

South West District Director Report

The Clubs of the District have been busy this Spring; first getting the regular projects on point for the season. Planning the State Convention at the Gasthof Amish Village in April and annual plant sales.

Boonville Club is excited to be planning two new projects for completion in 2023. Labor at the Senior Citizens Center removing current landscape, then replanting with smaller perennials and other plants of their choosing. Second, the landscape for the new mural at the Old National Building. They plan to incorporate a rain barrel in the project and have a youth group for assistance/teaching. Excited about the second year for Yard of the month. Looking forward to our field trips for the year. Thelma Whoberry, President

Christmas Lake Village have had programs on the new Proven Winners annuals and perennials and weed killing solutions with recipes, as well as deer repellent ideas. A new idea at their annual flower sale is to offer \$20 gift cards. Members look forward to making mosaic glass orbs for the memorial garden. Mrs. Koch will present program on Christmas Lake and its beginning. Marlene Elliott, President

The **New Harmony Club** got off to a slow start because of extended cold, wet weather, but are beginning to clear away winter debris and see what perennials reappear. They will be dedicating their fall 2022 "honor plantings" in May, paying tribute to 3 members who have passed away or are no longer able to participate. We will be planting a native shrub in New Harmony's town park to memorialize a fourth member whom we lost in 2022. There are 3 golf cart garden tours scheduled and are hoping for more groups. Marlene Huffaker, President

Petersburg club installed new officers. They designed all the decor for the State Convention tables, including Quilt blocks as placemat for flora centerpieces, all given as door prizes; 4 square coaster for favors, and dried roses, antique books w Ben Franklin glasses for Presidents banquet. Guest speaker, Pike County Purdue Agent, made informational presentation. The club toured historic Lyle Station. Honored a treasured 50 year member. Looking forward to our annual Plant Sale. Also doing our annual bud vases for all nursing homes and assisted living in celebration of Mother's Day. Betti Brenton, Past President

Princeton Green Thumb Garden Club started the new year in March. Meetings are held at the Lyles Station School and Museum. The new shade garden of the Sassafras Grove is still underway adding new plants, paths and garden interest. The adopt-a-garden-spot throughout the grounds is underway and has been more successful in the past few months. The club has also been consulted in placing raised beds at the Erie Canal location in Eastern Gibson County. We continue with our annual projects. Jodi Meyer, Vice President

Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club we are on hiatus from December 31 until March 1 and yet we had our annual garden expo "Through the Garden Gate" the last Saturday in February. During the pandemic due to the nature of the "beast" the 21 teams for Team Up to Clean Up fell by the wayside, therefore we are heavily recruiting new teams to pick up trash in designated areas. We participated in the Washington Earth Day celebration passing out free tree starts. The usual projects are underway. We will be working with (assisting/teaching) the local DSI clientele to build new raised beds for flowers and vegetables. Linda Cornelius, President

This District Director is very proud of our clubs, members and their efforts to present something new and refreshing for the State Convention as well as contribute to our community in numerous ways.

Linda Cornelius,
South West District Director

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