



The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. 93rd Annual State Convention Speaker Bios



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Barbara Gill

Barbara is a graduate of Centre College of Kentucky with a B.S. degree in biology. She is living with her husband and daughter on the family farm in Sullivan, Indiana where they have a small orchard including cherry, pear, peach, apple, and apricot trees. She and her husband tend patches of wild and tame blackberries, black raspberries, and red raspberries. She is a member of the Sullivan County Garden Club and president of the Indiana Master Naturalists of Sullivan County. Barb has been raising our native powerhouse pollinator, Mason Bees, for six years.

Fred Sanders

Fred is a lifelong gardener, besting his grandfather at harvest starting by age nine (yet still remaining his grandfather's favorite). He cans his own vegetables every year and prefers to know exactly what is used to control the pests and diseases present in the garden. Fred is a firm believer that we as gardeners are responsible for improving and guiding our garden plots, not forcing them into submission. He has been at The Apple House Home & Garden Center in Terre Haute, Indiana since spring 2016, and has been the Indoor Gardening and Hydroponics Department Manager since spring 2019.

Carrie Tauscher

As an arborist, urban forester and all-around supporter of people finding their passion in trees, or whatever else moves them to be better every day, Carrie Tauscher's personal and professional history is firmly rooted in trees. After graduating with degrees in horticulture and landscape design, she began her career at the Morton Arboretum in Illinois where during her time there she became an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist. Her next venture was with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Department of Forestry as Acting Community & Urban Forestry (CUF) Coordinator. She is a past President of the Indiana Arborist Association and served on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Chapter of ISA. Currently with Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Carrie is the Arboretum Director-Crown Hill Heritage Foundation. At Crown Hill, she is essential in helping the urban green space adapt to functioning not only as a cemetery, but as an arboretum and meeting the accreditation requirements necessary across operations to be recognized internationally as a Level II Arboretum through The Interactive Community of Arboreta (ArbNet).



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