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The Garden Club  
of Indiana, Inc.  
promotes  
interest and education  
in Horticulture,  
Landscaping,  
Floral Design,  
and  
Environmental Concerns.



Dear Gardening Friends,

This message has been very hard to write, because it is my farewell as State President. It has been a joy to attend your District meetings, installations and other special events, and individual clubs. It is difficult to believe that two years could pass so quickly.

Many thanks are due to my officers and chairmen. It is because of all your hard work that all my goals and projects were accomplished. Additional thanks go to the members of all 70 clubs who worked with the chairmen to sponsor the district meetings, wildflower workshops, September Seminars, teas, receptions, flower sales, shows and conventions. If I have forgotten to thank anyone for a special gift or favor, I thank you now.

My wish for you members is that you support and work for Sarah, our incoming president, as you did for me. I can feel good things are happening for The Garden Club of Indiana, and I hope they will continue. I am hoping to continue our friendships as we attend gardening functions in the future.

Thanks for all your hard work,  
my friends,

Rosie

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## “Gray—The Gardener’s Silver Thread”

Ruth Hartley

Originally written in Summer 1994

While there are many pleasing combinations of flowers we can use in our gardens, one of the most refreshing additions on a hot summer day is a patch of gray among the bright colors. A corner of vivid marigolds and zinnias will no doubt catch your eye, but include a clump of artemesia of soft relief that is desirable and pleasing to behold. The reserve of this can be seen in the great cathedrals with their beautiful stained glass windows—the gray of the stone provides the setting of the jewel tones of the colored glass. One artist introduced what he called “Elephant Breath” into his painting—a subtle gray that blended with the colors in the painting—yet tied them together. This same use of gray plants will make for a more distinguished garden.

What plants to use? There is a long list. There are many smaller plants and even a few trees and shrubs to soften the background for colors that sing a louder song. Among these with year round value are some gray or blue gray evergreens. Some junipers provide gray and many willows have a pleasing gray quality as the breeze exposes the foliage, *Salix tristis* or *eleagnos* especially. In the silver polar, *Poulus albe*, the grayness is almost pure white. Best known among trees is the Russian Olive, both the *Eleagnacea augustifolius* and *E commutatus* have silver foliage. Many times these can be used as a shrub. For lower growing shrubs consider *Caryopteris incanta* or *Vitex negundo* which is especially recommended for its spicily fragrant gray-blue flowers in September.

More practical in most gardens are the hardy plants that fit into the border, rock garden or herb garden. Among the first plants to bloom in the summer is “Snow-in-Summer”, *Cerastium tomentosum*. When out of bloom it is never over 3”-4” tall. It provides a softening note to the foreground, but must be watched for its aggressive behavior. Also effective is “Lambs-ear”- *Stachys lanata*. This grows about 6” tall in loose rosettes of soft wooly leaves. This list also includes several Artemesias: “Silver King” grows about 3” tall and is delightful near the vibrant colors of Phlox; “Silver Mound” is about 10”-12” across and 4” to 6” high and is like a bit of silver lace all season. Among the “Dusty Millers”, you will find abundant confusion. Not only are there at least five look-a-likes and grow-a-likes, but one has interestingly cut leaves and another has leaves covered with white hairs, cut narrower than the first. Whatever kind, they are first choice in the gray garden. Another, Santolina, has a curiously coral-like form and soft felt texture. It was one of the indispensable herbs in the colonial garden as early as 1638. The resin-like or camphor smell was used as protection against moths and vermin. Not only that but the leaves, dried and made into tea or chewed, were used as a remedy against worms in children. The place where gray plants seem most at home is in the herb garden. Some plants to consider are Ditteny, Lavender, Rosemary, Sage, Wormwood and Thyme. There are also some gray-leaved geraniums with the first place going to “Old Spice.”

After blending gray plants into the flower border, why not make a corner of all gray foliaged plants? - Dianthus, Pearly Everlastings, Alyssum, and maybe some Dusty Miller or Lychnis Coronaria and a bit of Artemesia—all give texture, shape of foliage and variety of heights to the bed. Dare to use gray foliage plants in the garden—use them as a thread that helps blend the many colors of your border into a pleasing picture. Get out the catalogs and make a list. You will be surprised at the number and variety of plants you will find.

In memory of our long time member, Marge Jones. We will miss her Irish smile.

Also in memory of our recent member, Doris White, world traveler, who wanted to know everything about gardening.

They are both gone to a greener garden.

Turkey Creek Garden Club of  
Merrillville, Indiana





## **Welcome** to the *Mystical Magical World of Garden Fantasies*

Gather your friends, pack your luggage, and get ready to go  
**Register** for the hotel, the convention and the State Flower Show.  
There will be programs about critters, flowers, and not getting hurt  
That will capture our attention and keep us alert.  
Critters, Gnomes and maybe a Fairy or two  
Might peek from their hiding place and say hi to you.

