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Mission Statement

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

Promotes

Interest and Education

in

Horticulture,

Landscaping,

Floral Design,

and

Environmental Concerns

ISSUE DEADLINES

Jan 2	Mar 1	May 1
July 1	Sept 1	Nov 1



Greetings from the President!

Hello everyone!

It is hard to believe that my term is almost over and this is my last message for Indiana Gardens. It has been a pleasure to serve as your president. I want to thank everyone for all of the advice, encouragement, and ideas that you have shared with me during the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed traveling to visit the clubs and meeting new garden club friends. The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. is a wonderful organization and I have often said that it is a shame that we can't convince more people to join us!

As I look over the things that the garden clubs have accomplished during the last two years, I am amazed that roughly 1356 members can do so much! We were able to give seventeen scholarships last year and this year we will be able to award fifteen and one half scholarships. We reached our goal of \$10,000 to be donated to The Nature Conservancy through our Land Trust contributions. This money will be used for the establishment of a butterfly trail at Kankakee Sands in Newton County. These contributions were in addition to amounts donated to the Blue Star Memorial Fund and World Gardening. As I have read the reports of the District Directors and looked at the club yearbooks I have been so impressed with all of the work the clubs do in their individual communities. Our clubs make a significant impact!

Finally I want to congratulate those who have been nominated to serve during the 2019-2021 term. It is an excellent team and I know that The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. will accomplish great things during the next two years and beyond!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president!

Sue

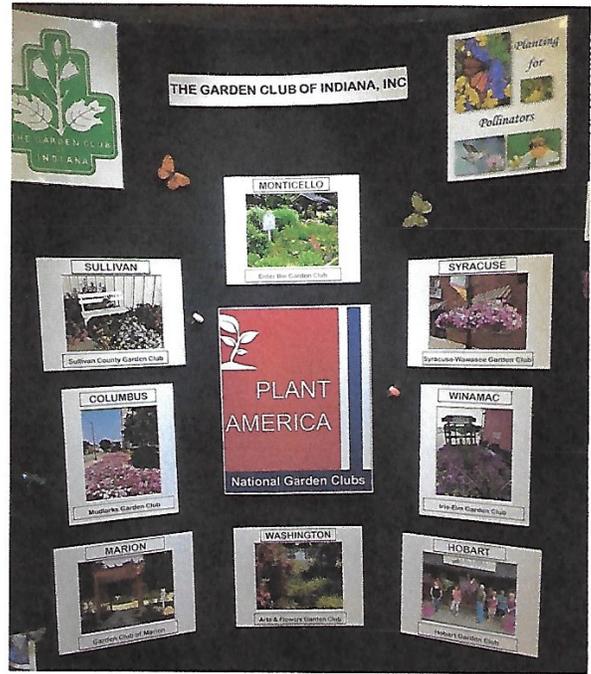
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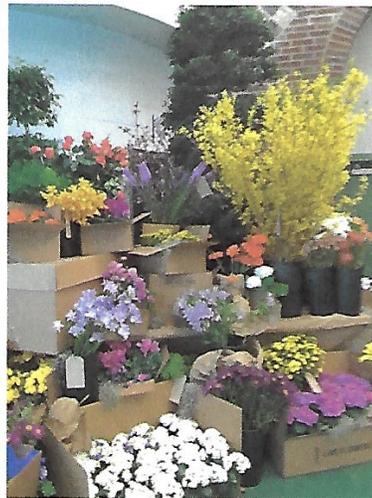
2019 FLOWER & PATIO SHOW



TGCI booth with our new garden lady "Tilly" created by Edie Dyer-Wilson, Sullivan County Garden Club



Club projects (listed clockwise): Monticello, Syracuse, Winamac, Hobart, Washington, Marion, Columbus, Sullivan



There were 143 attendees who indicated they were interested in being contacted for a garden club. Many thanks to the members who staffed the booth, and to Rosie Springer for scheduling the volunteers.

Membership



As your new year in your garden club begins, I want to make sure you have the Keys to Membership for your club.

