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For Cancer Awareness

2021-2023

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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

I'll admit, I'm a mixture of a techie and a troglodyte when it comes to calendars. During the year I add future calendar events to my phone/computer calendar as they get scheduled. These consist of doctor appointments (more and more of those), haircuts, water softener deliveries, and best of all, vacation plans.

However, at the start of every new year I also purchase a traditional paper calendar—the kind that hangs on the wall in my kitchen with pockets at the bottom and beautiful flowers for each month. Then I sit down and fill in my pre-scheduled events - by hand, with a pen!

For the past 2 years, many of these events have revolved around The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Although 2023 will have fewer of those for me, there are still some upcoming events that I am anticipating and sincerely hope you will add to your calendars as well.

- **Monthly Club Meetings** - My club doesn't meet in January or February, but from March to December we meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Although times and locations sometimes vary due to the program for that month, we always try to keep it on the first Tuesday. Writing the meeting on my calendar keeps me from scheduling something else on that night.
- **TGCI State Convention** - The call letter for this meeting is elsewhere in this issue. Join us at the Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery, IN on April 25th and 26th for two days filled with great speakers, great food, and great fun. Dress like your favorite First Lady, wear red, white, and blue, and come prepared to greet old friends and make new ones. I promise to keep the business meeting fast paced and relevant.
- **NGC National Convention** - You may roll your eyes at my suggestion that you consider attending, but it's May 2nd through 4th at the GREENBRIER in West Virginia. A night at the Greenbrier is on my bucket list. I am aware it's expensive, but we have a special convention rate, and if you find someone to attend with you and share a room, it's way below what you would normally pay for a night at this iconic resort. Check out the latest issue of The National Gardener for the details. There will be speakers on floral design and landscape design as well as all sorts of tours (the Presidential bunker!) and breakout sessions. You don't have to purchase all the meals; pick one that has the most interesting speaker or program. Find out why it's "Almost Heaven."
- **TGCI September Seminar** - The North Central District is hosting the September Seminar at the Oakwood Resort on Lake Wawasee on September 15th. Join us for a day devoted to the protection of our water supply. If the weather is good and you spend Thursday night at the hotel, Oakwood has a boat that will provide a cruise around the lake. Registration details and a tentative schedule will appear in the June issue of Indiana Gardens.
- **Fall District Meetings** - Most of these are held in September and October and are not only required by the TGCI bylaws, but a way for each district's business to be conducted. It's also a chance to connect with the clubs in your district. I attended all 7 of the meetings in 2022 and thoroughly enjoyed each one. Every district in the state is unique in its membership and the way it conducts its meetings, but every club is committed to making its community a more beautiful and environmentally safe place to live.

So, mark your calendars! I look forward to seeing you.

The Nominating Committee reported that the slate of officers for 2023-2025 is as follows: Jayne Kesler, President; Wanda Zahrt, 1st Vice President; Laura Kearby, 2nd Vice President; Rita Hummel, 3rd Vice President; Linda Dingee, Recording Secretary; Cynthia Wright, Treasurer.



President Nominee - Jayne Kesler

Jayne has been a member of Peru Garden Club since 2004. She had just retired from teaching literature, speech and English for 24 years in Tipton School Corporation when she and Keith returned to her hometown and moved to the family farm home her grandparents had built in the 20's. While living in Hamilton County, she joined the Goosebean Garden Club in Tipton and became a Master Gardener.

The only office she has not held in Peru Garden Club is treasurer; she has served 4 terms as president. She just completed her second term as North Central District Director. The Blue Star Memorial chairmanship for seven years was a big part of her life in TGCI. She has also served as Recording Secretary, Second Vice President and First Vice President with TGCI. Currently she is a chairman of

Scrapbooks and Programs and National Garden Week.

