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Mission Statement

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

Promotes

Interest and Education

in

Horticulture,

Landscaping,

Floral Design,

and

Environmental Concerns



Greetings from the President!

With snow and cold weather spreading up and down the state of Indiana, it's hard to remember the hot and long-lasting months of fall this year when we wondered if the joy of leaf coloring would take place. The summer was packed with club activities which supported and promoted community, youth, and club events. Fall programs were numerous, full of fun and with opportunities to share environmental knowledge.

It was my pleasure to visit all the District meetings during September and October. It is always educational and rewarding to hear about club activities and how much they support their communities.

While sharing details regarding the "Plant America With More Members" project, I found that many clubs are already actively seeking new members on all levels. I encourage your members to use the winter months to put together a plan for increasing your membership. Continue to think about educational programs, community needs, and ways to involve young people. I can't wait to see the results this coming year.

The national website has lots of great ideas on how to strengthen your club membership, www.gardenclub.org. Ask your District Director for a copy of "Join Us" published by the National Membership Committee. It is full of supportive recruiting ideas.

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. will be partnering with Indiana Humanities by planting purple, yellow and white flowers in 2020, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Indiana passing the 19th amendment for women to vote. This would be a great club project.

National has also put together another project idea to encourage members to Plant America with Trees in their communities. Each club or member could plant one native tree to reach the goal of 165,000 trees in the 2019-2021 administration. Another club award idea.

It is with sorrow I have to announce another passing of a state Board member, Noel Heymann, Container Gardening Chairman. Noel was a great influence and support not only to her Arbutus Garden Club, but also to her community. Please read her September state board report entitled "Sticks" in this publication. She will be greatly missed.

Have a safe and fun holiday season, stay warm this winter, and I'll see you soon.

Betty

Facebook Club Pages

Boonville Garden Club

Broad Ripple Garden Club

Crown Point Garden Club

Duneland Garden Club

Enter the Garden Club

Garden Club of Michiana

Gas City Garden Club

Hendricks County Garden Club

Hobart Garden Club

Iris-Elm Garden Club

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Pendleton Garden Club

Peru Garden Club

Petal and Stem Garden Club

Sages Garden Club

Spring Green Garden Club

Sullivan County Garden Club

Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club

The Cultivating Garden Club

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

The Munster Garden Club

Vale of Paradise Garden Club

Irvington Garden Club & Farmers Market



www.gardenclubofindiana.org

Save the Date

Invitation to 2020 State Convention

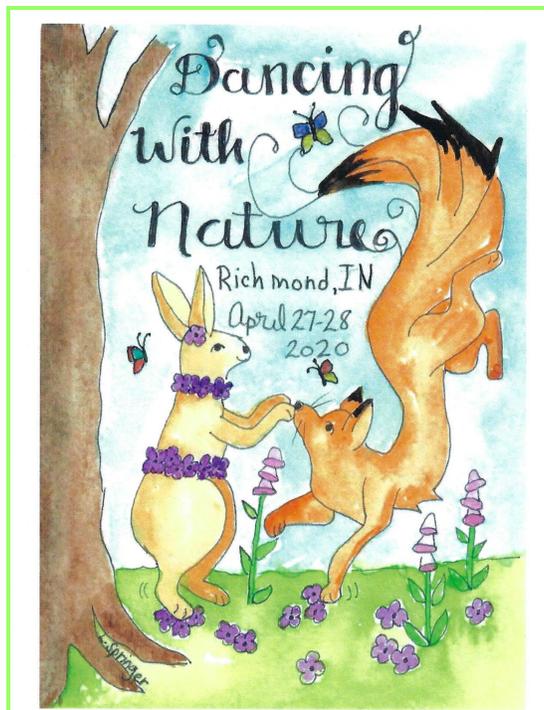
Central East District is a talented group of members, so we are inviting you to a convention you will surely remember!

Sunshine and rain, environment, bugs and difficult terrain are part of nature's blessings, we want to explain.

So bring your club members, your spouse, and extra shoes; we're going to offer some programs that will be helpful to you.

Now our members are going to ask you,
do you want to share the news?

If so, just register without any fuss...



INDIANA FLOWER & PATIO SHOW

**MARCH 14-22, 2020
Indiana State Fairgrounds
1202 East 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205**



SPECIAL TICKET PRICE -- 50% SAVINGS

Your cost -- \$7.50 each

Since The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. will be an exhibitor this year at the Indiana Flower and Patio Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, we are offered a special online price of \$7.50 per ticket (\$15.00 is regular admission fee).