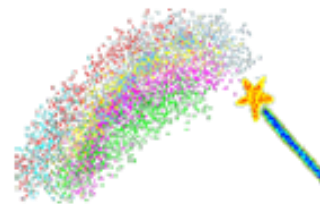
**A Flower Show** will be held, a rumor that is true.  
Hort. Specimens will abound, and maybe a design in a shoe.  
The **Chia Pets** will be on display for a public review.  
We'll visit with friends, some old and some new.  
There will be some sweat, but absolutely no blood.  
We will laugh, learn and play and maybe find mud.

Come one! Come all!  
We have officers to install.  
“**Bibbidy Bobbidy Blue**” is the theme of Monday night-  
It will be mystical, magical, and it will be a sight.  
We all know that you, the garden club members, never never quit,  
So you may be honored at our “Blue” Presidents Banquet.

An honored guest will be there but most importantly so will you!  
Wear something old or something brand new.  
Blingy is fine, but Plain works too,  
It can be something borrowed, but we wish it to be **Blue**.  
So please join us at our blue garden ball,  
It will be a magical time for one and for all!

President Rosie Springer is putting her term to bed-  
The team has followed where she graciously has led.  
Containers were planted in places everywhere,  
Because we want all to know that we really do care.  
Now she can rest in TGCI “Former President Land”,  
Relaxing and knowing that she did all that she can.

**Central East District extends open arms with hearty warm wishes,**  
So come from the north, south, east, west and out of the bushes.  
Ribbons, prizes, and introductions to Mrs. Mudd,  
Will guarantee that the convention won't be a dud.  
So with that in your mind and time to make plans,  
Grab that pen, call your friends and **register** as fast as you can.



## **Auctions, Auctions, Pampered Chef Parties, Jewelry Parties, and Division of Plants have netted \$20,001.75 worth of scholarship donations!**

This year, for the first time, National Garden Club is asking for the total amount given per state and needless to say, TGCI has bragging rights. The information from all states will be compiled into publicity articles going nationwide. How exciting that we, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., can be another part of the "force for good" that results from our labors and dedication.

Student enrollment is down. Academic standards are harder to maintain with the student having longer work schedules or going to school part time. This has influenced the number of students meeting the standards of requirements needed for application for receiving our scholarships. This chairman and the 2013 interview committee held discussions with the faculty and students of both schools (Ball State University and Purdue University) addressing the issue of a lower number of applicants. There will be some changes made in the application process next winter, but the academic scale will remain the same. Federated garden clubs consider the giving of a scholarship to students a reward for their efforts and abilities in having learned to balance their work, extracurricular activities and academic standards. Knowing that students can do this successfully leads one to understand that this student will leave the collegiate world and be an asset and a leader within the community in which they live.

One year, we had 44 scholarship applications with monies for only 15. And this year, we had fewer than 15 applications. We do not have the ability to know how many students will have applied, therefore, we encourage all clubs to continue to support this project. TGCI wants to be prepared to support the students who deserve assistance and reward for their efforts each and every year.

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Scholarship Chairman and her interview committee thank you from the bottom of their hearts. The students who apply are most appreciative to be given an opportunity to receive our Scholarship. Register for the Annual State Convention in Richmond and you will be able to meet some of the students who received a scholarship for the school year 2012-2013. These students will be eating lunch with us on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Here is **a list of the students** and where they are from. Maybe you will be able to visit with one who has your club's named scholarship or one from your area of the state.

### **Purdue Students:**

#### **Brenda Marie Carton**

Georgia Mary Honeywell Memorial Scholarship  
Major: Landscape Horticulture & Design  
Home: Earl Park, IN 47942-0052

#### **Stacy Weissert**

Petal & Stem Scholarship  
Major: Horticulture Production & Marketing  
Home: Bourbon, IN 46504

#### **Andrea Nichole Brennan**

half Scholarship from The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc  
Major: Landscape Architecture/ Associate's Horticulture  
Minor: Art and Design  
Home: Evansville, IN 47710

#### **Margaret Marie Knapke (Meg)**

Josephine Jarboe Memorial Scholarship  
**National Garden Club Scholarship Winner**  
Major: Landscape Horticulture Design Minor: Botany and Arboriculture  
Home: Decatur, IN 46733

#### **Matthew L Ozenbaugh**

The Virginia Jones Scholarship  
Major: Landscape Horticulture & Design  
Home: North Manchester, IN 46962

#### **Michael James Baird**

Professor E. R. Honeywell Memorial Scholarship  
Major: Horticulture  
Home: Scottsburg, IN

#### **Joshua James Barkley**

Dr. Michael N. Dana Scholarship  
Major: Public Horticulture  
Home: West Lafayette, IN 47906

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Scholarship recipients, contd.

