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Jan 2	Mar 1	May 1
July 1	Sept 1	Nov 1

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Mission Statement

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Promotes
Interest and Education
in
Horticulture,
Landscaping, Floral Design,
and Environmental Concerns



From our President

Remember a few months ago when you were thumbing through seed catalogs and meeting with members to decide what programs you would be having this year? Well, that has all come to fruition! How did you do? Are you having fun with your member friends as you take on the trips and projects? It is my hope that your answer is yes because that is what we are gathered as TGCI clubs to do! I know the weather has been a challenge, but we are a “can do” resilient group to reach our goals.

I am happy to have this leadership position with our clubs and am listening and learning so I can help lead our challenges. Within 5 days of taking my job as president, Keith and I were at The Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia attending the National Garden Clubs annual convention. It was my first national convention; I learned so much about our federation and enjoyed visiting with members from other states. I have faith in all levels of our federation that we will continue to grow and prosper.

I am eager to visit with you at our TGCI September Seminar “Water is Essential for Life.” As a member from North Central District, I have attended the planning meetings and most recently had lunch and a tour at the Oakwood Resort on Lake Wawasee. This seminar promises to be enlightening with wonderful speakers sharing information about Indiana waterways and relaxing as the resort is right on the lake. More information is included in this edition of Indiana Gardens.

Also included in this edition is a proposal from the Finance Committee meeting in June, further refined by the District Directors, and approved by the Board of Directors, to provide \$1,000.00 to each of the districts to pay for club events and membership promotional items. TGCI wants to help defray expenses to promote your clubs. Please read the article and see how the state can help your club.

Hopefully, your club is thinking of a spot to “Plant Trees for Hope.” Be a part of making a lasting change in your community, bringing people together to celebrate nature and fighting climate change. Laura Kearby will be sharing information with you on the TGCI President’s Project grants. Fall is a good time to plant as the weather is more cooperative and the tree has time to settle into its new home.

Enjoy your time together in this season; take pictures to share on Indiana Gardens and TGCI and club Facebook pages. I enjoy your posts and am so proud of the accomplishments that we are making in Indiana.

**Jayne Kesler
State President**

!!! UPDATE !!!

2024 The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. State Convention

April 16 & 17, 2024

“Tree - mendous Earth”

Turkey Run Inn Room Reservation Update

We have acquired a reservation code for our Turkey Run Inn overnight room reservations to use the discount room rate for next year's 2024 TGCI convention at Turkey Run State Park.

The reservation code is 0416GC

Remember, do **NOT** use TurkeyRunStatePark.com or Booking.com as we have become aware that they will not recognize the discount. Instead call directly at 765-597-2211 and follow the prompts to get to Turkey Run Inn and an actual person should accept the call.

We are receiving a discount for our block of rooms for the night of April 16, 2024 only. For staying multiple nights make sure and state that it be noted that you want to remain in the same room throughout your entire stay. The rate will be different for each night and you should receive a separate confirmation code for each night that you reserve.

Central West District Convention Planning Committee



Check out the website for the Call Letter and the Registration form.

www.gardenclubofindiana.org

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.

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT 2023-2025

PLANT TREES FOR HOPE

Date of Application _____ Club _____ District _____ Tax EIN _____

Name & Title of person submitting grant application _____

Address _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Type of Tree (native species preferred) _____

Nurseries/Businesses/other Organizations involved _____

Club in-kind donation (\$100) _____ Amount requested (up to \$100) _____

Tree placement – where & why (significance/benefit/visibility) _____

Correlation to promotion of overall club/district/state organization mission _____

Dedication/Public Event(s) held/planned _____

Education programs (organization & public) held/planned _____

On-going maintenance plans _____

Member involvement _____

Acknowledgement of TGCI _____

Additional information (please provide as much information as possible to assure your serious consideration for this grant) _____

Attach copies of receipts, photos, publicity, other verification

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. reserves the right to review or reject any application deemed ineligible. Decision of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. is final. This organization does not discriminate against any person based upon race, gender, age or sexual preference.

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READY...Start your planning now!

SET...Prep those seasonal entries!

GO...Enter in the Flower Show!