Jayne graduated from Purdue University with a major in English and minor in speech and then earned her MS at Indiana State University in Communication Theory. She now enjoys being a Ball State Grandma to her granddaughter Zoe, who is a freshman majoring in Landscape Architecture. Grandson Rowan is in 7th grade at Pendleton Middle School. He enjoys fishing on the farm pond and helping his dad and grandpa with building projects. Her son Dylan grew up enjoying camping and the outdoors; both his work and hobbies still reflect that interest.

When not tending the gardens on the farm, Jayne enjoys painting barn quilts, hosting an Airbnb, camping in their vintage Airstream and doing dance aerobics and yoga. She also loves storytelling, reading, acting and directing.



1st Vice President Nominee - Wanda Zahrt

Wanda Zahrt is a proud member of the Iris-Elm Garden Club in the North Central District. Her career background includes banking and business, having earned a BS in Business from Indiana University South Bend. For much of her career Wanda worked at the family trucking business and served in many roles including dispatch, accounts receivable, accounts payable and HR. After 40 + years, Wanda began a "retirement career" of sewing and reading. In 2011, she decided to take on a new pursuit and joined the local garden club. Knowing nothing about the garden club or how it worked her interest was sparked when she attended an annual North Central District Meeting. As the saying goes "everything else is history."

Wanda has now been a member of TGCI for eleven years, serving on the Executive Committee for six years, and on the Board of Directors for four years. Wanda looks forward serving as TGCI's 1st Vice President as well as the North Central District Director in 2023-2024. Wanda's motto is: "There's no such thing as being too busy. If you really want something, you'll make time for it."

Wanda and her husband David live in Winamac, Indiana. David is also on the Board of Directors as the TGCI Scholarship Chairman. The couple have one daughter, Leeann Wright. Leeann and her husband, Steven, and daughter, Nova Mae, moved back to Winamac in August of 2022. Wanda looks forward to the next gardening season with Nova Mae, who enjoys making mud pies and picking flowers with "Gigi".



2nd Vice President Nominee - Laura Kearby

Laura first visited Come into the Garden Club of Mooresville in the late 1980's and shortly thereafter joined the club as an official active member. In her second year she became an appointed officer and in the following years continued to serve in the elected offices of Secretary, Vice-President and President (currently President) along with chairing and serving on numerous committees.

She has served Central West District as chairman of various committees and special committees and as chairman of several district meetings and events. She has held the elected offices of District Director, Vice-Director, Secretary and Treasurer (currently Treasurer).

Previously serving on TGCI Executive Committee in the elected position of Recording Secretary, she has also been chairman of several committees (currently Trees/Penny Pines), served on special committees and been chairman and/or co-chairman multiple times of State events (Annual Convention, Conservation Conference, September Seminar, Wildflower Workshop).

Laura is retired and is, since 1982, a resident of rural Morgan County, Indiana. Her property is a Certified Wildlife Habitat and has quite a few acres of TREES.



3rd Vice President Nominee - Rita Hummel

Rita grew up in northwest Indiana on the edge of Lake Michigan with sand dunes, woods, and the beach as the playground for her and her friends. Her former home site is now part of the Indiana Dunes National Park.

In 2010 a notice on the "Let's Go" page of the Indianapolis Star announcing a garden club program called "Plants for Winter Interest" was her introduction to Sages Garden Club. For her, the best parts of garden club is learning to become a more successful gardener and cultivating new gardening friends to share stories with.

Rita is an active member of Sages Garden Club and has served as vice-president and president of the club and is currently the Central District Director of TGCI. She earned a master's degree in education from Butler University and taught

Spanish for 32 years in Plainfield and Indianapolis. She had the privilege of leading her church's mission trips to Nicaragua after Hurricane Mitch devastated the country in 1998. She learned gardening strategies from local farmers and was fascinated by orchids and other beautiful native plants. At home, Rita enjoys vegetable gardening, spending time caring for her native plant bed and growing orchids. She and her husband, Bill, have two daughters. Karen taught elementary students in dual languages programs. Now, she is landscaping her yard and calls her mother with gardening questions, which often leads to consultations with TGCI experts. Lindsey earned masters' degrees in Environmental Science and Public Policy at IU and currently works for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

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Recording Secretary - Linda Dingee

Linda has been a member of the Vale of Paradise Garden Club since April of 2012. She became the NWD treasurer in 2015 and still holds that office today. She became vice president in 2016 through March of 2020 and under 2 different residing presidents, therefore was able to learn the different styles of leading.

