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*Autumn is a second spring
when every leaf is a flower.*

— Albert Camus

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Next Indiana Gardens Deadline: November 1st

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Seeing Blue?

←Link

When you see highlighted words or a "link" marker, try clicking it to find more information about topics, events, or places for field trips.

Correction: August 2024 issue, in the awards section Lucas W. 1st place in Poetry Regional and National was sponsored by Sages Garden Club, not Hendricks County Garden Club.

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Letter from the President



Did You Know...? there is an stunning hand-knotted rug in the atrium that has the logos of each state garden club? Our logo looks pretty awesome!

As I write this article for *Indiana Gardens*, I have to reflect on the wonderful year I have had as your president. Our State Convention opened up new ways to enjoy the diversity, creativity and curiosity of The Garden Club of Indiana's individual club members. I have learned so much in the last year about our unique districts and clubs, and I've enjoyed taking garden walks, celebrating 100th birthdays, installing officers, dedicating Blue Star Memorials, and celebrating club anniversaries.

I am reading all of the club program books, taking in the Facebook posts, and enjoying our newly edited *Indiana Gardens*. Even before our Wildflower September Seminar, I have a South East District meeting on September 5th. This will be my last opportunity as president to visit the districts, and I feel I have a better understanding now of the uniqueness of each district, club projects and members. I look forward to these visits.

I'll be returning to South East District in October 12th for a Blue Star Memorial dedication. The Blue Star Memorial Markers have a special place in my heart since I was that chairman for a number of terms. Central District had a lovely Blue Star Memorial dedication at Holliday Park on August 20th. North West District will have their Blue Star Memorial rededication on September 25th. Monticello started us out with their dedication in October, 2023. I encourage more districts and clubs to set Blue or Gold Star markers to show our gratefulness for all that are Armed Forces do for us.

The National Garden Clubs Fall meeting in St. Louis, MO is September 19th, at NGC Headquarters. We will be dedicating the new walkway pavers. On October 17-19th, I will be attending the Central Region Convention in O'Fallon, IL. I enjoy visiting and sharing ideas with the presidents from Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri. NGC has two meetings a year with our upcoming convention to be in Charleston, South Carolina in May 2025.

Enjoy time of Autumn abundance in your clubs. Your clubs have been busy maintaining your community projects and taking trips to places of interest to gardeners. Keep sharing on your Facebook pages, remaining active in TGCI, Inc and NGC projects, applying for the awards and monetary help from the state.

Don't forget to [Plant Trees for Hope](#). Fall is a great time to plant as it gives the tree an opportunity to settle in and become dormant before the next warm season. Also please contribute to Penny Pines (now called Plant-A-Tree) to purchase an acre of trees and to our Land Trust Project "Leaf" A Tree as a Legacy to support our \$10,000 commitment with our partners Central Indiana Land Trust and the DNR to plant 20,000 trees in a buffer area to the Big Walnut Preserve in Central West Indiana. This tree planting in the 32 acre plot will provide contiguous corridor for wildlife.

Take in the beauty of the earth as we approach autumn. Nature teaches us that nothing prevents the passage of time and turning of the seasons. Make the most of it!

Jayne Kesler,
President



A Red, White & Blue Star

The Blue Star Memorial Markers are in recognition of servicemen and women who have served, are serving or will serve in our nation's armed forces. Clubs desiring to establish, restore or rededicate a site should ask for guidance and assistance from the State Blue/Gold Star Chairman.

Large Blue Star Memorial Markers are permitted on the grounds of National Cemeteries, Veterans Administration Medical Centers and any other appropriate civic location. The small Byway Markers are suitable for club or public civic plantings in city, county or state parks, picnic sites, etc. They do not have to be located on dedicated highways. Permission to place and dedicate markers is usually under local or county

government. The location is to be reviewed and approved by the NGC Blue Star Chairman as part of the application process.

I am pleased to report on activity and interest in the Blue/Gold Star Memorials since our last meeting in June.

TGCI Central Region in cooperation with the Holliday Park Foundation had a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker dedication on August 20, 2024, at 1:00 pm in [Holliday Park](#). It was a wonderful tribute to the Armed Forces of America. Thank you, Phyllis Grzeskowiak, and the members of Central District for this event.

I was contacted by Mark McNabb, president of the Friendly Garden Club, at the Holliday Park Dedication on August 20 concerning placing a Blue

Star Memorial in Pittsboro. I have emailed him the information on specifications and pricing along with the procedure for ordering. He has already established a committee to manage the process and the event. Mark says the club is very excited to have a memorial.

I continue to send Blue Star Memorial location updates to Gloria Notaro for the website list of memorials.

Any clubs or districts interested in placing Blue/Gold Star Memorials please contact me at tgcibluestar@gmail.com

Finally, just a reminder to send in your club's donations for the [Blue/Gold Star Memorial](#) to Cynthia Wright before the December 1st deadline.

by Chris Seal
Blue/Gold Star Memorial Chair



Click here for more information about [Blue Star Memorials](#) or email: tgcibluestar@gmail.com



I want to thank all the club presidents and members for their support in the Dedication Ceremony of the Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker at Holliday Park on August 20, 2024. We had a large turnout from state and local Government officials, as well as guests and speakers State President Jayne Kesler and State Blue Star Chairman Chris Seal. It was a lovely day and a very emotional ceremony. Central District Board Members, Cynthia Wright, Cathy Weber, Janine Dinkel, Elizabeth Clark and I presided over the program and ceremony.

by Phyllis Grzeskowiak
Central District Director





Today, the rededication of the Northwest District of the Garden Club of Indiana Blue Star Memorial was held at the new 65s [Kankakee Welcome Center](#). The original memorial was installed in 1979 at the former rest area and reinstalled in a prominent location at the impressive new center this year. Northwest District Director Mariellen Smith introduced the honored guests attending the ceremony. Indiana Garden Club president Jayne Kesler presented Matt Deitchley, Deputy Commissioner for Laporte District from the Indiana Department of Transportation, with a certificate of appreciation from the Indiana Garden Club. Blue Star Memorial Chairman Chris Seal gave a history of the Blue Star Memorial which honor those who have served in the armed forces. Wanda Zahrt, 1st Vice-President of the Garden Club of Indiana was also in attendance, as well as garden club members from Northwest District garden clubs.

by James Pavelka
North West District



Blue Star Memorial Marker Rededication Kankakee Welcome Center on Wednesday September 25, 2024, on left Chris Seal, Mariellen Smith, Jayne Kesler, and Matt Deitchley from the Indiana Department of Transportation

Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker Dedication

Seymour, Indiana.

October 12, 2024

at 10:00 am

Crossroads Community Park

101 E Tipton St, Seymour

Organized by

All Thumbs Garden Club



This special dedication will take place at the beautiful Crossroads Community Park in the heart of downtown Seymour, Indiana where Highway 50 crosses over the railways in town.

This marker was first erected on Sept 11, 1979 being sponsored by SE District - The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc in cooperation with The Indiana State Highway Commission and SE District Garden Clubs.



Over the years All Thumbs Garden Club noticed that the location and the marker itself was in need of care and possible relocation due to the dangers of maintaining this marker on Memorial Day with flags at the base as traffic had increased,

as well as roadway trash, since 1979. The narrow turnout and the walking terrain to the marker had become increasingly difficult to navigate.

All Thumbs Garden Club members, Jeanne Morris, Nancy Fleming, and Bridget Molinari worked with TGCI Blue Star Director, Chris Seal to navigate

through the process of restoration/refurbishment of Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker B-662 (at the top of every marker is an engraved identification number). Note: When you see us at the next convention ask "how we accomplishment this task ;)".

With the generosity of the VFW Post 1925 as our lead donor, followed by American Legion Post 89, the marker's restoration was taking root. SE District,



lead by Director Diane Hurless (who guided us through the process of requesting monies through a civic fund and creating a scrapbook to support this project) was instrumental in just the right fertilization of the project.

The remaining of the funding was a generous blanket of seeds sprinkled on this project from every garden club in the SE District.

We are grateful for the guidance of TGCI Blue Star State Chairwoman, Chris Seal.

by Bridget Molinari
All Thumbs Garden Club

Honeywell Award presented to couple

David and Wanda Zahrt were the recipients of the Honeywell Horticulture Award for 2024. Their book of evidence included their gardening and horticulture through the years. They included all the work they had done with their own club, Irish Elm Garden Club

and around the community. Both have been speakers at various garden clubs, and they included the PowerPoints for each presentation. They also won many awards and ribbons at flower shows.

Also, Part of their book of evidence was work they had done at their own properties. The before and after pictures explained the extent of their work.

They were awarded the award as a couple. Couples really work as an individual group so awarding to both of them seemed the only way to do it.

“We often listened to Ruth Morehead ‘people you are doing the work- do the book of evidence.’ So that is what we did, as a couple, rather than an individual. It was great fun. One of us would have an idea and the other would improve on the idea and it would be added to the book,” David Zahrt said.



Honeywell Chairman Ann Herrman present Honeywell Horticultural Award to David and Wanda Zahrt.

Others are encouraged to apply for this prestigious award. It doesn't have to encompass years of work but can be a project that you started and completed. Check the awards manual for more information. It is very rewarding to complete the book of evidence and see what you have accomplished through horticulture.

Honeywell Horticultural Award is a coveted award named for Professor E. R. Honeywell. The purpose of this award is to *stimulate greater interest* in horticulture and to recognize those individuals who are contributing most to this phase of garden club work.