The “Tree - mendous Earth” Horticulture Specialty Show Preview

at The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. State Convention
April 16th & 17th, 2024



[This Photo](#) by Unknown

Division 1 - HORTICULTURE

- class 1 - foliage trees
- class 2 - flowering trees
- class 3 - fruited/berried/coned trees
- class 4 - needled evergreens
- class 5 - broadleaf evergreens
- class 6 - foliage shrubs
- class 7 - flowering shrubs
- class 8 - container grown foliage no more than 10" base
- class 9 - container grown flowering no more than 10" base
- class 10 - violets no more than 8" base
- class 11 - cacti no more than 8" base
- class 12 – succulents no more than 8" base
- class 13 - annuals
- class 14 - perennials
- class 15 - ground cover no more than 12"

Division 2 - EDUCATIONAL

- class 16 – Trees – TGCI President’s Project – “Plant Tees for Hope.”
- class 17 – “As a Tree Has Many Parts, So Does a NGC Flower Show.”

Division 3 – BOTANICAL ARTS

- class 18 - dried grasses (3 stems)
- class 19 - pressed dried foliage (no more than 5" x 7")
- class 20 - pressed dried flowers (no more than 5" x 7")
- class 21 - cones (3)
- class 22 - tree in full spring bloom 4 x 6 matted picture
- class 23 - tree in full summer foliage 4 x 6 matted picture
- class 24 - tree in fall foliage color 4 x 6 matted picture
- class 25 - tree in winter rest 4 x 6 matted picture

A COMPLETE SCHEDULE COMING IN NEXT ISSUE OF INDIANA GARDENS AND THE TGCI WEBSITE.
LIMITED PRINTED COPIES AVAILABLE AT YOUR FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS. SCHEDULES WILL BE
E-MAILED TO CLUB PRESIDENTS.

Guidelines for Membership Drive

TGCI BOD has budgeted \$7,000 for new membership recruitment to be equally distributed to each of the seven (7) districts. This reimbursement of membership recruitment expense is to encourage individual clubs to solicit new members.

All applications are to be submitted to their District Director on or before December 1 each year, to be reimbursed by December 31st by the TGCI Treasurer.

Authorized Expenses are as follows:

Printing of any type of advertisement that solicits new members. Must have club name, contact person, phone and/or email address. Examples: brochures, business cards, banners, yard signs, etc.

Vendor booth rental or paid media to promote your club.

Must have or be visible: club name, contact person, phone and/or email address.

Supplies to create a membership display including: Club name, contact person, phone and/or email address. (Example: tri-fold displayed at events, libraries, museums, etc.)

No disbursement will be calculated until after the December 1st deadline. After December 1, the director accepts or denies the club request. If accepted, calculates the distribution to be awarded to each club that submitted eligible receipts. The club information and amount to be reimbursed to each club will be sent to the TGCI Treasurer to be paid on or before December 31 each year.

National Garden Week - June 4th thru 10th

Many of the TGCI clubs planned for National Garden Week from museum and library displays to bouquet deliveries and many other acknowledgements of the week. Iris-Elm created a display at the Wimamac Library which included a planter giveaway. Pictured is President David Zahrt, Vice-President Nancy Wright, and a young library patron who drew the winner ticket for the planter.

Wanda Zahrt

TGCI 1st Vice President

National Garden Week Chairman





The Garden Club of Indiana September Seminar

September 15, 2023

702 East Lake View Rd

Syracuse IN 46567

8:15 am - 8:55 am Registration

8:55 am - 9:00 am Welcome

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Troubled Waters: Indiana Lakes and Streams

Dr. Jerry Sweetin, originally from Kokomo, is a retired professor from Manchester University. He has done extensive work on the Eel River Watershed as well as beginning his 5th year of intensive study of the Wawasee Watershed.

10:00 am -10:15 am Break

10:15 am -11:15 am

Using Art to Communicate Conservation

Avon Waters, an American artist, known for his vivid landscape and wildlife images painted in expressionist and semi-abstract styles. Born in Peru, Indiana and raised on a farm near Amboy, IN. Waters attended Indiana University at Bloomington where he studied both photography and plant biology. His work has appeared in numerous museum exhibitions.

11:15 am -11:30 am Break

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Buffet Lunch

12:30 pm -1:30 pm

What Plant is That?

Take a shot at identifying water plants! Do you know the difference between native and non-native? Jim Donahoe and David Keister from Aquatic Weed Control will be on hand to tell you about these plant samples. This interactive presentation will be sure to get you off your feet after lunch!

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm Break

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Water Quality in the Tippecanoe Watershed

Lyn Crighton, the Watershed Foundation's Executive Director, has created Clear Choices Clean Water. Lyn works to protect and improve the water quality of over 60 lakes and streams in portions of Kosciusko, Whitley and Noble Counties.

