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The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

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Theme:

“Plant Trees for Hope”



2023-2025

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Theme: Tree Planting Extravaganza!

Jan 2

Mar 1

May 1

July 1

Sept 1

Nov 1

ISSUE DEADLINES

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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

By the time you read this, you'll be a month into 2024. Nevertheless, I want to wish you a Happy New Year. I hope that you have celebrated endings because they precede new beginnings. Here's to New Beginnings for our federation with our TGCI Clubs, Districts, and State and our Central Region and National Garden Clubs.

The first nine months of my presidency have been life enhancing for me. I realized the responsibility the office brings, and I was delighted to experience the new opportunities to make new garden friends and learn so much about the club projects and the geographically varied state we serve. Our successful 2023 Convention, 7 district meetings, and our September Seminar are a vital part of our 2023 endings.

2024 brings our New Beginnings. We'll be in Turkey Run State Park on April 16th-17th to celebrate "Our Tree-mendous Earth" with Central West District. Hopefully Earth Day and Arbor Day will provide opportunities for our clubs to celebrate a new tree planting in your community. The National Garden Clubs Convention is June 2nd-5th in Denver, Colorado. Central East District will provide our September Seminar at Matters Park in Marion on Thursday, September 12th, where we will learn about "Creating Lawns to Meadows."

Each district will then set their meeting dates with me which will take us from September through October. The District Directors and I met via Zoom to discuss the successes we want to include in the future meetings. I cherish this time to meet the members in the districts and learn about the ways clubs are giving back to their communities. In addition to the beautiful gardens and hanging baskets, they are giving back to the elderly through Meals on Wheels and to the youth by gardening in the community. I came away from our district meetings hopeful to see youth being brought into club activities. They are our future and our responsibility.

Have you made plans to Plant a Tree for Hope? This is the year to do it as my President's Project will end in 2025. My Peru Garden Club has purchased our tree and is in the grant application process. I understand firsthand that this is a responsibility to take on from the first decision through the sustained growth of the tree. It is also an opportunity to give back to the quality of life of your community and beyond. I suggest you involve children in the process as they will have respect and joy seeing "their tree" provide the shade and beauty to the area. Please check on the website and in the Indiana Gardens for the guidelines and application form and get the process going during these winter days. Laura Kearby and Rita Hummel are on the committee and will get answer to any questions you have on the project.

Jayne Kesler
State President

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As a part of our New Beginnings, I suggest that the presidents, and equally important all of the officers, get online (or print out) the TGCI President's Manual. The Manual provides the following:

- Monthly Dates and Information
- A full explanation of the TGCI Projects and Awards
- Communications...Websites for TGCI and NGC
- Program Books...What needs to be in the book to give members a sense of belonging, club projects and meeting dates
- Ways to RECRUIT, RETAIN and REVITALIZE membership, **I can't stress this section enough.**
- Tax information and Finances
- Bylaws
- Meeting Agenda

As you meet to plan your 2024 club year, please include a discussion of the President's Manual. If you have questions, please contact me. I will search and get an answer for your inquiry.

I hope to see as many of you as can make it to celebrate "Our Tree-meandrous Earth" in Turkey Run in April. It is a beautiful state park to take in trails, birds, and fresh air. Keith and I are bringing our '49 Glider camper Gilda ahead of the start of convention to take in the beauty before the business. Please keep up your award applications, Indiana Garden articles, and Facebook posts. Also feel free to contact me with ideas and concerns. Your success in your clubs is the foundation for all of the state groups who draw from you!

I wish you endless blessings in 2024.

Jayne Kesler, TGCI President

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Rationale: This is a protection for our organization, as some other state garden clubs have experienced issues where a clear process of removal already in place would have been beneficial.

2023 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

Name Standing Date	Address	Phone/Email	GoodStandingDate
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James Pavelka	1034 E. 8th St. Hobart, IN 46342-5220	219-629-2358 219-942-6739 jamespavelka@comcast.net	Master Consultant

Emeritus Consultant

(May have up to 7 years to return to consultant status by auditing 2 courses)

Ellen Elliot
Rosemarie Springer
Edie Dyer-Wilson

Students

Linda Dingee
Rita Hummel

If your name doesn't appear on this list, please contact James Pavelka, Environmental Chairman, to correct. Please also look for classes and refreshers on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org.

