

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

**92ND ANNUAL
STATE
CONVENTION**

Our  mendous 

**2024 TGCI State Convention
April 16-17, 2024**

Hosted by the Central West District

Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, IN



OUR MISSION



The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. (TGCI) is a non-profit educational organization, with a mission to promote interest and education in horticulture, landscaping, floral design and environmental concerns.

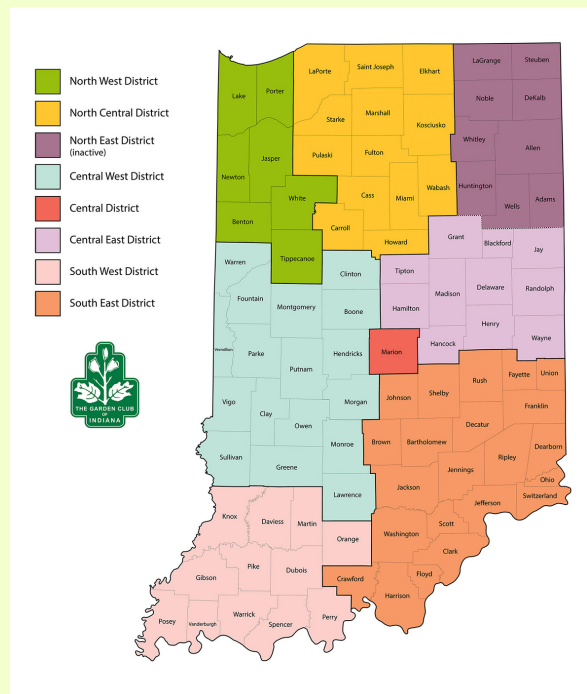
TGCI was founded on April 5, 1930. Mrs. H. B. Burnet, president of the Indiana Federation of Art Clubs, called a meeting of all of the garden clubs in Indiana who were connected with the art club. The purpose of that meeting was to create a state organization of garden clubs. Thirty-one persons voted to create the Garden Club of Indiana that day in the central gallery of the John Herron Art Museum.

There are approximately 1,331 members in The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., with 54 member clubs in seven districts. We are proud members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and its Central Region.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.

National Garden Clubs Conservation Pledge

“I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife.”



WELCOME



*The Garden
Club of Indiana
President
Jayne Kesler*

Welcome to Turkey Run State Park where we are celebrating our 92nd Annual Convention "Our Tree Mendous Earth." This is such a beautiful natural setting, and I can't think of anyone I'd rather celebrate our trees and Earth with than the members of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., and our National Garden Clubs, Inc. Central Region Director Lynne Ehnert.

I'm pleased to see that we have such a good turn out for our convention. That means more friends to share gardening ideas with and to learn new information about nature and our place in it. Please take time to introduce yourself to others and choose seating that will make new friendships.

Check out the horticulture show and chairmen displays. Reports will be shared at the Business Meeting so you will have a chance to know the chairman who brought the display. Feel free to visit with the chairmen and have questions answered. Our Horticulture Show Co-chairman, Jim Pavelka will also be giving a Horticulture Gallery Talk at 11:00 am on Tuesday in the Lusk Room.

We are blessed with a beautiful wall of windows overlooking nature in this setting. I hope you will also take time to walk the areas to enjoy Spring in Indiana. Thank you for being a part of "Our Tree Mendous Earth" celebration!

I am so pleased to welcome you to the 2024 TGCI Convention. We hope you enjoy all of the events that we have planned for you. I want to thank ALL of the members of the Central West District. They have worked so incredibly hard. They did not complain when they had to attend another meeting or change their plans. We have a wonderful convention co-chair, oh so organized Registrar, a highly creative Favor Artist, and all of the Horticulture Show helpers. I could go on, but it is impossible to name everyone, but just know that you are all so appreciated. Thank you! Thank you!



*Convention General
Chairman,
Sue Rosiak*



*Convention
Co-chairman,
Laura Kearby*

It's so exciting to gather with our TGCI Members from throughout the state in another of Indiana's marvelous State Parks (Turkey Run State Park - Indiana's 2nd State Park) located in our Central West District. We wish for you an enjoyable and entertaining visit filled with the discovery of new knowledge, meeting with old and new friends and just having some FUN filled days with a few SURPRISES!!!

CONVENTION HOSTS



Look for this icon on our name badges if you have questions, or need help!

The Central West District of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. includes all affiliated garden clubs in the Indiana counties of Warren, Fountain, Montgomery, Clinton, Boone, Hendricks, Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Vigo, Clay, Owen, Morgan, Sullivan, Greene, Monroe and Lawrence.