Lyn holds a Master's Degree in environmental Science from Indiana University School of Public and environmental Affairs.

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm

Closing and Raffle Basket Drawing

Optional- Time TBA

THURSDAY EVENING BOAT TOUR OF LAKE WAWASEE. The tour will include demonstrations of water sampling and explanation of what these results might mean.

Optional - 3:00 pm

FRIDAY AFTERNOON WALK at the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation to learn about what the WACF does for water quality.

TGCI 2023 September Seminar



Friday, September 15, 2023

Oakwood Resort Lake Wawasee
702 East Lake View Rd
Syracuse, IN 46567

Registration Deadline August 18, 2023 - \$35

Late Registration Deadline September 8, 2023 - \$45

Make checks payable to TGCI and mail completed registration form & check to:

David Zahrt
Iris Elm Garden Club
1401 E. 100 N.
Winamac IN 46996-8604

Questions about registration? Email: gardenclub.zahrt@gmail.com or call 574-946-6547

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Club Name: _____

District: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Boat Tour, Thursday Night: Yes ____ NO ____

Display: How much space: _____ Electric: Yes _____ NO _____

Please call

Oakwood Resort directly for overnight accommodations
at (574) 457-7100 or info@oakwoodresort.com.

A block of rooms for this event has been reserved at **\$133.28 per night including tax.**
A continental breakfast is included.

Planting in the Fall

Are you still deciding the specific place to plant your tree for the President's Project? According to arborists with the Arbor Day Foundation, it is not too late to plan and plant a tree in the fall.

We get excited to plant our gardens and landscape our yards, and spring can be a great time to do that, but fall may be more ideal for your trees. Planting in the fall gives trees an extra growing season before the stress of summer. The combination of cooler temperatures and fall rain allows tree to establish their roots which makes it easier on them to adjust to the extreme heat or drought in the summer.

Trees go dormant in the winter, the equivalent of hibernation. This slows down the tree's growth because the days are cooler and photosynthesis decreases. With the increase in rainfall and cooler temperatures, less watering is needed. Stable air temperatures also promote rapid root development. During this short dormancy, tree's grow to establish roots before warm weather stimulates top growth.

According to Arbor Day Foundation, September through November is the ideal time for tree planning because it allows the roots to become established before the ground freezes and winter sets in.

Plant the tree properly. This includes planting the right tree in the right place, calling 811 before you dig, and mulching a two to three inch ring of mulch around the base of your tree. Mulch is NOT piled against the trunk. And lastly, watering your tree right after planting even if it is cold outside.

**Jayne Kesler
State President**

Native and Invasive Species

When working your garden or flower beds this spring, did you see this worm, thinking it is a welcome, helpful earthworm? But did it thrash around much like a snake does? Was it kind of dry and scaly, unlike the somewhat slimy earthworm? If so, it may be the invasive, harmful Asian Jumping Worm.

Currently, the worms have been found around southern Indiana, particularly in the Terre Haute area. They do not crawl superfast, so do not migrate far on their own. This pest is spread almost entirely through human activity whenever soil, mulch, or leaves are moved. Purdue Extension educators are spreading the message that gardeners should not share ground soil or compost and avoid potted plants from unknown sources. If you know the worms have been found in a certain area, do not move soil or plant debris from that area to another.

Jumping worms will consume all organic material from the top layer of soil, leaving behind a coffee ground-like waste with no nutrients for plants or seeds. Because they stay within the first few inches of topsoil, jumping worms do not create channels for water and air the way earthworms do, disrupting water flow to plant roots.

If you suspect jumping worms are present in your soil, please report this to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at depp@dnr.in.gov or by calling 1-866-663-9684.



**Sharon Baldwin
Native and Invasive Species Chairman**

Gold Star Memorial Dedication



On June 4, 2023, the Gold Star Memorial plaque at the entrance of Wolf Lake was dedicated. Leon's Triathlon Race was given the honorary name of the “**GOLD STAR MEMORIAL TRIATHOLON RACE**” in honor of all who died while serving our country. The mayor of Hammond and the congress man from NW Indiana were present at the event. They thanked the TGCI and NGC for having this memorial and announced that the race be officially known as the Gold Star Memorial Race. The bicycle part would start and end at the Gold Star Memorial.

Over 250 competed, which included several veterans who were blind, amputee's, wheelchair bound, etc. The event included a traveling picture display of those who died while in service to our country from Indiana. A memorial service of a set table with no one here to honor the missing in action and died while in action. Flags from all of the branches of the military were on display. A giant flag, 50' x 20' was unveiled, as a Chicago Police Bag Pipe Corp performed the national anthem and the pledge of allegiance was said. Bouquets of flowers were presented to the participants as they passed through the finish line.