There are always classes going on. It is hoped that the 3 schools will merge into a tri-council which will serve TGCI better and hold possible schools and/or refreshers. **PLEASE UTILIZE THE CONSULTANTS PROGRAMS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OF AIR, WATER, AND LAND.**

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|---------------------|--|
| Course 1: Zoom NGC | St. Louis, MO March 18-21 afternoons. |
| Course 2: Zoom | March 11-12 |
| In-Person | April 26-27 Sheboygan, WI |
| In-Person | April 26-27 Modesto, CA |
| In-Person | CA |
| Course 3: Hybrid | Both In-Person and Zoom, April 16-17 Tampa, FL |
| Course 4: In-Person | March 2-3 Modesto, CA |

James Pavelka
Environmental Schools Chairman

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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

Our  mendous 

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**



April 16-17, 2024 • Turkey Run Inn, Marshall, IN • Hosted by the Central West District

(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)	
<input type="checkbox"/> National Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Region Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> National Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Region Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Region Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> State Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> District Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> State Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> District Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Delegate *
<input type="checkbox"/> Club President	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
<input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee	<input type="checkbox"/> Accredited Flower Show Judge
<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Honeywell Winner
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Consultant
<input type="checkbox"/> 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) Yes _____	Printed program booklet (black and white only) Yes _____
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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)
_____ Convention Registration Fee (no meals included)	\$38	\$43
_____ President's Banquet – Tuesday Night (** See page 2 for details)	\$33	\$33
_____ Scholarship Luncheon – Wednesday (** See page 2 for details)	\$24	\$24
_____ Optional donation to help offset costs including meals for speakers	\$ _____	\$ _____
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.
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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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Rita Hummel 317-875-8388 rithum1970@comcast.net

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8659 N Baltimore Rd, Monrovia, IN 46157-9028

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.

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Blue Star/Gold Star Memorials

We have received a price increase from Sewah Studios for Blue Star/Gold Star Memorials effective January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

Marker with 7' post - \$2,350.00

Marker with 10' post - \$2,460.00

Marker (no post) - \$2,225.00

By-way Plaques - \$750.00

Replacement 7' Posts - \$375.00

Replacement 10' Posts - \$475.00

Refurbishment - \$1,200.00

Refurbishment/Cap Repair - \$1,450.00

Extra Shipping to Western States - \$300.00

Clubs interested in a Blue Star Memorial can find order forms on the National Garden Club website at www.gardenclub.org. Click on Programs, Blue Star and Gold Star Memorials, Blue and Gold Star Ordering Details.

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. is looking forward to two dedications this year. A Blue Star Memorial dedication at Holliday Park in Indianapolis, IN, by the Central District in August of 2024. Also, All Thumbs Garden Club of the South East District is working on refurbishing and relocating the Blue Star Memorial that was located on Hwy 50 in Seymour, IN.



Monticello Garden Club
Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker
Dedicated on Oct. 21, 2023, at Altherr Park in
Monticello, IN.

Chris Seal
Blue Star/Gold Star Chairman

AWARDS UPDATE

Thanks to the many clubs and individuals that have applied for awards this past year. I do believe that this year will be the 1st in several years that all of the major awards that TGCI offers will be given out as they are all in the process of being judged or will soon be. I can tell you Indiana has some winners already but, I can't let you know and spoil the surprise. There will be at least 15 applications for NGC awards. TGCI is applying for 2 awards as a state: Conservation Awareness and Membership Promotion.

Please enter the Club Achievement Award if you haven't already. It is due by February 15th to the TGCI 1st Vice President Wanda Zahrt. It will give Wanda Zahrt and her committee a lot of practice adding numbers to see who has the most points. I am glad that many clubs and newer clubs are applying for awards, which tells me garden clubs are strong and growing in Indiana.

This chairman apologizes for any confusion on applying for awards. Award applications need to go to the appropriate chairman by the deadline date. If you are not sure, please just ask, and I will refer you to the appropriate chairman or committee chairman selected by the TGCI president for the award to be submitted. My job is to process the award applications I receive from the chairman that the person, club, district, state have applied for and received 90 or better when scored by the appropriate committee and send them to NGC.

