

Central East District
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As spring breathes new life into our gardens, the Central East District clubs are bustling with energy and fresh ideas for the 2026/27 season. Yearbooks are being finalized, budgets set, and E-postcards prepped, ensuring everyone is informed and ready for a vibrant year ahead. Each club brings its own unique spark to our community.

Creative Hands Garden Club recently voted to switch their meetings to the third Monday of each month to better accommodate members' schedules. In April, they met to create beautiful floral arrangements for Easter, filling the room with creativity and laughter. There's nothing like seeing everyone's faces light up when they finish an arrangement. The club continues to encourage members to bring friends, neighbors, and relatives, making each meeting a welcoming gathering for all.

Looking ahead, Garden Club of Marion will host a Membership Recruitment Meeting in April, where newcomers can learn about the club's legacy and get involved. Also in April, members will roll up their sleeves for a workday to spruce up the Blue Star and Memorial garden beds at Matter Park—a highlight for many. Earth Day festivities are also on the calendar, with the club participating in community events and sharing sustainability tips. Mark your calendars for their annual Plant Sale on May 16 at Matter Park Pavillion.

Summitville Garden Club, though small in numbers, continues to make a big impact. This May, they will brighten the streets of Summitville by planting colorful containers throughout town—a tradition that's brought smiles to residents each spring.

Pendleton Garden Club is in full swing preparing for their annual Plant Sale and Horticulture Show, scheduled to be held at Falls Park Community Center.

Smalltown Garden Club, Twin City Garden Club, and Petal & Stem Garden Club are lining up a fantastic roster of speakers and planning educational field trips for members. Recent favorites include a tour of the Rose Gardens in Richmond and a hands-on workshop about native wildflowers.

As we embark on another season, the Central East District clubs continue to foster learning, friendship, and community pride. Each club's unique projects and cherished traditions remind us that gardening is about so much more than plants—it's about growing together.

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