Linda accepted the position of president in March 2020 along with the start of COVID. It was somewhat challenging to keep the club meeting together but was able to keep it going with email meetings, Zoom, and using the outdoors as one of the meeting places.

Linda feels fortunate to be the Garden Therapy/Healing Chairman with TGCI and the Central Region.

Linda is a retired RN and has a BSN in nursing. She spent her 20- year nursing career working in an orthopedic unit and medical/oncology unit.

Her prior employment was working on the railroad as a clerk for 21 years. Linda and husband Bill have a 5- year-old granddaughter and a new grandson arriving in February. They are the reason why they spend their winters in Arizona.

Treasurer - Cynthia Wright

Cynthia Wright joined the Hillcrest Garden Club in 1993 and has served in officer positions several times since joining. At the district level she has served as the Central District Director, Vice-Director and Treasurer. She started on the TGCI State Board in 1995 and has served as the Wildflower Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, Awards Chairman, Member Services Chairman, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Officer. She has also served as chairman for many of the State Meetings.

At the Central Region level, she has served as Treasurer, Civic Development, Girl Scout Liaison and is currently the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman.

Cynthia has a degree in Financial Planning and has worked in the Human Resources/Accounting area for several companies – including many non-profit 501(c)3 organizations.

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OFFICIAL CALL LETTER
The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Annual Convention

PIECES OF THE PAST

91st Annual Convention April 25-26, 2023
Gasthof Amish Village, 6747 East Gasthof Village Road, Montgomery, Indiana 47558

We all have a past and there are pieces that teach lessons in life. It can be information that will help us succeed or things that we will NEVER do again. The South West District membership has been "*thinking outside of the flower pot.*" We are excited to invite all TGCI members and guests to the 2023 Annual State Convention as we learn to recognize **Pieces of the Past** which is still influencing us today in our gardening world.

Pre-Convention "Jump Start" Monday, April 24th

The hotel will begin check-in at noon (EDT). For board members, and those of you that have considerable travel time to reach our destination, we are offering a pre-convention "**JUMP START.**" The "Extras" can shop at the 4 green houses; explore the Amish village nearby, the flea market, 3 businesses, and the gift shop in the restaurant. Information will be available upon arrival. The Executive Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. followed by the Board of Directors meeting.

Visit with us at *Viva Las Daviess* where appetizers and drink will be available. Conversation, games, and fun will also be available but "*Remember what happens in Daviess, stays in Daviess.*" There will be NO CHARGE; but we do ask that you pre-register.

Tuesday morning breakfast is available at the hotel for all registered hotel guests. Morning programs begin at 9:30 a.m. with Horticulturist Sarah Brackney, who will be speaking about conservation issues. Then we will be entertained at 10:45 a.m. by "Aunt Verbena," a.k.a. Sandy Barton, a Purdue University Graduate.

Lunch will be on your own Tuesday, April 25th

The convention begins at 12:30 p.m. (EDT). Shortly after the business meeting, Peggy Taylor will share a presentation on Natural Dyes and Fiber Flax. She will have examples of naturally dyed wool yarns and the outcome of their dye garden and flax plot.

