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Mission Statement

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

Well! It is off and running since the installation ceremony at the wonderful state convention in April. The state of Indiana and The Garden Club of Indiana are busy and fruitful and making a big difference in their communities across the state.

I have had the good fortune to visit with the Brookside GC and the Flower Lane GC conducting their respective officer installations. I have visited the Smalltown Garden Club for a visit to the Ball State University greenhouses and a great supper. Additionally, I was made to feel most welcome at the Central District and Central West District spring meetings. What great folks (not to mention good cooks) we have in our clubs. I also was invited to listen in on a planning meeting for the Central Region Meeting which will be held in October in our great state of Indiana. At that time, October 16-18, we will host the 7 states of the Central Region in Middlebury. Watch for more information about this meeting in the next issue of Indiana Gardens. You all are most welcome to come. This is an amazing location and will promise to be a most informative and fun meeting to attend. On May 22-27 I shall have attended the National Garden Club convention in Seattle and look forward to bringing you messages and inspiration from that front.

As all of you are busy, busy, busy with your gardens that have gone from sleeping to leaping this spring be mindful of some of our goals. You all have dug and divided to the max and hopefully had successful spring plant sales or yard sales to yield the coins in order to support your local projects of community gardens, educational programming as well as support the "BIG FOUR" funds at the state level. Please take this year to resolve to up your club donation to scholarship, wetland conservancy through the land trust, blue star memorials, and habitat for humanity as a part of world gardening. Through these four funds, we collectively have tremendous impact as a group in our state. On the website you should be able to find the new (or returning) state chairmen to send funds to, or to direct your questions to on various topics.

If you missed the convention, I would love to share two exciting challenges forthcoming for The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.: First we will soon be up and running on Facebook. The goal is June 1. The hope is that we can accomplish, together, a few things through this social media outlet. We certainly can get our word out there, maybe even post some fun pictures of what we are doing in our gardens and communities and answer questions from followers regarding those efforts. Secondly, we will reach a new audience that can then be introduced to garden clubbing. We are a wealth of information and camaraderie for the great pursuit of gardening in all its morphs. Additionally, it is my hope that we can encourage clubs around the state to post what is happening in their area so that if, perhaps, we are travelling around the state we can be aware of a garden tour, or sale or flower show and happen upon it. It is essential that we open ourselves publicly to invigorate our membership.

Additionally, the state board approved at their April meeting my state project which is TREES!!! \$4200 has been appropriated for at least 14 trees, distributed around the seven districts of our state for planting in public spaces. By the June board meeting, we will have the grant application distributed to the district directors who will then send on to the club presidents. Basically, the grant will ask that your club or district provide an actual or in kind donation of \$100 in order to secure The Garden Club of Indiana grant of up to \$300 for the installation of a tree in a public space or place. In turn, your district or club would arrange for this installation, and will acknowledge The Garden Club of Indiana during that public event. Tying this in to an Arbor Day celebration, a Blue Star dedication or the renewal of a park or downtown area which has been blighted are but bonuses to this end. Should we have great success in distributing these funds during this first year of my term, please know I will be only too happy to find, generate, or even beg for more money to have a greater impact during the second year. So put your heads together and get started on a plan for a tree! Now that we have the advantage of electronically distributing information among our members it is up to all of you to share your photos and your stories about what is going on in your area and communities. We all enjoy hearing about what you are doing and want to share in applauding your efforts.

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Please send that information to Emily Steele, our very capable editor. You can find a posting elsewhere in this publication on her contact information. Be sure to include INDIANA GARDENS OR TGCI WEBSITE in the heading of your email to her.

Garden buddies: Don't forget your non-electronic pals who are in your club. Be sure to make a hard copy and share with them, so they may stay informed and connected with the rest of us. For those who are less able to get out...call and read them some of the information and talk about it. It is a win-win!

Feel free to invite me to your event, club meeting or garden tour or flower show. If my schedule allows, know that I enjoy and look forward to coming and meeting you, seeing what you are doing, and then sharing that information with others around the state.

See you in a couple months...and be sure to stay in touch. My email is nahmiasmud@gmail.com. I welcome your input at any time.

Sarah Nahmias

**You are invited to a GARDEN PARTY
at Mill Race Center
900 Lindsey Street
Columbus, IN
August 10 & 11**

This multifaceted event will feature a Standard Flower Show staged by the MUDLARKS, a Garden Club of Bartholomew County, tablescares by area florists and designers, an art quilt exhibit, educational displays and workshops, a garden shop and a cafe featuring locally grown ingredients.

For more information: skbald@sbcglobal.net



Penny Pines Program

By TGCI Trees Chairman – Laura Kearby

TGCI Members and Member Clubs can partner with NGC and the National Forest Service and participate in the Penny Pines Program, a meaningful and practical Reforestation / Education Program that NGC and NFS partner. The Forest Service provides the labor to replant catastrophe damaged areas, which may be designated as to a particular state (Indiana, of course!!!), with indigenous trees, not just pines (which were originally planted when the program started in 1941), to provide for soil protection & conservation plus areas for recreation. Donations are a minimum of \$68, or multiples of (at its origin, donations were \$6.80 to plant an acre with 680 pines that cost a penny each, thus also explaining the program name). Please consider making a Penny Pines commitment and help to replant TREES in Indiana.