Horticultural awards can also be received for district, club, individual and literary. Check manual for more information.

by Ann Herrman
Honeywell Chair

Long-time webmaster Gloria Notaro retires

Gloria Notaro has retired as our webmaster. She has been the webmaster through a number of TGCI Presidents and has done a wonderful job. Thank you, Gloria!

President Jayne Kesler has asked Sue Yoder to step in to finish out her term. She is happy to do that in the interim until Wanda Zahrt chooses our next webmaster. She cannot continue long-term, but will do everything she can to help the new webmaster. Our site is created on one of the most basic of website platforms – Word Press – so, recruiting a new person should not be difficult. So many of our Indiana clubs have wonderful websites and likely people who have Word Press acumen.

One thing we've done immediately, and will suggest continues, is to create an email just for the webmaster. It will continue on regardless of who the webmaster is at any given time. This will help with continuity with our web provider and for people to contact the webmaster. The new email is: webmastertgci@gmail.com

If you have edits to request/suggest, please contact Sue at the new webmaster email.

by Susan E. Yoder
Interim Webmaster



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NGC builds Path of Success

While TGCI President, Jayne Kesler was in St. Louis at the National Garden Clubs Inc. [NGC Path of Success](#) dedication and Fall Board Meeting, she also took the opportunity to tour the beautiful headquarters building.



Petal & Stem member leaves estate to Hayes Arboretum

John Turner-Grey, a member of Petal and Stem Garden Club, left his estate of \$453,000 to [Hayes Arboretum](#) in Richmond, Indiana. He had gone to the arboretum as a child, but in later years attended Petal & Stem meeting there. John was an enthusiastic member of the club, always eager to share his knowledge and ideas. He was generous in presenting members with helpful handouts and plants, especially orchids.

John loved plants and was an award winning florist. He worked closely with clients and often was given carte blanche to create floral arrangements for their parties or weddings. One wedding of a Denver Broncos player (he would not tell the budget) he did 67 table arrangements at \$700 each. He tried to accommodate all brides, even doing one bride's arrangement for only \$3.00.

Name recognition will be given to the Annex Classroom building at Hayes Arboretum, a space utilized by the Petal and Stem G.C. The money will also guarantee other non-profits can use the space for free. In addition, the donation will go towards arboretum operations and creating a healing space on the property.

The new sign was dedicated at the Petal and Stem meeting on September 4th, naming the building after John, Turner-Grey Meeting Room.

John died June 21, 2023 and is truly missed by members of Petal and Stem.

by Ann Herrman
Petal and Stem Garden Club



Pat Murphy presents John Turner-Grey with the Golden Trowel Award for service to Petal and Stem G.C. April 5, 2023



Petal and Stem G.C. gathers at the dedication of the Turner-Grey Meeting Room, at Hayes Arboretum, Sept 4, 2024.

Callery Pear Tree petition now on Change.org

Callery Pear by Bruce Marlin



The current Terrestrial Plant Rule, which went into effect in 2020, is still being re-codified. Until that is completed, no rules can be amended. The Amendment to add twelve highly invasive plant species (including the [Callery Pear Tree](#)) was proposed in 2021, but the DNR, unfortunately, has not yet been able to move this rule forward.

For more information about the rules of the “Rule” go to [Indiana Native Plant Society](#) and to sign the petition to advance this amendment go to [Change.org](#).

The Japanese Lilac tree is now being promoted to replace the Callery Pear. This is a NON-NATIVE tree and is already naturalizing with the potential of becoming a problem invasive.

For the health of our environment, habitat for native wildflowers, pollinators and wildlife, PLANT NATIVE! There are many native flowering trees to choose from. To name a few: Native Dogwood, Eastern Redbud, Native Serviceberry, Wild Plum, Wild Prairie Crabapple, Red Buckeye. Ask before you buy. The Indiana Native Plant Society is a good resource for information.

By Sharon Baldwin
Native and Invasive Species Chair



Saturday, October 12th

Join Weed Wrangle Indiana on Saturday, October 12th for a colossal weed wrangle across the state.

- 1) Partner with your [SICMA](#), citizens, park manager and other local locations.
- 2) Choose a local publicly accessible location (park).
- 3) Register your wrangle at [Weed Wrangle Indiana](#) <https://www.sicim.info/weed-wrangle-indiana/#WWreg>

You must register your Weed Wrangle and post your results.

Registering is easy and takes about 5 minutes. Join for a powerful 2-hour event celebrating natural Indiana.



← Link

Find your SICMA at <https://www.sicim.info/cismas>

Questions about Weed Wrangle?

Contact Dawn Slack: dawnraschel@gmail.com

Questions about other Invasive Species projects?

Contact Sharon Baldwin: skbald@sbcglobal.net

WEED WRANGLE is a registered trademark and a nationwide event.

2024 Wildflower Workshop

September 12, 2024

Matter Park Garden in Marion, In.



Make-n-Take Wildflower Art
By Kathy Vermillion



"The Interconnectedness of Nature"
by Anne Maddox



"Invasive Species: No bad plants, just bad locations"
by Dugan Julian



"Growing Native Plants at Home"
by Jake Wyatt



Tour of Formal Butterfly Garden
By Cheryl Bell



Youth Activities

2024/25 youth contests themes sharing & recycling

Three of the National Garden Club's Youth Contests for 2024-2025 have been announced! Youth Poetry (K12th grade), Youth Essay (9th -12 th grade) and Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster (K-5 th grade). The Youth Sculpture Contest has not been announced (neither have the 2023 sculpture winners been announced yet).

TGCI has highlighted the contests on our Facebook page, and this Committee has sent information in an email to all of the state's club presidents. We will continue to promote the contests until each submission deadline.

Attached to this report are copies of each of the contest overview sheets (*Click blue highlighted links*) and guidelines. I've also attached a sample of customized marketing materials for the poetry contest for a club. I developed this for my club. If you would like customized materials for your club, I am happy to create them for you at no cost. Simply contact me anytime.



1.) [Youth Poetry Contest](#): The 2024 contest theme is – “*My Garden Has Vegetables to Spare that I Can Share – Helping Fight Hunger by Sharing Vegetables from Our Garden.*” All details are online at: <https://gardenclubofindiana.org/what-we-do/#youthcontests>. This year, the contest is expanded to K-12 students. The state deadline is December 1, 2024.

2.) [Youth Essay Contest](#): The 2024 question to be addressed in a 600-700 word essay is “*Is Recycling Plastics the Answer to Our Plastic Disposal Problem?*” The contest is open to all 9-12th grade students. All details are online at: <https://gardenclubofindiana.org/what-we-do/#youthcontests>. The state deadline is December 1, 2024.

3.) [Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest](#): In partnership with the US Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC), kids in first through fifth grades use their imagination to create posters to help convey Smokey Bear's message of “*Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!*” or Woodsy Owl's message of “*Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!*”. The 2025 poster contest submissions deadline to the state is January 20, 2025. All details are online at: <https://gardenclubofindiana.org/what-wedo/#youthcontests>.

by Susan E. Yoder
Youth Activities Chair

Native Species

Native vine loved by pollinators

Mother Nature can be contrary. We are told that native plants are good; non-native plants are bad! But sometimes a Native plant can be a problem plant and the Honeyvine Milkweed (*Ampelamus albidus*) is one of those.



Honeyvine Milkweed is native to Indiana. It is a true milkweed species and, therefore, a host for Monarch butterfly larvae. Pollinators (butterflies and bees) love it. That's GOOD.



However, its aggressive growth habit makes it a serious pest in field crops and a nuisance in gardens. That's BAD.

The leaves of the Honeyvine are a long, heart shape. The small white flowers have a lovely scent and occur in clusters. The flowers are followed by tear-drop shaped pods which resemble those of common milkweed. As with the common milkweed, the mature pods will split releasing flat brown seeds, carried away by the wind. A single plant can produce up to 50 seed pods containing numerous seeds.

It pops up anywhere, climbs over anything, and is difficult to eradicate once it takes over. The roots are deep and usually break when trying to pull up or dig. Reproduction is by seed and spreading

roots. The vine usually buries itself in the central portion of a shrub or plant and almost secretly works its way to the top, and these vines can be from 10 to 30 feet long.

Due to its extensive taproot system and rapid growth rate, it is difficult to control, but not impossible. Here are a few hints if you love this plant and would like to grow it.



- It may be perfect for a garden with a “wild look.” Try planting it in containers.
- Check the landscape every other day for newly emerging vines. They are easier to pull at this time.
- Apply herbicides before they start to climb.
- Remove the seed pods when green and dispose of them.

It takes some work and planning, but you will be rewarded with the beauty of the Honeyvine Milkweed and the pollinators attracted to your garden.

by Sharon Baldwin,
Native & Invasive Species Chair

2024 awards deadline Dec 1st



Now is the time to get your award applications stated for all your hard work!!

Please refer to [The Garden Club of Indiana](#) website to see the [list of awards](#) you can apply for and download the [Awards Handbook](#). Remember

to also submit an additional application for National Garden Clubs (NGC) when you submit one for TGCI, so two applications. This makes my work much easier so I don't have to copy and paste, as NGC will only accept a 3-page application with the [cover sheet](#). There are also many awards that NGC offers, which TGCI does not.

Please email (jamespavelka@comcast.net) or call (219-629-2358) if you need further information. Awards need to be sent to the appropriate chairman for judging by December 1st or the December TGCI Board Meeting. The only exceptions are the [Club Achievement Award](#) and Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contests.

