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ISSUE DEADLINES

Jan. 2, Mar. 1, May 1, Jul. 1,
Sep. 1, and Nov. 1

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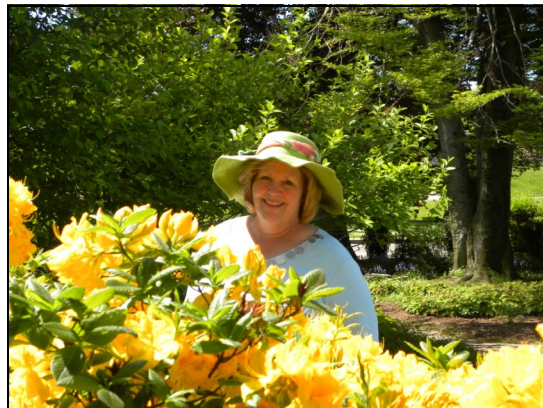
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Mission Statement

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

Greetings and best wishes to all of you as you work in your gardens this summer!

Here on Shady Lane the recovery from recent large scale natural disasters is more complete and looking more like what we had become accustomed to. The “jungle” of the woods is filling in, just like the forester told me, now two years post tornado. The perennial beds are recovering from two summer droughts...although I was surprised to see that age old standard hostas had taken more of a beating than I had anticipated. They are smaller (expected since August was dry and that period of root growth influences following year leaf growth and development), but are putting forth. We have enhanced with compost and the layers of shredded paper topped with hardwood mulch, so now the worms must do their part!



A new wall has been completed by the able-bodied and “young” son and the entrance has impact and curb appeal now. The daylilies still need more weeding...but since they have started to bloom, perhaps that will draw me out more in the mornings to get that task completed. The fish and the pond are happy and lilies are blooming. I eagerly await the first lotus blossom!

*The end of May, I represented all of you and was installed at the **National Convention** “Rain Shine” in Seattle, WA. It was amazing, and slightly overwhelming to take in the impact that garden clubs have across the country and the world! It also was a great opportunity to network with others to gain insight and ideas.

I had the good opportunity to travel to Southwest Indiana to enjoy **TWO Blue Star Memorial dedications. They were absolutely inspired and wonderful. One was placed by New Harmony Garden Club at the Black Creek rest area along I-64. That dedication was formal-had music, color guards and a nice representation from the community. The other was completed by Green Thumb Garden Club at Gibson County Fairgrounds in Princeton. It was wonderfully conducted in a more casual manner, with the addition of re-enactors in full civil war time period garb as there also was the rededication of a plaque to honor the fairground space having served as a training camp during the Civil War! Who knew I would learn history along this journey! They followed the dedication with nice refreshments in the poultry building which that garden club has been instrumental in helping to restore to usable space. I am constantly amazed at what clubs do around the state...busy, busy, busy, and key to their communities.

***The next exciting news is that the **Facebook page is up and active!** [Click here](#) to direct you to our Facebook page. Be sure to “like” us and then you should be able to see the feed regularly. Provide me with photos or post them and we will be happy to share. We are focusing on providing information and activities about various garden clubs about the state in order to create interest and a following. We will then link to the website as we have more informational articles of reference available on there. I already have had one inquiry about joining a garden club from same! It is working!!

****Your **state board** met in June and approved the budget for the year. Thanks to Cynthia Wright and her finance committee for the work put in to prepare same for the board to peruse. Additionally, we were graced with a great presentation by Judy Wessel, the new PR chair for the state. I believe you will be seeing some of her input soon about how to promote your club, and so forth with examples. The Green Thumb Garden Club used our new display unit for their Blue Star dedication. Clubs can reserve the use of this by contacting Judy Wessel. Overall, we had great attendance at this first gathering of the new board and much was accomplished. Joyce Bulington and her committees are hard at work planning the Central Region Meeting to be held in October at Middlebury, Indiana. What an opportunity to attend a CR meeting. There will be interesting programs, and the setting is convenient and lovely. Think about marking your calendar to come October 16-18. There should be more information in both *Indiana Gardens* as well as the website soon regarding registration for same.

Looking forward to attending events your clubs are hosting. Just drop me an email: nahmiasmud@gmail.com and I will be honored, if my schedule allows, to come see what you all are doing! Keep up the good work, and thanks for all you do for garden clubs and your communities.