**Ball State Students:**

**Austin Reed Blomeke**

Four Winds Garden Club Scholarship  
Major: Master's Landscape Architecture  
Home: Muncie, IN 47303

**Ashley Williams**

Vale of Paradise Garden Club Scholarship  
Major: Landscape Architecture  
Home: St. John, IN 46373

**Monica Goshorn-Maroney**

Virginia Jones Scholarship  
Major: Landscape Architecture  
Home: Lagoda, IN 47954

**Erica Danielle Lea Delaney**

Virginia Jones Scholarship  
Major: Landscape Architecture  
Home: Noblesville, IN 46202

**Lisa Kathleen Karcher**

Petal & Stem Garden Club Scholarship  
Major: Master's Landscape Architecture  
Home: Muncie, IN 47604

**Alison Hubert**

Vale of Paradise Garden Club Scholarship  
Major: Landscape Architecture  
Home: Lowell, IN 46356

**Devin M. Dabney**

Virginia Jones Scholarship  
Major: Landscape Architecture  
Home: Indianapolis, IN 46235

**Central East District, 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Convention in Richmond,**

is the recipient of a wonderful donation.

We have been gifted with a 100% wool, beautifully hand-made rug. This rug Number is #29284 and the size is 3'9" x 5'9" and is listed at \$1,350.00.

This traditional style rug with a floral motif was gifted to us by the Royal Gallery of Rugs, 8665 River Crossing Blvd, Indianapolis. It was delivered and is just as pretty as the photos and we are so excited to be able to offer it for auction on the night of the President's Banquet, April 15, 2013.



If you would like to bid on this and are not going to be at the auction, contact a friend who is going or your district director and call in your bid. We will try our best to accommodate any possibility of you being able to bid! This is a last minute gift for us and we want to present this opportunity to you as a fair way of honoring this gift.

We are asking for a reserve bid of \$279.00 to start. Checks and cash will be welcome, and the use of a credit or debit card is not an option available to us. If this reserve is not met, the district will keep the rug for a future fund raiser.



**Bid and win this unexpected donation of a beautiful rug and take home an heirloom!**

## **Summary of 2011-2013 Garden Club Administration**

*By Rosie Springer*

The following was taken from the report to the National Garden Clubs that I recently submitted:

This is the final report of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region, submitted by President Rosemarie Springer. Our theme for the 2011 – 2013 term was: “Give Something Back to Your Community.”

During this time period in Indiana, there were 1,895 members in 70 clubs in 7 districts. Our 2012 Convention was hosted by North Central District. It was located at the Essenhaus Inn, Middlebury, IN on April 23-24. Its theme was “Gardens-Living Quilts.”

Our 2013 Convention, led by Central East District will be at Holiday Inn, Richmond, IN, April 15-16. This theme is “The Mystical Magical World of Garden Fantasies.”

The September Seminar of 2011 – “School Days,” – was carried out by South West District. The site was at Princeton, IN. Most events occurred at the Gibson County Fairgrounds.

A Wildflower Workshop, ‘Our Native Bounty,’ was held at the Canyon Inn in McCormick’s Creek State Park, September 14, 2012. Central West District was the host.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS: Major Goals and Projects and Results**

I was fortunate to have reached all my goals. This was totally due to my hard-working board and the perseverance of my chairmen. A major project was community gardening. Clubs participated in many ways. Next, after many years we had a Tri-Refresher. We were pleased when twenty-eight scholarships were awarded – due to donations of \$35,500 for both years. We reached our goal of \$11,000 donated to Land Trust for the Kankakee Sands Project in the middle of my first year of office. It was decided to take on a new project - \$10,000 to be raised for work on the Wabash River Watershed. Two major Blue Star projects were undertaken, and paperwork has been filed for two more in the next term. North Central District has landscaping projects for Habitat for Humanity ready in three towns.

Two Activities that brought us pride: A State sponsored flower show will be part of our upcoming convention- the first in seven years. The second, TGCI participated in a prestigious Flower and Home show at the State Fair Grounds with a new information booth. We purchased professional equipment for this year’s booth, and were pleased to have 133 people interested in joining a garden club.

A few things I leave for the next president. Zionsville and Fishers should have a Federated Garden Club. People from those towns have indicated they are looking for a club. I also think the State or Districts or individual clubs should have distinctive matching outerwear for projects and public appearances.

### **The Home Show**

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. is very grateful to have been given the opportunity to participate in the Home Show held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds January 25- February 3. We proudly introduced our new display and graphics to the attendees, and 133 of them expressed an interest in joining a garden club.

Thanks to our graphics designer, Edie Dyer-Wilson, and to the many members who generously volunteered their time to work at the booth. Our volunteers traveled from Princeton, Sullivan, Muncie, Pendleton, Greensburg, New Palestine, Avon, Fishers and Carmel, as well as Indianapolis. We are most appreciative of their help.