Tuesday evening at the **Presidents Banquet** we invite and encourage you to dress as your favorite First Lady. Following dinner, the TGCI Incoming President and the elected Executive Board Officers and District Directors will be installed by our honored guest Central Region Director Carol Yee; and then there will be a short Awards Presentation to honor and acknowledge your hard work. Your attention will then shift focus to our program with Kathleen Crews sharing her historical knowledge about a First Lady. To complete the evening, you are invited to "*Linger Longer*" with us in the Conference Hall after the banquet to network, share ideas, and just enjoy more time together.

Wednesday after breakfast, Jennifer Nettles, (not from *Sugarland*), will present two sessions. The first on Garden Therapy (a popular Vincennes University Course). The second will be a presentation on Green Fins and Aquaponic Systems. As always, the anticipated **Scholarship Luncheon** will give all an opportunity to meet and hear from our college students.

Be sure to read the speaker bios and the tentative schedule allowing you to make the most of your time with us in Montgomery, Indiana. The district is excited to share **Pieces of the Past** with you.

Linda Harkleroad - TGCI President
Linda Cornelius, Sue Fuhrman, and Chris Seal Convention Co-Chairmen

Pieces of the Past



Peggy Taylor creates handwoven textiles in the early manner, inspired by those of the 18th century. She and her husband raise sheep on the family farm. Following the business meeting Peggy will be sharing information about the past 200 years of weaving. For more information go to www.loomhall.com.



Aunt Verbena (portrayed by Sandy Barton) is a country gal of a certain age, with definite opinions, attitudes, and values of the day in 1862. She works hard making a living and keeping the farm going while her man is off fighting Mr. Lincoln's war. She grows herbs and sells her eggs, butter, and cheese to make ends meet. After retiring, she gardens, reads, cooks, quilts, and enjoys playing Euchre with the gals from church. She will be sharing her general knowledge of herbs, quilts, and *Pieces of the Past*.

Kathleen Crews studied at the University of Hawaii, has been involved with tourism in Spencer County, and was Lead Ranger at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. Kathleen is now the Director at Santa Claus Museum and Village and will be sharing her wealth of knowledge about President Lincoln's wife.



Jennifer Nettles is a 2 for 1 speaker on Wednesday morning. She began her college education at Vincennes University, finished her degree at Purdue University, and received her masters from the University of Illinois. Her working career began at Perk-A-Lawn landscapes in Vincennes, as well as instructor at Vincennes University. She will present the first session on Garden Therapy (a popular Vincennes University Course). This will be followed by another presentation on Green Fins and Aquaponic Systems.



Sarah Brackney is the newest member of Purdue Extension - Daviess County as an Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator. Sarah was farm-raised and deeply involved in 4-H. She brings an educational background in Biology, Psychology, and Environmental Science to this new role. Her previous experience includes employment as a direct support professional, mushroom farmer, and Naturalist Aide for the Indiana DNR East Fork State Fish Hatchery freshwater aquaculture facility.

South West District is so proud to present these speakers for your enjoyment.
Don't forget to register and learn from the *Pieces of the Past*.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

MONDAY – Jump Start

Check-in at Hotel - Opens at noon

Travel guide in registration packet

Personal time to visit these nearby opportunities:

The 4 nurseries

The Flea Market

The shops

Have lunch in the hotel restaurant

3:00 pm EDT Executive Board Meeting

4:00 pm EDT Board Meeting

6:00 pm *Viva Las Daviess* Social with plenty of appetizers and fun, no charge.

Tuesday - Breakfast for registered Hotel Guests *in dining room from 7:00 am to 9:00 am*

Tuesday Morning – Conference Hall

9:00 am Welcome from Joe Morri - Executive Director Daviess County Chamber

Welcome from Sue Fuhrman representing South West District

9:30-10:15 am Speaker Sarah Brackney

10:30-11:30 am Speaker Sandy Barton

Lunch on your own

Tuesday Afternoon – Conference Hall

12:15 pm Doors open at Conference Hall *(If you are a delegate, bring delegate cards with you.)*