Sarah Nahmias
TGCI President

Mark your calendars for the upcoming fall district meetings held around the state.

Remember, although business is conducted with district members, these meetings are interesting with various speakers and an excellent time to get fresh program and garden clubbing ideas from others. Below find the list of dates. Please check the website under "Members Only" and look for call letter and registration information for the meeting you wish to attend. **Also, don't wait till the last minute!** Register early and give the host club a chance to plan and prepare!



- **September 12**-Central District: [September Seminar "The Birds & The Bees & The Water & The Trees"](#)
- **September 18**-[Central West District hosted by Sullivan Garden Club: The Year of the River including a Flower Show.](#)
- **October 2**-South East District hosted by Give un Take Garden Club: "Reduce Your Footprint" featuring repurposed items and topics; Designing with Junque by Edie Dyer Wilson and The Business of Salvage and Repurposing with Amy Grimmer
- **October 3**-North West District in Schererville..always a great event with superb table decorating contest!
- **October 10**-Central East District hosted by Marion Garden Club
- **October 23**-North Central District hosted by Peru Garden Club
- **October 24** - South West District hosted by Petersburg Garden Club
- **October 31**- Central District hosted in Indianapolis at Broadmoor Country Club: Be sure to dress in your best costume for this one!!

So, check the website for further details, or ask your club president to get that info for you!!

Your attendance is welcome... At the Annual Central Region Meeting

Members of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. have the privilege of hosting the seven (7) states of the Central Region for the Annual Central Region Meeting. This meeting is being held in Middlebury, IN at the Essenhause Inn. We are working diligently to make it a great three (3) days of interesting programs and surprises showing off some of the best this state has to offer. We are encouraging you to attend and get a larger view of federated garden club works. This presents the opportunity to meet others doing the same type projects and pursuing the same goals from surrounding states and to begin enjoyable life-long acquaintances. Please give serious thought to joining with friends and venture to Middlebury in October, as well as offering to be a part of the working team of hostesses and worker bees. We welcome your assistance, but most importantly we welcome your attendance at this opportunity of sharing with members of 6 other states. Read, Register, and Relax in October at the Essenhause Inn.

To register, visit www.gardenclubofindiana.org under State Events or [click here](#).

Thank you,
Central Region Meeting Committee
Joyce Bulington
Judy Cook
Gerry St.Peters
Cynthia Wright
President Sarah Nahmias, ex officio

Facebook page is up and running!



Check out the new Facebook page for The Garden Club of Indiana. Be sure to “like” us...that is very important as we then can flow through your own personal news feed and reach more folks.

If your garden club has a page and The Garden Club of Indiana hasn't yet “liked” it, please let me know so we can connect.

We will post events, pictures and so forth to encourage gardening and our mission. We would also hope to include some gardening tips and a link to our website to articles of gardening interest and information. This will all tie in with our mission.

If you have suggestions or additions for the page, please contact Sarah Nahmias at nahmiasmud@gmail.com or Emily Steele at emilymsteele@frontier.com

Member Services

by Ruth Hartley

Just as garden catalogs are filled with things to enhance our gardens, so is the Member Services catalog filled with items to aid our garden clubs. All you need to do is check the N.G.C. website (www.gardenclub.org) to find the many items available to you.

Products for your flower shows, books required for the N.G.C. Schools, books just for your enjoyments and wealth of gifts with which you might want to reward special members for a job well done.

There are ideas for programs, publications to aid in planning and conducting your meetings, as well as beautiful annual Visions of Beauty Calendar that can serve as a fundraiser, a gift or a keepsake for yourself.

Keep checking the N.G.C. website for new products as they become available.

Busy Youth

By Judy Markham, State Youth Chairman

The Junior Garden Clubs of Indiana have had a busy year. The Clubbers made birdhouses, hummingbird feeders and birdbaths. They learned about the birds, bees and butterflies!...spiders, worms and insects!...pumpkin floral arrangements, seed tapes, recycling and the love of nature! And yes, Madam President, they learned about TREES! I think you get my point. The children are learning to love gardening!

The Middlebury Jr. Garden Club won a first place award in the 3rd and 4th grade division for the Smokey Bear Poster contest. We also had an honorable mention from National. The Children's Inc. won an award for the Youth Environment Concern division.