Go to www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com Click on Buy Tickets, and enter under Promo Code: GCI. The price will change to \$7.50.

Please encourage all garden club members, family and friends to attend the show and use the promo code to purchase tickets online.

To volunteer to work in the booth, please call Rosie Springer at 317-846-1902.

Our TGCI Booth #651 is located in Expo Hall.

President's Project for 2019 – 2021 “Plant America With More Members”

“Go & Grow Award” - A \$100 award will be given yearly in every district to the club with the largest number percentage-wise of members in attendance at their district meetings. The District Director will determine whether the spring or fall district meeting is more appropriate for the award. In districts where one club is the host club, it will be ineligible for the award that year. In districts where multiple clubs are responsible, all clubs will be eligible. The District Directors will submit the attendance record from the meeting. The Membership chair (2nd VP) will determine the club winners and announce them at the state convention. District Directors can then take the awards back to their meetings to distribute.

New member gift - Every month, clubs with new members (as evidenced by receipt of dues for current year) will have their club names placed in a “bowl” - one ticket for each new member. At the end of the month, the President's Project Committee will draw 3 names and a \$25 *gift* will be awarded to each winning club. Those clubs not drawn each month will remain in the bowl for future possible *gifts*.

21% by '21 - The membership challenge from the NGC President Gay Austin is to increase membership “21% by '21.” With this in mind, the districts, which have increased their membership by 21% or more by the end of President Leverett's term in 2021, will receive a \$100 award.

Send me your gardening questions!

How do I fertilize my outdoor plants?
What kind of tools are needed for gardening?
How often should plants be watered?
What advice would you give to a new gardener?
Should I plant seeds or the small plugs?

**This is just a sample of questions you may have.
Whatever the question, I should be able to answer
or “transfer you to a source that can”.**

Send your questions to me at: ruthtgci@yahoo.com

Plant for Suffrage: An Invitation to Hoosier Gardeners

Leah Nahmias, Indiana Humanities

In 2020, Indiana and the nation will mark the centennial of women’s suffrage. Garden clubs are invited to join the commemoration by planting purple, yellow and/or white flowers in public gardens and spaces in 2020. Similar to how garden clubs planted blue and gold for the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial, these public plantings will beautify our communities and remind citizens of this significant anniversary.

Civic and women’s clubs, like the League of Women Voters, are actively coordinating suffrage activities in 2020, as are many historical societies, museums and libraries. You may want to reach out to see if there are opportunities to combine your efforts.

Why purple, yellow and white? In the United States, suffragists cannily branded their movement and adorned themselves to carry forward a consistent and engaging message about women’s right to vote. They marched in parades and wore sashes, staged pickets and called on legislators to pass a suffrage amendment—Hoosier suffragists even secured offices at the state house so they could lobby the General Assembly at a moment’s notice. The National Women’s Party, who organized the final push for suffrage between 1913 and 1920, adopted white, purple and gold as their official colors. Today, these colors signify the suffrage movement and are part of the logo and branding for the Indiana Women’s Suffrage Centennial. You’ll also often see yellow roses, specifically, as a symbol of the women’s suffrage movement.

The story of the suffrage movement in Indiana is fascinating and inspiring. In Indiana, almost 70 years passed between the first calls for women’s voting rights, at a Quaker convention in Dublin in 1851, and the final passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Two major efforts, in 1881-1883 and in 1917, failed due to nefarious interference by opponents to women’s suffrage. These failures made it especially important to have a federal law guaranteeing women the right to vote. Susan B. Anthony and other national leaders visited the Hoosier state frequently; Anthony, speaking before the General Assembly, instructed legislators to “Make the brain under the bonnet count for as much as the brain under the hat.”

Indiana ratified the suffrage amendment on January 16, 1920; the governor at the time, James P. Goodrich, called it “an act of tardy justice.” It took several more months for the necessary two-thirds of the states to ratify the amendment. The full amendment went into effect on August 26, 1920, which is now celebrated as Women’s Equality Day.

You can read the full story of the Hoosier suffrage movement and learn about the incredible women—May Wright Sewall, Grace Julian Clarke, Marie Stuart Edwards, Amanda Way, Madam CJ Walker, Ida Husted Harper, to name only a few—on the Indiana suffrage centennial website: www.IndianaSuffrage100.org. There you’ll also find a program toolkit and other resources to plan suffrage centennial events and connect to other passionate Hoosiers who care about this incredible anniversary.