Some award applications go directly to the Central Region chairman if it is a national contest (ex. poetry, sculpture, poster, member award of honor, as the TGCI STATE WINNERS judged by the appropriate chairman and notify the TGCI awards chairman what was sent so state award certificate can be made up. The rest of the Central Region awards are the individual club's responsibility to send to the Central Region Awards chairman as they have separate and different dates for deadlines and it is the club's responsibility to look on the Central Region website to find out the awards and deadlines.

I am in the process of making revisions to be looked at and changed if needed by the TGCI board. If the award you are applying for has a chairman that is not on the board, please contact the TGCI president or the awards chairman to find out to whom the award application goes to for judging. Also, please make the application on separate files, 1 for national application and the other for TGCI. NGC won't accept a 4 page with TGCI, just NGC and the 3 remaining pages. GOOD LUCK and I hope Jayne will have to make room for all your possible awards. Now is the time to plan for next year. If you need any help or ideas, I'll be there to help step by step. Always refer to the TGCI website for awards manual that the TGCI website chairman will update any changes or corrections.

James Pavelka

TGCI Awards Chairman



Native and Invasive Species

NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK is FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 3, 2024.

Consider an event or program during your club year to raise awareness about invasive species in your community, how to identify them, the threat they pose to natives and what you can do to prevent their spread or eliminate them. Your local Purdue Extension office is a source for up-to-date information about plants, animals, insects, and plant diseases threatening to cause harm to the environment in your location. The Soil & Water Conservation office in your county may also be helpful.

If you would like to volunteer with efforts to eradicate Invasives in your area, contact CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) www.sicim.info/cismas for the organization in your region.

Sharon Baldwin
Native and Invasive Species Chairman

Youth Poetry Contest 2023 Winners

The TGCI Youth Activities Committee is excited to announce the Indiana state winners of the National Garden Clubs 2023 Youth Poetry Contest. The theme this year was “I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green Outside – Celebrating Our Green World.” The Overall Winner is sixth grader, Emma B. from North Salem, IN.

The Runner-up is third grader Lucas W. from Lebanon, IN. Read their poems and download a free copy of our youth poetry booklet from the TGCI website at:

https://gardenclubofindiana.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/TGCI_State_Youth_Poetry_Contest-Winners_2023.pdf.

Our state winners will now be entered in the region competition and perhaps go on to the national competition!

Sue Yoder
TGCI Youth Activities Chairman



Arbutus Garden Club

Arbutus Garden Club received an award for 1st place for Historical Preservation for Landscaping of Historic areas. The club worked on the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site. This is a National Garden Club award that was given at the Greenbrier Convention and was accepted by President Karen Mandel in 2023.

This garden plot, established and cared for by members of the Arbutus Garden Club, is especially beautiful in the spring with a show of tulips and Carlesii Viburnum.



President Karen Mandel



Pictured are: Barb Mitchell and Jody McFarland.

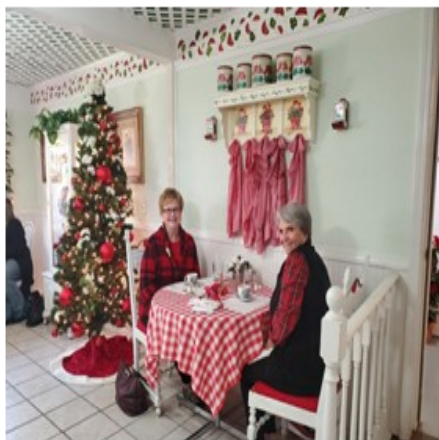
Visit our Website:
www.gardenclubofindiana.org

Flower Lane Garden Club

In October, the Flower Lane Garden club's monthly meeting was combined with a demonstration of autumn flower arranging by guest speaker Maggie Sturgill who owns and operates Gracie Mae Events. The arrangement incorporated three different kinds of greens in varying hues and textures. The focus flowers for the arrangements were roses (Candlelight) and filler flowers of small and large mums, berries, wax flowers and thistles.

In December, we had our annual Christmas/Holiday luncheon. This year's luncheon was held at Batar's in Seymour, IN. Lunch was lovely with a variety of entrees to choose from and we had delicious Blackberry Cobbler for dessert. Attendees brought a gift and we played the White Elephant game. The game was great fun. We had many laughs and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon.