Key reasons to join a garden club:

**Do you love flowers and gardening, and would you like to get acquainted with others who feel the same way?
Do you enjoy the programs and classes in gardening, landscape design, environmental education and flower arranging?**

**Do you support conservation projects to provide protection from pollution and misuse of natural resources?
Do you want to preserve historic sites and participate in long-term beautification in your community?
Do you enjoy promoting youth gardening which encourages curiosity about nature's mysteries and hands on experience to dig and plant in the earth?**

**MEMBERSHIP IS THE KEY...
TO PERSONAL ENRICHMENT
TO PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE
TO A LIFETIME OF GARDENING PLEASURE**

Best wishes with your new year. May you have many wonderful experiences which unlock happiness for all of your members.

**Jayne Kesler
Membership Chairman**

Indiana Garden Clubs with Facebook Pages

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Iris-Elm Garden Club

Pendleton Garden Club

Peru Garden Club

Duneland Garden Club

Spring Green Garden Club

Garden Club of Michiana

Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club

Booneville Garden Club

Gas City Garden Club

Vale of Paradise Garden Club

Hendricks County Garden Club

Hobart Garden Club

NW Indiana Garden Clubs

Irvington Garden Club & Farmers Market

Enter the Garden Club

Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club

The Munster Garden Club

Sages Garden Club

Petal and Stem Garden Club

**The Cultivating Garden Club of
Greenwood, Indiana**



**The Board of Directors presents the following proposed amendment to
The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Bylaws:**

NOW READS:

TGCI BYLAWS, ARTICLE XIII-STATE MEETINGS
SECTION 1. Annual Convention

c.(1) The Host District shall be responsible for any deficit incurred from the Annual Convention. It shall retain surplus from the Ways and Means projects at the Annual Convention. Any surplus from the Annual Convention shall be allocated to the General Fund of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. The current Board of Directors shall decide the distribution.

AMEND BY DELETING LAST TWO SENTENCES AND INSERTING: Any surplus from the Annual Convention shall be allocated to The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. State President's Project Fund.

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WOULD THEN READ:

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Rationale: To have funds available for clubs to apply for grants to benefit their communities.



If you need one more reason to attend the 88th Annual State Convention,

Door to the Wild Side

please register for the Scholarship Lunch. This is the time that you will meet face to face the students that you so generously have supported this past year. Also we have a surprise for you to enjoy from our National Scholarship Winner. A super lunch has been chosen and super students are going to sit with us and then share with us their future plans. I will look forward to seeing you there.

TGCI Scholarship Chairman

Joyce Bulington

Official Call Letter
The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
88th Annual State Convention

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April 9-10, 2019

The members of the North Central District are happy to open the doors of the Best Western Plus Hotel and Convention Center in La Porte, Indiana, to invite you to the 2019 TGCI Annual State Convention to be held on Tuesday, April 9th and Wednesday, April 10th. All members of garden clubs, master gardeners and anyone interested in the topics are welcome to attend with a paid registration.

Arrive in LaPorte on Monday, April 9, to enjoy some special make and take projects. You can choose to make your own painted quilt block or make five containers of organic lip balm. For dining choices, the Timbers Restaurant conveniently located right in the hotel and convention center, or you can drive just a short distance and take your pick of many local and chain restaurants right on the same street.

Start the day on Tuesday with a free breakfast for all registered hotel guests. Following breakfast our educational program will be **"Why Do Wild Sandhill Cranes Come Through Indiana?"** After lunch on your own, the annual convention business meeting will convene. Then following the business meeting will be a chance to see and touch birds during the program **"Raptors- Rehabilitating Wild Birds."** Please be sure and make time to visit our seven vendors during your free time. They'll be offering everything from lavender products, chocolate delights, plants and perennials, pottery, metal yard art, water color paintings and even worm castings.

After a full day of speakers, meetings and shopping, you'll be ready to unwind and relax. Dress for a wild time in animal prints or wildflower designs before visiting our cash bar before the banquet. At the President's Banquet, the new officers will be installed by our honored guest, the National President-Elect Gay Austin. Michael Homoya will present the evenings program **"Natural Indiana – Wilder Than You Think."** A quiz will follow and prizes will be earned. The evening will end with the TGCI Awards Chairman announcing the awards.

On Wednesday, the last two speakers will give you a reason to wake up and enjoy your free hotel breakfast for all registered hotel guests. Programs will be learning how the rehabilitation of the **"St. Joseph River-A Return to the Wild"** is progressing and discovering **"Your Wild Backyard,"** the wild things in our own backyards. This will also be your last chance to make purchases from the fabulous vendors, and to purchase raffle tickets for the gift baskets that each club in the North Central district has donated. The highlight of this day will be the scholarship luncheon and meeting our wonderful students from Purdue, Ball State and Indiana University.

