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“Plant Trees for Hope”



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Mar 1

May 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

Theme: *“Plant Trees for Hope”*

Anticipation is the word which best describes
The Garden Club of Indiana’s clubs at this time of year.

*We can never know about the days to come
But we think about them anyway.*

Now that I’ve got you humming along, let me share what TGCI is anticipating. We are thumbing through seed catalogs and the rich colors bring to life the flowers we want in our community club wagons, beds, and hanging baskets. Which flowers do we plant to cut for our bouquets, for our Meals on Wheels, and our National Garden Club Week community gifts? Which seeds to start to add to our perennials in our annual plant sales?

We are anticipating the wonderful programs we have set for our clubs, the field trips to gardens, nature centers, and the dedications of at least two new Blue Star Memorials. In all of those activities, we are anticipating visits with our treasured friends and in hopes of making new friendships with new members.

The Garden Club of Indiana’s 93rd Annual State Convention is a top anticipation for our members. Our Central West District has planned a convention celebrating “Our Tree Mendous Earth” on April 16-17, 2024. Turkey Run State Park is a perfect destination to celebrate and learn more about our beautiful state. Turkey Run State Park is the second state park. The park offers the chance to explore deep, sandstone ravines, walk along stands of aged forest, and enjoy the scenic views along Sugar Creek.

A horticulture specialty show will begin the festivities of the convention. A gallery talk will follow the judging of the show. Interesting speakers will introduce our members to some new and exciting topics and challenge each of us to try new things in our gardens and to plant new trees in our communities.

We anticipate learning the names and schools of our 2024 scholarship winners, and we look forward to meeting and learning about the adventures of our past scholarship winners at our Scholarship Luncheon on the last day of convention. Our hearts are filled with gratitude as we hear them speak, and we know that we have helped a young person make our world a better place.

So you can see that we are filled with ***Anticipation*** as we head into spring.

As Carly Simon said, “cause these are the good old days

These are the good old days.

These are the good old days.”

**Jayne Kesler
State President**

Native and Invasive Species

The Callery Pear

It is spring and soon these trees with their showy, though odorous, white blossoms will be blooming all across the state of Indiana – in our yards, along our streets, in our parks, along the roads, open woodlands, and woodland borders, fence rows, wetlands, and fallow fields.

They are *beautiful.* **They are** *smelly.* **They are** **invasive.**

The Callery Pear (*Pryus calleryana*) is a medium-sized, rapid growing, deciduous tree that was introduced to the US from Asia in the early 1900's. The “Bradford” and “Chanticleer” are two of the most common cultivars.

They have been a popular ornamental tree due to their showy white flowers in early spring and colorful fall foliage. The species adapts to full or partial sun, moist to dry conditions, and any soil type, is somewhat drought tolerant, and was originally thought to be sterile. These characteristics, which made the tree very attractive for urban landscapes, are the same ones that make it highly invasive. Its cultivars can cross-pollinate to produce fertile fruit, which is eaten by birds, who disperse the seed widely, creating dense thickets that displace native plants and trees that can't compete for light, water, soil and space. It has also turned out to be a very weak tree, easily damaged by ice and wind.

Despite being ranked as a highly invasive plant species, the Callery/Bradford pear is still used across Indiana as an ornamental tree in landscaping and sold at nurseries. Please do not buy this tree and do discourage its use in your communities. Choose one of the many native trees that produce white, and sometimes fragrant, flowers in the spring with leaves turning a vibrant red/orange color in the fall. Consider the Native Dogwood. It's even celebrated every year in a number of towns with “Dogwood Festivals.” How about the Native Serviceberry, Native Wild Plum or Wild Prairie Crabapple?

Check out these and other native trees at your local nursery. Then do your own research to make sure the tree you choose is not considered invasive in your ecoregion.



Sharon Baldwin
Native and Invasive Species Chairman

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Spring into Action!



Catnip Giant Hyssop



Swamp Milkweed



You've been planning all winter, and you can practically taste Spring! There may be a few more weeks before the growing year really kicks off, so you have time to consider adding a few pollinator-friendly Indiana native plants to your plans.