12:30 pm Formal opening of the Convention

Presiding Officer Linda Harkleroad

A Short Break after the Business Meeting

3:45-4:45pm Speaker Peggy Taylor - Natural Dyes and Fiber Flax

President's Banquet Gasthof Restaurant *(In the loft)*

Tuesday Evening - Loft

6:00 pm **Presidents Banquet**

Following closing of banquet return to:

Conference Hall

9:00 pm **Linger Longer**

Breakfast for registered Hotel Guests on your own

Wednesday Morning – Conference Hall

9:00-10:00 am Jennifer Nettles - Garden Therapy

10:30-11:30 am Jennifer Nettles - Green Fins & Aquaponics

Wednesday Afternoon – Gasthof Restaurant (Loft)

12:15 pm Scholarship Luncheon.

PIECES OF THE PAST

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Annual State Convention
Gasthof Amish Village - Montgomery, Indiana 47558

Pre-Convention "Jump Start" Monday, April 24, 2023 Convention April 25 - 26, 2023 Registration Form

(One Form per attendee. **Please PRINT name** as you want it to appear on nametag.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact # _____

Check all that apply:

State Officer: _____ State Chairman: _____ District Officer/Chairman: _____ Club President: _____

Club Officer: _____ Club Member: _____ State Life Member: _____ Scholarship Patron: _____

Gold Star Member: _____ National Board Member: _____ Region Board Member: _____

Honeywell Winner: _____ Consultants: Garden _____ Environmental: _____ Landscape Design: _____

Flower Show Judge: _____ Club members/spouse/family: _____ Non-member guest _____

Club appointed/elected delegate: _____ (see page 11 for more info)

	Postmarked by April 7th	Postmarked after April 7 th , April 15 th is final
Registration TGCI members	\$40.00 _____	\$43.00 _____
Spouse, family and guests		
President's Banquet <i>3 meats 5 sides and pie</i>	\$25.00 _____	\$25.00 _____
Scholarship Luncheon <i>2 meats 4 sides and cupcakes</i>	\$22.00 _____	\$22.00 _____
Total Remittance:	\$ _____	\$ _____

For count only: Monday Jump Start **Circle** Yes No Monday Social: **Circle** Yes No \$ 00.00

Mail Registration Form and check to:

Chris Seal, 3508 S. 600 E Montgomery, IN 47558

Make check payable to: **The Garden Club of Indiana or TGCI (Memo – Convention)**

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Village Inn (formerly Red Roof Inn)

We have a SPECIAL rate **\$77.00**

It is IMPERATIVE that you **CALL** the inn to make reservations

Mention that you are with The Garden Club of Indiana.

812-486-2600

Club Presidents: Please make sure to send the Memorial Service and Club Delegate information **via email** to: tcgicstatemeetings@gmail.com

Club Delegates: Each club is entitled to delegate (s) based upon their current paid membership. Club Presidents are not automatically voting delegates and must be marked as delegates if wishing to be their club representative. **Do NOT** list any delegate that is already a voting member (i.e. State Life Member, Scholarship Patron, State Officer, State Chairman)

Clubs with 1-24 members = 1 delegate

Clubs with 25-49 members = 2 delegates

Clubs with 50-74 members = 3 delegates

Clubs with 75 members or more = 4 delegates

Club: _____ **District:** _____

Delegate 1 _____ **Delegate 2** _____

Delegate 3 _____ **Delegate 4** _____

Memorial Service:

Name of Deceased Member: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Number of years in Garden Club: _____ Special Honors (i.e. Honeywell winner, National, Regional, State and Club positions):

State Chairman: Note your title and how much table space you will need for your display on bottom of this form.

