal & Stem Garden Club (CE)
- Vale of Paradise Garden Club (NW)
- Shamrock Garden Club (C)

Class B3 – Silver Seal for club contributing \$100-\$199

- Christmas Lake Village Garden Club (SW)
- Crown Point Garden Club (NW)
- Fall Creek Garden Club (C)
- Fayette Garden Club (SE)
- Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club (C)
- Green Thumb Garden Club (C)
- Hobart Garden Club (NW)
- Iris Elm Garden Club (NC)
- Peru Garden Club (NC)
- Spring Green Garden Club (C)
- Sullivan Garden Club (CW)
- Terra Verde Garden Club (NC)
- Terrace Garden Club (SE)
- Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club (SW)

Class B4 – clubs contributing \$25 -\$99

Denominational Garden Club (CW)  
Hendricks County Garden Club (CW)  
Mudlarks Garden Club (SE)  
North Harbour Garden Club (C)  
Sages Garden Club (C)  
Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club (NC)

Class B5 – # of new Scholarship Patrons

Christmas Lake Village Garden Club (SE) – (1) 1<sup>st</sup> (tie)  
Hobart Garden Club (NW) – (1) 1<sup>st</sup> (tie)

**Printed Scrapbook** Class C2 – 30-44 members: 30-80 pages  
Class C3 – 30-44 over 80 pages

Washington Arts & Garden Club (SW) 1<sup>st</sup>  
Hendricks County Garden Club (CW) 1<sup>st</sup>

**Social Media** - Class B ii medium club Facebook page

Hendricks County Garden Club (CW) 1<sup>st</sup> \*\*  
Crown Point Garden Club (NW) 2<sup>nd</sup>

Class D ii medium club Website

Crown Point Garden Club (NW) 1<sup>st</sup> \*\*  
Hendricks County Garden Club (CW) 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Yearbook** – Class 1 1-20 members

Shamrock Garden Club (C)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mudlarks Garden Club (SE)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)
Iris-Elm Garden Club (NC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)
Four Winds Garden Club (NC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
North Harbour Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Syracuse-Wawasee (NC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)
Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club	HM
Green Thumb Garden Club (C)	participation
Monticello Garden Club (NC)	participation

Class 2 21-50 members

Flower Lane Garden Club (SE)	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)
Friendly Garden Club (C)	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)
Hendricks County Garden Club (CW)	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)
Washington Arts and Flowers Garden Club (SW)	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)
Crown Point Garden Club (NW)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)
Sages Garden Club (C)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)
Garden Club of Michiana (NC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)
Spring Green Garden Club (C)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Broad Ripple Garden Club (C)	HM
Arbutus Garden Club (C)	HM

**Awards not given out this year:**

**Amy Little Mason Wildflower Award -\$100 (no applicants)**  
**Katrina Vollmer Butterfly Traveling Silver Tray (no applicants)**  
**Honeywell Horticulture Award (no applicants)**

**TGCI Presidents Project – Plant America in the Colors of Hope for Cancer Awareness Grant - \$25**

Flower Lane Garden Club (SE)  
Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club (C)  
Iris Elm Garden Club (NC)  
Peru Garden Club (NC)  
Syracuse- Wawasee Garden Club (NC)

### STATISTICS

Awards given out - 216  
Districts receiving awards - 7/7  
Clubs receiving awards - 35/52  
Individuals receiving awards - 19  
Award applications to NGC - 21

## Smokey Bear – Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – State Winners

We're happy to announce the Indiana state winners of the 51st annual Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the National Garden Clubs. Students in grades 1-5 were encouraged to share their creativity by creating a one-dimensional 11 x 17 inch poster of either Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl. Smokey Bear posters had to include Smokey's wildfire prevention message: Only You Can Prevent Wildfires! Woodsy Owl posters had to include Woodsy's conservation message: Lend a Hand, Care for the Land! One Indiana club participated in this year's contest – the Sullivan County Garden Club. The state winning posters are:

**Bristol T. 1st Grade**



**Piper U. 2nd Grade**



**Josie S. 3rd Grade**



**Brielle H. 4th Grade**



**Alexis P. 5th Grade**



None of our state winners were selected as Central Region Winners. National winners will be announced at the upcoming National Garden Clubs Annual Convention in late May 2022.