This chairman also needs your help. Please let me know how many trees you/your club have planted. Please send photos and totals to me directly. I am working on applying for the NGC Award of Excellence and also the Central Region Award for state with the most trees planted. I need this information as soon as possible.

Lastly, There is still time to apply for the following grants:

- [Ames Tools](#)
- [Plant America](#)
- [Espoma Soil Products](#)

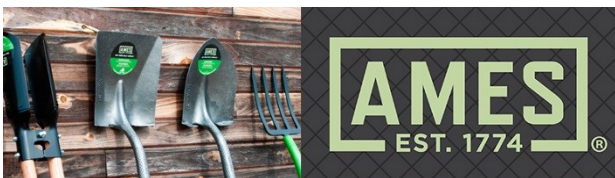
There is even a contest for what you did with the grants. See [National Garden Clubs website](#) for further details.

by James Pavelka
Awards Chair



Awards

James Pavelka receiving his 4-star pin and certificate of award at the 2024 NGC National Convention. He completed all 4 NGC schools and over 200 hours of classes. He is currently working on his 5-star pin for being a Master (500 hours+ of classes) in all four areas: Garden School, Landscape Consultant, Environmental Consultant, and Flower Show Judge.



Tools up to a retail value of \$250 for your community garden or garden therapy club.



Up to \$2,000.00 is made available to be used for direct expenses of projects.



Receive a \$250 grant for Espoma plant foods and potting soils.

Club News



Vale of Paradise Garden Club

It's August and the end of summer. Vale of Paradise Garden Club members are still maintaining our gardens, but mostly spot cleaning and getting ready for fall.

In July we had a member's garden walk. It's always fun to see what other members are planting and maybe their difficulties in the garden. Some are fortunate to garden on a lake.

In August our club hosted the North West District "[Summer Walkabout](#)." We invited the other clubs in the district to see the gardens we maintain at [Sunset Hill Farm County Park](#). We asked the clubs to participate in a plant swap, walk our gardens, or take a wagon ride through the park and have lunch with us in the Silo.



Submitted by Linda Dingee
President



**Central Region
Convention**

October 17-19, 2024
O’Fallon, Illinois

**Member
Services**

This chairman encourages all members to investigate the National Garden Clubs [website](#) [store](#) to view products available. The book bundle now includes [all four children’s books for \\$20](#), so if you haven’t yet purchased books for a local library or elementary school, this is a wonderful opportunity.

Members are urged to save receipts to send to this chairman to qualify for the [Member Services Sales Award](#).

Submitted by Sue Fuhrman
Member Services Chair

The Four Winds Garden Club



It has been a busy hot summer on our end of the state. There is a saying that Summer flies and Winter walks. I like to think that in the Winter the outside is sleeping, storing energy for Spring.

Our Summer caused a few interruptions to our schedule:

Our June activity was to be a night of volunteering at [Wellfield Botanic Gardens](#). We have planted herbs for the Sensory Garden, potted up a selection of

plants from the greenhouse and even repotted huge pots. But alas, the heat won and we had to bow out.

In July we visited the Heritage Quilt Gardens in Middlebury, In. These gardens all represent different Quilt patterns and the flowers are planted to follow the pattern. They are dotted all over Elkhart and are a big tourist attraction.

Our August event was our Club picnic at [Bonneyville Mill](#), an Elkhart County park.

Submitted by Elaine Zent
The Four Winds Garden Club

Sages Garden Club

Sages Garden Club continues to maintain the Pollinator Garden at the OrthoIndy YMCA and the beds of Hope House in Indianapolis. They also recently worked in the courtyard of Hope Center and agreed to continue to maintain that space in years to come.

In June, they toured the Medicinal Plant Garden at the [Indiana Medical Museum](#). In July, they toured the Franklin-Gersich Gardens and they also teamed up with the Shamrocks Garden club to see the Master Gardener Purdue Extension garden at the State Fair.

They look forward to a September presentation by Dr. Jerry Zimmerman on bees.



Garden Club of New Harmony

Garden Club of New Harmony has had a busy and challenging summer dodging rain showers, then heat & humidity and now drought.

We contacted DNR to remove three invasive winged burning bushes on Church Street in New Harmony. Now we have to create new plans for those locations. We continue maintaining our garden spots and planting natives in our butterfly beds at the south golf cart trailhead.

Our third annual public invasive species workshop with partner [Posey Invasive Partnership](#) was successfully held in August with 26 people in attendance. The program taught multiple ways to control invasive species and the tour went to sites where invasive species had been removed by mechanical means and minimal chemical treatment. Many people want to know how to avoid or minimize the use of chemical sprays on their property.

We will fund the planting of a native tree in Murphy Park this fall as part of the replacement of large old trees that have been removed. And our SW District meeting is coming up in October.

We have welcomed two new members this season, enjoyed a field trip to a local lavender farm and co-hosted our third annual invasive species workshop in addition to our regular activities. We're pleased to continue to grow as we continue growing our gardens. Here are some photos of this summer's events.

As fall approaches, we will continue with removal of plants that will be replaced in spring and plans for 2025.

Submitted by Marlene Huffaker
President



Crew members Barb McConnell, Gail Angel, Ann Scarafia and Patti Stahl – still smiling after braving 80+ degree temps and an air quality alert to clean up the golf cart trailhead in August



Public workshop on methods of invasive species removal.



Learning about distilling lavender oil at [Harmony Lavender Farm](#)



District Meeting Dates

South West District

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

North West District

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

North Central District

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Central District

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Central East District

Thursday, October 31, 2024

Go for the
information.
stay for the
fun!

Iris Elm Garden Club



The Iris Elm Garden Club's August program was *Floral Design with Roadside Wildflowers*. The club met at the Zahrt Barn-dominium for their meeting. The wildflowers gathered were:

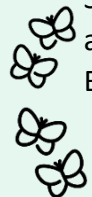


- ironweed
- red clover
- queen anne's lace
- butterfly weed
- woodland sunflowers
- Wild mustard

A bit of greenery was needed so the mint was gathered, and allium was added from a members garden.

Submitted by Wanda Zahrt
Iris Elm GC Treasurer

Summitville Garden Club



Summitville Garden Club has been busy all summer long cleaning and planting all over the community. In July they went to the Butterfly Garden in [Matter Park](#) with Cheryl Bell giving a presentation and release of butterflies.

Submitted by Joyce Bulington
Central East District Director

Garden Club of Marion

Garden Club of Marion is having a great year! Our club members have been very busy volunteering their time to represent us at Earth Day at Matter Park and preparing our Blue Star and Memorial Garden beds that are located among the gardens at Matter Park. We decorated the main case at Marion Public Library with a display on “Growing A Victory Garden”.

Under the direction of members, Brenda Schadler, Sandee Kincaid and Kimberly Jackson, our club was able to consolidate our plant sale with our garden tour this year. It was a very successful event due to the time and efforts of many volunteers.

We have been enjoying great speakers and fun fieldtrips this year. Sheri Richerson gave a presentation to the club in March entitled “Seed Starting & Planting”. In April, Garden club members were able to go on a field trip to 50 East in Wabash to tour the greenhouses. In May TGCI President Jayne Kesler gave a presentation on “Get More from Your Garden Than Tomatoes and Zinnias”. In June the club traveled to Wild Blooms U Pick Farm in Wabash. There Stephanie Peebles gave a talk on how she persuaded her husband to give her a small patch of the bean field and the rest was history. We then enjoyed picking our own flower bouquets. In July some members were able to travel to the sunflower fields of Healthy Hoosier Oil Sunflower Fields in Converse. It was such a fun time navigating the muddy fields and seeing a sea of sunflowers.

We have many more opportunities planned for our members to grow in their knowledge and love of gardening.

Happy Gardening!

Submitted by Kathy Vermilion
President



Beth Aiton and Mani Hasanadka at Earth Day handing out materials and seed bombs to guests.



Mulching crew: Beth Aiton, Kathy Vermilion, Christina Rowland and Kathy Ruby.



Marion Garden Club members, Anne Maddox, Rose Marie Armfield, Kathy Vermilion, Kimberly Jackson, Brenda Schadler and Kathy Herbort enjoying the sunflowers.

Civic Development



I would like to encourage clubs and districts to send in an application for the Civic Development Award. This is the time to let your light shine on what wonderful things that your club has been doing to help with preserving our eco system.

Document your club's projects whether they are new or on-going. Projects may consist of landscape improvement through the planning and planting of parks, civic centers, libraries, schools, hospitals, etc. Write out a description, including landscape diagrams, photos, funding, involvement by members & maintenance. Be proud of your endeavors and instill this pride in your members. [Applications are due by December 1st.](#)

I hope that 2024 will bring our biggest participation yet.

Kathy Vermilion
Civic Development Chair

Arbutus Garden Club



Arbutus Garden Club welcomed its 90th Anniversary with an outdoor celebration luncheon on September 8 at the home of Jody McFarland. Central District Director Phyllis Grzeskowiak presented Arbutus President Marcia Holcomb with a Certificate of Appreciation to Arbutus Garden Club for their dedication to our mission. From Left: Phyllis Grzeskowiak, Betsy Clark, and Marcia Holcomb.