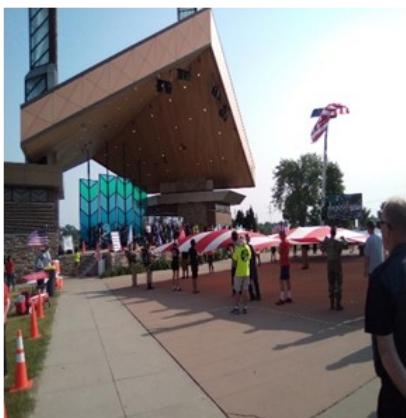
Honoring the missing in action.



Military Flags



Indiana Fallen Soldiers



Unveiling of the giant flag.



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Bouquets of Flowers

Container Gardening

Container gardening is so good in so many ways. Better control of soil, faster to work in spring, space saving, portable to follow changing light requirements, less strain on back, etc!!

One of the best examples of container and raised bed gardening is the Demonstration Garden on the Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN. The garden is located near gate 16, just east of the DNR pavilion on the north side of the fairgrounds along 42nd St.

It began at that site in 2012 and is tended by Marion County Master Gardeners. It is a colorful mix of flowers and vegetables. (Around 1000 lbs. of fresh veggies are donated to local food pantries each year)

You will find raised beds, hanging baskets, earth pots and bags, vertical gardens, elevated growing beds, trellises, and a water garden, among other features.

During the Indiana State Fair, (July 28-Aug 20) you may visit the garden any time. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

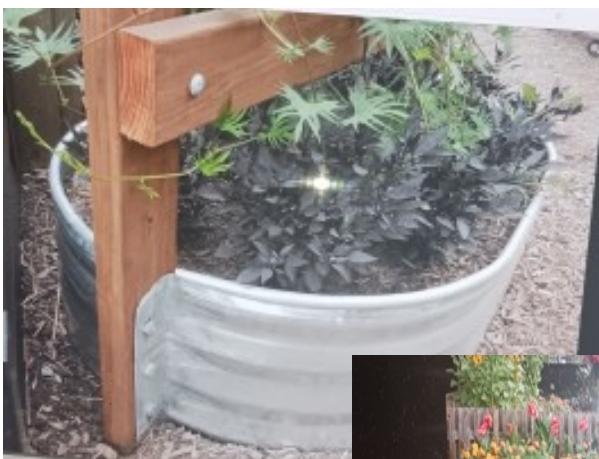
But the garden is not just "open" during the fair. It is a true garden, started in mid-spring and going until frost. You can view the garden any time on your own. After the fair is especially a good time to tour it, as everything is mature. There is even a limited number of shaded outdoor seating overlooking the garden. Come, bring a sack lunch, and enjoy .

There is no admission charge to the fairgrounds unless a large event is planned. (Check fairgrounds website). You can even drive up close to the garden, no long hike from the parking lots.

Might make an interesting field trip for your club. Contact me and I can arrange a "tour guide." Thank you.

Colette Bracken

Container Gardening Chairman



TITLE: Rachel Carson and The Silencing of Birds

In the summer of 1962, it seemed everyone was talking about the non-fiction book, *Silent Spring*. Although it would not hit bookstores until September 27, *Silent Spring* began generating interest when an excerpt appeared in June 16, 1962 issue of *The New Yorker*. Author Rachel Carson had focused on the environmental harm caused by indiscriminate use of pesticides. Specifically, she warned about the dangers of bioaccumulation, which is the gradual buildup of substances, such as pesticides or other chemicals, in an organism; and biomagnifications, where substances increase in concentration as they move up the food chain. In other words, those substances which don't outright kill can accumulate in fat tissues causing medical problems later and be transferred from mothers to their young, resulting in birth defects and health issues.

Rachel Carson began her career in the 1940s as an aquatic biologist, before deciding to pursue a full-time career as a nature writer in the 1950s. At that time, Carson turned her attention to conservation issues, especially problems she believed were caused by synthetic pesticides. Carson was especially concerned about dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane also known as DDT. DDT is a potent insecticide, effective at preventing diseases transmitted by insects, and it saved countless lives during World War II. But after the war, corporations, backed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, continued to promote DDT's widespread use offering everything from large-scale aerial sprays to insecticidal paint and wallpaper.