Convention Team

Convention General Chairman
Convention General Co-chairman, Speakers
Centerpieces
Horticulture Show Chairs
Horticulture Show Host Club

Sue Rosiak
Laura Kearby
Donna Cox, Pam Irvin, Laura Kearby
James Pavelka (NWD), Helen Corbitt
Hendricks County Garden Club -
Jackie Cramer, Cinda Ferguson,
Candace Harlan, Sandy Kinman,
Mary Jessen, Jackie Rosales,
Judy Thurman, Judy Wessel
Cinda Ferguson and Donna Cox
Susan E. Yoder
Sullivan County Garden Club -
Mary Lou Chapman, Becky Cole,
Edie Dyer-Wilson, Barb Gill,
Pam Irvin, Anna Mauck, Sue Rosiak,
Shar Strahle

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Ways and Means

Central West District Executive Committee

District Director
Vice Director
Secretary
Treasurer

Sue Rosiak
Judy Wessel
Becky Cole
Laura Kearby

Clubs of the Central West District

Come Into the Garden
Hendricks County Garden Club
Sullivan County Garden Club

Laura Kearby, President
Cinda Ferguson, President
Becky Cole, President

CONVENTION RULES



1. Delegates of the convention shall be in their seats at least five (5) minutes before the opening of each meeting of the session.
2. Each member shall wear his/her identification badge at each function.
3. A delegate wishing to obtain the floor shall give his/her name, city and club represented before the Chair assigns the delegate the floor.
4. Main motions shall be written, signed and sent to the Chair or to the Recording Secretary.
5. Debate on any one (1) item of business shall be limited to two (2) minutes per speech. Each delegate may speak twice to a question, the second time only after anyone else who wishes to speak has spoken. The use of voting cards is authorized except in the case of a counted vote.
6. Except for the President's Report, Officers' and District Directors' reports shall be limited to three (3) minutes. All other reports shall be limited to two (2) minutes.
7. Pages shall pass notes and messages and deliver written notices to those on the platform.
8. Meals paid for are indicated on individual name tags, which must be shown at the door for admission to the dining area.
9. Cell phones are to be in the off or vibrate position during business meetings, walks, presentations and meal functions.
10. The Chair may deviate from the adopted program as necessary.

AGENDA

<i>(all times EDT)</i>	Item	Location
Monday, April 15, 2024		
4:00 pm	<i>Turkey Run Inn Room Check-in Available</i>	
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Early Convention Registration and Early Horticulture Show Registration	Lusk Room Foyer
<i>Dinner on your own.</i>		
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Convention Eve Program/Entertainment - Make-it & Take-it Workshop “Tree Free or Not”	Wooden Lobby
Tuesday April 16, 2024		
<i>Breakfast on your own.</i>		
8:00 am – 9: 30 am	Horticulture Show Registration Continues	Lusk Room Foyer
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Convention Registration and Silent Auction Opens	Lusk Room
10:00 am	TGCI Executive Committee Meeting	Lusk Room
10:30 am	TGCI Board of Directors Meeting	Lusk Room
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Horticulture Show Gallery Talk and Silent Auction Continues	Lusk Room
<i>Lunch on you own.</i>		
12:30 pm	Formal Opening of the Convention <i>Presiding Officer – TGCI President, Jayne Kesler</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Invocation • Presentation of Colors – The Parke County Veterans Honor Guard • Pledge of Allegiance • Welcome – Kristina Hale, Sales Director, Turkey Run Inn • Welcome – Convention Co-chair, Laura Kearby • Response –TGCI President, Jayne Kesler • Introductions • Memorials – Central West District Director, Sue Rosiak • Credentials Report • Adoptions: Rules (noted in Program Book) and Program Book • Reports of Elected Officers • Reports of Appointed Officers • Reports of District Directors • Amendments to By-Laws • Reports of State Chairmen • Announcements 	Lusk Room
3:45 pm	Plant Trees for Hope – Jayne Kesler <i>TGCI President</i>	Lusk Room
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	President’s Banquet <i>(Separate purchase required, noted on name badge.)</i> <i>Presiding Officer – TGCI President, Jayne Kesler</i> <i>Honoring National Garden Clubs, Inc. Central Region Director, Lynne Ehnert</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Invocation • Dinner • Program Introduction 	Lusk Room
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Forest Bathing – Lydia Lodovisi Artist, Certified Forest Therapy Guide – Wanderwood Studio <i>(See page 7 for her bio.)</i>	Lusk Room
8:00 pm	Recognitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Region Message • Installations • Hazel Hartley Membership Award • Citations • Awards 	

