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Madame Vice President,

The CWD clubs are busy meeting and preparing program books for the upcoming year.

The Come into the Garden Club went to a Plant Swap in January. Laura Kearby the Club President gave a presentation about the club with an informational display, and she also provided door prizes. The February meeting was cancelled because of the weather. In March, the Club attended Morgan County Master Gardeners, Garden Fest, The Indianapolis Flower and Patio Shop, and the bimonthly plant swap. April will find them starting a new fiscal year, collecting dues, and welcoming a new member into their club.

The Hendricks County Garden Club is busy as always with their floral arrangements and committees. In January they heard a talk about "Insects in our Garden by Mike Corbitt a Purdue Entomologist. The February speaker was Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp "Comeback Kids: Perennials & Woodies for Containers and the Landscape. "These plants are well worth what they cost because they come back year after year, and many are deer resistant. The March meeting had John Chapin a local landscape and plant expert. He discussed Plants for the landscape and provide tips for making our gardens beautiful. March means that it is time for Volunteers to start working on the I-70 Rest Stop.

The Sullivan County Garden Club always meets in January to plan the activities for the up coming year. The regular meeting was held at the 4H Building with Kennedy Goforth speaking on her plans to initiate a community Garden at the Sullivan Park. The SCGC decided to rent a plot and hold a plant sale to raise money for the Project. The February meeting was a Marti Gras celebration with a real king cake from New Orleans. Information on Marti Gras was presented and the Members attending were dressed for the occasion in their Marti Gras finery. The March meeting was a High Tea. Four members decorated their table in spectacular fashion. The food ranged from cucumber sandwiches to cake and cookies. Members invited visitors with the hope of getting new members. A presentation on the history of tea and its cultivation was given by Anna Mauck. A member brought a block of tea and described how water was heated, and an amount of the block was scraped into the hot water to make tea in the era before tea bags.

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