To learn more or share ideas, contact Leah Nahmias (317-616-9804) lnah@indianahumanities.org

Plant for Suffrage!

Join the commemoration of the 19th Amendment by planting purple, yellow and/or white flowers in public gardens and spaces in 2020.

In 2020, Indiana and the nation will mark the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which made it possible for women to vote. **We encourage you to plant purple, yellow and/or white flowers in any civic spaces your club already maintains, such as the courthouse, public library, schools, or around municipal buildings in commemoration of this important anniversary.** Similar to how garden clubs planted blue and gold for the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial, these public plantings will beautify our communities and remind citizens of this significant anniversary. For 2020, also consider plantings at your local historical society or around any local historic markers or sites associated with Indiana.

WHY PURPLE, YELLOW AND WHITE?

In the United States, suffragists cannily branded their movement. The National Women's Party, who organized the final push for suffrage between 1913 and 1920, adopted white, purple and gold as their official colors. Women used these colors on sashes and signs as they fought for suffrage. Today, these colors signify the suffrage movement and are part of the logo and branding for the Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial.

While any annuals in the purple, yellow and white color scheme will look beautiful outdoors, if you plan any cut flower arrangements, it may be helpful to know that yellow roses were a common symbol of the suffrage movement.

LEARN MORE ABOUT INDIANA SUFFRAGE

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SHARE YOUR GARDEN

Civic and women's clubs, like the League of Women Voters, are actively coordinating suffrage activities in 2020, as are many historical societies, museums and libraries. You may want to reach out to see if there are opportunities to combine your efforts.

Once your beds are planted, **share on social media and tag @INSuffrage100 (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).** The Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial will like and share your good work!

LEARN MORE ABOUT INDIANA SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL: <http://indianasuffrage100.org>

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Youth Engagement Ideas for Clubs

Updated: September 2019

There are many opportunities for garden clubs to engage the next generation in our love of gardens and gardening. Here are some ideas and resources to help you expand your youth engagement programs. And don't forget you can apply for a National Garden Clubs Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant if you work with youth clubs or groups planning and planting Pollinator Gardens <http://gardenclub.org/resources/ngc-youth-pollinator-gardens-grant-application.pdf>.

Complexity	Idea	Resource/Club That Has Experience
Sorted Easy to More Complex		
1	Invite Youth and Families to Your Events Consider rebranding your annual "garden walk" to a "plant adventure" if you want to attract youth and family participation.	http://www.gardentoursnewengland.com/organizegardentour.php
2	Invite Youth to Help You with Your Events During your annual plant sale (or other event) recruit youth to help you with sales, carrying to cars, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivating Garden Club of Greenwood
3	Become More Known in Your Community Develop a regular "community stroll" for your club calendar. Get out and walk around your communities together. Talk with the kids and adults you encounter about the plants you see (and don't see) in your area. Offer advice and support. Be known – if you aren't already – as the "plant whisperers" and "garden gurus" we all know you are.	
4	Utilize Social Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use your club's social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) to show great images of the work you do, make the posts resonate for young people. • Don't have social media? Recruit a teenager to help you get started. • Adhere to the COPPA laws (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) and only post photos of children's faces when you have written authorization to do so by their parent or guardian. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://mashable.com/2012/06/12/social-media-beginners-guide/ • http://gardenclub.org/youth/minor-photo-release.aspx
5	Promote NGC Youth Contests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Essay Contest • High School Distinguished Service Project • Poetry • Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster Contest • Youth Recyclable Sculpture Contest 	http://gardenclub.org/youth/youth-contests.aspx