## Vegetables/Herbs/New Cultivars

### IMPROVED CULTIVARS

Two sedum plants are the stars of the season with their fiery ruby red foliage - a bright spot in your garden and the answer to dry problem areas since resistant to drought and yes, they like poor soil according to Burpee Seeds.



Sizzling color for your hot, dry problem areas. Lustrous, ruby red, succulent foliage opens with a hint of mint green on compact, low growing, upright plants that are multi branched from a single stem. In late summer, intense, hot pink flower clusters bloom on cherry red stems and last for weeks. Use the vigorous, drought tolerant plants as a dramatic edger, in containers, as a perennial groundcover, to attract butterflies to your garden. Thrives on neglect in average to poor soils.

#### **Sedum, Firecracker**

This one is also resistant to heat and drought, requires little care and thrives in poor soil once established. Easy to grow, it puts on a great display of texture and color. Foliage is unique form of blue with graphite shades and can be seen from far. Blooms are crimson red, blooming for more than six weeks, attracting butterflies and pollinators.

#### **Sedum, Sunsparkler Dazzleberry**

Both like full sun, put on a good spread with the Firecracker growing 4-6 inches and the Sunsparkler growing 16-18 inches—what a show they will make. Try growing something new in your garden to help brighten your days.

**Shirley Vargas**

**Vegetables/Herbs/New Cultivars**

**Chairman**

*Save the Date*  
**Wildflower Workshop**  
**September 29, 2022**

**North West District will be hosting this event.**

# Creations by Edie



# **BEV KELVER ARBOR**

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

### **Iris-Elm Garden Club**

**Winner of the Bev Kelter Arbor Award and \$100 presented at the 2022 TGCI Convention.**

## **TREES TREES TREES**

Already planting TREES?

Planning on planting TREES?

Thinking about planting TREES???

An award of \$100 and a Certificate of Award may be presented, when merited, at our annual State Convention, to the Indiana Garden Club with the most outstanding tree program. Additional awards of \$50 may be given on occasional years when funding permits. Your new TGCI *Awards Manual* has all the specifics for applying for the **Bev Kelter Arbor Award**.

Don't be intimidated by the requirements – preparing and applying for an award is easy.

!!! The time to start is NOW !!!

**[www.gardenclubofindiana.org](http://www.gardenclubofindiana.org)**

## JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER TO EMBRACE THE DUNES



### TGCI - Fall Wildflower Workshop

September 29, 2022

Chesterton Indiana - Gateway to the Dunes  
Spring House Inn & Conference Center  
Speakeasy at the Spa - Pizzeria Uno

### Discover Our Shoreline, Ecosystems, Shipwrecks and The Ghost Story



#### The Why, The How, The Where of Indiana's First National Park

*Indiana Dunes National Park is a United States national park located in northwestern Indiana managed by the National Park Service. Park naturalist will identify invasive species and how they are working at eradication and what can be done in individual yards.*

#### How We are Protecting 45 miles of shoreline and 2,630 acres of Beachfront Property

*Reestablishing the shoreline & prevent erosion.*

#### Wildflowers of the Dunes

*The Prairie & the Marsh - Two ecosystems, Two preservation issues.*

#### LUNCH PROGRAM - Did You Know We Have Shipwrecks?

*Indiana DNR - Lake Michigan Shipwreck Survey Project*



#### Diana's Dare - Tracing her Footsteps

*Legend, Fact, and Ghost - Diana of the Dunes, a legend in her own time. Born Alice Mabel Gray in Chicago. Tagged Diana of the Dunes because she chose to live a very different life than women at that time. She was well educated, studied at the University of Chicago, and worked for the U.S. Naval Observatory as a computer operator. (In Alice's time, a "computer" was a person who did mathematical calculations as a profession). She had a profound change in her life for mysterious reasons, and chose to live alone in the wilds of the Indiana Dunes. The Indiana Dunes, dares you to walk in her footsteps and explore the wonders of the dunes.*