Ft Benjamin Blossom Garden Club

The Ft Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club learned a great deal about the bounty of Mother Nature this summer. In July they hiked the new [Sargent Road Nature Park](#), August took them to the [Medicinal Plant Garden](#) where their master gardener tour guide introduced them to various plant remedies for a variety of ailments. After a wonderful pass-the-dish at [Fort Harrison State Park](#), Department of Natural Resources Naturalist Emilie Sweet, presented a program on the history of the fort and the native flora from spring through fall.

Submitted by Phyllis Grzeskowiak
Central District Director

Pendleton Garden Club



Pendleton Garden Club held a horticulture show and worked on their city park areas.

Submitted by Joyce Bulington
Central East District Director

Petal and Stem Garden Club



On June 22, Petal and Stem held a small standard flower show at First English Lutheran Church. There were 89 horticultural entries and 16 design entries. The theme was *Birds & Flowers*. Designs used the colors of birds: Red Cardinal, Yellow Gold Finch, Eastern Blue Bird and Painted Bunting.

Members won many ribbons ranging from excellence to honorable mention. Kristen Grayson also won Horticultural Excellence, Arboreal, Award of Merit and the Educational Award. Barb Shirden won Designers choice, Evelyn Villarin won two Awards of Merit and Barb Black also won an Award of Merit.



The Petal and Stem G.C. plant sale was May 10th at the [Wayne County Historical Museum](#). Plants were potted at Ruth Bane's home or by members at their own homes. It is always a good chance for members to share flower knowledge with shoppers from the community. As members talk with people, they also try to look for those interested in becoming new members.

Another fund raiser is the annual mum sale. Members sell mums for \$8.50. This year 322 mums were sold. There are six different colors and people pick their mums up at the First Christian Church.

Judge Jim Pavelka (left) with winners who proudly show off their ribbons. (from left) Sandy Augustine-Dehner, Kristen Grason Kathy Jones and Evelyn Villarin were just four of those who received ribbons.

Come into the Garden Club

It was time for a little “hands-on” weeding when the Come into the Garden Club met in July at our Blue Star Byway Marker located at [Pioneer Park](#) in Mooresville. After our work in the park, members concluded the evening with club planning discussions and dinner at a local restaurant.

August found members traveling to the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis for a delightful day of food, entertainment and interesting experiences and exhibits. The DNR program “Birds of Prey” was a highlight of the day along with finding many of the fairground’s plants identified with markers this year.



Endangered Species

The Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) is a critically endangered species native to Indiana and several surrounding states. This small bat is crucial for insect control, as it consumes vast quantities of insects each night. However, it has faced significant threats, particularly from habitat loss, disturbances at its roosting sites, and the devastating impact of white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that has led to dramatic population declines.



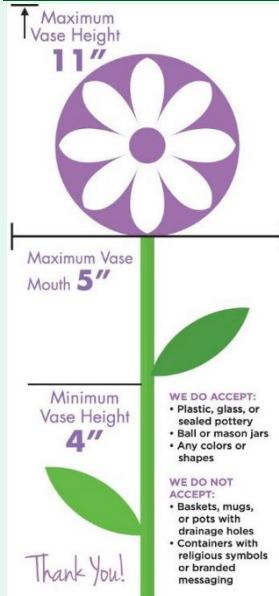
Efforts to save the Indiana bat are multifaceted and involve several key strategies. Conservationists work to protect and manage critical roosting habitats, including caves and abandoned mines, which are essential for the bats' survival, especially during hibernation and maternity periods. Habitat restoration and the implementation of protective measures around roost sites help minimize disturbances that could stress or displace the bats.

By Kimberly Jackson
Endangered Species Chair



[←Link](#)

Irvington Garden Club



Melany Bellucci, Irvington Garden Club member, is challenging our club to collect for [Random Acts of Flowers](#) (RAF) as many vases as we can by our October meeting. RAF is a nonprofit organization that delivers hope and encouragement through recycled flowers to more than 1,500 hospital patients and nursing home residents in Indianapolis each month. ([RAFIndianapolis.org](#))

Anyone can take this opportunity to clean out their garage, attic, or cabinets. Those old vases that feel like clutter can provide a thoughtful gift to someone experiencing pain, illness, or loneliness in a healthcare facility. Get involved by donating vases or by working to fill them as a group.

Submitted by Ronna Brown
Irvington Garden Club

Smalltown Garden Club

Smalltown Garden Club held their annual auction/carry-in which raised over \$420. This is a fun evening with bidding on home baked pies, fresh produce from gardens, outdoor yard art, plants, etc. All this money was raised by 15 attendees averaging \$26 per person.

Submitted by Joyce Bulington
Central East District Director

Christmas Lake Village Garden Club

Christmas Lake Village Garden Club is gearing up for the holiday season. Tourism is a big deal in this community and they keep things looking good all year long but with Christmas comes added responsibilities. Thousands of letters to Santa from all around the world need to be answered. Cookies and Cocoa for the visitors of Rudolph's Christmas show.

Submitted by Linda Cornelius
South West District Director

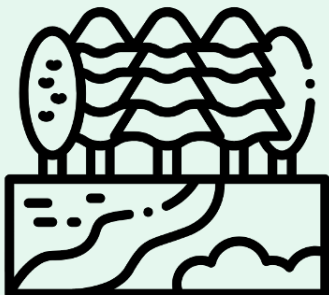
Hillcrest Garden Club



In June Hillcrest Garden Club members went on a field trip to Oliver’s Woods in Indianapolis, which is associated with Central Indiana Land Trust. In August, over 20 members toured [Tamarack Nature Preserve](#) in Indianapolis on August 20, 2024. Special emphasis was placed on touring the butterfly habitat. Greg Harker and Betty Yan lead the tour, explaining the many plant species in the area.

Twin City Garden Club

pine by Iconix



Twin City Garden Club had two programs given this summer. The July one was Spring Surprises and the August one was on Chocolate given by Cynthia Wright. They were excited to have President Jayne Kesler

for a great attendance. They have collected enough monies for one Penny Pines project and are now over half-way towards another donation for Penny Pines. Also, they are working on a grant for a tree in the new part of Gas City Park. Go them! Half of the flowers for the [Wildflower Workshop](#) are coming from a member’s flower farm. One design is being made by a member.

and her husband, the Central East Vice Director Kathy Vermilion, and their members spouses and siblings

Submitted by Joyce Bulington
Central East District Director

Yearbook/ Scrapbook

On the 5th of September I sent two program books to the Central Region Awards Chair as TGCI's entries--one for clubs with up to 20 members and the second for clubs 21 to 299. Twenty-nine printed program books and 1 digital program book were submitted with requests that 2 of the printed ones not be judged (indicated with *).

Judged were:

- 6 in Class 1
- 12 in Class 2
- 8 in Class 3
- 1 in Class 4
- 1 in Class 8

This breaks down to:

- 10 from Central District
- 6 from North Central*
 - 5 from South East
 - 4 from North West*
 - 1 from Central West
 - 1 from South West
 - 0 from Central East

Thank you to the district directors who adjusted to the new deadline in June so that we could continue to submit entries to Central Region. NGC no longer judges program books.

Remember your club's scrapbooks are due at the December Board meeting or earlier by mail.

By Linda Harkleroad
Yearbook/Scrapbook Chair

Friendly Garden Club



On July 18th, Friendly Garden Club had a delightful tour at [Avon Gardens](#). It was an absolutely gorgeous day to stroll the shade and sun gardens full of flowers, shrubs, trees, and garden art. Horticulturist Taylor Doehrman was our tour guide pointing out and sharing information on various flowers and plants, with many unusual varieties. So beautiful, but takes a lot of maintenance. The focus is now less on the retail side, and more tours and events, such as the peony festival in May. Those who attended enjoyed the tour and asked a lot of questions, which Taylor answered with passion and a commitment to Avon Gardens. Following the tour, the group had lunch at MCL. Also in July, Kerry Cates opened her gardens for a private tour. Thanks to Kerry for hosting!

We also placed a memorial sign at one of the B&O Trailheads for our past member Diana Virgil. There is a Brownsburg Park named in her honor. We are also working with the Pittsboro Park Board to establish a newly planned Veteran's Memorial as a Blue Star Memorial. Finally, we are so thankful for all our Members at TFGC.

The talent, love, and compassion we share for working together and with others is a joy. Thanks to all Friendly's.

Submitted by Mark McNabb
President



All Thumbs Garden Club



The July meeting of All Thumbs Garden Club was held at Autumn Trace Assisted Living Center in Seymour. Following the meeting, club members participated in our community outreach program by working with residents to create special flower bouquets. This was such a well received program by residents, staff, and club members last year that it has become an annual program.

Local business, Jubilee Flowers, and club members donated flowers & vases.

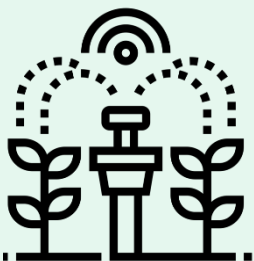
Submitted by Betty Noel
Club Secretary

Arts & Flowers Garden Club

Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club members have continued to care for usual beds and taken on projects for the Discover Downtown organization to promote Main Street in Washington. We will be planting a native tree at the local DSI (formerly Red Door) with a dedication to be held. Member Coleen Swartzentruber held a meeting at her home and shared info on hydrangeas. A trip to [Hoose Hill Flower Farm](#) and Rowdy Davis Tree Farm will complete our summer programs. The outdoor native tree lab at local elementary school hit a wall; but it will happen. In 2026 we will be holding a **Red, White, and Bloom Garden Walk** in celebration of the 250th Birthday/Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Submitted by Linda Cornelius
South West District Director

Give-N-Take Garden Club



Give-N-Take Garden Club's primary focus has been to prep and plan for the upcoming South East District meeting on Sept 5th. They have had small challenges in getting commitment for speakers but have had the good fortune of "pop up" field trips. One trip was to a small garden oasis in their county that was amazing. Another was to a grower of dahlias where they got to cut and make arrangements to take home.