Yellow Giant Hyssop (*Agastache nepetoides*)

Indian hemp aka Prairie dogbane (*Apocynum cannabinum*)

Thistle (*Cirsium sp.*)

Wild carrots aka Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus carota*)

Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea sp.*)

Horseweed (*Erigeron canadensis*)

Spotted Joe-Pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*)

Common boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)

Blazing stars (*Liatris sp.*)

Goldenrod (*Solidago sp.*)

Red clover (*Trifolium pratense*)

Tall ironweed (*Vernonia altissima*)

Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)

Poke Milkweed aka Tall Milkweed (*Asclepias exaltata*)

Whorled Milkweed (*Asclepias verticillata*)

Coneflowers (*Echinacea spp.*),

Columbine (*Aquilegia spp.*)

Garden phlox (*P. paniculata*)

Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia spp.*)

Aster (*Symphyotrichum spp.*)

Once you decide on which plants to add, you need to choose between seeds and plants. Both are good, but each has its own drawbacks.



Blazing Star

Seeds are economical but require more time and attention. To add seeds this spring you'll be more successful if you start the seeds indoors in preparation for transplanting later. It is best to plant the seeds as early as possible, but make sure that you plant after the last frost. In particular, milkweed seeds require cold-treated before planting.

Alternately, you can choose to purchase native plant seedlings in plug form, which will be more of an investment, but bring pollinators to your yard this spring. The best source of plugs are local independent nurseries and native plant sales.

Share this information with your club. Work together to create pollinator-friendly landscaping such as setting up pocket pollinator gardens in each member's yard or patio.

Alternatively, your club could invest time or resources to help maintain or support a butterfly habitat in your district. Document your planning and progress and submit an application for 2024's Katrina Vollmer Butterfly Traveling Silver Tray and Certificate of Award before December 1, 2024.



Garden phlox

Cathy Reed Weber

Birds and Butterflies Chairman

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Resources:

Indiana University (<https://blogs.iu.edu/thegreenjag/2022/07/05/create-a-pollinator-oasis/>)

Indiana Wildlife Federation (<https://indianawildlife.org/education/caring-for-native-plants/>)

Purdue Extension (<https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/POL-6/POL-6.pdf>)

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CALL LETTER

Our  mendous 



2024 TGCI State Convention
April 16-17, 2024

Hosted by the Central West District

Turkey Run State Park Inn, Marshall, IN

Central West District Club members cordially invite you to join us for the 2024 State Convention at the majestic Turkey Run State Park - Indiana's second state park!



The festivities will begin for early arrivals with an April 15th evening program. Then, on the morning of April 16th we will have the State Board Meeting and a horticulture specialty show - followed by a gallery talk. We have secured a number of interesting speakers for the convention. We hope to introduce you to some new and exciting topics to challenge you to try new things in your garden, share your knowledge in your local communities, and to have FUN. Details updated on the TGCI Website: gardenclubofindiana.org.

To book rooms at the Inn, call 765-597-2211 and use code 0416GC (this is the only way to get our discount).

Jayne Kesler: TGCI President

Sue Rosiak: Convention Chair, Central West District Director

Laura Kearby: Convention Co-Chair

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HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY SHOW

Open to all visitors at the 2024
The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. State Convention

April 16-17, 2024

**Turkey Run State Park Inn
8102 Park Rd., Marshall, IN 47859**

Sponsored by the Hendricks County Garden Club
*Proud members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and its Central Region,
And, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. and its Central West District.*

Horticulture Show Consultant: James Pavelka
Member of the Indiana Association of Accredited Flower Show Judges



Show Hours

April 16, 2024: 10 am - 9 pm

April 17, 2024: 9 am - 3 pm

In Honor of:

Jayne Kesler: TGCI President

Lynne Ehner: NGC Central Region Director

Flower Show Schedule Available at:

<https://gardenclubofindiana.org/event/tgci-93rd-annual-state-convention/>



**The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
93rd Annual State Convention Tentative Agenda**



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(all times DST – local time change occurs on March 10, 2024)

