

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

# 93rd Annual State Convention

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APRIL 9-10 2025

Jayne Kesler, TGCI President

Cathy Weber, Convention Chair

Phyllis Grzeskowiak & Cynthia Wright, Co-Chairs

## JOIN US FOR:

The **Myth or Fact Mixer**... meet special guest **National Garden Club President-Elect Donna Donnelly**...Play **Amazing Games**, Win **Fabulous Prizes**...

enjoy a **Lavish Evening** at the **Gala Under the Trees** President's Banquet...

hear **Keynote Speaker Tom Swinford** talk about the **History of the Indiana Landscape: From Ice Age to 1816 to Present**...be part of a Problem-Solving **Round Table**

**Discussion**...discover **The Illusion of Bonsai** with expert Mark Fields...collect **Flair**...

learn about our current Land Trust project **LEAF-a-Legacy of planting 20K trees**...be

wowed by **Carrie Tauscher: Trees of Crown Hill Cemetery** and the preserving the architectural greenspace ...**Relax** in the lovely venue spaces...Shop at **Amazing Local**

**Artist Vendors** including **Roots to Stars**, **Blue Porch deSIGNs**, and **Anne Maddox**...come

meet our scholarship students at the **Stunningly Fabulous Scholarship**

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## Embassy Suites by Hilton Indianapolis North

Located off 465 & Michigan Rd  
At 912 Vincennes Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46268

All available rooms are *full suites*, with a sleeping area, kitchenette, and separate space to relax. Your stay includes a free made-to-order breakfast, plus two drinks and snacks at a Manager's Event each evening.

**Total cost: \$139 plus tax per night**

Embassy Suites is offering TGC members a *fantastic deal*, if you reserve your room **before March 10, 2025**.

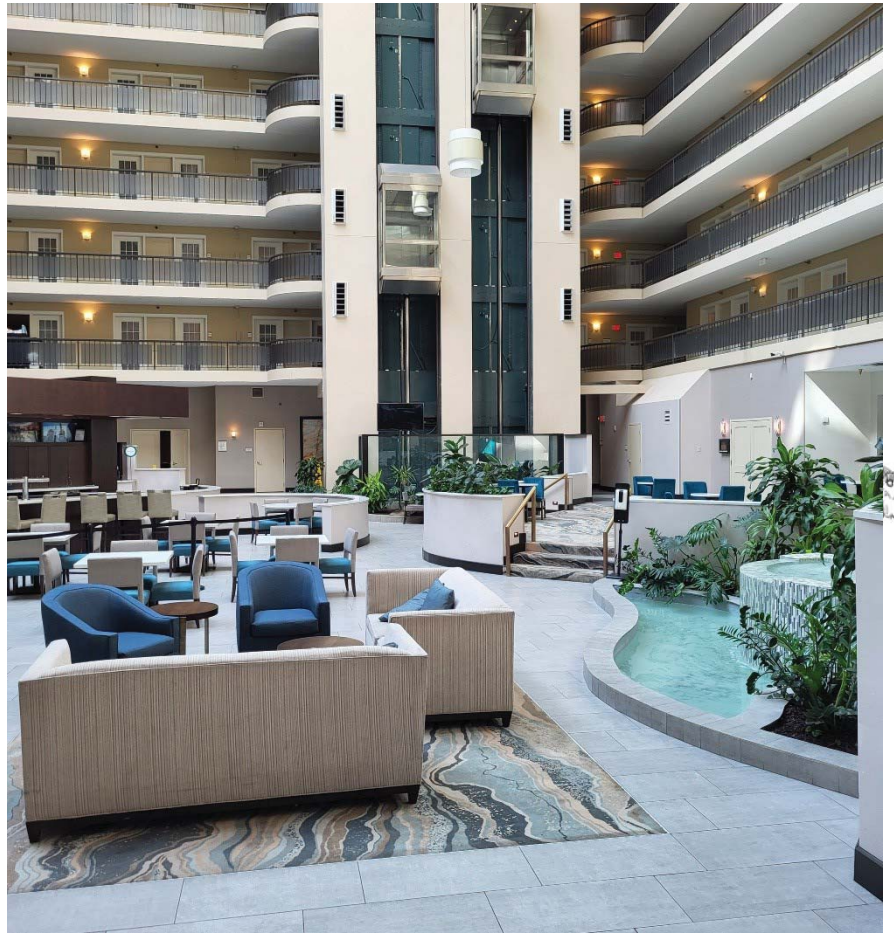
**After March 10th**, rates will increase.