Why Plant Trees?

Trees.....

keep our air supply fresh by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen;

provide shade and shelter;

can reduce heating and cooling costs when properly placed;

cut down noise pollution by acting as sound barriers;

stabilize the soil and prevent erosion with their roots;

improve water quality by slowing and filtering rain water as well as protecting aquifers and water sheds;

provide protection from downward fall of rain, sleet, hail as well as reduce storm run-off and flooding;

can increase property value and enhance the quality of life;

located along streets act as a glare and reflection control;

can provide privacy and screening from unsightly views;

provide food and shelter for wildlife.

New Award Manual

By Sarah Nahmias

After several weeks of scrutiny and review and comparison to National Standards, the updated **AWARD MANUAL** is now available and will be the standard by which any entries for awards are measured.

PLEASE NOTE: **USE THE BLUE AWARD MANUAL**

If you happen to have in your stack, stash, file or other hoarding area of your home with garden club "stuff" a green or yellow or anything else...pitch them and keep the current blue one. These were made available to the board of directors and club presidents at the state convention. Each club receives one to use as its guide for activities and award participation. Please take time during a club meeting and review this and think about increasing your participation to receive rewards and awards for the things you all are doing day in and day out. Why not get a public pat on the back for a job well done. One of the nice changes is the simplified application process and evidence documentation.

Remember, Suzanne Potts is the Award Chairman for the state and you may direct your questions to her by email: smp9114@att.net or by telephone 317.875.5267. Anyone wanting a personal copy of the Award Manual may request that from Suzanne. She will explain the charge for either "pick up" or mail delivery of same.

Hats off to Suzanne and her committee for completing this arduous task!!! Note: there could be some "tweaking changes" following the National Garden Club Convention as sometimes there are announcements of updates at that event.



Photo above taken by Give 'Un Take Garden Club President, Jenni Brodi. Jenni opened her grill for the first time this Spring and found this Robin's nest.

Already planting **TREES?**

Planning on planting **TREES?**

Thinking about planting **TREES???**



An award of \$100 and a Certificate of Award may be presented, when merited, at our annual State Convention, to the Indiana Garden Club with the most outstanding tree program. Additional awards of \$50 may be given on occasional years when funding permits. Your new TGCI *Awards Manual* has all the specifics for applying for the **Bev Kolver Arbor Award**.

Don't be intimidated by the requirements – preparing and applying for an award is easy.

This is a message of thanks to all T.G.C.I. members who were a part of the Standard Flower Show “*A Little Bit of Magic*” held in conjunction with the 82nd Annual State Convention in Richmond, Indiana on April 15-16, 2013.

The members of the Central East District (as host district) were involved from the very start and were a large part of the success of the show. Please pat yourselves on the back and know you are greatly appreciated.

All seven districts were represented in some way for this show. It takes many, many hands to go from a proposed flower show schedule to a very successful flower show.

The flower show had every class filled, so that all the NGC Awards offered were available (if merited) to the people who entered Horticulture specimens or designs.

Both the Ball State University and Purdue University Scholarship Students and their Professors got a chance to visit the show on Tuesday, and seemed most intrigued by the miniature designs.

On behalf of the Flower Show Committee and the Convention Committee, I thank you for entering, judging, working behind the scene, or just stopping by to see the show. We had a great time and hope to see you again, soon.

Ellen J. Elliott, Flower Show Chairman
Ruth Bane, Co-Chairman
Ruth Moorhead, Horticulture Consultant

A WATER WISE YARD

On June 8th 10 am - 3 pm

Fort Benjamin's Blossoms Garden Club and Shamrock Garden Club
Is hosting a day of fun and education on
WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT SURVIVAL
for the average household.

THIS FREE EVENT WILL INCLUDE:

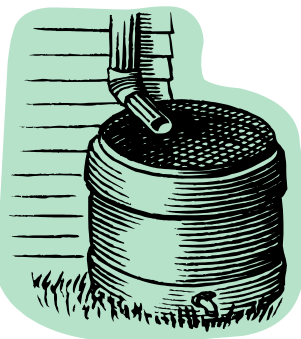
Speakers:

- Drought Strategies – **Dottie Wright**, Horticulturist, is currently the greenhouse manager and perennial buyer at Damman's Lawn and Garden's Southside location
- **Leslie White**, Fall Creek Watershed Partnership Backyard Conservation Coordinator will explain how to create your own backyard habitat.
- **Amanda Smith**, of Indiana Native Plant & Wildlife Society and naturalist for the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department presents a program about the benefits of incorporating native plants into your landscape at home.



Demos will include How to Make Your Own Rain Barrel and How to Create Your Own Birdbaths. The barrel and birdbaths will be given away later in the day.

Post Road Christian Church's
Clown Ministry will entertain
Kids, both young and old.



Free prizes will include
a rain barrel and birdbaths

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