Complexity	Idea	Resource/Club That Has Experience
6	<p>Talk with Educators About What You Can Do to Help, Then Make Plans Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local K-12 teachers – invite them to a discussion about how your club can help support/start a school garden. • Contact FFA Advisors/4-H Advisors – invite them to a discussion about projects you can do together. • Get to know more about National FFA by serving as local volunteers for their annual Convention which is in Indianapolis each October. • Send a representative to the American Horticultural Society's National Child and Youth Garden Symposium to get ideas for the future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.doe.in.gov/idoedigital-media/indiana-k-12-school-websites • http://www.scholastic.com/BLOOM/ • https://www.ffa.org/chapter-locator/ • https://4-h.org/find/ • https://convention.ffa.org/planning/local-volunteers/ • https://www.ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/youth-gardening/ncygs/2020-overview
7	<p>Recruit Students to Help You with Longer Projects</p> <p>Work with alternative education class teachers for students to help with plantings, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas City Garden Club
8	<p>Partner with Local Business to Inspire Youth and Families about Gardening</p> <p>Sponsor a public event at a garden center such as the "I Grow" event at Garden Gate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peru Garden Club
9	<p>Participate in the Ecology Warriors Program</p> <p>A program of the National Garden Clubs</p>	<p>http://gardenclub.org/youth/ecology-warriors-workbook.aspx</p>
10	<p>Provide Programs to Local Pre-schools and Youth Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with pre-schools in your area to come in and do a program with them about plants/gardening, etc. • Work with scout troops in your area to come in and do programs for them about plants/gardening, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivating Garden Club of Greenwood • Hendricks County Garden Club • https://kidsgardening.org/ • http://www.scholastic.com/BLOOM/
11	<p>Create Your Own Grant Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and youth programs can apply to you for funds to create/improve gardens, or buy supplies, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club
12	<p>Flower Shows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host a Youth Standard Flower Show, Youth Small Standard Flower Show, Youth Specialty Show, or include youth in your adult Flower Show 	<p>NGC, Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 9, http://www.gardenclub.org/schools/flower-show-handbook.aspx</p>

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13	Help Develop New Gardens at Youth Program Locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help a pre-school set up an herb garden • Help a school plant and maintain a pizza garden • Work with YMCA day camps to provide garden activities and instruction at camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivating Garden Club of Greenwood • Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club • Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club
14	Provide Longer-term Educational Programs for Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local schools to provide a 6-week summer school gardening class for students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club • https://kidsgardening.org/ • http://www.scholastic.com/BLOOM/
15	Host a Junior Garden Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and host a robust junior garden club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://gardenclub.org/youth/youth-gardening.aspx • Northwest Adventist Christian School Jr. Garden Club • Middlebury Garden Club
And, Don't Forget to Apply for Awards for Your Work with Youth!		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Augusta H. Brewer Certificate of Merit • The Helen Hussey Champlin Award • High School Distinguished Service Project • High School Gardeners Accomplishment • Horticulture Achievement by a Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club • The Jesse M. Conner Award • Junior Garden Club Horticulture Award • The Mary Louise Michie Award • TGCI Youth Achievement Award • Youth Environmental Concern Award • Youth Horticulture Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.gardenclub.org/awards/youth-awards.aspx • http://www.gardenclubofindiana.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/AwardManual2018.pdf

Still Need More Youth Engagement Ideas? Contact TGCI Youth Activities Chair, Susan Yoder, svoder@SeedYourFuture.org Page 3 of 3

A Gift of a NGC National Life Membership

Have you ever considered giving a National Life Membership? This is a perfect gift for that gardening loving person, to thank or honor someone. This gift demonstrates your commitment to the future of gardening in this country. This person does not have to be a member of a garden club.

The gift of \$200 to become a National Life Member is shared equally by the National Scholarship Fund and the Permanent Home Fund.

The recipient will receive a lifetime subscription to The National Gardener. It is a wonderful way to remember someone and everyone wins.

Mary Jane Smith
NLM State Chairman
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“STICKS”

In July I went on a fabulous garden tour in Maine. The other travelers were mostly IMA Horticultural Society people as well as dedicated gardeners. One of the terms the local gardeners there used was, "pea stick". They had picked up this term from British gardeners who use thin twigs or branches to stake their "pea plantings". They are actually just stuck in the ground among the plants (as many as a dozen in a square foot). In the gardens we saw they were used abundantly among the perennials and annual flowers alike, as tall or taller than the plants. They added texture and color as well as support for the plants. We tourists all agreed that they were a wonderful addition to any type of garden.

With fall arriving, pots are still blooming nicely but you might be ready for a change. Try cutting the plants back, a lot, and then add some "sticks" in the center. To keep the structure, you might add an ornate gathering of curly willow to now be at the center. The bouquet of willows could be the center of a mum or cabbage grouping as well.

Adding sticks and twigs to winter containers has become the thing to do in the garden-design world. This is for good reason. They bring texture, color, height, and movement to any design. We love when trees go bare for the winter and those branches make a new way to see space.

Sticks are used very often in container gardening and floral arrangements. Some designers think they add just as much to the winter look as evergreens and grasses.

They continue to look good in the spring, giving support to new plantings. Sticks are available in bunches at your garden centers. So are the shrub plants themselves. Two recommendations are the *yellow twig* and *redwood dogwoods*. Of course, birch looks great in winter.

Bamboo stakes are another option. They are found from very thin to one inch in diameter. They can be cut to size and painted. Red for the holidays is good and bright blue surely complements the greenery. They offer sturdy support.