	Agenda Item	Turkey Run Inn Location
Monday, April 15, 2024		
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Early Convention Registration and Early Horticulture Show Registration	Lusk Room Foyer
<i>Dinner on your own.</i>		
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Convention Eve Program/Entertainment	Wooden Lobby
Tuesday April 16, 2024		
<i>Breakfast on your own.</i>		
8:00 am – 9: 30 am	Horticulture Show Registration	Lusk Room Foyer
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Convention Registration	Lusk Room
10:00 am – 10:30 am	TGCI Executive Committee Meeting	Lusk Room
10:30 am – 11:00 am	TGCI Board of Directors Meeting	Lusk Room
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Horticulture Show Gallery Talk	Lusk Room
<i>Lunch on you own.</i>		
12:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Formal Opening of the Convention and Program/Speakers	Lusk Room
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	President's Banquet (Separate meal ticket required.)	Lusk Room
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Evening Program/Speaker and Recognitions	Lusk Room
Wednesday, April 17, 2024		
<i>Breakfast on your own.</i>		
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Convention Registration	Lusk Room
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Reconvene Business Session	Lusk Room
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Morning Program and Speakers	Lusk Room
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Scholarship Luncheon (Separate meal ticket required.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognitions • Silent Auction Results • Invitation to the TGCI 2025 Convention 	Lusk Room
3:00 pm	Convention Closing and Horticulture Show Exhibit Removal	



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The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
93rd Annual State Convention Registration Form



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REGISTRANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ M.I. _____ Last Name: _____
 Garden Club: _____ District: _____
 Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Emergency Contact Name and Phone: _____

CREDENTIALS (Mark all that apply)

National Officer Region Officer State Officer District Officer Club President
 National Chairman Region Chairman State Chairman District Chairman Club Member
 National Life Member Region Life Member State Life Member Club Delegate *

Scholarship Patron Guest Accredited Flower Show Judge Honeywell Winner
 First Time Attendee Gardening Consultant Landscape Design Consultant Environmental Consultant
 Other garden-related organization member: _____

(* Club Presidents – please complete this delegate information. (Clubs with 1-24 members allowed 1 delegate / 25-48 allowed 2 delegates / 50-74 allowed 3 delegates / 75-99 allowed 4 delegates).

Delegate 1 Name: _____ Delegate 2 Name: _____
 Delegate 3 Name: _____ Delegate 4 Name: _____

ECO OPTIONS <i>In keeping with our theme of "Our Tremendous World" we will be adopting a number of eco-conscious actions to cut down single-use plastic and unnecessary printing of materials. Please bring a water bottle with you as the park has water-fillers. Our convention program will be available digitally. However, we want everyone to have a great experience, so please indicate if you wish to have a printed version of the program.</i>	Digital program booklet (4-color, available online in PDF format)	Printed program booklet (black and white only)
	Yes _____	Yes _____

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES AND OPTIONAL FEES <i>We welcome all members and non-members at the same rate. Registration fee does not include \$7 entrance fee to Turkey Run. We encourage you to consider supporting our state parks by purchasing a \$50 annual pass (\$25 for seniors) and visiting many of them throughout the year!</i>	Early Bird (postmarked on or before 3/15/23)	Regular Fees (postmarked after 3/15/23)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Registration Fee (no meals included) \$38 <input type="checkbox"/> President's Banquet – Tuesday Night (** See page 2 for details) \$33 <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Luncheon – Wednesday (** See page 2 for details) \$24 <input type="checkbox"/> Optional donation to help offset costs including meals for speakers \$ _____	\$38 \$33 \$24 \$ _____
TOTAL REGISTRATON AND FEES <i>Make checks payable to: The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Mail check and completed registration form to: 2024 TGCI Convention, 1900 Observatory Rd., Martinsville, IN 46151</i>	\$ _____	\$ _____

Your Name: _____ (Pages can get separated!)

MEMORIAL SERVICE *To include someone in our Convention Memorial Service, please complete this information.*

Name of Deceased: _____ Club: _____ District: _____
Special Information About the Deceased: _____

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS *If you wish to have space in our display area (non-secured), please complete this information.*

Committee or Exhibit Name: _____ Table Space Requirement: _____
Special Needs or Requests: _____

FLOWER SHOW ENTRIES
The Flower Show is hosted by the Hendricks County Garden Club, along with Show Sponsor, James Pavelka. A separate Flower Show registration is required. Please consult the show schedule for specific information. Schedule available on the TGCI Website at: <https://gardenclubofindiana.org/event/tgci-93rd-annual-state-convention/>.

**** DETAILS ABOUT MEALS**

Along with the professionals at Turkey Run, we strive to choose menus that will accommodate all food preferences and allergies. Group meals at Turkey Run are served buffet style to allow for your own selections.

