

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

And the Speakers Are.....

Sonja Miller owns and manages the Country Gardens Greenhouse and grows the thousands of annual plants for the fabulous **Quilt Gardens of Elkhart County**. She will be sharing a power point presentation of the gardens that are open to the public between June 1st and October 1st every year. Sonja will tell us about the design, execution and production of these unique and beautiful gardens.

Eric Amt is the executive director of the Wellfield Botanical Garden in Elkhart, Indiana and was a part of the original Rotary Club Planning Committee in 2007. Formerly Eric managed a local 18-hole golf course. He is now working with Architect Dennis Bittner, from Wisconsin, as they create a garden that is on the water shed that supplies water for the city of Elkhart. The Botanical Garden sits on 34 acres. Eric will be speaking about the Wellfield Botanical Garden with a power point presentation of current and future gardens. “**What a Difference a Dollar Makes!**”

Evie Kirkwood is the humorous, vivacious Director of the St. Joseph County Parks in South Bend, Indiana. She is host to the "Outdoor Elements" weekly program on WNIT Public Television in South Bend. In 2009 she was awarded the National Park Association Barb King Award for Environmental Leadership. She will have an interactive program “**To Be Announced - Stay tuned!**”

Edie Dyer-Wilson, a Master Flower Show Judge from Indiana will present a design program entitled, “**Patching Together Designs from Funky Junque**”. Edie is an active member of the multi-state judges design group which meets in Elkhart, Indiana, and a registered nurse as well as a very creative artist. She always goes beyond expectations with any project she is involved in. You will be delighted and intrigued with her “Junque”, keeping in mind that she lives with a selection from her husband’s farm machinery at her fingertips. Creative designs will unfold with her high energy presentation.

Tiffany Conrad spent most of her childhood outside in creeks and trees while enjoying the many aspects nature has to offer. Tiffany received her degree in Environmental Science in 2004. In 2010 she became a Seasonal Naturalist at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site located in Rome City. Already familiar with Gene, she began to read and research her to joyfully rediscover all the great things that Gene had accomplished in her lifetime. Currently the Site Naturalist, Tiffany plans the programs, works in the Gardens and gives tours of the Cabin. Our “**Girl from the Limberlost- Shares.**”



Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center

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Experience true relaxation at our charming inn, a pleasant surprise in the country! Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center is quietly tucked away on a campus with an on-site restaurant and shopping opportunities. You can unwind by the lobby fireplace or relax in our whirlpool.

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

We accept 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 1 (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 15 th	\$115.00 _____
After September 15 th	\$125.00 _____

PART TIME REGISTRATION

Part time registration before 9/15	\$25.00 _____
Part time registration after 9/15	\$40.00 _____
October 16 th Banquet and Program	\$35.00 _____
October 17 th Luncheon and Program	\$25.00 _____
October 17 th Banquet and Program	\$35.00 _____
October 18 th 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, 6329 E 55th Place, Indianapolis, IN 46226-1647
317-547-3671 stpsales@aol.com Please put CR Meeting on subject line.

Make room reservation directly with the Essenhaus Inn, 1-800-455-9471

Rate: all rooms will be \$102.00 plus tax per night – code is Central Region Meeting