Sticks can be gathered at the top in "ponytail" fashion to add interest or strength. Pussy willows gathered in this fashion are very spring like.

So think about adding sticks to your container compositions. Whether you've planted the entire shrub/tree or simply added its cut branches, sticks give motion, line and sometimes needed height to a design. They most definitely add a very "arty" component as well.

Noel Heymann
Container Gardening Chairman

The Miracle of the Buckwheat and the Butterflies

Ruth Moorhead, State Horticulture Chairman
Photographs by Tom Bell, Marion

The following miracle occurred in September, 2019, over a 3 week period, in the fields of Treaty, Indiana, between Marion and Wabash.

An extraordinary chain of events, seemingly unrelated, would save the lives of hundreds of thousands of monarch butterflies migrating through Indiana this fall.

The first of these factors, a Wabash farmer planted 160 acres of buckwheat in July, because of a very wet summer, not being able to access his water-soaked fields earlier, having clay soil, and having no options left for a cash crop this year. Looking at these circumstances, the best thing for the land was to plant a cover crop. At least a cover crop would enrich his soil; it was much too late to plant corn, wheat, or any of Indiana's other standard crops, so he planted buckwheat.

Second, to give you an idea of how large 160 acres are, an acre is equal to a football field in size, so try to picture 160 football fields all planted in one crop. Not all these fields were directly adjacent to each other, and several plots were cut up by county roads, but driving in the area, you would notice field after field of white flowers, surprising in September.

Third, for those unfamiliar with buckwheat, it is a seed plant, not a grain, that grows very fast and has a number of beneficial attributes: it deters pests and is not susceptible to any major diseases; it attracts bees and butterflies like crazy; makes great animal fodder; is a great cover crop, working like "green manure" to enrich the soil when plowed under before it flowers. It can grow in poor soil, decomposes easily, and the seed is relatively inexpensive to plant.

When the seed is harvested and ground, it makes gluten-free flour for wonderful high-protein pancakes. When bees make honey from a single source of buckwheat flowers, the

honey is dark, very rich and flavorful. Another form of buckwheat, "groats" or kasha work as a high-protein substitute for rice, barley or other grains, in soups or salads.

Fourth, at the same time in Canada, because of an unusually warm summer, the third generation monarch butterflies had not yet begun to migrate toward Texas and Mexico. They started late, at the beginning of September, crossing the Great Lakes, and were going to fly through territory with not much to offer in food reserves. In Indiana, not the normal route of the major migration, annuals and perennials were at the end of their seasons but "species plants", weeds, would provide some food. Without sufficiently rich nectar, thousands of monarchs might never make it to their winter destination in the south, much less make it back north in the late spring to lie the next year's generation of eggs.

All of these factors came into play early in September. Somehow, a miracle of critical timing was taking place in those buckwheat fields in full white bloom. That farmer, and his neighbors, started noticing a huge number of butterflies in the buckwheat fields, and an overwhelming number of monarchs resting in the white pines, maples, and oaks adjacent to those fields after they fed.

One neighbor who has lived on his property since 1938, went out his back door, morning after morning, to an old maple completely covered in monarchs. Nearby pear trees, oaks and pines held the rest. Fluttering wings filled the air all day long. Never had he seen such a festival of butterflies, and he called the weekly paper to photograph the sight, and share the experience.

Each morning, day after day, for nearly three weeks since September 7th, monarchs would take to the skies heading southwest. And each day, more would come from the north to take their places harvesting nectar from the prolific white blooms of the buckwheat. Normally, if buckwheat were a "standard" crop

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for the area, the plants would have been blooming in early June, not in September. But remember, that particular crop was planted late because of the wet conditions of the land, so those plants were 12 to 24 inches high, and in their heaviest production of bloom and nectar. Right time, right plant, right place. For those 15 very lucky garden club members who witnessed this migration, they had no question that the hand of God was definitely involved.

The Garden Club of Marion's "Monarch Mamas" had presented a tagged butterfly release in Wabash weeks before. The mamas find and raise butterfly eggs throughout the summer, and released a total of 586 monarchs this year. They have been doing this for the past 6 years, sometimes releasing more than 2000 a year, educating crowds of families in several Indiana cities. In the audience at the Wabash release event was the farmer's observant neighbor, who then contacted the mamas to see this migration.

For those three weeks, hundreds of thousands of monarchs would feed on 160 acres. Hundreds of thousands of monarchs would gather energy to continue their flight toward the warmth of Texas and Mexico.

