

North Central District
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During the winter months all 7 clubs of the North Central District met either in small groups or as a club to work on their programs for 2026. Michiana went one step further and followed up the work session with white elephant bingo.

Both Michiana and Terra Verde had a meeting for the installation of officers. State President Wanda Zahrt did the honors for Terra Verde.

Flower based crafts also kept a few clubs busy while waiting for the frost date to pass and the planting season to begin.

- Syracuse-Wawasee enjoyed hapa zome by pounding pansies.
- Iris-Elm pressed their flowers.
- 4 Winds learned about dried flower wreaths.

Speakers provided most of the programs for this winter/spring season.

- Iris-Elm learned about the birds of the Tippecanoe River.
- Monticello learned about how climate change will affect our Indiana gardens.
- Michiana learned about the history of the St. Joseph River.
- Peru had two programs on planting natives, including one given by State President Wanda Zahrt.
- 4 Winds invited a local police officer to update them on senior scams.
- Syracuse-Wawasee learned about maple syrup.
- Terra Verde arranged for a speaker on the history of LaPorte's surrounding lakes, and over 60 people attended the meeting which was open to the public.

All 7 clubs plant their towns' parks and public areas, and all 7 are working on making the North Central District bloom red, white, and blue.

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