Lisa Dailey
Club Secretary



Hobart Garden Club

Hobart Garden Club promoted our club this Fall & Winter by having a picture taken at the Santa Booth that promoted the club. Garden crafts and decorated building inside and outside helped those people who couldn't afford pictures at the local mall but could still get a family photo. Members also made Meals-on-Wheels small floral designs and large floral designs for a local assisted living center.

Members made favors for seniors at the annual Christmas dinner, floral and wreath designs that seniors did themselves as garden therapy projects to promote joining the club. We have had at least 10 people that wanted to join the club.

Halloween featured the club reading the "Frightened Frog" book on ecology and preserving our environment and awareness of NGC environmental awareness and books that could be bought from NGC. These projects along with the 4th of July float, and a grant from the NW District/TGCI promotional funds, really helped get our club recognized and people are inquiring to join. A productive project TGCI allowed.

James Pavelka Club President



The Santa booth.



Making the favors.



Flower arranging.



Beautiful wreaths.

The Mudlark Garden Club of Columbus Indiana cordially invites you to

Spring into the Woods

March 21, 2024 | Hilton Garden Inn, Edinburgh, Indiana | 9AM to 3PM

Marc Milne, Associate Professor of Biology, University of Indianapolis
"The Surprising Secret Life of Spiders"

Dawn R. Slack, Project Manager/Coordinator for Indiana Invasives Initiative
"Attracting Birds to Your Backyard"

Nathanael J. Pilla, Botanist
"The Wonderful World of Woodland Flowers in Indiana"



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DEADLINE: MARCH 7

\$25 per person includes lunch

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Munster Garden Club

The Munster Garden Club once again entered a decorated tree in the Festival of Trees competition sponsored by the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony. Our entry entitled, Our Feathered Friends, featured backyard birds and other bird items and natural decor. It also had an audio component as those admiring the tree could hear the birds chirping sounds coming from the tree. For the third year in a row, our tree came in first place. The tree committee is already working on ideas for the 2024 tree.

Our holiday luncheon was held at Little Italy restaurant in December where great food, games, and a cookie exchange made it a fun event. Finally, the club also recently received a \$2000 grant from the Munster Civic Foundation to help with the landscaping renovation project at the historic Kaske House. The front of the home has been cleared of its old landscaping and the new plants will be planted in May.

Mariellen Smith Club President



Syracuse - Wawasee Garden Club

What an amazing feast we had at our "Cooking with Herbs" meeting. Each member brought a dish they made with 1 herb or more. Then we all sampled each others contribution. We shared recipes also. It was a great way to taste different foods and herb flavors. From cauliflower soup and pork loin to feta cheese spread and corn salsa on tortillas, 3 kinds of breads with herbed butters, a Bundt cake, seasoned cucumbers, salads and more! We might have to try this theme again.



Joyce Arleen Corson



The December meeting was a Christmas Carry-In.

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Vale of Paradise Garden Club

At our November meeting we had two members of the Marine Corp League, Bob Ashcraft and Sabine Miller, talk with us about the services the league provides to veterans. Their mission is promoting interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marines. In the fall they collect toys, "Toys for Tots," delivering hope to children.

For December we had our Christmas lunch at a local restaurant with new board members and our new members from 2023. We celebrated on Facebook with pictures of everyone's Christmas trees and decorations.

December ended with National Garden Club certifying our Pollinator Garden at Sunset Hill Farm County Park. Time now to start planning for next year's programs, activities, and more.

January is almost gone and the seed catalogues are arriving every day, so now is the time to put your plan in gear.

Linda Dingee
Club President



God rest you merry gardeners
Let nothing ye dismay,
For Spring is soon to come again
With lengthening of days,
The sun will warm the soil once more
And send Jack Frost away.
Oh tidings of composting and Joy!
Compost and joy!
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The pictures are of the historic Wilson-Vaughn Hostess House at 723 Fourth St. in Marion. It is a three story mansion with 4 large rooms plus bathroom and kitchen on the first floor, six rooms plus bathroom on the second floor with one room decorated as it was back in 1915. On the third floor is the ballroom with a stage and ante rooms, plus a bathroom and flower arrangers' storage and work room.

More storage can be found in the basement and the first floor is always decorated seasonally; the other floors have some seasonal touches. It even looks so nice for Easter/Spring in April.



What a lovely place to hold a meeting, or have lunch. Lunch is served weekdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thank you Ruth Moorhead for the lovely pictures.

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