"...we have allowed these chemicals to be used with little or no advance investigation of their effect on soil, water, wildlife, and man himself. Future generations are unlikely to condone our lack of prudent concern for the integrity of the natural world that supports all life." —
Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring*, 1962

In *Silent Spring*, Carson laid out a case against the chemical industry and accused them of spreading disinformation about the safety and environmental impact of their products. Carson attributed the recent decline in bird populations—in her words, the "silencing of birds"—to pesticide overuse. While Carson was not the first person to raise concerns over DDT, her combination of "scientific knowledge and poetic writing" reached out to a broader audience. By October 1962, Rachel Carson would become a household name when *Silent Spring* was selected as the Book of the Month. In a letter to a friend, Carson described her hope this would "carry it to farms and hamlets all over that country that don't know what a bookstore looks like—much less *The New Yorker*."

Although *Silent Spring* was met with fierce opposition by chemical companies, it eventually spurred a reversal in public attitudes towards pesticides. The years following the controversy over *Silent Spring* saw the establishment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the passing of numerous laws protecting the environment and human health, including a ban on domestic use of DDT in 1972 due to its widespread overuse and harmful impact on the environment. Carson, who died in 1964, was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Jimmy Carter.

In the sixty-one years since its publication, *Silent Spring* continues raising awareness of environmental issues by being a source of inspiration for writers, scientists, and public policy today. There are a variety of ways to share the lessons of *Silent Spring* with your club members including:

- Encourage members to read *Silent Spring* and devote a portion of a meeting to discuss it.

Reading and Discussion Questions, Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring* – Source: University of Oregon

LINK (<https://pages.uoregon.edu/eherman/teaching/460/Silent%20Spring%20questions.htm>)

Discussion Questions for *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson – Source: Galesburg Public Library

LINK (<https://galesburglibrary.org/main/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Silent-Spring-questions.pdf>)

- Provide members with printed materials or web links which outline the history of the topic and Carson's work.

The Legacy of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* -- Source: The American Chemical Society

LINK (<https://www.acs.org/content/dam/acsorg/education/whatischemistry/landmarks/rachel-carson-silent-spring/rachel-carsons-silent-spring-historical-resource.pdf>)

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Rachel Carson: Bioaccumulation and Biomagnifications Poster -- Source: The American Chemical Society

LINK (<https://www.acs.org/education/whatischemistry/landmarks/rachel-carson-silent-spring/rachel-carson-poster.html>)

- Compose a letter to your local news outlet, community newsletter, or Home Owners Association asking that information about *Silent Spring* be included in an upcoming publication. They might request to interview you on the topic, and you can offer them the resources on this list as background material. Or offer to provide them with a review of *Silent Spring* or a short biography of Rachel Carson written by a member(s) of your club.
- Request your local government to issue a proclamation for May 27 as Rachel Carson Day.

Rachel Carson – Source: Wikipedia

LINK(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rachel_Carson)

- Work with your local library to provide a display about *Silent Spring* and the life of Rachel Carson. Carson is an excellent STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) topic and once you involve a Children's Librarian anything could happen.
- Work with your local parks department to provide a free child-friendly event involving bird watching or a nature hike.
- Work with a local library, bookstore, or café to arrange a public reading of the first chapter of *Silent Spring*.

Silent Spring Chapters 1-3 -- Source: The American Society for Environmental History

LINK (<https://aseh.org/resources/Documents/Silent%20Spring-Chapters1-3.pdf>)

Cathy Reed Weber Birds and Butterflies Chairman

Come Into the Garden Club

May was a day out for Come into the Garden Club critiquing local landscaping and hardscaping followed by informative visits, with a little shopping at four local nurseries and garden centers.



We got rained out! Our highly anticipated visit to our local Mooresville Farmer's Market was a bust as inclement weather caused the market to close before our time to meet in Mooresville. We still held our regular monthly meeting at the Mooresville Public Library starting with a program presentation on "Indiana State Symbols and Emblems – Official and Unofficial." We were surprised to learn that the state of Indiana has seventeen (17) official state symbols/emblems; the latest of which are the State Insect (Say's Firefly – adopted 2018), Snack (Popcorn – adopted 2021) and Fossil (Mastodon – adopted 2022).

Laura Kearby Club President

Fall Creek Garden Club

Members of the Fall Creek Garden Club were pleased to have Kelly McVey as our speaker in May. Kelly is the founder of the Indiana Peony Festival. Her passion for peonies inspired her vision and creation of the festival, from inception to recruitment to planning. Her passion for this event is contagious as the whole town of Noblesville now takes part.