Convention Chairman and North Central District Director, Valerie Bartels
Convention Co-Chairmen: Linda Harkleroad and Amy Freehafer
TCGI President, Sue Fuhrman

A DOOR TO THE WILD SIDE

Tentative Schedule

Monday, April 8

12:00-4:00 pm (CDT)	Registration	Riviera Room Lobby
1:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting	Monaco Room
2:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Monaco Room
5:00 pm	Dinner on your own	
6:30 pm	Painted Quilt Blocks—Jayne Kesler Lip Balm Seminar—Arleen Corson	Monaco Room Barcelona Room

Tuesday, April 9

6:30-9:30 am	Free breakfast for registered hotel guests	Timbers Restaurant
8:00 am-6:00 pm	Registration	Riviera Room Lobby
9:00 am-5:30 pm	Vendors open	Monaco Room
10:00 am	“Why Do Wild Sandhill Cranes Come Through Indiana?” Jim Bergens, Manager of Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife	Riviera Room

Lunch on your own

12:30-3:00 pm	Formal Opening of Convention and Business Meeting	Riviera Room
3:15-4:15 pm	“Raptors - Rehabilitating Wild Birds” - Aimee Pico, Director, Lake Milton Raptor Education Center	Riviera Room
5:00-6:30 pm	Cash Bar	Riviera Room
6:00 pm	Presidents’ Banquet – Riviera Room Honoring Presidents, Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers “Natural Indiana - Wilder Than You Think” Michael Homoya, Indiana State Botanist/Plant Ecologist	

Wednesday, April 10

6:30-9:30 am	Free breakfast for registered hotel guests	Timbers Restaurant
8:00 am -12:00 pm	Registration	Riviera Room Lobby
9:00 am -12:00 pm	Vendors open	Monaco Room
8:45 am	Reconvene Business Session (if necessary) “St. Joseph River - A Return to the Wild” Daragh Deegan, Elkhart County Aquatic Biologist	Riviera Room
10:15-11:15 am	“Your Wild Backyard” Aaron Stump, Programs Manager, Indiana Wildlife Federation	Riviera Room
12:15-3:15 pm	Scholarship Luncheon	Riviera Room

A Door to the Wild Side

Hotel Registration Information

The TGCI Annual State Convention will be held at:
The La Porte Best Western Hotel and Convention Center
444 Pine Lake Ave., La Porte, IN 46350

Room rates are \$89.99 - breakfast buffet included.

This block of rooms and the rates are guaranteed until March 9, 2019.

Please tell them you are a part of the Garden Club State Convention.

**Convention attendees are required to make their own room reservations.
Call the hotel directly at 219-362-4585.**

Buffet breakfast is included in your room rate. Monday's dinner and Tuesday's lunch are on your own. The Timbers Restaurant is located in the hotel and there are many other restaurants that are a short drive nearby.



Once you arrive at the convention, register first for your hotel room.

The registration table will be open on Monday afternoon from Noon to 4 p.m.
The registration table reopens on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. until Noon.
Registration will again open after the business meeting until the banquet begins.
Registration for Wednesday will be from 8:00 a.m. until Noon.

**Vendors will be open on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
and Wednesday, 9 a.m. until noon.**

Please remember that LaPorte is on Central Time.

Check out page 14 for the information on the two Workshops that will take place at convention. "Painted Quilt Blocks" and "Making Your Own Lip Balm". Sign up for these classes on the registration page.

"A Door To The Wild Side"

Best Western Plus La Porte Hotel & Convention Center
444 Pine Lake Ave, La Porte, IN 46340 (219) 362-4585

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. 88th Annual State Convention April 9 and 10, 2019

Registration Form

(One Form per attendee. Please PRINT name as you want it to appear on nametag)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Check all that apply:

State Officer: _____ State Chairman: _____ District Officer/Chairman: _____ Club President: _____

Club Officer: _____ Club Member: _____ State Life Member: _____ Scholarship Patron: _____

Gold Star Member: _____ National Life Member: _____ Region Life Member: _____

Is this your 1st Convention? _____ National Board Member: _____ Region Board Member: _____

Honeywell Winner: _____ Consultants: Gardening Study: _____ Environmental: _____

Landscape Design: _____ Flower Show Judge: _____ Club appointed/elected delegate: _____

