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“Gardening with a Native Palette”

By Ellen Elliott, State President

Greetings fellow garden club members:

As we continue to transition into Autumn with the changing colors and temperatures, please keep in mind that deadlines are fast approaching for applying for individual, club and district awards. As of this time, a new State Awards Chairman has not been appointed, so please send all award information, questions, etc. to your State President. Remember that most deadlines are December 1, 2008, but check your awards booklet or the website to be sure all entries are made in a timely manner.

This fall, the state nominating committee will meet to consider the members who wish to run for the office of State President, Second Vice President, and Recording Secretary. If you would like to be considered for any of these positions (if qualified) please contact your District Director or State First Vice President (Suzanne Potts) for more information.

I am looking forward to visiting with everyone at your district meetings. These meetings furnish you with the opportunity to visit with State and District Officers, learn of new state projects, enjoy other members of your district and share in all the informative and fun programs. Please plan to attend your district meeting, I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Dates to remember:

- Oct. 1-4** **NGC Fall Board Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island**
- Oct. 15** **Central West District in Lebanon**
- Oct. 16** **South West District in Princeton**
- Oct. 17** **South East District in Nashville**
- Oct. 21** **North West District in Merrillville**
- Oct. 22** **North Central District in Winamac**
- Oct. 26-28** **Central Region Meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa**
- Oct. 30** **Central District Meeting in Indianapolis**
- Oct. 31** **Central East District Meeting in Marion**

Check the state website for updated information and forms (www.gardenclubofindiana.org). Please use this great resource to keep yourself informed about changes and upcoming events, to obtain forms for meetings and application forms for all awards.

Continue to invite new people to your club meetings to share information and all the fun, brag about accomplishments and extend an invitation to join your club. Place articles in your local paper or post notices at gardening centers to let everyone know there is a garden club in town. Your next new member is just an invitation away.

Many members and clubs are working to include native plants in their gardens and club programming. As I continue to travel around the state, I am amazed by the energy and the diversity of all our clubs and districts. Although we are all somewhat different, we do share the love of gardening, civic beautification and promoting the belief that we can and do make a difference in our world.

We are Gardening....with a Native Palette.

Ellen

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ISSUE DEADLINES

**Spring - January 2
Summer - May 1
Fall - September 1**

New Membership Idea

As Central District Director, I would like to share a great idea I received from Spring Green Garden Club in Carmel, for identifying potential new members for our clubs. Publicity/Membership chairman, Lana Compo, first asked Carmel Library if she could set up a table to publicize the club and seek new members. They turned her down. Also saying "No" was the Marsh grocery store in Carmel. She was not defeated. She went to the organizers of the Carmel Farmers' Market. We were welcomed!

We paid nothing to set up a tent and table near the other non-profits. The table was tastefully decorated with flowers and potted flowering plants. Literature on invasives and gardening with natives was available. On the first Saturday morning, eleven prospective members signed up as interested. Two weeks later seventeen people expressed interest. All of these people were sent a letter of invitation to our first meeting. For towns having Farmers' Markets or Fall Festivals, this may be a new source for identifying members.

Rosie Springer

Great Lakes Compact Update

A news release was received from the Indiana Conservation Alliance and verified in the Indianapolis Star: The Great Lakes Compact (which protects the Great Lakes from water removal from states and countries that do not border them) has been passed by all eight states. It went to Washington DC, and was passed by the Senate. It has yet to be passed by the House and signed by President Bush.

TGCI, Inc. is represented on the Alliance by a member of Central District. An all-member meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 24. The next Conservation Day will be at the Statehouse, Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

FOR GARDENERS

“The trouble with gardening is that it does not remain an avocation, it becomes an obsession.”—Phyllis McGinley

“You can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt.”

“We come from the earth, we return to the earth, and in between we garden.”

“I garden, therefore I am.”

SHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following students received Scholarships for 2008. One student, Emma Hunter was sent on to National Garden Clubs, Inc. and did not receive a Scholarship but was named 1st alternate. Thanks to all who donated last year and I'm looking forward to a full mail box again this year.

Purdue University:

Emma Hunter

The Josephine Jarboe Memorial Scholarship
Junior year. Major: Landscape Horticulture & Design
Hometown: Montpelier IN

Amy Oliver

The Georgia Mary Honeywell Memorial Scholarship
Junior year. Major: Landscape Designer/Landscape Nursery
Hometown: Leo IN

Landon Young

The Professor E.R. Honeywell Scholarship
Sophomore year. Major: Landscape Architecture
Hometown: Mitchell IN

Ryan Hoffman

The Dr. Michael N. Dana Scholarship
Sophomore year. Major: Landscape Horticulture/Design
Hometown: Huntington IN

Tony Gillund

The Vale of Paradise Garden Club Scholarship
5th year. Major: Landscape Architecture/Planning Technician
Hometown: Kokomo IN

Ryan Cambridge

The Marie Potts Memorial Scholarship
Co-op 4th year. Major: Landscape Architecture

Ball State University

Chad Shaw

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Scholarship
Graduate Student. Major: Landscape Architecture
Hometown: Ft. Wayne IN