Membership


*The Garden Club
of Indiana
has 1,038 Members!*




Membership Matters!

*Keep your current
members satisfied and
involved!*

 Promote your Fall Meetings
& Special Events!

 Fall is a perfect time to
invite someone!

 Get involved in local events!

Laura Kearby
2nd Vice-President
Membership Chair

Terra Verde Garden Club



Terra Verde Garden Club of LaPorte met on September 10 welcoming three new guests plus our North Central District Director, Linda Harkleroad. Linda spoke briefly thanking our group for the invitation to attend. She commented it is her duty to represent all seven clubs of the North Central District at the state level.

The program included members bringing flowers from their gardens and sharpening their skills at creating a floral arrangement. A short business meeting was held reviewing our up coming Community Dinner October 15 and final plans for the October 23 Annual North Central District Meeting Terra Verde Garden Club will host. It was announced that a location has been selected for the Plant A Tree For Hope. Brighton Street Community Garden was selected because of their dedication to education and the community. The location will also have someone available to tend to the tree once it is planted.

Submitted by Frances Raderstorf
President

The Petersburg Garden Club

The Petersburg Garden Club continues to evolve as time and the community grows/changes. The club originated in 1937 where they would meet early at the home of a member, work in their garden and then have breakfast together. Now they continually raise funds to not only plant flowers and pull weeds but to make an impact on the community in much needed ways. We will be hosting the fall SW District meeting in October.

Boonville Garden Club

Boonville Garden Club Continues the Yard of the Month presentations. Early October will participate in “Flair on the Square” where the booth will be near the Blue Star Memorial. Flyers with history of club and garden information will be distributed in effort to recruit new members. Monthly meetings have been outings to various gardens to observe techniques that might be helpful. The event at Myra Teal’s Gardens & Koi Pond resulted in her joining the club. A tree will be planted at the [Warrick Museum](#) this fall with a dedication program on Arbor Day 2025.



Koi fish by kareemov

Submitted by Linda Cornelius
South West District Director

Crown Point Garden Club



Crown Point Garden Club members have been busy maintaining their beautiful gardens around Crown Point. The pollinator garden at the State Fair Grounds is in its second year and everything is in bloom and filling in beautifully. Their gardens at the Covered Bridge at this same location are admired by all who visit there. The gardens surrounding the historic Court House in the town square look lovely due to the hard work of several members. The club is gearing up for its September 6th Mum sale fundraiser.

Submitted by Mariellen Smith
North West District Director

Fayette Garden Club

Fayette Garden Club went to [Soules Garden](#) in June for a tour after a lunch at Seros Family Restaurant. In July they toured 3 of Connersville’s tour attractions (their museum, Art Association, and Canal House). August was their annual pitch-in at Alquina Blue Arrows Park.

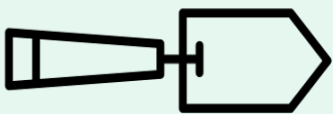
Submitted by Diane Hurless
South East District Director

Flower Lane Garden Club

Flower Lane Garden Club worked at the Open Class Flower Show at the County Fair in June. In July they toured [White River Gardens](#) butterfly house. August was a meeting at John R. Drybread Community Center with Cathy Weber speaking on *Milkweed and Monarchs*.

Submitted by Diane Hurless
South East District Director

Petersburg Garden Club



Petersburg Garden Club continues to evolve as time and the community grows/changes. The club originated in 1937 where they would meet early at the home of a member, work in their garden and then have breakfast together. Now they continually raise funds to not only plant flowers and pull weeds, but to make an impact on the community in much needed ways. We will be hosting the fall South West District meeting in October.

Submitted by Linda Cornelius
South West District Director

Gardener by Lutfi Gani Al Achmad

Trowel by ILKEBRS

Save the Date



Fall Seminar 2025
Hats off to Gardening!
September 9, 2025
 The Seasons Lodge
 560 E. State Rd 46
 Nashville 47448
 Hosted by South East District

Flower pot by Adiba

Honeywell Award

At the State luncheon, I encouraged other members to submit for the [Honeywell Award](#). From experience, I know how rewarding it is to have a completed the book of evidence. David and Wanda Zahrt also expressed how rewarding it was to enter and have their book of evidence.

I will also keep encouraging members to submit for a [Horticultural Award](#). This can be a district project, a club project, or an individual project. There is also one for literary effort, where a member or club has written articles on horticultural subjects. See the award manual for more information on these awards.

By Ann Herrman
 Honeywell/Horticulture Chair

Shamrock Garden Club

In May, Shamrock Garden Club members pursued creating delicious edible flower-glazed brie and conducted an internal plant and garden accents sale. In June, they held their meeting at the Still Waters Adult Day Center, who they are partnering with to create and maintain a perennial/annual garden on their campus. Members are donating both perennial and annual plants and created whimsical outdoor art using various glass items for use in their own gardens in July. August, they conducted their own internal Specialty Flower and Photography "non-judged" show displaying some of their finest blossoms and learning the best way to present specimens for a competitive judging. They also had a pitch in baking with purple potatoes at the August meeting using their plant of the year, purple sweet potatoes.



Submitted by Phyllis Grzeskowiak
Central District Director

North Harbour Garden Club

Multiple field trips were planned for the members of North Harbour Garden Club, such as a tour of [Acorn Farm Store](#) and Jay and Tess Park's gardens, Ray Fitzpatrick's gardens and a tour of our North Harbour Garden Club members' gardens. Ray Fitzpatrick also demonstrated the variety of ways to propagate plants and save many for next season. Future speakers will include an arborist, entomologist, and a master gardener.



Plant by Sahab Uddin

We look forward to Christi Oakes' presentation which will educate us on culinary and medicinal herbs.

This year we will again donate \$150 and gift cards to the O'Conner House to support single, young mothers. Our new project involves collecting flower vases and making a monetary donation to [Random Acts of Flowers](#), which gifts flower arrangements to nursing homes and hospice centers.

The North Harbour Garden Club also donates annually to the Indiana State Garden Club for the following funds: Blue Star Memorial, Scholarships, World Gardening and the Indiana Land Trust.

Duneland Garden Club

The Duneland Garden Club started off the summer by planting a tree for Arbor Day at the Thomas Centennial Park in Chesterton. The annual plant sale in May provided the community with many plants lovingly procured from members' gardens. For National Garden Week, they visited the garden of one of their founding members, set up garden week signs in their downtown planters, planted shitake mushroom logs at the president's home and created a garden with donated tulip trees and peonies on the Duneland Prairie. They also held a Plant a Pollinator Garden and a butterfly activity for 25 children from 3-13 years old at the [Chesterton Garden Center](#). They learned about Monarch butterflies and created a scratch off butterfly.

July had members dressed up for their 30th anniversary party



planned and executed by members. Jayne Kessler and Mariellen Smith were both in attendance as well as their first president, Helen Petro. Forty-five members and guests enjoyed a terrific lunch and each other's company. In addition, this summer members enjoyed lunch at the Hacienda Restaurant before they toured the [International Friendship Gardens](#) in Michigan City, and in July the wonderful [Hamstra Gardens](#) in Wheatfield.

Submitted by Mariellen Smith
North West District Director

Broad Ripple Garden Club

Broad Ripple Garden Club has had a pleasant season. In June they were treated to an interesting demonstration on making soap from natural products.

July led them to tour Coxhall Gardens & home in Carmel. They enjoyed learning about milkweed & monarchs in Aug. And they welcomed TGCI State President Jayne Kesler and her husband Keith to celebrate Broad Ripple's 75th Anniversary. Jayne presented the club with a Certificate of Recognition and TGCI Central District Director Phyllis Grzeskowiak also presented the garden club with a Certificate of Appreciation. Just this month they were treated to a fascinating display of bonsai specimens along with the history and how-tos of these plants.

Club members attended the Holiday Park Blue Star Dedication, along with tending their own Blue Star Garden. Broad Ripple hosted the district meeting



(from left) Broad Ripple G.C. President Colette Bracken, TGCI President Jayne Kesler and Central District Director Phyllis Grzeskowiak.

in May, and had members attend the state convention, and the planning session for next year's convention. We have more activities planned for the fall.

Submitted by Phyllis Grzeskowiak
Central District Director

Penny Pines



changes
are
coming!

Laura Kirby will have new information for you about Penny Pines in the December issue of *Indiana Gardens*

Birds & Butterflies

**Katrina Vollmer Butterfly
Traveling Silver Tray**



This wonderful tray is awarded to an Individual Garden Club for outstanding contribution to the landscaping for butterfly which could include: landscaping for butterfly attraction and protection; maintaining a butterfly habitat. Attraction, and preservation. Send your [application](#) to me by Dec 1st!

By Cathy Weber
Birds & Butterflies Chair

Creative Hands Garden Club



Creative Hands Garden Club met and designed in June. Their July meeting was canceled due to 92 degrees and lack of air conditioning at the meeting location. They met in August to practice making the style of centerpieces for the [Wildflower Workshop](#). Now Creative Hands G.C. members and Twin City G.C. members are planning and working on the hostess responsibilities for our Annual District Meeting on Halloween.