Please note that all prices include taxes and gratuities. The committee has selected the following menus:

- **President's Banquet:** Turkey Run Inn Country Dinner with fried chicken, pork BBQ ribs, mashed potatoes and gravy, country green beans, tossed salad with two dressing selections, drop biscuits with apple butter, two varieties of cobbler, tea, coffee, water.
- **Scholarship Luncheon:** Make your own sandwich bar with assorted breads, deli meats and cheeses, vegetables, condiments, two sides, cookies, tea, coffee, water.

The Turkey Run Narrows restaurant serves meals for purchase. Please note that their hours and offerings vary by season and by staff available. Please check their website before arrival to confirm what is being offered (especially for breakfast as that meal is not included in your room rate as is common at other hotels) and at what prices prior to your arrival. <https://www.in.gov/dnr/state-parks/inns/turkey-run-inn-at-turkey-run-state-park/dining/>.



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**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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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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The Garden Club of Michiana 's February 22nd program, presented by Thomas Swinford, Director for Stewardship, The Nature Conservancy of Indiana was about St. Joe County geological origins, and natural history: i.e., wetlands, oak woodlands, and prairies.

The program came about because The Nature Conservancy of Indiana honored Tamara Ashley, GC of Michiana Treasurer, for 23 years of giving. She mentioned her garden club and the Conservancy Loyal Donor Office put Tamara in touch with Thomas. Tamara's being in the right place at the right time gave GC of Michiana an opportunity for a great program.

Congratulations also to Tamara for her 23 years of giving to The Nature Conservancy of Indiana and thank you to the club for inviting me to be part of your meeting.

Wanda Zahrt NC District Director

L to R - Wanda Zahrt, NC District Director; Val Bartels, GC of Michiana President; Thomas Swinford, Director for Stewardship, The Nature Conservancy of Indiana; Tamara Ashley, GC of Michiana Treasurer and Honoree



National Garden Club Schools

I would encourage club members to investigate the NGC Schools; they are fun, informative, and the opportunity to make new friends.

Wanda and I are taking the Landscape Design Courses. Our most recent course held in College Station, Texas, on the Campus of Texas A&M University, was a well-planned course with interesting and informative instructors. We also made a new friend. Pictured with Wanda is Lee Taylor, Texas State Garden Club President.

David Zahrt TGCI Scholarship Chair



MORE IN 2024

ACQUIRE MORE MEMBERS

Membership Matters

Include proposals for promoting Membership in your club's new Fiscal Year plans!

Go public – Public relations/recognition can bring potential new members to your club.

Make the most of your projects – Promote your projects and events to the general public.

Roll out the welcome mat – Assign one or two members to accompany/introduce your guests.

Laura Kearby – 2nd Vice President / Membership Chairman

MORE IN 2024

PLANT MORE TREES

These winter months are the perfect time for perusing those incoming gardening catalogs and start thinking about your Spring Planting Plans. It's a great time to research, sketch, and refine your landscaping designs to include some new tree plantings.

Laura Kearby – Trees Chairman

MORE IN 2024

COLLECT MORE PENNIES

Those Pennies add up to go to support the replanting of trees for our **Penny Pines Project**. National Garden Clubs, Inc. (forwards the funds) in partnership with the National Forest Service (purchasing the trees and doing the planting) to replant catastrophic-damaged National areas.

Laura Kearby – Trees Chairman

MORE IN 2024

RECEIVE MORE MONEY

Is your club making plans to plant a tree? Check out The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. website for the guidelines and requirements for your club to qualify for our State President's Project 2023-2024 "**Plant Trees for Hope**" and receive a grant of up to **\$100.00**.

With a little tweaking of your tree planting plans your club can apply for the **Bev Kelver Arbor Award** and receive an award of up to **\$100.00**. Refer to The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Awards Manual for information.

Laura Kearby – President's Project Chairman / Trees Chairman
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TREES

WHY DO TREES LOSE THEIR LEAVES?

Deciduous trees lose their leaves in winter and essentially go to sleep similar to how some animals hibernate during the winter months. For trees, this is called dormancy. The tree sends most of its vital nutrients to the roots, where they are stored and the tree spends less energy through the winter. Moisture is conserved within the trunk and keeps the tree from drying out. Wind blows through the bare branches putting less strain on the tree which is a serious concern during winter storms and harsh weather.