Alisha Koester

The Women's Department Club of Indianapolis Scholarship
Senior year. Major: Landscape Architecture
Hometown: Indianapolis IN

Benjamin Hanus

Four Winds Garden Club Scholarship
Senior year. Major: Landscape Architecture
Hometown: Lanesville IN

Julie Beckberger

Four Winds Garden Club Scholarship
Junior year. Major: Landscape Architecture
Hometown: Munster IN

Brent Krieg

The Marie Potts Memorial Scholarship
Graduate Student 2nd year. Major: Masters Landscape
Architecture
Hometown: Anderson IN

Jeremy Brown

The Marie Potts Memorial Scholarship
Sophomore year. Major: Landscape Architecture
Hometown: Carmel IN

Jessica Day

The Professor Malcolm Cairns Scholarship
Senior year. Major: Landscape Architecture
Tipton IN

Karma Hack

The Vale of Paradise Garden Club Scholarship
Graduate Student. Major: Landscape Architecture
Hometown: Muncie IN

Aaron Kowalski

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Scholarship
Sophomore year. Major: Landscape Architecture
Hometown: Chesterton IN

Scott Minor

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Scholarship
Graduate Student. Major: N/A
Hometown: Indianapolis IN

Judy Fornshell, Scholarship Chairman

WORLD GARDENING

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

NATIONAL DISASTER

The National Convention attendees had their annual 2008 Walk-a-Thon for Habitat for Humanity. Karen Hix reported its success.

Another project is Global Partners Running Water. This nonprofit organization is supporting healthy projects in Latin America. National Garden Clubs has asked for support providing clean running water to Oxo de Agua Quiche, Guatemala. This village of 600,000 people has no water now, and hope with your help, to bring clean running water to them. A recommendation has been sent to our board to help this worthwhile project. Send money to this chair person for credit to Indiana or directly to National Garden Clubs, Inc., 4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110-3492.

Jo Williams, Chairman for Habitat for Humanity is telling State Landscape Design Consultants how to enter a contest called "Color our Garden." Rules are listed below. Be sure to remember the district hosting the 2009 convention will receive all the money donated to Habitat for Humanity this year. So don't forget to send your donations to World Gardening and tell this chairman which project it's for.

Ellen Qualkinbush

State World Gardening Chairman

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONTEST-

Jo Williams, Chair

"COLOR OUR GARDEN" HFH LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONTEST

This is our last opportunity to publish the contest rules before the contest deadline. Good luck to all who enter. The cash awards are fabulous: \$500 –first; \$300 – second; \$200 – third

A low cost, low maintenance Habitat for Humanity Landscape Project contest open to State Landscape Design Consultants. A new project landscaping a Habitat for Humanity home which must be completed by December 31, 2008.

Book of Evidence-NGC Rules. No application form required. Must include:

1. One page summary of project.
2. Number of members in Landscape Design Consultants applying and number of members participating in project.
3. Drawing of landscape plan (not professionally done).
4. Budget.
5. Pictures reflecting progress of landscape project: before, during and the finished project.
6. All plantings must include natives and be low maintenance. Minimum of 2 trees required.
7. Evidence of plant care manual supplied to HFH homeowner. Manual should be basic with easy to follow instructions.
8. Proof of publicity. Community and youth involvement will enhance entry.
9. Prize money to be used for landscaping Habitat for Humanity homes.

For more information, Please contact: Jo Williams owjo@aol.com

Fall Creek Garden Club is looking forward to our
Central District Meeting on Oct. 30 at Primo North.

Our speaker will be Don Smith,
President of the Indiana Peony Society.
An auction of peonies will follow. Bring your friends!

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU
FROM ALL OF US**

**Garden Clubs – Beautifying,
Conserving and Protecting our
Country for decades,
Spring Green Garden Club
Carmel, Indiana**



*In loving memory of
Rachel Hawkins
Gold Star, State Life Member and Past President
Of Shamrock Garden Club
She will be missed.*



ROCHESTER GARDEN CLUB
North Central District
Come and GROW with us!

MANY THANKS
TO CAROL REID AND
NORMA MINION
FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE
IN THE HARBOR
NORTH HARBOR GARDEN CLUB

A Friend

A friend is like a shade tree
beside a summer way.

A friend is like the sunshine
that makes a perfect day.

A friend is like a flower
that's worn close to the heart.

A friend is like a treasure
with which one will not part.

Friendly Garden Club

In loving memory of
Smalltown Garden Club member,
Virginia Beardsley.

1935-2008

"The Streets of heaven
will soon be lined with
daffodils."



Grass is the cheapest
plant to install and the most
expensive to maintain.

--Pat Howell

Growing Native Plants for Wildlife

Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society
15th Annual Conference
November 22, 2008, 8:30 am–5:00 pm
Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis



Native plants are the basis for establishing and maintaining wildlife habitat and naturally occurring ecosystems. Learn how you can help restore native plants to Indiana. Expert speakers will share the science and practice of creating habitat to attract birds, frogs, butterflies, and other beneficial creatures to home landscapes.