Another generation of monarchs has been aided by one farmer, one particular crop of late buckwheat, an observant neighbor, the educational goals of a garden club's dedicated "monarch mamas", and the hand of God that brought the migration and all these other elements together.

While we won't know the final fate for many in that migration, at least in Treaty, IN., those butterflies reaffirmed hearts, granted some souls' peace, amazed some new minds, brought new awareness, and provided renewed energy to continue the fight for our environment.



Broad Ripple Garden Club

Broad Ripple Garden Club has been very busy! In August, we dedicated a Blue Star Memorial sign at the John W. Hensel Government Center, with over 150 people, many veterans, attending the dedication ceremony. This was a huge accomplishment and we are very proud to be the 80th Blue Star Memorial in the State of Indiana. Our next big project will be to landscape around the Memorial sign with a Pollinator flower bed, and we have applied for a Plant America Grant for that purpose.

We continue to maintain our Plant America planter at Nora Library with beautiful plants. We also placed a potted plant inside Nora Library along with information on National Garden Week.

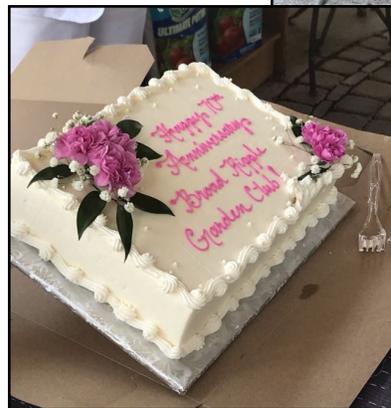
Our club has taken a few trips this summer. Our members drove to Bean Blossom to have lunch and walk through the gardens at the Flower and Herb Barn; also, we visited Frazee Gardens in Brownsburg and enjoyed a presentation on planting a large planter. We kicked off our 70th Anniversary year that day with a beautiful Anniversary cake and toast to the occasion. We are now planning for our 70th Anniversary Luncheon to be held in June, 2020.

In August, we visited Eagle Creek Ornithology Center for an informative program on Birds of Prey. September found Broad Ripple Garden Club visiting Crown Hill Cemetery for a guided tour of a few sections of the cemetery. Last month, our speaker was an Entomologist and he spoke to us on "Bugs, The Good, The Bad and the Ugly". At our meeting in November, we will have a speaker and program on "Planting for Bees and Other Pollinators". A few of our members also attended the September Seminar at McCormick's Creek, which was a very interesting event with great speakers and programs.

We have had a few guests attend our meetings and we hope they will become new members soon!

We finish our calendar year with our Annual Holiday Luncheon at Crooked Stick Country Club. We have been very busy and look forward to more exciting events to come next year.

Phyllis Grzeskowiak President



TOP-Plant America Planter 2019
MIDDLE-70th Anniversary Cake
BOTTOM-Broad Ripple Group shot starting the 70th year.

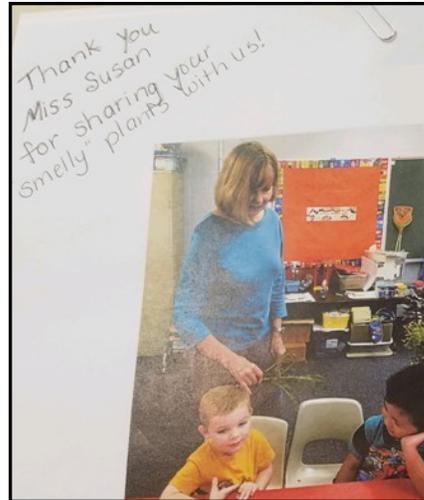
Cultivating Garden Club

A “ Smelly-Good” Time

The Cultivating Garden Club of Greenwood meets during the year at St. John’s United Church of Christ. The church provides a preschool for member and community children. Preschool starts their fall program by featuring the five senses for a week. During the fifth week the sense of smell was being taught.

On Friday the children had show and tell. The children were to bring in a smelly item from their home. After talking to their teacher, Miss Elizabeth, our club member, Susan Alexander, brought in some herbs she had been growing.

Susan talked to the children about what herbs were, then showed them how to rub the leaves. The leaves left a fragrance of the plant on their hands. Some of herbs they smelled were Sweet Annie, Basil and Chocolate Peppermint. Everyone had a “smelly-good” time.



**Diana Williams
President**

The TGCI website has a “Calendar of Events”. If you have an event coming up, please send that information to me and I’ll put it on the “Calendar of Events”.