Submitted by Joyce Bulington
Central East District Director

Hobart Garden Club

The Hobart Garden Club held a successful plant sale and rummage sale for National Garden Club Week. They also held a standard flower show, as well as putting in a display at the Hobart Public Library which promoted National Garden Week. The club also received an NGC National Award for their work with NEO and planted a vegetable raised garden bed which has produced over 200 pounds of vegetables. This food was donated to the Portage Township food bank. Members toured a former member's garden where the entire yard is blooming with flowers and has no grass. The club also had a photo booth on national night out at the County Line Orchard where they gave out membership brochures and had over 250 people get their buzzy bumble bee photos taken.

Submitted by Mariellen Smith
North West District Director

Terrace Garden Club



Terrace Garden Club had a talk on making Bee Hotels in June. In July they did a garden tour of Linda Bowers home. In August they met at a members house in Utica, Indiana, and had a plant auction.

Beehive by [Smashing Stocks](#)

Munster Garden Club



A set of kokodamas via Wikipedia.

Munster Garden Club has enjoyed being able to visit the gardens of several members this summer. It is always fun to see what other members are doing in their yards. At our summer meetings, we learned about making [kokodamas](#) and the world of bats. One of our members held a potluck each month during the summer where members could chat and get to know each other better. Our club had a table at one of the largest *Night Out Against Crime* events in the country and answered garden questions and gave out insect tattoos to many children. Our Service Committee members continue to maintain the pollinator garden at the Humane Society and the new landscaping at the historic [Kaske House](#).

Submitted by Mariellen Smith
North West District Director

Cultivating Garden Club

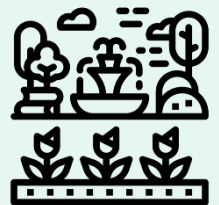


Cultivating Garden Club had a program on Indiana ferns by Mike Homoya, a botanist and plant ecologist. They visited three member's gardens. Two on lake front properties with very different designs and one at a cabin made up of galvanized tubs planted with fruits, vegetables, and herbs. They also toured a new nursery ([Miss M's](#) in Bargersville) and had a program on house plants.

Submitted by Diane Hurless
South East District Director

Nightbloomers Garden Club

Greensburg's Nightbloomers Garden Club continue with the 'member takes a month' program so it is always fresh and varied. They went to [Farmhouse Cafe and Tea Room](#) in Bean Blossom and wandered the nursery. In August, they gathered in Westport and made an art project with ball jar lids and fabric that looked like fabulous flowers and can be hung on the wall. One of their members, Sherry Purvis, had her garden featured in the local paper.



Respectfully Submitted by Diane Hurless
South East District Director

Mudlarks Garden Club

Mudlarks Garden Club worked at the Open Class Flower Show at the County Fair in June. In July, they toured the [TC Steele Memorial](#) house, gardens, and gallery. In August, Sara Kinne from the Indiana Daffodil Association spoke about different variations of daffodils.



Daffodils by [Ari Sandi](#)



Taking a Closer Look at... *South East District*

All Thumbs Garden Club held its August meeting at the home of Nancy Fleming. In keeping with the club's theme, a quote from the All Thumbs yearbook was shared: "Life is a quilt. The pattern always changes. Through life lessons, a masterpiece is created." - Anonymous

Nancy Fleming and Linda Sullivan presented an engaging program on "How Gardens Influenced Quilts." Nancy referenced John Rice Erwin's book, [A People and Their Quilts](#), highlighting how quilting traditions spanned from the Queen of Scots to women in the simplest European cottages and on to

the wives of American presidents, and to women living in one-room cabins. Nancy displayed several quilts pieced and quilted by her grandmother, illustrating these timeless traditions.

Linda further enriched the discussion by exploring various quilt styles, including cottage garden, crazy quilts, and embroidery designs. She also stated that women were encouraged by women's magazines to cultivate flower gardens. Consequently, quilts of the 19th century reflected the influence of gardening. Linda then shared several family heirloom quilts made by her



grandmother and mother, emphasizing the intricate details and craftsmanship. Linda eloquently stated, "Though they may be faded and worn, time cannot erase the beauty in a quilt or the love in the heart of the maker."

Several members also showcased their own cherished quilts.

Submitted by Betty Noel
Club Secretary

*Opposite page: Linda Sullivan and Norma Wilson holding a treasured quilt of Norma's.
Above: (L) Nancy Fleming (R) Darnell Dukes
Below: (L) Linda Sullivan, (R) Nancy Fleming*



Taking a Closer Look at... *South West District*



Green Thumb Garden Club

Green Thumb Garden Club in Princeton, members of South West District. Members have been busy with installation of the two raised beds at the historic Wabash Erie Canal site in Eastern Gibson County. Project completed in cooperation with the Gibson County Tourism and Lyles Station Historic School and Museum.

Our Club currently meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Lyles Station Historic School and Museum. Multiple garden sites on the Lyles property is planted and maintained by Club members. This summer Toyota employees who were on loan for community service helped in many ways with painting, laying mulch, weeding, building repairs, laying brick pavers just to name a few. Their services continue through September. We are very grateful.

September 23 & 24, our Club members will greet at least 160 Gibson County Sixth graders to Lyles Station to learn candle making, milking a cow, using a wash board, planting sunflower seeds, the care of farm animals including sheep, pig, duck, and goats.

Submitted by Jodi Meyer
Green Thumb Garden Club





What Is Lyles Station?

[Lyles Station](#) is one of Indiana's early black rural settlements and the only one remaining. The rural settlement reached its peak in the years between 1880 and 1912, when major structures in the community included the railroad depot, a post office, a lumber mill, two general stores, two churches, and a school. By the turn of the twentieth century, Lyles Station had fifty-five homes, with a population of more than 800 people. The farming community never fully recovered from the Great Flood of 1913, which destroyed much of the town. In 1999, the same year that the Lyles Consolidated School was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Historic Landmarks Foundation listed it as one of Indiana's Ten Most Endangered Places. [The Lyles Station Historic Preservation Corporation](#) acquired the property and began renovations on the building and developed a two-fold plan for use of the former school. This plan called for the establishment of a museum/local history center which would provide an opportunity for the public to witness the accomplishments and contributions of African-Americans, specifically those persons with heritage in rural southern Indiana, and the development of the Heritage School.

Lyles Station school house By Kmweber

Taking a Closer Look at... *Central District*

In August, we were delighted to tour the [Coxhall Mansion and Gardens](#) in Hamilton County. Our meeting started in the mansion where we learned the history of the house, built by Jesse and Beulah Cox. Jesse later donated both the house, which was designed to look like the Governor's House in Williamsburg, Virginia, and the surrounding 125 acres to the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department. After touring the house, we headed out to the children's garden, where a Hamilton County Master Gardener gave us a tour of all the features of that garden, which they help maintain. In addition to murals and imaginative play areas, the newest garden feature is a kaleidoscope.

Over Labor Day weekend, several club members rescued plants from the flower beds around the children's garden at [Holliday Park](#). Fall Creek Garden Club members have maintained those gardens for many years, but the gardens will soon be removed when the park begins a project to remodel the children's play area. Members moved some of the plants to the new Blue Star memorial, which was recently re-dedicated at the park, and will now maintain that area.

Submitted by Carol Michel
Club Secretary



Fall Creek Garden Club



North West District

North West District held their annual walkabout in Valparaiso in August which was hosted by **The Vale of Paradise Garden Club**. We toured the projects that their club has been involved in at Sunset Hill Farm County Park. After a tractor ride through the farm, we enjoyed lunch at the Silo after which a plant exchange was held. The district 2026 TGCI convention venue committee has also been busy visiting possible sites for the event and have our chairman and co-chairmen in place.

Submitted by Mariellen Smith
Northwest District Director





Taking a Closer Look at... *Central West District*

Sullivan County Garden Club’s 2024 Arbor Day tree planting an apple tree (above left) with Northeast East Elementary third grade class. Garden Club members participating included Shar Strahle, Pam Irvin, Becky Cole, Mary Lou Chapman and Donna Cox.

The Open class flowers exhibit at the Sullivan County 4-H fair was sponsored by the Sullivan County Garden Club.

Edie Dyer Wilson (above right) is creating a water feature to the landscaping at the Sullivan County 4-H fairgrounds.

July 2024 Garden of the Month award winners are Scott and Tammy Brown of Sullivan.

The Sullivan County Garden Club hosted the Fall meeting of Central West District on Monday, September 30 at the Sullivan Civic Center in Sullivan.



Our theme was “Gardens: New Beginnings.” Our guest speakers included Kristen Witt, District 6 Market discussing “Behind the Scenes at the Greenhouse.” She shared her experiences, as well as growing tips.

Edie Dyer Wilson’s presentation “Landscaping with Surprises” is sure to appeal to your creativity. Mark your calendar and join us for a day of learning and fun!

Submitted by Mary Chapman
Sullivan County Garden Club

North Central District

The seven clubs of the North Central District have had a busy summer.

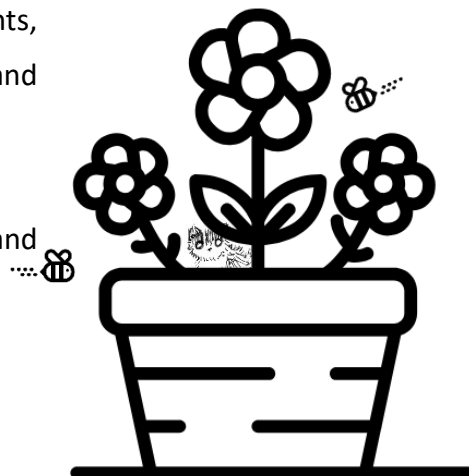


Picnics

- Both Terra Verde G.C. and Syracuse-Wawasee G.C. enjoyed a summer evening eating outside.