Those of you who have a Junior Garden Club and are not registered, please let me know. This is the only way we have to keep track of all the Junior Garden Clubs in Indiana. Anyone who would like to start a club, I am here to help you get started. I have everything you need and I am willing to share every tip I have with you. Please remember... these children are our future garden club members!



STATE FLOWER SHOW CHIA PET WINNERS!



At the Annual State Convention in Richmond, we held the first state wide flower show in 7 years. The Central East District was thrilled to present award winning horticulture exhibits, and outstanding designs. Participating members from all over Indiana exhibited with enthusiasm and trepidation. In spite of nerves and anxieties the show was a grand success and more than a “Little Bit of Magic”.

As Convention Chairman, I sponsored another design contest for the absolute sheer fun of it! A Chia Pet Competition using the Chia Pet of choice. They were judged by 4 criteria on a 100 point scale.

Creativity	35pts.	Health of plant	20pts.
Neatness	35pts.	Participation	35pts.

The 35 points for participation were offered as we did not want anyone to feel it was a “pointless” endeavor.

We learned that we have a lot to learn when growing Chia Pets. A few brave souls did enter their pets, while others held memorial services for their pets. It was more of a challenge to grow these properly than most of us anticipated. So kudos go out to those few who bravely carried on and participated in our competition.

1st Place was an Alligator grown by Evelyn Villarin

2nd Place was a Dog grown by Janke Groat

3rd Place was a Tree grown by Janey Mosey

Honorable mention was a Bear grown by Don St. Peters

Honorable mention was a Presidential Romney/Obama by Rosie Springer

May all others who tried be acknowledged in silence and without repercussions. Congratulations to those who took home prizes large and small. Thanks go to those who were courageous to try and try again. It was a learning challenge and a delightful addition to our State Flower Show and Annual Convention!

Joyce Bulington, Convention Chairman

ATTENTION ALL GARDEN CLUB PRESIDENTS!

Do you know about the Katrina Vollmer traveling award?

Check your [Awards Manual in the Birds and Butterflies section](#). This award is for Clubs only. It is a beautifully engraved tray which your club could hold for a year as a result of club project involving butterflies. Having this tray to display at all your community and club functions is a high honor from The Garden Club of Indiana. Select your club project, get your applications, document your work, and get started now.



2013-2015 State Project—Trees

Background and Guidelines

by Sarah Nahmias

As a lover of trees, and having experienced loss of great well aged trees a couple of years ago due to a tornado, my husband and I had the good fortune to be involved in a “Re-Leaf” program in our hometown. Seeing the great success of that program which not only replaced some trees in public spaces but also extended to area parks and other public spaces, we thought “Why not make this a garden club state wide project?!” And there it began!

In April of this year, the TGCI State Board approved my request for \$4200 to be allotted for a statewide tree planting effort. It was decided that up to \$300 per award and two awards per district would be available.

General guidelines would include:

- Planting in a public space
- Having an Arbor Day or other public educational program coinciding or coordinated with the tree dedication
- Acknowledgment of The Garden Club of Indiana as a sponsor and collaborator in this effort
- Raising or obtaining an actual or in-kind value donation of at least \$100 by the sponsoring club or district. This shows commitment of that club or district to care for the tree on an ongoing basis. This could be as simple as \$100 from the treasury to aid in the planting or care of the tree or could be a labor donation by the nurseryman who is going to plant the tree.
- Educating the public about “not topping trees” and other issues of tree care
- Establish benefit of tree in a public space
- Determination of particular public space and its significance

In filling out the online application for the grant money, please include as much information as possible to assure your serious consideration for this award. Awards will be on a first come first served basis, if all criteria are met. Receiving entity must be a 501c3 or 501c4 and show proof of same.

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc reserves the right to review or reject any application deemed ineligible. Decision of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc is final.

Questions may be directed to Sarah Nahmias, TGCI State President: nahmiasmud@gmail.com or Laura Kearby, Trees Chairman for TGCI: laurakearby@hotmail.com

For grant application, please visit www.gardenclubofindiana.org or [click here](#).

“Summer in the Park”

A Standard Flower Show

Presented by

MUDLARKS

A Garden Club of Bartholomew County

Will be a featured event
during *“The Garden Party”*

at

MILL RACE CENTER

900 Lindsey Street

Columbus, Indiana

Saturday, August 10, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 11, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Admission to “The Garden Party”: \$12.00

“Summer in the Park” includes horticulture, floral designs, educational exhibits and a creative floral design exhibition by Accredited Flower Show Judges.

