

Central East District Director
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Mr. Vice-President,

I appreciate the opportunity to share updates from the Central East District and am pleased to report that all seven clubs have remained active and engaged throughout the summer.

Creative Hands enjoyed designing arrangements at their new meeting location in Fairmont, reflecting continued enthusiasm for hands-on creativity and fellowship.

In addition, Pendleton Garden Club hosted a Bird Watching program presented by Marilyn McGee in June and sponsored a Mini Horticulture Show in July, and they are now preparing to host this year's Central East District annual meeting on October 16th with the theme "Bloom Where You Are Planted," demonstrating strong leadership within the district.

Garden Club of Marion has also had a productive season, with Cathy Weber presenting "Planting Natives for Monarchs" in June, followed by their annual picnic at the Pavilion in the Meadows at Matter Park in July, and an informative August session led by Geoff Schortgen, Wabash County Extension Educator, on invasives around Indiana.

Twin City Garden Club has been actively promoting membership in Jonesboro and Gas City, maintaining their Red, White and Blue planter, and continuing fundraising efforts in support of the Land Trust.

While Smalltown Garden Club, Summitville Garden Club, and Petal and Stem have each remained busy with summer projects, speakers, and fundraisers that strengthen community engagement across the district. I greatly value the dedication shown by each club and appreciate the opportunity to share these highlights with you, as their collective efforts continue to enrich our district's connection and impact.

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