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*Hotel Number: 219-929-4600*

*Reservation Desk: 833-304-1389*

*<https://springhouseinn.com>*

# Arbutus Garden Club



This is Arbutus Garden Club in the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Garden that we care for. The women holding trowels are presently, or have in the past, been lead gardeners. The women holding carnations are 15+ year members! We held a luncheon at the Harrison home.

Charles Hyde, president of the Harrison home, told us about changes at the property.

Arbutus Garden Club was instrumental in getting irrigation for the entire property. We are very proud of this fact. It was a beautiful warm day at the Harrison Garden on the Historical Presidential site.

Charlie Hyde did thank us for getting the irrigation. It will be very helpful to the lawn beautification and to the flowers in our garden as well.



Arbutus Garden Club with Charlie Hyde, president of the Harrison Presidential Site, in the garden that we care for.

**Karen Mandel**  
Club President

## Here is the invite extended at State Convention from SW to the SE

Dear Friends from the South East District:

THANK YOU

You've set the bar high  
These 2 days ~~~flew by,  
Nothing was second rate  
Everything was GREAT!

Next Year WE the SW District  
Will do our best  
To inspire the rest  
To plan activities for 2 days  
To get you OUTSIDE to PLAY

So mark the date:

**Tuesday, April 25th, 2023**

**Wednesday, April 26th, 2023**

You won't want to miss it, don't be late

Our theme: **Pieces of the Past**

Things that were meant to last  
Montgomery, Indiana; Daviess County  
**COME PREPARED TO HAVE A BLAST!**

## Arts and Flowers Garden Club



The first meeting of the year for the Arts & Flowers Garden Club took place on March 9th at the Eastside Park Community Building. It was guest day and our speaker was "Aunt Verbena," Civil War character, from the Pioneer Village in the Indiana State Fair.

We had five new members join that day. With the three from the end of 2021, it brought the number of new members in the last 6 months to nine.

The officers held a luncheon with the new members to answer questions, encourage and get to know each other.

We had three attend the State Convention at Edinburgh. The entire group of attendees from the South West District extended the invite to the 2023 State Convention to be held at the Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery, IN. Watch the Indiana Gardens for further information.

Those attending from SW District pictured with NGC's 1st Vice-President in Edinburgh:  
Front row left to right: Mary Jane Smith, NGC 1st Vice-President Brenda Moore, Kay Benjamin, and Peg Fairbanks. Back row left to right: Chris Seal, Marlene Elliott, Sue Fuhrman, Linda Cornelius, Jodi Meyer and Gale Blanckaert.

**Linda Cornelius**  
**Arts & Flowers Garden Club**  
**President**

### South West District news:

The spring meeting of the South West District will meet on Wednesday, June 8th, in conjunction with National Garden Week Celebration. Eastside Park Pavilion at Noon. "USA Picnic" with the theme: Red, White and Bloom.

# Broad Ripple Garden Club

The members of the Broad Ripple Garden Club are enjoying having our meetings back at Nora Library once again. After our February planning meeting, at which time we discussed upcoming programs for the year, we jumped right into enjoying a Spring Swap at the March meeting. We had so many lovely articles to share with each other and members enjoyed the concept.

We enjoyed a great lunch at Taylor's Pub in Nora after a Business Meeting and the Spring Swap. A photo of the ladies who attended the meeting is at the side. Our April meeting was our Welcome meeting, to officially begin the new club year. We met at Nora Library and a catered lunch was given by co-hostesses, Wilma Borinstein and Jane Farber. Our guest speaker was Tom Swinford, Asst. Director of Nature Preserves. He is with the DNR and presented a fabulous program on nature preserves.