Gloria Notaro
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Cultivating Garden Club

The Cultivating Garden Club had the pleasure of hosting the South East District Meeting of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. on September 24, 2019. The Cultivating Garden Club was excited to host this year and tried to be creative and have a bit of fun throughout the day. Morning registration showed we had forty-nine members from thirteen different garden clubs representing five districts.

Since our club is trying to reuse and recycle more, everyone in attendance started the day by picking a mug/cup of their choice to use throughout the day and keep it to take home. Attendees enjoyed picking their favorite mug/cup by color scheme, floral pattern, comical saying, or inspirational theme. The members had fun and enjoyed the “hunt” for mugs that made the final collection.

Sarah Nahmias, SE District Director, called the meeting to order and multiple topics were discussed concerning our district. Betty Leverett, TGCI State President, spoke of her theme, “Plant America with More Members.”

It was a beautiful day and during our breaks, members were encouraged to stroll the courtyard that CGC maintains. We added a few extra plants and decorations to celebrate the beginning of autumn.

Our morning speaker, John Harrell, of Harrell Farms and Country Store, spoke about “Heart Nuts and Other Tree Crops.” Not everyone was familiar with this topic. One attendee stated, “I have lived in Indiana all my life and I have never heard of the Heart Nut.” John is quite experienced on this topic and provided us with a lot of useful knowledge as well as taking the time to answer multiple questions. We all laughed when John remarked, “You ladies ask much better questions than the men I talk to.”

The day included breakfast and lunch for all members, door prizes and a gift basket raffle. Many friends were made throughout the day.

Diana Williams President



Munster Garden Club

Members of the Munster Garden Club recently visited the East Chicago Park department greenhouses and their aquaponic gardening program. They had a wide variety of plants in the greenhouse, including an orange tree with fruit the size of softballs.

Those visiting left with a good size bag of lettuce greens grown hydroponically at the facility. The water is fertilized by waste product produced by yellow perch swimming in a large tank.

The greenhouses are open to the public Monday through Friday. Friday visitors go home with a bag of salad greens.

Eleven members attended the Northwest District Meeting on October 23 at Teibel's in Schererville. The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. President Betty Leverett addressed the group about the "Members Matter Most" campaign and the Munster Garden Club hopes to integrate some of her ideas this year in hopes of increasing membership.

Jayne Glass, a longtime member, has recently updated the large library planter which she redesigns each season. Her beautiful creations greet all who enter the Munster Public Library. Rita Powell and Pat Williams will be decorating our Christmas tree entry for the Festival of Trees luncheon being held November 4 at the Center for the Performing Arts. Proceeds help support the Northwest Indiana Symphony.



Mariellen Smith
President

Hendricks County Garden Club

Hendricks County Garden Club members were hostesses for the Central West District meeting on October 16, 2019 at Danville United Methodists church in Danville, IN.

The HCGC received the Central West District Silver tray award, for best overall theme promotion of the Saved Seeds; Laura Kearby presented the award to president Deloris Elza.

The meeting programs included two speakers. Master gardener Richard Meier had a presentation on seed banks for our future. Kathy Haley from Dammann's Garden Centers presentation was on the commercial side of growing seeds.

The group picture is a fraction of the membership of Central West District. District Director Sue Rosiak pictured in the front row and the tall young man, Jacob Maple, from Plainfield, IN. was the Central West District scholarship winner.



Central West District

**Deloris Elza
President**



**President Deloris Elza accepting
the Silver Tray Award from Laura
Kearby.**

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Vale of Paradise Garden Club

The NW District annual meeting was held at Teibel's Restaurant and enjoyed by 70 members in attendance. We were joined by State President Betty Leverett and 1st Vice-President Linda Harkleroad. The speaker for the day was Daniel Plath, Chief of Resource Management at Indiana Dunes National Park. The subject was the "Rising Water - Disappearing Dunes". He was very knowledgeable and informative.



Speaker Daniel Plath



**TGCI President
Betty Leverett**



**1st Vice-President
Linda Harkleroad**

The Vale of Paradise Garden Club had their November meeting at the new "Silo" that has been built at Sunset Hill Farm Park. The 700 square-foot building, which pays homage to the history of Sunset Hill as a former farm, will provide space for additional programming as well as venue rentals.



The wreaths turned out lovely. Each one had its own Individuality



The new "Silo"

Vale of Paradise



Each Veterans' Day the Vale of Paradise Garden Club puts a wreath on our Blue Star Memorial.

This year Senator Ed Charbonneau was able to join us.