Field Trips—We traveled quite a bit.....

- Michiana G.C. visited a lavender farm, Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, and Dogwood Hill Tree Farm in Middlebury.
- The 4 Winds G.C. went to [Bonneyville Mill](#), and a local garden center to learn about houseplants.
- Peru G.C. traveled to the Indiana Fairgrounds to see container plants, presented a program on wildflowers for children at a local nursery, and came to the [Wildflower Workshop](#) in Marion.
- Terra Verde G.C. visited private gardens in LaPorte.
- Syracuse-Wawasee G.C. visited a lavender/you pick organic farm and [Wellfield Botanic Garden](#), which is the district project.



Planter by Rozin Abdul Hafidz Majjudin

Flower arranging

- Both Terra Verde G.C. and Iris-Elm G.C. enjoyed making floral designs.

Speakers

- Iris-Elm G.C. learned about the importance of phosphorus and then learned about using herbs in food and drink.
- The 4 Winds G.C. enjoyed a program on the [Krider World Fair Garden](#) and the [Elkhart County Quilt Gardens](#).
- Monticello G.C. learned about landscaping, how to plant and care for trees, and their own White County Courthouse.

I'd also like to say that all 7 clubs of my district submitted a program book.

Submitted by Linda Harkleroad
North Central District Director

Container Gardens

Most of us love lasagna ...the luscious layers...yum! But did you know you can do “lasagna planting” now for spring blooming bulbs? Developed by the Dutch, “lasagna planting” can be done with fall planted bulbs right in your garden, but this method is ideally suited for container gardening. First, choose your pot. For 3 layers of bulbs you’ll need a pot at least 10-12” deep. Make sure the pot has sufficient drainage holes in the bottom. You may want to line the bottom with a few broken crock pieces, pebbles, or wire mesh to contain the soil. A layer of compost on the bottom is a good start. You could also use gravel. Then add a thick layer 2-3” of potting soil mixed with bulb food. Plant the first layer of bulbs pointed side up. These bulbs will be the ones you choose that will bloom the latest. Examples are large daffodils, tulips, fritillaria and allium. Plant them closer to each other than you normally would, 1” apart. Cover with 2” of potting soil. Plant the 2nd layer of mid-spring blooming bulbs (tulips, daffodils, hyacinths) about 6” deep, 1-1/2”

apart. Cover with another 2” of soil. Then plant the 3rd (top) layer of bulbs. These are the bulbs that will bloom the earliest. Choose from crocus, mini iris, grape hyacinth, and snowdrops. Cover with 3-4” of soil and a light dusting of bulb food. Mulch well and water. In Indiana, it is best to keep the pot in an unheated garage to keep it cold but not freezing. Water every few weeks, being sure the bottom of the pot is not standing in water. Set outside in early spring. You can place the pot inside a more decorative pot at this time as desired. Also, you can decorate the top layer of soil with shells, or moss. After blooming, deadhead as desired to keep the pot looking tidy. Letting the leaves die back naturally help the bulbs bloom the following year. After the blooms are over, you can plant the bulbs in your garden. Then start with new bulbs next fall. Use whatever bulbs are available. You can even use 3 varieties of the same bulb if they have different bloom times. If you like, you can use a smaller pot and make 2 layers instead of three. You are only limited by your imagination. Happy planting!

by Colette Bracken
Container Gardening Chair

Annual Civic Fund

Contributions made each year to the Annual Civic Fund are available to the District hosting that year’s State Convention. Each affiliated garden club within the district may submit a request for funds to support a new civic project. Money for these projects is collected from donations given by the clubs throughout the year. So please donate to the Annual Civic Fund as we all look forward to doing these special projects after each of our State Conventions.

I spoke with Linda Cornelius, South West District Director, about their use of the 2023 State Convention

Annual Civic Fund monies. She stated three clubs have put in for money to do a special project. Arts and Flowers and Christmas Lake are doing tree plantings. Boonville is doing a revamp landscaping in their area. Sue Rosiak, Central West Director, stated Sullivan County and Hendricks County garden clubs are planning to do a tree planting together around the Sullivan County courthouse with money from the 2024 State Convention funds. I reminded both Linda and Sue that the clubs need to keep a journal of their project with pictures and receipts. I am pleased the Civic Fund money is being put to good use!

by Diane Hurless
Annual Civic Fund Chair

Pollinators

As you know pollinators are very important to humans for a variety of reasons mostly having to do with pollination. We need to provide sustenance like nectar and pollen.

It is my opinion that native plants do a much better job at this than modern plants. Some hybrids are sterile and provide nothing. Native plants are drought tolerant. They have grown up together and provide a more compatible food source.

The main pollinators are flies, butterflies, moths, wasps, and bees. In other words, they fly around and when they approach a flower, they need to land to get something to eat. A flat surface on the top of the blossom is certainly a plus.

We think about Milkweed as necessary for the Monarch Caterpillar, but the Milkweed blossom is a real draw for these flying pollinators. Joe Pye weed is

another attractive native plant. Butterflies are especially attracted. Liatris is undemanding and attracts pollinators, then its seeds feed the Finches. Don't cut off the seed heads.

My front door is swarmed by all sort of pollinators because Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*) grows next to it. It is a mint so it spreads but you can contain it. It grows about 4 feet tall and is absolutely full of pollinators. All types of alliums are loved by pollinators and different variety bloom at different seasons. Sedums bloom late and are needed at that time of the year. Insects are all over the blossoms even before they open. My favorite is the blue giant hyssop, this is a nonstop buzz. It needs to be the native. A lot of the new hybrids do not return the following year and are not nearly as attractive as a food source.

So, I ask you to please try to find a place for one or two native plants in your yard.

by Sue Rosiak
Pollinator Chair



Scholarships

South East District Fall Meeting, Sept 5, 2024: All Thumbs Garden Club received a special recognition for annual [scholarship donations](#) from Scholarship Chair David Zahrt (right) accepted by Bridget Molinari (left).

Gardening School

The National Garden Club Gardening School consists of 4 two-day courses that may be taken in any order. When you complete them, you become a Gardening School Consultant. Refresher courses are encouraged. After four refreshers you become a Master Consultant. At the National Convention in June, Jim Pavelka in NW District received a special award for completing all four NGC schools: Environmental, Gardening, Landscaping and Flower show.

I learned so much from the Gardening School about all aspects of horticulture. I am still in touch with people I met in the NGC Schools. For those who like to travel, some courses are offered in person.

Some are offered on Zoom, which makes them quite affordable.

These are upcoming Gardening School courses. See the NGC website for details about the schools.

Course #1- Zoom on September 30, 2024 from New Smyrna Beach, FL

Course #2- in person Oct 28, 2024, in Tacoma, WA

Course #2- Zoom Feb 10, 2025, from New Smyrna Beach, FL

In 2025 there will be a Course # 3 in April, and a Course #4 in October, but details weren't available.

Course 1- Sep 30 - Oct 02, 2024 New Smyrna Beach, FL (Virtual Classroom)

Course 2- Feb 10 - Feb 12, 2025 New Smyrna Beach, FL (Virtual)

At this time courses 3 and 4 have not been posted.

Rita Hummel
Gardening School Chair

BEV KELVER ARBOR AWARD

An award of \$100.00 and a Certificate of Award will be given when merited, to the club with the most outstanding tree program. Additional awards of \$50.00 may be given on occasional years when funding permits.

Requirements:

1. Submit an [application form](#).
2. Include photographs, financial statement, project summary, publicity, and number of trees planted.
3. Project work to be from January through November of current year, however, it may show evidence of a continuing project.
4. No club may win this award two consecutive years.

Scale of Points for Judging:

Number of trees planted by club members on private property	10 pts
Number of trees planted and significance of club planting projects on public grounds	45 pts
Most significant Arbor Day Service	35 pts
Tree planting and/or environmental education programs with youth	10 pts
Total	100 pts

A committee of three (3) members, including the *State Trees Chairman*, shall be appointed by the State President to judge the applications. Application form (see Awards Rules) is to be sent to the *State Trees Chairman* (laurakearby@hotmail.com) by **December 1**.



The GARDEN CLUB OF INDIANA, Inc.

Awards Application 2023-2025

Award Name: _____ Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Size: _____ Small 1-20 members
_____ Medium 21-50 members
_____ Large 51 + members

Name of person submitting award: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CHAIRMAN - SEND AWARD TO:

James Pavelka, 1034 E 8th St - Hobart, IN - 46342-5220 jamespavelka@comcast.net 219-942-6793 or 219-629-2358

Application limited to three printed pages - front side only. **USE THIS PAGE AS A COVER SHEET ONLY** with no further info. You may then add a total of three additional pages. No report covers, plastic sheets, or binders allowed. Applications will not be returned. (Exceptions: publications (books), CD/DVD).

Copy entry form for your files, before submitting. For electronic submission, fill in this form, save it, and then attach to an email. Send entries to appropriate state chairman for the award. That chairman will forward winning 1st place entries (scoring over 90 pts.) with exception of flower shows (must score 95) on to the State Awards Chairman. Remember that there can be a 1st place in every club size category. If the award does not match with appropriate chairman, then submit directly to the State Awards Chairman for judging. Only State Awards Chairman may submit the NGC application on an applicant's behalf.