For further information or questions email: Co-Chairman Chris Seal via email: tcgicstatemeetings@gmail.com



FOR 2023

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

PLAN ~ ACT ~ APPLY

IT'S AS EASY AS THAT

BEV KELTER ARBOR

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

Requirements:

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

Scale of Points for Judging:

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

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

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT 2023-2025

PLANT TREES FOR HOPE



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

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

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

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

Lucy Larcom captures it by saying,

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



PLANT TREES FOR HOPE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT 2023-2025

General Guidelines:

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



EARTH DAY

April 22nd, 2023

“Invest in our Planet”



ARBOR DAY

April 28th, 2023

“Celebrate and Recognize the Importance of Trees”



PENNY PINES PROGRAM

TGCI Members and Member Clubs can partner with NGC and the National Forest Service and participate in the Penny Pines Program, a meaningful and practical Reforestation / Education Program that NGC and NFS partner. The Forest Service provides the labor to replant catastrophe damaged areas, which may be designated as to a particular state (Indiana, of course!!!), with indigenous trees, not just pines (which were originally planted when the program started in 1941), to provide for soil protection & conservation plus areas for recreation. Donations are a minimum of \$68, or multiples of (at its origin, donations were \$6.80 to plant an acre with 680 pines that cost a penny each, thus also explaining the program name).



Arbutus Garden Club



The chicken coup that the First Lady of Indiana built.

Arbutus had a lovely visit to Indiana Governor Holcomb's residence. First Lady Janet Holcomb visited with the Arbutus members while enjoying lunch. She made us feel so welcome.

She provided the Indiana china for our lunches to be plated on. It was such a joy to actually use the plates which the First Lady designed. Shortly after lunch we presented the First lady with a beautiful Azalea for the residence grounds.

After dinner the First Lady toured the residence's beautiful gardens with the members. Next we moved on to the chicken coup the First Lady and her friends built during the Pandemic. We believe this is the first time the residence had chickens. The next stop was a tour of the first floor of the residence. The home is full of beautiful patriotic blue colors. We looked in the China cabinet where all of the First Ladies display their China. A beautiful, yet steamy day. We all hated to leave this beautiful event, but not before a photo op with our lovely First Lady Janet Holcomb.



Karen Mandel
Club President



Broad Ripple Garden Club

Hello and Happy New Year from the members of Broad Ripple Garden Club!

The past few months have been busy for our garden club. In September, we visited the Governor's residence in Indianapolis. We enjoyed an informative tour of the residence and the First Lady Janet Holcomb's gardens by the guides at the mansion. Outside, on the patio, we held our business meeting and had lunch before the tour. We also accepted two new members at the meeting. Our special guest was Central District Director Rita Hummel.

Some of our members, guests, spouses, and families, also attended the Wildflower Workshop "Embrace the Dunes" in Porter, Indiana. It was a fascinating program, the speakers were exceptional and a trip to Indiana Dunes made it extra special.

In October, eight of our members attended the Fall Central District Meeting and enjoyed the meeting, delicious lunch, visiting with friends and the guest speakers who spoke to us about bats. Photo included of our members who attended the meeting.

Our October meeting, held at Nora Library, began with our business meeting and lunch, followed by a speaker, Brad Westrich, Mammalogist from the DNR, who spoke on Bats, during "Bat Week." We filled our planter at Nora Library with fall plantings. (See photos of Fall and Winter plantings at Nora Library). Also, fall plantings at our Blue Star Memorial, photo enclosed).

In November, we had a special Friends Giving Pitch-in luncheon and our guests were Central District Director Rita Hummel, President of Hendricks County Garden Club Rita Kerner, and our featured guest was Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp. Jo Ellen held a Q & A session with us; we had so many questions to ask, and she was very accommodating. It was a great afternoon. We also accepted another new member at this meeting. New officers were then voted on to take office in April, 2023. Co-Presidents Dorothy Pratt and Colette Bracken, Vice President Jane Jerman, Secretary Jan Hutchings, Treasurer Wilma Borinstein and Corresponding Secretary Carol Branson. Congratulations!