Spring Green Garden Club



Spring Green Garden Club members installed an educational display on Monarch Butterflies at the Carmel Clay Public Library in Carmel, Indiana.

The display includes a variety of information on the life cycle of Monarchs and the importance of milkweed to their survival.

Cathy Weber

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Garden Club of New Harmony

Veteran Kindergarten teacher Tamara Allison surprised her students on a warm day in September when they got ready to go outside to release the Monarch Butterfly they hatched out.

From a big cardboard box, she pulled out diaphanous cloth butterfly wings for them to wear during the release. She was able to buy them for her students with a grant from a local Mount Vernon farm supply company.

The excited students crowded around her as she took the adult from the cage and let it acclimate to her hand before flying off. The group ran back and forth on the grass with their new wings to show it how to fly fast. Mrs. Allison has been doing hands-on butterfly and other nature studies with her students for many years. She is an active member of the Garden Club of New Harmony and gives scheduled talks in the community on one of her favorite topics, composting. We salute dedicated teachers who continue to teach the wonder of the natural world to young minds!



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Education Chairman**

Sages Garden Club

Sages Garden Club members held their dedication ceremony of the Pollinator Garden at the OrthoIndy Foundation YMCA on Saturday, September 14, at 9:30 a.m. Attending were Sages members, TGCI leaders, area gardeners, YMCA staff and Board members, and local media. Following the ceremony, everyone was offered a tour of the new YMCA building and also were invited to enjoy some homemade refreshments in the Community Room. The club provided educational hand-outs about garden club membership, and the benefits of having pollinators and native plants in our world today. A full-page article, detailing the event and Sages Garden Club's involvement with the garden, was published in the November issue of *Traders Point Living* magazine. Nearly two months later, on November 9th, several members cleaned up the garden to wrap up the fall season and planted over 125 daffodil bulbs for blooms next spring.

For the club's September monthly meeting, member Ka Freeman gave a presentation on herbal skin care. She brought lavender from her own garden so members could "make and take" two skin care products: Lavender Bath Salts and Lavender Foot Powder. The meeting room smelled wonderful as everyone left and they all were pleased to take something home of their own creation.

October's meeting was spent learning about the many things we can do as gardeners to prepare our garden for the winter. Nathan Welch from Green Gang Landscaping shared his wisdom from years of experience working with Indiana's weather and soil conditions.

At the Central District Fall Meeting in Indianapolis, Sages' President shared memorials of club members who have passed away this year by lighting a candle and reading their names, their club affiliation, and a brief bio. There were four presented: Noel Norton Heymann, Arbutus Garden Club; Linda Leedy, Sages Garden Club; Carol Rahman and Rosalie Lange, both from Indianapolis Garden Club.



#1 - Sages President, Cindy Martin, receives a certificate of completion from TGCI's Betty Leverett at the Pollinator Garden dedication ceremony on September 14th.

#2 - Monic Hill, Executive Director of the OrthoIndy Foundation YMCA in Indianapolis, shares her appreciation to the Sages Garden Club members for their efforts.

#3 - Pictured are members of Sages Garden Club and Friendly Garden Club, along with several OrthoIndy Foundation YMCA staff and Board members at the Pollinator Garden dedication ceremony on September 14th.

#4 - Sages Garden Club member Ka Freeman shares her knowledge of lavender and other herbs in a presentation on herbal skin care at the club's September meeting.

Cindy Martin
President

In Loving Memory



Janice Lincoln

The Boonville Garden Club lost a dear friend and member, Janice Lincoln. Janice loved garden club and was an active member. Anyone who knew Janice realized her love of life. She became a friend to all who met her. She also had a very strong faith and belonged to the St. Clement Catholic Church in Boonville.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert "Bob" Lincoln; children, Todd Lincoln, Amy (Kelly) Patterson; grandchildren, Seth and Evan Patterson; siblings, Joann (Fred) Anders, Jim (RuthAnn) Scherm, Linda (David) Hammond; many nieces and nephews; and numerous lifelong and recent friends.



Gloria Costello

Our beloved member Gloria Costello passed away in September. She served decades as the treasurer for the Hendricks County Garden Club and was very active in our community. She will be truly missed.



Diane Schroeder

The Vale of Paradise Garden Club has lost a wonderful lady that was friends with everyone. Diane was a resident of Valparaiso since 1976, homemaker, member of Calvary Church of Valparaiso, Calvary Bible Study, Vale of Paradise Garden Club, and member of Shoshonee High School Club.

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