On May 6 we will hold our Annual Plant Sale at Nora Library. This is a sale open only to our members. Also, we will have a video presentation by Wanda and David Zahrt of the TGC 90th year celebration. We have plans to visit the gardens at Marian University, visit the Indiana Medical History Museum, and walk through the gardens at Bloom-struck at Newfields.

A highlight of the summer will be a visit to the Governor's Mansion to see First Lady Linda Holcomb's Herb Garden. Other interesting programs will include a visit by a DNR speaker to talk about bats.

Broad Ripple Garden Club was represented at the 2022 Convention at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Edinburgh, IN. It was a very well-planned convention with four guest speakers. A photo of the members attending is below.

We updated our planter at Nora Library recently and soon we will add more perennials and annuals to the Blue Star flowerbed. A photo of our Blue Star Memorial is shown below with the "Plant America" Daffodils in full bloom. We have been sending a container around to our members for Penny Pines. It is a newly adopted project for our club.



## Duneland Garden Club

This spring the Duneland Garden Club was honored with a plaque to be permanently placed in Thomas Centennial Park, Chesterton's downtown park that hosts the area's European Market. This was presented at a town meeting with plans for the town commissioner to attend our May meeting so the entire club can be honored.

After a respite in January and February, the Duneland Garden Club celebrated spring with a virtual tour of Charleston, North Carolina's Home and Garden Show. The club live-streamed a tour of Charleston and had a Charleston themed pot luck luncheon in the home of Victoria Konopacki. After a fine meal, the club held a meeting and planned activities for the next quarter.

The town of Chesterton purchased new street planters and asked our group to transplant existing boxwoods into their new home. It was a cold, windy day and the superintendent of streets thoughtfully set us up in the town's garage to keep us comfortable. Work is not complete as we need to wait for the freeze date before we can fill them in with annuals. The club will also be designing and planting hanging baskets to beautify the downtown shopping district in late May.

The club visited Chicago's Garfield Park Conservatory to enjoy the annual Flower and Plant Show and came away with ideas to incorporate into their own gardens. While waiting for warm weather, members are tending geraniums that were overwintered, and growing canna bulbs and fostering sansevieria plants for the annual plant sale.

The Duneland Garden Club participated in a local Family Nature Night sponsored by the Isaac Walton League in April and had crafts for the children to inspire and hone gardening skills. Sunflower seeds were planted and small sunflowers were created which were adorned with blue ribbons to support Ukraine. The children also designed their dream garden with cutouts and stickers all the while being encouraged by members and discussing the importance of gardens for pollinators. The club took this opportunity to meet parents and invite them to our next meeting.

Despite the cold and rain, members celebrated Earth Day in Thomas Centennial Park by planting ferns, cleaning out two of the garden beds and laying mulch. There is still a lot of work to get the park cleaned up for the season. The Duneland Garden Club adopted this park, designed a number of its gardens, and maintains it throughout the year.

Members baked cookies and arranged vases of spring flowers for the local Westchester Meals Program to brighten the trays for May Day. This is a fun project where members decorate vases and fill them with flowers to bring cheer to the shut-ins. Members brought their own lunches and plans for the upcoming plant sale were finalized. Plant tags were made to put in the planters to advertise our next meeting where we hope to recruit new members.

**Karen Davis**

**Club President**

*Save the Date*  
**Wildflower Workshop**  
**September 29, 2022**

**North West District will be hosting this event.**

## Fall Creek Garden Club

Members of the Fall Creek Garden Club have been thinking about spring flowers. In February, we learned all about the genus *Viola* from Carol Michel who shared her passion for violets, pansies, and violas.

In March, we enjoyed a pitch-in lunch at the home of Sara Zeckel, just after that awful, very cold weekend in early March when temperatures dipped down to the teens. Sara had lovely pots of violas greeting everyone at her front door.

In April, we dodged a few storms to meet at Newfields to see the spring flowers on display in their gardens. Horticulturist Rodrigo Jordy said their records showed the blooms were about ten days behind schedule compared to previous years. Yes, it has been a cold, slow spring! Everyone took lots of photos and notes about bulbs to plant in their own gardens and admired the added annuals, and including, of course, pansies and violas.