(see 2nd page for more info) Non-TGCI club member/spouse/guest: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact # _____

Please specify any special dietary needs: _____

Postmarked by 3-26-19 Postmarked after 4-2-19

Registration (members & spouses)	\$30.00 _____	\$40.00 _____
Registration (non-members)	\$35.00 _____	\$45.00 _____

President's Banquet	\$32.00 _____	\$32.00 _____
Choose one	Roast Beef _____	Chicken Marsala _____

Scholarship Luncheon	\$32.00 _____	\$32.00 _____
Choose one	Herbed Baked Chicken _____	Tortellini _____

Painted Quilt Blocks (limited)	\$35.00 _____	\$35.00 _____
Organic Lip Balm Workshop	\$25.00 _____	\$25.00 _____

Total Remittance: \$ _____ \$ _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 26, 2019. REGISTRATIONS AFTER APRIL 2ND ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

Mail Registration Form and Check payable to:

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. (Memo – Convention)

Wanda Zahrt
1247 Links Road
Winamac, IN 46996-9728
574-946-6547 dawbzahrt@gmail.com

Club Presidents: Please make sure to fill out the Memorial Service and Club Delegate information. Please send the information to the Convention Registrar listed above.

Club Delegates

Each club is entitled to delegate (s) based upon their current paid membership. Club Presidents are not automatically voting delegates and must be marked as delegates if wishing to be their club representative. Do NOT list any delegate that is already a voting member (i.e. State Life Member, Scholarship Patron, State Officer, and State Chairman)

Clubs with 1-24 members = 1 delegate
Clubs with 50-74 members = 3 delegates

Clubs with 25-49 members = 2 delegates
Clubs with 75 members or more = 4 delegates

Club: _____ District: _____

Delegate 1 _____

Delegate 2 _____

Delegate 3 _____

Delegate 4 _____

Memorial Service

Name of Deceased Member: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Number of years in Garden Club: _____ Special Honors (i.e. Honeywell winner, National, Regional, State and Club positions): _____

State Chairman:

Note your title and how much table space you will need for your display on bottom of this form.

A Door to The Wildside

Convention Speakers



WHY DO SANDHILL CRANES PASS THROUGH INDIANA?

JIM BERGENS is the manager of the Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife area and the former assistant manager at the Winamac Fish and Wildlife area. He is a 1975 graduate of Humboldt State University on the northern California coast. Jim will discuss the history of sandhill cranes in Indiana.



RAPTORS-REHABILITATING WILD BIRDS

AIMEE PICO is the director of Lake Milton Raptor Center in Jones, Michigan. She holds a bachelors degree in zoology and ornithology from the University of Akron. Her presentation will cover rehabilitating all species of wild birds. You can learn how these fine-tuned hunters use their skills. Bring your camera to get up close photos.



NATURAL INDIANA - WILDER THAN YOU THINK

MICHAEL HOMOYA is an Indiana State Botanist/Plant Ecologist with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). He has an MS degree from Southern Illinois University. His published works include Wildflowers and Ferns of Indiana Forests: A Field Guide and Orchids of Indiana. He will be your host for a challenging, fun-filled trivia game show on all things about natural Indiana. Join a team and compete for “big prizes” while learning about our natural world.



YOUR WILD BACKYARD

AARON STUMP is the Habitat Program Manager for the Indiana Wildlife Federation. He has a degree in environmental science from IUPUI and is involved in photography. His discussion will concern all of the wild things in your backyard.



ST. JOSEPH RIVER - A RETURN TO THE WILD

DARAGH DEEGAN, the Aquatic Biologist for Elkhart, evaluates the health of the St. Joseph River. He has a bachelor’s degree in environmental science from Goshen College and a master degree in aquatic biology from IPFW. His presentation will highlight amazing fish that live in the waters of Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties while emphasizing recent history of the St. Joseph River.

**The Indianapolis Garden Club's
24th Annual Garden Walk: *The Fine Art of Gardening*
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Optional luncheon at Woodstock Club
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Website: www.indianapolisgardenclub.org/garden-walk/

Event is rain or shine
Garden addresses and map with ticket purchase
Artworks available for purchase

Claude Monet was one of the earliest impressionists to make painting *en plain air* (outdoors) popular; the technique enabled artists to capture the subtle and intense colors brought out by changes in natural light. The Annual Garden Walk allows visitors to witness the multitude of colors in magnificently tended local gardens and watch them appear in the oil, acrylic, porcelain and glass of artists working among them.