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Wednesday, April 17, 2024		
<i>Breakfast on your own. Check out of rooms by 11:00 am.</i>		
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Convention Registration and Silent Auction Reopens	Lusk Room
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Reconvene Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Business • Unfinished Business • Recognition of NGC Schools, Consultants: Environmental / Gardening / Landscape Design, Flower Show Judges • Introductions 	Lusk Room
9:00 am	Tree Planting 101 – Carrie Tauscher Arboretum Director, Crown Hill Heritage Foundation <i>(See page 8 for her bio.)</i>	Lusk Room
10:00 am	Controlling Pests Naturally – Fred Sanders Indoor Gardening and Hydroponics Department Manager, The Apple House Home and Garden Center <i>(See page 8 for his bio.)</i>	
11:00 am	Indiana's Marvelous, Mystery Pollinator: Mason Bees – Barb Gill President, Indiana Master Naturalists of Sullivan County <i>(See page 7 for her bio.)</i>	
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Scholarship Luncheon <i>(Separate purchase required, noted on name badge.)</i> Presiding Officer – TGCI President, Jayne Kesler Honoring Honeywell Award Winners, National Life Members, State Life Members, Scholarship Patrons, Gold Star Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Invocation • Lunch • Honeywell Award Presentation • Recognitions - Honeywell Winners, National Life, State Life, Scholarship Patrons, Gold Star Members • Introductions – Professors and Students • Final Registration Report • Courtesy Resolution • Silent Auction Results • Invitation to the TGCI 2025 Convention • Announcements • Benediction 	Lusk Room
3:00 pm	Convention Closing and Horticulture Show Exhibit Removal	



Look for this icon on name badges. When you find one, greet the first timer and welcome them to their first TGCI State Convention!

SPEAKER BIOS

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.

Lydia Lodovisi

Lydia is an artist, creative, and certified forest therapy guide who is passionate about helping others fall in love with the beauty of nature and reap the benefits of a human-nature connection. She created Wanderwood Studio to help others nurture their connection to the earth through art and direct experiences with the natural world. She is a certified forest therapy guide through the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy Guides & Programs. She believes partnership with the forest and our natural lands allows us a unique opportunity for connection and healing. Through forest walks and related experiences in the outdoors, she seeks to help others deepen their relationship with nature and support their wholeness and wellness. Her goal is to bring a sense of peace, connection, and possibility to whatever she creates, whether a painting or a guided experience.

SPEAKER BIOS

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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OUR MENDOUS TREE GAMES

40/40 Save All

Using a tree as the home-base, one person is 'in' and counts to 40 while the other players run and hide. As soon as the person who is 'in' spots someone in their hiding place, she runs back to the tree, shouts out the name of the hider and where they are hiding, and that person is now 'out'. The only way the hider can save herself is if she gets to the tree first and shouts out '40-40 save all' - then everyone is safe and the original person remains 'in'. If all the hidiers are found then the first person who was 'out' is the next person to be 'in' and stand guard at the tree.

Hug-a-Tree

This game should be played in an area where there are plenty of trees. Players get into pairs and one person is blind-folded. They are then led to a specific tree by their partner. Here, the blindfolded 'tree-hugger' feels the tree and has to remember, the shape, texture and smell of the tree. Then they are taken back to the starting point, their blindfold is removed and they have to try and identify their tree.

Limber Up and Climb High

Climbing trees is one of the real joys of life. It is a great way to observe and appreciate nature and a great activity for groups. Not to mention totally free! But always stress the importance of safety when it comes to climbing trees. There are certain rules that should be set in stone before any tree climbing begins. Some safety rules should include:

- all branches should be tested before you put weight on them
- always select safe footholds
- don't go higher than a set point (parents should set height restrictions)
- wear a helmet
- always come down the tree facing the trunk
- if you panic: stop, take a deep breath and focus on your hands and feet rather than the ground

Countdown to Five Trees

Similar to 'hide and seek,' five trees is a game that needs to be played in an area that has at least five large trees in it. Each tree is given a number from one to five. The person who is 'in' stands with their back to the trees and counts to 20. Each of the other players hides behind a tree so that they cannot be seen. The player who is 'in' turns around and shouts out the number of a tree. Anyone hiding behind that tree is then 'out'. Everyone else is safe. Then the person who is 'in' turns around and counts to 20 again, while those still playing run and hide behind a different tree. And so on, until there is only one hider left!

A decorative border of watercolor-style leaves and flowers in shades of green, brown, and pink surrounds the central text area.

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