There are a limited number of special ADA suites. To reserve an ADA-compliant room, please contact Christine Mitchell, Director of Sales at 317-715-4915 or [christine.mitchell2@hilton.com](mailto:christine.mitchell2@hilton.com)

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To Make Reservations

**CALL** this number: 888-875-2580

**CLICK** this Link: [The Garden Club of Indiana](#)

Use this **CODE: GCL**

# 93rd Annual State Convention Tentative Agenda

| Time<br>All times are EST       | Agenda Item   | Location       |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|
| <b>Tuesday April 8, 2025</b>    |   |                |
| 5-6:00pm                        | Myth or Fact Mixer  | Atrium         |
|                                 | Dinner on your own*   | See below      |
| 7:30pm                          | Social Hour Make-n-Take   | Madrid Room    |
| <b>Wednesday, April 9, 2025</b> |   |                |
| 6:00–9:00am                     | Breakfast for registered guests   | Garden Cafe    |
| 9:00am                          | Ways & Means Opens  | Madrid Room    |
| 9:30am                          | Registration Opens  | Barcelona Room |
| 10:00am                         | <i>The Illusion of Bonsai</i> , Mark Fields   | Barcelona Room |
| 11:15am                         | Lunch on your own*  | See below      |
| 1:00pm                          | <b>Official Meeting Opening</b>   | Barcelona Room |
| 3:30pm                          | <i>Round Table</i>  | Barcelona Room |
| 5:00pm                          | Social Hour   | Atrium         |
| 6:00pm                          | Vendor Room Closes  | Madrid Room    |
| 6:00pm                          | <b>President's Banquet &amp; Installation of Officers</b><br>Keynote Speaker: Tom Swinford, Sycamore Land Trust<br><i>History of the Indiana Landscape: From Ice Age to 1816 to Present</i> | Barcelona Room |
| <b>Thursday, April 10, 2025</b> |   |                |
| 6:00–9:00am                     | Breakfast for registered guests<br>Check out of room by 11:00am   | Garden Cafe    |
| 9:15am                          | <i>20K Trees – TGCI Land Trust Project</i> , Cliff Chapman CILT   | Barcelona Room |
| 10:30am                         | <i>Trees of Crown Hill Cemetery</i> , Carrie Tauscher   | Barcelona Room |
| 12:30pm                         | <b>Scholarship Luncheon</b>   | Barcelona Room |

\* There are approximately 20 restaurants within a 15 minute or less drive of Embassy Suites by Hilton North.

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# Just a Few More Things You Can See While You Are Here