Since the inception of Garden Walk, IGC has granted over \$500,000 in the areas of conservation, civic improvement, and beautification to projects within our community.

Workshop Presenters for Convention

PAINTED QUILT BLOCKS AREN'T JUST FOR BARN!

Join JAYNE KESLER on Monday evening, April 8th, to paint a 12x12 wooden quilt block. The quilt painting party will include the OMD trimmed and coated board, the quilt pattern, and paint colors of your choice. At the end of the evening you will have a unique folk art piece to decorate a shed, flower pot, or garden bed and you can apply the same techniques to paint a larger one of your own for your garage or barn. The cost is \$35 and the only thing needed to bring is a hairdryer.

LIP BALM WORKSHOP

ARLEEN CORSON will conduct a workshop to make your own lip balm on Monday evening, April 8th. She will include the materials needed: bee's wax, shea butter, sweet almond oil, and essential oil for flavoring as well as 5 lip balm containers, instructions and labels. The fee for the workshop will be \$25.00.

Sign up for these workshops on the Registration Page

Middlebury Garden Club

On October 26th eight members of the Middlebury Garden Club plus one helpful husband braved the cold weather to attend the planting of five cedar trees. Members who attended were Marlene Pratt, Joan Hawkins, Shirley Shoup, Judy Markham, Joyce Miller, Betty Bellaire, Diane Miller and her husband Dave Miller.

These trees were planted in the Olde Mill Park. The trees were planted on a small berm to act as a living screen between the parking lot and the adjacent town recycling dumpster.

This donation from the Middlebury Garden Club is the most recent in a long history of gifts given to the town. The first planting was donated in 1932! That donation was a blue spruce and a concolor fir tree. Since then, the club has planted approximately 67 trees.

Because of one member's love of trees, we receive a donation each year to help with the planting of these trees.



Judy Markham
President

Sponsorship Notices and Fees

Some questions have arisen lately about placing ads and notices in Indiana Gardens. As a benefit to the membership you are now able to place ads from clubs, districts, councils, schools and symposiums at no charge. There is a \$5 charge for individual members wishing to place a Special Angel notice, which is a personal note with 1-3 lines only. Outside groups wishing to advertise events or products must pay the set fees.

Irvington Garden Club

*Kile Oak Habitat Garden**

Twelve years ago, members of the Irvington Garden Club undertook an initiative to plant native wildflowers on the grounds surrounding a large and mighty 300 – 400 year-old Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*).

Considering the age of the tree, one cannot help but wonder what has happened under the 123-foot canopy of this specimen tree over the past many years when an acorn from which it grew sprouted.

Back then Indiana was a great and vast wilderness with its today's boundaries unmapped and its forests were dominated by large growths of oak, beech and maple trees which often times reached over 100 feet tall.

A few frontiersmen and others from the east coast had dared to visit. Those which had witnessed vast expanses of prairies and multiple miles of unbroken green forest. They also saw, and at times feared, members of the Native Americans tribes which lived in the state. Beavers, elk and muskrats were everywhere. As they traversed, they saw wild turkeys by the hundreds of thousands. At times they came across mountain lions, bears and, upon occasion, buffalos.

Great numbers of birds, including the now extinct noisy and sadly tasty passenger pigeon** filled the skies. Often, they saw the distinctly colored Caroline parakeet. Of course, they could not miss seeing large numbers of wild flowers including gray coneflower, bergamot, cup plant and sunflowers were everywhere. In fact, they grew so thick that, at times, walking in the prairies were difficult if not impossible.

But back to our story, in 2005 Club members began the planting of over twenty species of INDIANA native flowers alongside a shady, winding 90- foot path. Spring blooming ephemerals bordering the trail include: ground-hugging wild ginger, the vivid blue flowers of Virginia blue bell, celandine poppy, wild columbine and Mayapple with its showy white flowers. Additionally, among the fourteen others natives are Christmas ferns, prairie trillium, wild geranium, Solomon's Seal, spring beauty, shooting star and others.

On the opposite side of the lot several dozen indigenous natives grow in sunlight. Among them are Culver's root, compass plant, gray headed and purple coneflower, blue indigo, cup plant, New England asters and wild bergamot.