“The Garden Party” event features the Mudlarks Flower Show, a display of tablescapes by area designers and florists, an exhibit of Daren Redman’s art quilts, a garden shop, a Garden Café, and a series of workshops to include plant photography, flower arranging, cooking with Indiana produce, and tips on how to enjoy the healthy benefits of gardening without the pain.



**The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
81st Central Region Meeting
Essenhaus Inn and Convention Center
Middlebury, IN
October 16-18, 2013**



Upon arrival at the Essenhaus Inn you may wish to visit antique shops, quilt shops and ice cream shops or sit in the rocking chairs, go for a short carriage ride, and learn how to paint a barn quilt that afternoon. Come early to participate in a **“Patchwork of Pleasures”**.

Wednesday evening a family style dinner will be served followed by a power point presentation given by Sonja Miller on the “Quilt Gardens of Elkhart County, Indiana”. Sonja owns and manages the Country Gardens Greenhouse and grows the thousands of annual plants for the fabulous **Quilt Gardens of Elkhart County**.

Thursday morning a complimentary breakfast awaits those staying at the Inn followed by the business meeting. Lunch will be followed by a program entitled, **“What a Difference a Dollar Makes”**, given by Eric Amt of the Wellfield Botanical Garden in Elkhart. Eric will be speaking about the Wellfield Botanical Garden emphasizing its beginnings and its commitment to clean and safe water.

Plans for the afternoon include a short seminar. Evie Kirkwood, host to the "Outdoor Elements" weekly program on WNIT Public Television in South Bend will host an interactive program **“To Be Announced - Stay tuned.”**

A reception prior to Thursday dinner will honor our NGC President Linda Nelson and our Central Region Director Gerry Ford. Following dinner our own Master Flower Show Judge Edie Dyer-Wilson will delight us with her design program entitled, **“Patching Together Designs from Funky Junque”**.

Friday morning following another complimentary breakfast, we are so excited to present Tiffany Conrad and her program **“Girl from the Limberlost – Shares”**. She is the site naturalist from the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site.

Please join us for fun, surprises, programs and the sharing of ideas on October 16-18 in Middlebury, Indiana for the 81st Annual Central Region Meeting and be a part of the **“Patchwork of Pleasures”**.

Central Region Director Gerry Ford
Central Region Meeting Chairman Joyce Bulington

**Essenhaus Inn
& Conference Center**
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Standard guest rooms are decorated in a blend of cottage styles. Choose from one king, two queen, or two double beds.

Inn amenities

- Indoor swimming pool
- Complimentary Breakfast (6:30-10:30am)
- Fitness Room
- Hot tub
- Game Room

Check In/out

- Check in is at 3:00PM.
Check out is at 11:00AM.

Cancellation Policy

Essenhaus Inn accepts Discover, MasterCard, Visa, and American express for payment. If, for any reason, you must cancel your reservations, you must do so at least 24 hours prior to check-in.



The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Cordially invites you to the 81st Central Region Meeting
“Patchwork of Pleasures” –
October 16-18, 2013
Essenhaus Inn
240 U.S. 20, Middlebury, IN 46540
800-455-9471

Please print all information.

Name: _____
 Name preferred on badge: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ *for reservation confirmation*
 Emergency Contact: _____



FULL TIME REGISTRATION PACKAGE PLAN

Package plan includes registration, meals and programs
 Before September 15th \$115.00 _____
 After September 15th \$125.00 _____

PART TIME REGISTRATION

Part time registration before 9/15 \$25.00 _____
 Part time registration after 9/15 \$40.00 _____
 October 16th Banquet and Program \$35.00 _____
 October 17th Luncheon and Program \$25.00 _____
 October 17th Banquet and Program \$35.00 _____
 October 18th See below***

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Breakfast is free to all overnight guests of the Essenhaus Inn; all other registrants, breakfast is on your own.

The program is open to all registered convention guests.

No cancellations after **10/01/2013**. Emergency refunds after 10/01/2013 subject to 25% processing fee.

Make checks payable to: **NGC Central Region**

Mail to: Gerry St. Peters, Registrar
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stpsales@aol.com (Note: please put CR Meeting on subject line.)

Make room reservation directly with the **Essenhaus Inn at 800-455-9471**

Rate: All rooms will be \$102.00 plus tax per night . Discount code is **Central Region Meeting**.