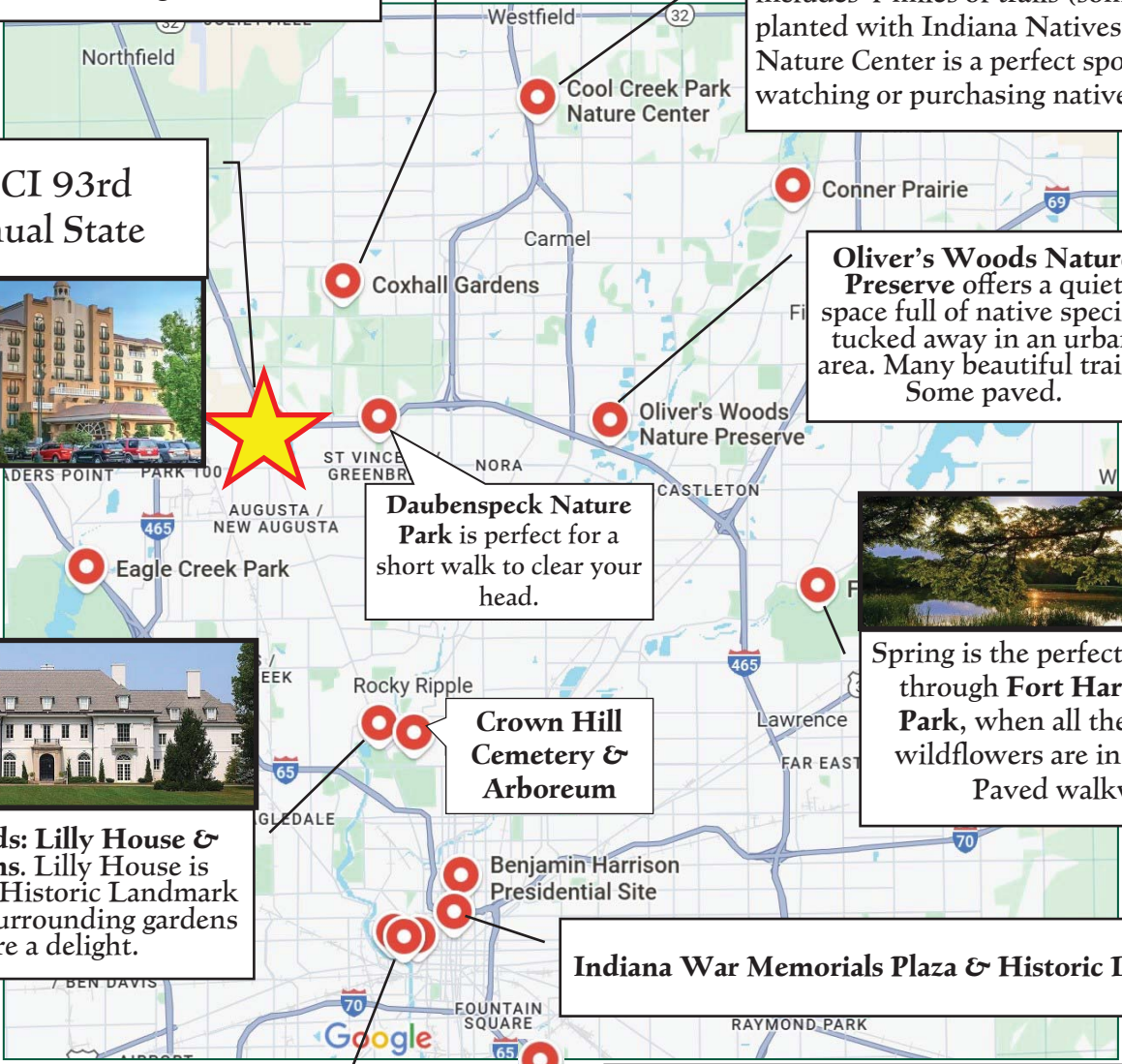


Visit **Coxhall Gardens** to hear the bell towers chime and see the enchanting gardens. Paved walking trails.

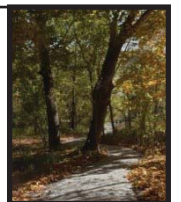


**Cool Creek Park & Nature Center** includes 4-miles of trails (some paved) planted with Indiana Natives. The Nature Center is a perfect spot for bird watching or purchasing native plants.

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**Oliver's Woods Nature Preserve** offers a quiet space full of native species tucked away in an urban area. Many beautiful trails, Some paved.



**Daubenspeck Nature Park** is perfect for a short walk to clear your head.



Spring is the perfect time to walk through **Fort Harrison State Park**, when all the woodland wildflowers are in full bloom. Paved walkways.



**Oldfields: Lilly House & Gardens.** Lilly House is National Historic Landmark and the surrounding gardens are a delight.

**Crown Hill Cemetery & Arboreum**

**Indiana War Memorials Plaza & Historic District**

- ☆ **White River Gardens**
- ☆ **Indianapolis Zoo**
- ☆ **Indiana State Museum**
- ☆ **Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art**

**Garfield Park Conservatory** is home to 800+ types of orchids. Drop by and see what's blooming! Open Tues- Sat: 10 am - 5 pm.



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# 93rd Annual TGCI State Convention Registration Form

April 9-10 2025 📍 Embassy Suites by Hilton, Indianapolis 📍 Hosted by Central District

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Name and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDENTIALS:** (Mark all that apply)

- First Time Attendee
- Non-TGCI Member
- Club President
- Club Delegate
- Scholarship Patron
- State Life Member

- National Officer
- National Chairman
- National Life Member
- Region Officer
- Region Chairman
- Regional Life Member
- State Officer
- State Chairman
- District Officer

| REGISTRATION CATEGORIES AND FEES   | Early Bird Price<br><i>Must be postmarked<br/>March 3, 2025</i> | Regular Fee<br><i>Must be postmarked<br/>March 28, 2025</i> |
|--|---|---|
| <p><i>We welcome all members and non-members at the same rate.<br/>Early Bird Prices only if postmarked by 3/3/2025. No guaranteed meal if postmarked after 3/28/2025.</i></p> |   |   |
| Convention Registration Fee (no meals included)  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$45                               |
| Tuesday Social Hour Make-n-Take  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$3                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5                                |
| President's Banquet — Wednesday Night<br><input type="checkbox"/> Meatless Option  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$37                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40                               |
| Scholarship Luncheon — Thursday Afternoon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Meatless Option  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have Medical Food Allergies.  |   |   |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTRATION AND FEES</b>   |   |   |

*Make checks payable to: **The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.** Mail check and completed registration form to: Registration c/o Linda Foster, 6075 Crows Nest Dr, Indianapolis, 46228-1409*

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form in with your registration or email JUST THIS FORM before March 28, 2025 to:  
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**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Presidents, to include someone who has passed since our 2024 State Convention, please complete this information.

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Information about the Deceased or submit a copy of obituary notice.

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**DISPLAY & EXHIBITS**

State Chairman, if you wish to have a space in our display area (unsecured), please complete this information.

Committee or Exhibit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Table Space Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

All Attendees can submit questions for the Round Table Discussion on Wednesday afternoon.

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