In June, we had the privilege of touring a large private garden where the owners talked about the history of both the house and the garden and their plans for continuing the renovation of both, which they started in 1999. Members who originally visited nearly 13 years ago were delighted to return and hope to be able to go back in a few more years to see the continued progress. A garden is always a work in progress!

In July, we are going back to our roots with a meeting at Oberer's Flower Shop for a flower arranging class and a chance to make an arrangement to take home.

**Carol Michel
Club Secretary**

Duneland Garden Club



Cookie Boxes

Spring was busy for us this year. We started with a visit to the Valparaiso Park's greenhouses. The horticultural team educated us on every aspect of propagation and planting. Members were generously gifted plants and bulbs for home. Next, an annual May Day celebration. Members prepared vases of fresh garden cut flowers and homemade cookie boxes for our 36 Westchester meal program.

We followed up with planting a serviceberry tree at the Thomas Centennial Park for Arbor Day. Additionally, the Presbyterian Resale Shop in Valparaiso hosted



Fresh Cut Flowers

The Duneland Garden Club for their "giveback" shopping day. Members assisted shoppers and the club was presented with a large donation check.

Later in May, we strolled an easy trail through Bendix Woods near South Bend. Thousands of white trillium were blooming the day we took our nature hike. Members enjoyed a lovely lunch at the golf course nearby, afterward we went shopping! Perennials Galore, home of the one dollar perennial, is out in the country near LaPorte.

Our annual plant sale was again a huge success. A large variety of plants were potted up from our members' gardens, and we educated and assisted the community on gardening while they shopped for plants.

**Vicky Phillips
Club President**

Hobart Garden Club

The Hobart Garden Club had a very busy spring and early summer activities to promote club awareness and promote membership. They helped start a garden for youth at the NEO alternative high school and adult education programs. It has produced Swiss chard, radishes, and peppers that staff and students have enjoyed, with more to come to donate to the local food pantry. The club will also be planting a butterfly garden - outdoor class sitting area, and a wildflower garden along school property.

The club hosted a Mother's Day luncheon for 85 seniors at the Hobart Senior Center. Box lunches were donated by Subway, with water, lemonade, and iced tea donated by the senior center. Club members decorated tables with floral designs and served the food. They had 25 door prizes donated to give out to the ladies. A gardening presentation on making a potted dish garden was demonstrated and given out as a door prize. One 93-year-old club member said the blessing for the food. Several of the ladies were wanting information to join the HGC or start a garden club at the senior center. A balloon display was also created to take pictures of the event.

The HGC participated in the Hobart 4th of July parade, and they received 2nd place. The float featured garden flowers blooming, a miniature antique wheelbarrow with real planted flowers, watering cans, butterflies, and bees on and around the arch of colorful flowers. The real bees thought it was real but left when they couldn't pollinate the artificial flowers. The float had a contact phone number and face book website to visit to learn or join the club. Several people have contacted the club about joining. The local Izaak Walton League who was behind us, passed out wildflower seeds.

Finally the HGC had a small standard flower show and talked about how the clubs "thank-you card program" (a card with picture of recipients garden on it) is sent to those who club members think have a nice garden. No strings attached, just to say thank-you for making Hobart look nice. We have had a couple of responses from this promotional activity.



The Hobart Garden Club having fun at the standard flower show, and riding in the 4th of July parade on the float that they created. The Mother's Day luncheon was a big hit with 85 seniors attending.

Vale of Paradise Garden

The Vale of Paradise Garden Club is having a busy summer. We had a plant sale in June with plants from our gardens', natives and perennials. We participated in NWI Fairy Festival with helping the kids and parents "make and take" mini fairy gardens. So much fun!

We had Chuck Roth from Chesterton Feed & Garden Center speak about the "Importance of Trees." Chuck is always helpful, knowledgeable, and generous with his time to the garden clubs.

We visited "Meadow Brook Nature Preserve," which is part of the Shirley Heinze Land Trust. Our program was about Bringing Nature Home with a guided walk on one of the newer trails.

In July our club shared in the NW Districts summer "Walk-About," hosted by Duneland Garden Club. All 5 clubs were represented from our district. We met at the Thomas Centennial Park and viewed the gardens that the Duneland Garden Club maintain. We went to three member gardens and what an enjoyment they all were. The garden out in the country has hundreds of daylilies, all sizes, different colors, and she does sell them.



The above pictures are from the Walk-About



**Linda Dingee
Club President**

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