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL. YOU HAVE BYPASSED THE STATE PROCESS. SUBMIT INITIALLY TO THE APPROPRIATE STATE CHAIRMAN FOR JUDGING.

Is this a new project? _____ Yes _____ No

Beginning Date _____ Expected Completion _____ or Ongoing _____

On the next three pages give a summary and objectives, involvement of club members, other organizations, project expenses and means of funding, continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, publicity, and/or landscape plan (does not need to be professionally drawn). A good award entry will follow the point schedule that NGC uses for each award. <https://gardenclub.org/.../awards-handbook-2021-23.pdf>



YOUTH POETRY CONTEST 2024

**My Garden Has Vegetables
to Spare That I Can Share -**

***Helping Fight Hunger by
Sharing Vegetables From
Our Garden***

Excite and encourage youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing.

Eligibility and Categories

Youth in grades K-12 compete by grade-level in one of three categories: General Education, Special Education or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

Submissions and Deadlines

All poems are submitted to a local garden club affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. Local clubs send their winning poems (1 per grade-level in each category) to their State by the published State deadline. State winning poems are sent to their Region Contest by 2/24/2025. Region winners are sent to the National Contest by 3/17/2025. National winning poems are announced in May 2025, and published online in a free digital poetry booklet.



Complete Guidelines

gardenclub.org/poetry-contest



YOUTH POETRY CONTEST GUIDELINES 2024

gardenclub.org/poetry-contest

My Garden Has Vegetables to Spare That I Can Share – *Helping Fight Hunger by Sharing Vegetables From Our Garden*

Guidelines

- Include name, address, age, grade, school, sponsoring local garden club and state garden club of the poet on the back of entry. (Child privacy is important to NGC, and thus, published winning national poems will only identify the poet's first name, last name initial, local garden club and state.)
- Poet's family does not have to be a member of the local sponsoring garden club.
- Poems should be no more than 24 lines (including title) with a max of 42 letters/spaces per line in order to fit on single page of the booklet.
- Poems do not have to rhyme. They may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or haiku.
- When choosing a poem title, please be creative and incorporate the theme: "My Garden Has Vegetables to Spare That I Can Share – *Helping Fight Hunger by Sharing Vegetables From Our Garden.*" However, the theme should not be used as the title to any poetry. When judging, the title is worth 10 points.
- All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Sending Region winning entries to NGC: All Region winning entries must be typed, titled, and sent to the National Chairperson ([James Pavelka, jamespavelka@comcast.net](mailto:jamespavelka@comcast.net)) in Word format via email, and the original hard copy mailed for judging.
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Eligibility, Categories and Judging Criteria

- Youth in grades K-12 compete by grade-level in one of three categories: General Education, Special Education or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).
- **Scale of Points:** Title 10%, Content 40%, Creativity 30%, Style 20%. Total 100%





2024 YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

Is Recycling Plastics the Answer to Our Plastic Disposal Problem?

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Essay Contest is open to all students in 9th - 12th grade. Essayists submit a 600-700 word essay that addresses the posed question.

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All essays are submitted to a local garden club affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. Local clubs send their winning essays (1 per grade-level) to their State by the published State deadline. State winning essays are sent to their Region Contest by 2/24/2025. Region winners are sent to the National Contest by 3/17/2025. National winning essays are announced in May 2025, and published online in a free digital essay booklet.



Complete Guidelines
gardenclub.org/contests-and-activities



YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES 2024

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Is Recycling Plastics the Answer to Our Plastic Disposal Problem?

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- Essayist's family does not have to be a member of the local sponsoring garden club.
- Essays must be between 600-700 words in length and be the unique and original work of the essayist. *NGC reserves the right to test winning entries for plagiarism and/or AI generation. Essays failing such tests will be disqualified.*
- Essays must be typed and submitted in Microsoft Word, using a font no smaller than 11 point.
- Essayists may submit one photo to accompany their essay. The photo must not show faces of any people included, and the essayist must attest that they have the rights to the photo (or that the photo is free and open source). The photo is not judged, but may be used in the digital booklet.
- When choosing an essay title, please be creative and incorporate the theme: "Is Recycling Plastics the Answer to Our Plastic Disposal Problem?" However, the theme should not be used as the title to any essay. When judging, the title is worth 10%.
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Eligibility and Judging Criteria

- Youth in grades 9th-12th compete by grade-level, with one national winner per grade-level and one overall winner who receives \$50.
- Scale of Points: Originality 20%, Central idea of essay is clear and addresses the theme question 20%, Organization of ideas uses a logical structure, clear paragraphs, and appropriate transitions 20%, Vocabulary, grammar and mechanics effectively communicates meaning 20%, Creative title 10%, Conformance to length 10%.





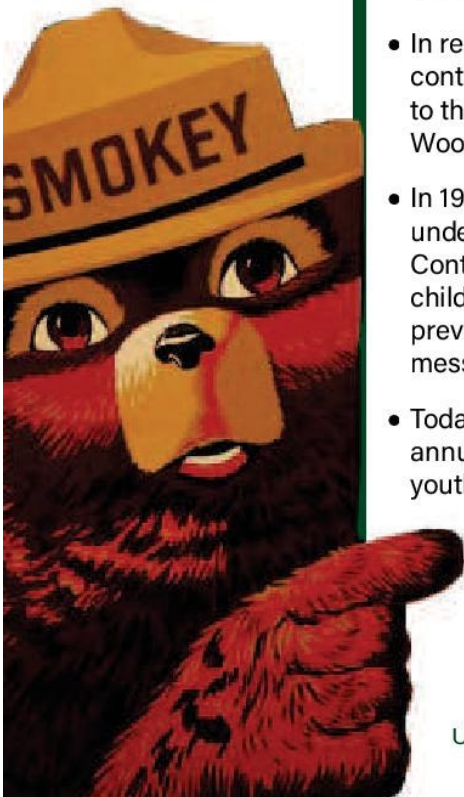
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National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest HISTORY

- What is now known as the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest began as an initiative of the New Mexico State Garden Club in 1959.
- In 1960, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (today's National Garden Clubs, Inc.) decided to replicate this contest and called it the National Smokey Bear Coloring Contest.
- The winners of the first National Smokey Bear Coloring Contest were announced at the National Council of State Garden Club's 1961 convention by Mrs. N.P. Marton, Junior Gardening Chairman, and Miss Elizabeth Mason of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.
- The name changed to the Free-Hand Smokey Bear Coloring Contest in 1971. Contest organizers asked children to draw original entries rather than color in a preexisting template. One year later, conservation took its place beside wildfire prevention in the first Woodsy Owl and/or Smokey Bear Poster Contest.
- In response to the environmental concerns in the 1970's, the contest was known as the Environmental Poster Contest. Entries to the annual competition could include either Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl but were not required to.
- In 1994, the contest celebrated Smokey Bear's 50th birthday under the name of the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. The contest became a national art competition in which children draw their interpretation of Smokey Bear and his wildfire prevention message or Woodsy Owl and his conservation message.
- Today, the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest is an annual tradition amongst elementary schools, scout troops, and youth groups across the Nation.





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National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2025 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

TIMELINE

Date	Activity	Responsibility of
June 2024	Information packages mailed to poster contest chairpersons and Forest Service conservation education and fire prevention coordinators	Forest Service
January 20, 2025	Local winning posters must be received by the State garden club or poster contest chairperson	Local garden club or poster contest chairperson
February 24, 2025	State winning posters must be received by the regional garden club or poster contest chairperson	State garden club or poster contest chairperson
March 17, 2025	Regional winning posters must be received by the National Garden Clubs poster contest chairperson	Regional garden club or poster contest chairperson
April 7, 2025	Judging to select the national winners for each grade level	National Garden Clubs poster contest chairperson and Forest Service staff
April 17-28, 2025	Selection of the national grand prize winner	Forest Service employees
May 2025	Announcement of national poster contest winners	National Garden Clubs (at their national convention)
Late summer 2025	National grand prize winner recognition ceremony in Washington, DC	Forest Service and National Garden Clubs, Inc.



PRESIDENT'S PROJECT 2023-2025

PLANT TREES FOR HOPE

Climate change and the warming planet threaten our way of life. Carbon dioxide, the primary driver of global warming, has played a crucial role in shaping our Earth's climate.








“As an efficient, inexpensive source of carbon capture, trees can be a major part of the solution to mitigate the effects of climate change.” (www.arborday.com)

Trees can be the solution to support communities providing calming canopies and a sense of well-being; trees can provide hundreds of species which nurtures biodiversity for forests, and they can absorb carbon dioxide and produced approximately 260 pounds of oxygen per tree per year. (Utah Forest Facts: “Trees and Climate Change” by Megan Dettenmaier, Michael Kuhns, Bethany Unger, Darren McAvoy)

With increasing concern about climate change, Jayne Kesler chose **Plant Trees for Hope** as her President's Project to challenge The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. clubs to take a part in providing Hope by Planting Trees.

Lucy Larcom captures it by saying, “He who plants a tree, plants a hope.”

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.



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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Have you seen this kitty?

The Editor has been looking for him. He's hiding in this issue of Indiana Gardens. If you find him, send an email to the Editor by December 1st and you'll be entered into a drawing for a wonderful prize! Winner announced in the February 1, 2025 issue.