*The Kile Oak is located at 5939 Beechwood Avenue (Irvington) Indianapolis.

** At one time their numbers exceeded three billion. By 1914 the species was extinct.

Ed Myers
Green Initiatives Chair



Hendricks County Garden Club

As I watch the Sandhill Cranes migrate back to their breeding grounds, I wonder will Spring follow them? While we are waiting for that arrival, the Hendricks County Garden Club has had wonderful presentations.

In January, Amanda Shepard from the Hoosier Environmental Council, which is Indiana's leading environmental educator and advocate for citizens. They are the voice of the people for environment in Indiana. They're our legal services for citizens, community groups, and nonprofit organizations in need of legal assistance in environmental matters. There is a power imbalance where industry interests are fully represented at all levels of government, while the public interest is not; they are there for us.

In February, Aaron Stump, Habitat Program Coordinator of Indiana Wildlife Federation. He spoke of how the loss of habitats from human activities are destroying wildlife areas with chemical pesticides and fertilizers that pollutes the air, soil and water; exotic plants that have been planted in the garden invading natural areas. Think about replacing them with native plants which wildlife depends on. We can transform our backyard into a wildlife habitat to help nature.

For March our presenter will be Susan Yoder of Seed your Future, the program promotes horticulture as a vital, viable and exciting career path for the nations youth.

Wow what exciting list of speakers; the Hendricks County Garden Club recommends all of these dynamic speakers for your group or clubs.

Deloris Elza
President

PLANT IT PINK for Spring

Start your plants from seeds!

Try the Corn Cockle mixture, *Agrostemma githago*. This has five pearly, 1-1/2" fuchsia pink flowers with black whisked white centers on slender, fine-haired stems. This is an annual, summer bloom, and height 2-3 feet.

1. Use a sterile, lightweight, growing mix.
2. Sow seeds thinly on top of the soil, cover with sphagnum peat moss.
3. Water using fine spray, keep moist.
4. Place containers in warm spot (70-80) degrees.
5. When seed germinates, place in bright light.
6. Cooler temperatures for seedlings will encourage strong growth, temperatures should range about 60 to 70 degrees.
7. Fertilize plants with weak solution weekly.

Deloris Elza
Plant it Pink Chairman

Sages Garden Club

Since Sages Garden Club members do not have any meetings in January, they met unofficially in February to hear an update on their current projects and to discuss programs for 2019.

Most importantly, the members were excited to hear about the progress and future plans for the Pollinator Garden they are creating with grant money received from the 2017-2019 TGCI's State Project and the 2018-2019 NGC's Plant America Community Project Grant.

Stay tuned for updates and pictures as club members work to turn a large empty pile of dirt into a beautiful pollinator-friendly garden. The location is at the newly constructed OrthoIndy Foundation YMCA on Lafayette Road, in northwest Indianapolis, which recently opened on December 3rd.

A soil test has been done and a garden plan has been drawn to indicate placement of specific plants for the garden space. Members are now waiting for warmer weather to arrive so they can begin their work in the garden.

Cindy Martin
President



In Loving
Memory



Anita Liechty Ficklin, 84, of Indianapolis departed this life on February 20, 2019. She graduated from Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois in 1957 with a BS degree in biology and elementary education. She completed a MS degree in education and counseling from Butler University in 1959. She taught at Greenville, Indiana University, MSD Wayne Township and MSD Pike Township. The last sixteen years of her career was as a guidance counselor at Guion Creek Middle School in MSD Pike Township where she retired in 2000. Anita was a longtime member of the Sages Garden Club in northwest Indianapolis. She was also a member of St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis.

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Membership is an opportunity...

- to improve your gardening skills
- to meet new friends and exchange experiences in growing
- to exchange seeds, cuttings and plants
- to serve your community by planning and implementing beautification projects
- to develop a deeper sense of pride in the resources of our land and its preservation
- to attend schools in horticulture, flower arranging, landscape design and environmental education
- to receive our state publication, *Indiana Gardens*
- to attend district meetings and annual state, region and national conventions

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. has...

- provided over \$500,000 in scholarships to Indiana students studying horticulture, landscape design or related subjects
- supported The Nature Conservancy with contributions of over \$125,000 to protect and preserve Indiana's lands and waters
- installed over 50 Blue Star Memorial Markers statewide to honor those who have served, are serving, or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States
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