In May as temperatures hopefully warm up, we'll shift our focus to summer flowers beginning with a "greenhouse crawl" in Greenfield with visits to Tuttle Orchards Café, Sunnyside Greenhouses, and Marlin Plant Kingdom.

### Carol Michel



Members of the Fall Creek Garden Club enjoyed a tour of Newfields in early April.



Horticulturist Rodrigo Jordy provided insights on the spring blooms at Newfields.



# Garden Club of New Harmony

Happy Spring from The Garden Club of New Harmony (TGCNH)! We are so happy to be out and about and to see springtime renewal just bursting.

TGCNH is working to rejuvenate a number of the nine public areas around New Harmony that we maintain. In partnership with New Harmony Business Associates (NHBA), we are adding new color and all-season interest to more spots near downtown New Harmony. Project No. 1 is a highly visible bed on Church Street that received a new design including a small rain garden, and received daffodils in fall and new perennials this spring. Our hope is to continue this partnership long-term.



In spring 2021, another large bed got a major revamp near the popular Black Lodge Coffee Roasters. Several years-old plantings were out of control, dead, or in need of pruning/thinning. A new design was created and new plantings installed. With group input plus expertise from our member, Dr. Kent Schuette, Jr., Purdue professor emeritus of architecture and urban design, the bed was renewed for greater beauty and a lovely photo op stop.

*Black Lodge planting crew 2021*

SW District Director, Linda Cornelius and TGCI Corresponding Secretary, Chris Seal, visited in March (2022) with Linda doing a *sweet* officer installation. Our first field trip of the year was in February to Mesker Park Zoo's Amazonia with its beautiful Orchid Escape Exhibit. We look forward to more outings as the weather warms.



On Earth Day Lois Gray, education chair, and Marlene Huffaker, president, delivered the children's picture book, Spring After Spring: How Rachel Carson Inspired the Environmental Movement, to Posey County elementary schools and public libraries in honor of Earth Day.

*L – R: Marlene Huffaker, TGCNH, Ryan Rokicki, Director, and Melora Adams, Archivist, Working Men's Institute, New Harmony, Earth Day book presentation*

TGCNH is concentrating more on native plants that will benefit the environment, pollinators, and birds. We are using more natives in our plantings and have a goal of transforming one of the golf cart trailheads in town into a Monarch Waystation as another teaching tool. This gives us a greater opportunity to educate ourselves, our visitors and residents of New Harmony. We will host a public Invasives Workshop in June, co-sponsored with Working Men's Institute, Garden Club of Mount Vernon and Posey Invasives Partnership including speakers, handouts, and golf cart tour to learn how to identify, control/remove, replace and report (when appropriate) invasive species in our area. And in October 2022, we will host the SW District meeting here. We have heads full of dreams and hearts full of hope for the coming year!

**Marlene Huffaker**  
**Club President**



## Vale of Paradise Garden Club

April has been a busy month. It's still too chilly in northwest Indiana for planting but we are planning our gardens. Vale of Paradise started the year with an installation of new and returning officers in April.

Returning president Linda Dingee, new Vice-President Carol Ann Holmes, new Secretary Deb Scharp, and Treasurer Sheri Stockwell, (unavailable for picture), all received flowers. Mary Simon received flowers from NW Director Reggie Korthals for her work as past secretary.

April finished with attendance at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Edinburgh, IN. There were so many interesting speakers, and an inspiring message from 1st Vice-President Brenda Moore. A great two days of activities and then to meet the recipient of the Vale of Paradise scholarship.

***The North West District will be hosting the Wildflower Workshop on September 29, 2022, so mark your calendars.***



**President Linda Dingee.**



**New Vice-President  
Carol Holmes.**



**Past secretary Mary Simon.**



**New secretary Deb Scharp.**

**Linda Dingee  
Club President**

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