Our annual Holiday Luncheon was held at Crooked Stick Golf Club, hosted by President Phyllis Grzeskowiak and Vice President Jane Jerman. We had a delicious luncheon followed by a gift exchange. We will not meet in January, but look forward to our Planning Meeting in February 2023.

We are sad to share the passing of a long-time member, Bonnie Schaub. We miss her smile. RIP Bonnie.



Visiting the governor's residence.

Broad Ripple Garden Club



Fall planter..



Bonnie Schaub



Blue Star Memorial



Christmas planter at Nora Library.



The group at the Fall Central District Meeting.



Holiday party at the Crooked Stick.



**Phyllis Grzeskowiak
Club President**

Friendly Garden Club



November and December continued to be busy months for our club with holiday-related activities. We have two fundraising events each year, one of which is in November. Our “Make, Bake, Grow and Sew” auction is always fun, delicious, and festive. Home baked goodies, gift baskets, holiday décor, plants/bulbs and more, showcase members’ talents and bring in some competitive bidding!

The funds raised help to support our community garden projects and also a local police group which provides gifts for families in need, during the holidays. The auction is definitely a favorite event, which members always look forward to attending to hopefully bid and win their favorites.

Our annual Christmas luncheon was equally festive and delicious. When plans had to change at the last minute, several members worked very hard to coordinate a lovely lunch, including an Italian themed meal, beautiful decorations, and a drawing for poinsettias. Members were asked to donate items, such as baby supplies, linens, towels, pillows, underwear, gas gifts cards for a local organization, which assists families and individuals in need throughout the year. Friendly members are compassionate and giving as reflected in the huge amount of donations!

We are looking forward to the coming year of gardening!

Kathe Rae Club Secretary



Pictures of the Friendly Garden Club activities.

Irvington Garden Club

The Irvington Garden Club enjoyed a 2022 Christmas party at the Bona Thompson Memorial Center surrounded by posters of historical significance including some Garden Club Garden Tour posters of our past. It was so great to be able to fellowship again with a party after a hiatus from COVID restrictions. President Charles Miller gave a heartfelt summary of the year and then awards were made to some special members for their many years of service.

Mike Lewis was gifted a handmade mug and treats for his many, many years serving as treasurer of the club. Melany Belucci and Rosemary Tudor were honored for their years of leadership with the Irvington Garden Tour.



Mike and his mug.



Local artists formed a necklace, a pin, and a felt flower all fashioned after the Garden Tour flower logo.

About 25 people were in attendance. Everyone was gifted an ornament in a flower napkin fold. There were door prizes and AMAZING food. (If you want directions for the flower napkin, go to You Tube, search for 18 Napkin Fold Ideas and find the 9th fold.) What a great way to finish out 2022!



Syracuse - Wawasee Garden Club

The Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club met as a happy group after some time away due to maladies of sorts. It was characterized by an early celebration of the holiday season with all sharing their favorite recipes for a carry in party. Our business meeting revealed that all our bills are paid and we are financially fit for 2023. Our annual winter dinner will be held in January. A wonderful way to celebrate the space between the time in March when we begin our annual schedule of events.



Joyce Arleen Corson
Historian Chairman

Vale of Paradise Garden Club



Our Blue Star Memorial

Happy New Year from the Vale of Paradise Garden Club.

We gathered at the site of our Blue Star Memorial for a remembrance on Veteran's Day. We shared a poem, "Flanders Fields."

It talks about the sacrifice of all who were fighting in the First World War.

Our last get together for 2022 was at Martini's Restaurant for our Christmas lunch and silly gift exchange (it's always fun to steal another's gift).



Waiting for lunch.

For January our club members had a booth at the Master Gardeners 17th Annual Gardening Show. We had a raffle basket filled with goodies and Nancy Hartman won the basket. We had some people sign up with the thought of becoming a member of our club. That would be ideal.

We start the new year with a membership drive, and a raffle basket to raise money for scholarships.

Happy winter and hopefully no more below zero blizzards.

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