The process of trees losing their leaves is called abscission.
Referenced from: Project Learning Tree / Forestry and Land / Wikipedia

Laura Kearby – Trees Chairman

Boonville Garden Club

Wrapped up 2023 with our annual Guest Luncheon in November where Larry Caplan, retired Purdue Extension Horticulture Educator, spoke on the pros and cons for fall garden clean-up.

In December we moved to the Warrick County Museum for our Christmas gathering. Members each brought a non-perishable food item(s) for a non-profit organization – Matthew 25, as well as an item to exchange.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments and fellowship before viewing the many decorated, community sponsored, Christmas trees. Program was Mary Jane Smith, State Chairman of Life Memberships and BGC member, gave a talk on Life Memberships, before President Thelma Whoberry, presented Mary Pate the Life Membership Medal. This is to recognize Mary for the challenge of beginning the committee – Yard of the Month. Mary has chaired this committee along with Judy Heath, Sue Cundiff, and Lynne Greenfield for the past two years. The YOM has proven to be very successful due to the continued effort of Mary and her team. GREAT WORK LADIES! We also added two new members this month.

Our 2024 program booklets are ready due to an active February planning meeting. Looking forward to a busy and inspirational year.

Thelma Whoberry Club President



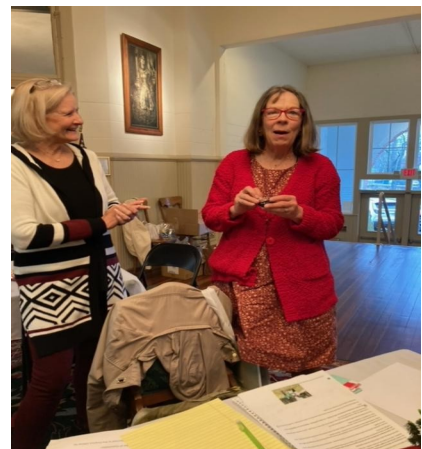
Larry Caplan at November Guest Luncheon



Mary Jane Smith, State Chairman Life-Membership, Mary Pate taking notes.



President Thelma Whoberry, presenting Mary the Life Membership pin.



Mary's surprised expression!

Priceless.

Boonville Garden Club



L to R: Front Row: Mary Jane Smith, Sue Cundiff, Tammy Miller, Thelma Whoberry, Judy Titzer, Virginia Harris
Back Row: Carole Kroeger, Joni McWilliams, Betty Powers, Brenda Floyd, Lynne Greenfield, Nanette Ward
Seated: Paula Baumgart, Norma Regener, Mary Pate. Gretchen Powers behind the camera taking picture.

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Annual of the Year



Come into the Garden Club



It was cause for a celebration when all eight members of Come into the Garden Club were available to gather for our November Meeting. The club met at the new residence of member Mary Ann Banks at Meadow Lakes Assisted Living in Mooresville for a pitch-in dinner. After a program from the book "The History of Mooresville," in which the club is mentioned, plans were discussed for next year and dues were collected.

Our December meeting found us back at Meadow Lakes Assisted Living where six members were able to attend along with one guest, Martha Fisher, an assisted living resident, and former Monrovia School teacher of member Betty Trusty. Appetizers were served and members enjoyed an ornament exchange.



It was another Celebration later in December when six of our members traveled to Beef and Boards Dinner Theater in Indianapolis for a fabulous luncheon buffet and matinee showing of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." Everyone had a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Laura Kearby
Club President

Crown Point Garden Club

Crown Point fundraising planning and organization is happening. Our Mother's Day flower sale is being planned, as well as a "Eat Sweets for Crown Point," which is scheduled for April 11th at Rise 'N Roll Bakery in Cedar Lake, IN. The bakery has agreed to donate 10% of the proceeds for that day.

We're organizing a personal memorial for our beloved friend Nancy Ryder who lost her long hard fight with cancer. We are raising money to purchase a tree through our local parks department to plant in her honor. Nancy was a club member of Crown Point, Schererville, and Lowell Garden Clubs simultaneously for **many, many** years! She was always the first one to volunteer her time, her yard, and her spirit to her club and community.

We have the first of two Kids Initiatives this year. The 1st one is Crown Point Adventure Maidens on Saturday April 27, at Triangle Hill. The girls are going to start seeds and several-garden related crafts. Our second one will be later in the year.