Two internationally renowned speakers will be featured:

Author/entomologist **Doug Tallamy** will speak on the ecological roles of plants and the benefits of designing gardens with these roles in mind. "Gardening in this crowded world," he has said, "carries both moral and ecological responsibilities that mankind can no longer ignore."

Purdue professor **Steve Yaninek** will focus on the monarch butterfly's annual migration to the mountains of Mexico, sharing news of efforts to preserve the forests where one specific species of fir serves as their winter host.

Also on the Agenda

- Designing home landscapes with fool-proof native plants
- Elements of a healthy frog habitat
- Government grants for individuals growing native plants for wildlife
- Whether definitions of "native" plants include cultivars and hybrids
- Certified Monarch Waystation program & monarch habitat plants
- Role of habitat restoration in an urbanized landscape
- Guided bird & plant identification walks
- Book signing and sale

Registration brochure available at www.inpaws.org
or by calling 317-334-1932.

HELP MEMBERSHIP GROW! NGC MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Bring home a unique honor for your Indiana by expanding your club membership and participation.

As thousands of current garden club members can attest, the rewards of belonging to a garden club go beyond the pure pleasures of growing things and being part of a network of fellow gardening "gurus." With the national organization's status as the largest volunteer organization of its type in the U.S., garden club members also have a voice that can be heard coast-to-coast to achieve a rewarding and relevant mission: to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.

Today's garden clubs maintain traditional activities while creatively addressing current issues, such as climate change, highway beautification and a wide range of environmental concerns. Myriad local and state projects and national partnerships with such organizations as the U.S. Forest Service and Habitat for Humanity International give garden club members everywhere an opportunity to make a difference while engaging in activities they love.

YOUR STATE CAN HAVE A NEW CANNA CULTIVAR NAMED AFTER IT BY WINNING THIS YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION

For more details on how you and your club can participate, visit www.gardenclub.org, "Join a Club" section.



IDEAS TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

Motto of one club: "I will not follow where the path may lead, but I will go where there is no path, and lead a trail"

1. Host a "Paint Party" with local artists—invite public, have refreshments, have art judged. Artists supply all their own materials.
2. Hold a Gardening program at the Library either one club or neighboring clubs. Three or more members can each take a topic to discuss—bugs, perennials, or favorite shrub, etc.
3. Have a booth at a Home Show.
4. Choose a "Yard of the Month"—give them publicity—or leave a flyer on the door telling them that they won and invite to a meeting.
5. Send letters to new residents.
6. Provide flowers at City Hall, Library with signage "Courtesy of ____ Garden Club"
7. Have a beautification program in town.
8. Include meeting times in your church bulletin.
9. Have a club competition—challenge members to bring in new members.
10. Notice gardens and gardeners in your area and send complimentary letter and invite them to a meeting.
11. Have a Plant Party—invite the public.
12. Give a Certificate to the "Garden of the Month" and give them a one year membership
13. Have a "Mad Hatter Tea Party." Members and guests must wear hats—perhaps hats decorated for gardening. Everyone gets a prize—invite guests—have an interesting program to attract public—ex. "How to attract hummingbirds to garden."
14. Have a garden tour—invite the public—good money-maker too!
15. Have a "Special Night" party—give pansies to guests and the person who brought them.
16. If there is a parade in your town—have a garden club float
17. Distribute posters in town and at garden centers and libraries inviting public to an event.
18. Distribute flyers to Realtors to give to new residents
19. Have a Landscape Nursery Tour—perhaps they will give you a workshop.
20. Have a Progressive Members' Garden Tour—ex. 9 am coffee and cake—11 am salad—3 pm dessert—Invite new members and prospective members.
21. "PoppySeed" Auction and Luncheon—open to public—fun and money-maker!
22. Christmas house lighting contest—with prizes
23. "Spring Fling" garden luncheon and demo on floral design
24. Potluck Supper—invite a friend and feed them!
25. Plant flower beds at flagpole, nursing home, library, etc. with signs "by ____ GC"
26. Get bright tee shirts with club logo on front—one club had "Wednesday Weeders" on back so that they could be identified when working in public areas.
27. Invite non-members to assist with community activities.
28. Try to have at least one meeting in a public building to attract attention.
29. Always show enthusiasm about your club!
30. Start conversations about gardening when on supermarket or garden nursery lines, especially if they are purchasing plants or flowers.

*Submitted by Adrienne Langan
NGC Membership*

SAVE THE DATES

April 22 -23, 2009

**Central West District
invites all members to
McCormick's Creek State Park**

for the

78th Annual Convention

“Gardening...on the Wild Side”

**with 8 workshops that
include demonstrations,
hands-on-opportunities,**

nature walks,

a program on

“Lighting in the Garden”

REMINDER

As stated in the last issue, for economic reasons, the magazine is being sent by e-mail to those with web access.

To add or change your e-mail address, contact the circulation manager at smp9114@att.net.

TOURS

We will close out 2008 with the following tours:

November 29	Chicago Christmas Shopping Tour
December 4-7	Christmas in Charleston, South Carolina We'll see the opening of the Christmas Season in Charleston.

Complete information and Registration Forms are on the Website or call Ginny Jones – 317-894-8417.

Ginny Jones, Tours Chairman



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