

Central East District Director
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Madam Vice President,

Central East District held their annual meeting on Oct. 31st this year

The theme was the Color of Autumn, and three professional florists. Becky Banks florist and member of Twin City Garden Club, Becky DeLong member of Summitville and Creative Hands Garden Club, and Ruth Moorhead, Master Judge, a member of Creative Hands and Garden Club of Marion and Don Howlett, florist and employer of Becky DeLong was the other designer. Each did a different style and used different mechanics to hold the flowers and greens in place. It was a huge success! Following the program each design was sold, with one going all the way back to Indy to be placed at the front of an at church.

It was an “interesting” day as the district gave the “driver of Miss Jayne” a bottle of “Boos” to acknowledge his many miles traveled and his happy smile that he shares with all. Reports were given by all presidents followed by that president presenting, to Jayne Kesler, a check for Land Trust in support of her “Trees for Hope” project. A 15 minute “workshop” on how to make a budget, why, who to give copies of it to and when. Several presidents were pleased to get this correct information from the TGCI treasurer Cynthia Wright. A fun filled day was had by all, learning about project possibilities, meeting new people, spending money, and finally electing a new District Director! A Wildflower Workshop and an annual meeting all within 2 months has been a successful challenge this year. It may be the reason all of my hair is now gray.

A general report of all activities in the past 8 months. A flower show was successfully held by Petal & Stem, multiple tours were taken of gardens, a sunflower field, a greenhouse, plant sales held, garden tours given, and different types of fundraisers were successful. The last one I know of was a public invitation to a Make it Take It of holiday floral arrangements or wreaths from the club members greenery for \$15, offered by Summitville Garden Club. Three clubs have made fresh greens arrangements for the holidays. Soup luncheons, auctions of garden produce or results of their picking were sold, random items were sold at another as well as laughter. There were several meetings since the Wildflower Workshop and even one more plant sale or two. Forms have been filled out for awards, membership brochures and one club is filling out the form for a grant.

The clubs are always active in their communities, and I am always in awe of what can be accomplished by just a few hard-working members. I salute the clubs in the Central East District for all that they do, plans successfully accomplished and plans that are in progress. The members of this district work hard, play hard and continue to make a difference in their communities.

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Happy Holiday Memories to all!!! I am missing you.

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