Christine Graves
Club President

Fall Creek Garden Club

For our February meeting, we were delighted that Myrene Brown, a popular speaker, agreed to speak to us about "Purposeful Pruning." After discussing different types of pruners, Myrene talked about how and where to cut branches to ensure a good shape on both trees and shrubs and when to prune to encourage new growth. Among the lessons we learned was the advice that "sharp pruners make the best cuts." We left the meeting inspired and ready to tackle late winter pruning in our gardens.

In March, we look forward to hearing Kathy Jentz, author of *Groundcover Revolution*, talk to us via Zoom about groundcovers. But unlike the Zoom meetings of the past several years, we'll all be gathered in our usual meeting room at Holliday Park to watch her present from her home in Washington, D.C. Then in April, we will be kicking off the 2024-2025 season of speakers with Carol Michel's new presentation about "Lost Ladies of Garden Writing."

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Carol Michel
Club Secretary

Four Winds Garden Club

The members of the club met at Linton's Greenhouse at 2:00 pm on February 20th for a program about succulents. We learned about the care of succulents and how to propagate. After the program we returned to the church for the business section. We had missed our January club meeting due to bad weather.

Coming up on May 18th, it is the Four Winds Club plant sale. It will take place at Wellfield Botanic Gardens from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Elaine Zent



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Irvington Garden Club

If the saying has some truth that people's dogs resemble them, then perhaps the flowers that gardeners choose to plant, reflect who they are. In my mind, this could not be truer of our January speaker, Teresa Byington, Consulting Rosarian and Master Gardener. With over 120 rose plants living in her Bloom Thyme Cottage Garden, Teresa is the embodiment of the flower. Her gentle, gracious, soft spoken manner and her beautiful smooth pink, peachy skin tone reminded me so much of a lovely rose.

Teresa's sanctuary has been featured in several magazines and her blog, TheGardenDiary.com, tells of her adventures in the garden and in life. She is also a member of the American and Indianapolis Rose Society and winner of the Bronze Medal for service to the society, as well as the co-host of RoseChatPodcast.com. You can catch her on Youtube.com/teresabyington.

With the release of Knock Out Roses in 2000, Teresa encourages everyone to try a rose shrub in their garden. These new varieties are sustainable easy care roses unlike the heritage roses of the past. With the purchase of "rose gauntlet gloves," the work will be more enjoyable.

Teresa's talk included stories behind the names of some of her flowers. Peggy Martin had a beautiful garden with over 350 heritage roses that ended up under 20 feet of sea water during Hurricane Katrina. After 2 weeks of devastation, Peggy returned to her home to find only one sprig still surviving. It was the special gift of an unknown rose that has since been named "Peggy Martin."



Ronna Brown Historian



Vale of Paradise Garden Club

We started January with a booth at the Porter County Master Gardening Show which takes place in January. It's our annual membership drive and raffle to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. It's a busy day, talking about our club, and selling raffle tickets. We had a lot of interest about joining the garden club and quite a few people signed up to get more information about the club.

In February, we had a lunch "meet and greet" for potential new members and for current members.

**Linda Dingee
Club President**



Our group is growing.



Washington Arts and Flowers Garden Club

Arts & Flowers Garden Club meet ten months of the year and hibernate during January and February. Well...that is the plan but actually we just held the 9th Annual "Through the Garden Gate" expo. If you missed our FB ads, check it out, it really gets the crowd ready for the event.

One of the main street "PARKS" recently was spruced up with a wonderful mural.

Three of our members took on the job of revamping the landscape.

We planted two new native trees at the public library. We invited the public, the mayor took part, and one little fellow (regular client) had his mom take a picture by the tree to see which was the tallest. The very next day they had to repeat the process since he wanted to know who had grown the most.



Chris Seal and Linda Cornelius worked the information booth at the expo.



Rosie McGuire and Linda Free prepare pie for our friends.



Sue Gray greets and provides aid to vendors and visitors.



Cashiers were Maggie Tuggle and Bev Spillman.



Mary Lou Gotwald, Coleen Swartzentruber, Haley Liming, Sue Garrett, and Linda Free plan, prepare, and help serve guests at the Garden Gate Café.

Linda Cornelius
Club President



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