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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 2020 having closed and 2021 upon us, it's time to start thinking about the months ahead and planning for a new and even better year. Opportunities are sure to present themselves as we move past idle time preparing, and more time doing. TGCI can look forward to a year working on projects, as well as, getting acquainted again in person.

Your Board of Directors and District Directors have been working constantly over the past year looking for ways to bring us back together for meetings, seminars, and conventions. They are here for you, so don't hesitate to use their expertise on how to keep your club doing what they do best, save the environment.

National is still promoting "Plant America." As it states on the national website (gardenclub.org), "Plant America" is focused on educating, supporting and building America's garden communities. This theme is chosen to help NGC members and the public return to the 'roots' of why most members join garden clubs – to learn about gardening."

And, here's a thought for the month. Poet Lord Byron once noted, "Letter writing is the only device for combining solitude with good company." So, with this in mind, as we still look for ways to stay in touch, rekindle the art of letter writing with your members. Exchanging letters or cards is still a wonderful way to use the art of communication.

Betty

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The TGCI Board of Directors presents the following proposed amendments to the Bylaws of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

Amend ARTICLE X - BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION 2. Meetings, by adding "e" to read:
e. Meetings may be conducted by telephone and/or through use of internet services. Votes taken shall be deemed as fulfilling any requirement in the Bylaws or Standing Rules for voting.

Amend ARTICLE XI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SECTION 2, Meetings, by adding "c" to read:
c. Meetings may be conducted by telephone and/or through use of internet services. Votes taken shall be deemed as fulfilling any requirement in the Bylaws or Standing Rules for voting.

Amend ARTICLE XIII – STATE MEETINGS, by adding a new SECTION 6, to read:
SECTION 6. Meetings may be conducted by telephone and/or through use of internet services. Votes taken shall be deemed as fulfilling any requirement in the Bylaws or Standing Rules for voting.

Rationale: To permit alternate meeting and voting procedures to conform to changes being considered by National Garden Clubs, Inc.

TGCI ANNOUNCES 50% DISCOUNT ON 2021-22 DUES

As we all know, 2020 was a year of upheaval and cancellations, and 2021 is expected to be similar for the first few months. Many clubs had to cancel some meetings and activities, and their normal fundraising may have been curtailed. TGCI is supporting local clubs during this hardship by offering a 50% discount on TGCI dues for 2021. Clubs may in turn give their members a discount on dues or use the discount to offset the loss of fundraising.

This may also be an opportunity to attract a greater number of new members in 2021! Clubs who discount their own dues are encouraged to publicize the opportunity to join at a reduced cost.

The Garden Club of Indiana's Annual State Convention

"90 years of Dancing with Nature"

April 28, 2021 on your Virtual Screen



All garden club members *Dance with Nature* on a regular basis. We move a shade-loving plant out of the sun; we water because we have been in a drought. With that in mind, TGCI is pleased and excited to invite all members and non-members to our annual state convention and learn more about *90 years of Dancing with Nature*.

TGCI members are used to trying new plants, moving flower beds, adapting to our environment. We do this with trepidation, but more times than not we are happy with the results. Zoom meetings allow us to adapt to the unexpected challenges we face. We can see each other, conduct business and still be a part of the community being a force for good. Call your grandchildren or another member and learn one more new "techie" thing. It is painless and fairly easy. We learned how to use our microwaves, VCR's and cell phones; we can and will be able to do this. Expect to be pleasantly surprised and able to boast that you never have to turn down a Zoom invitation ever again. We can do this! Watch for this icon in your e-mail as we show you how to do the "Two Step" one e-mail at a time. As always in all things garden club, we have a team that can and will assist you on this new dance floor.



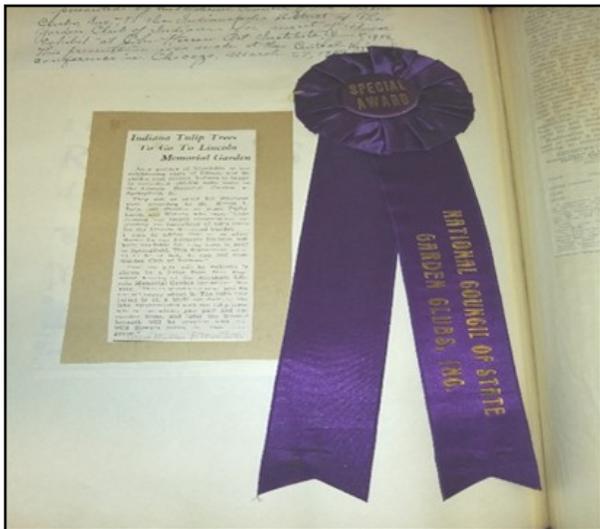
Due to the COVID-19 challenge, this year we are dancing the "Shuffle" and "Twisting" around to go on a new adventure. The map leading us toward an exciting new "Ballroom" will be arriving in your e-mail in February. This will include your point of destination with a link for registration. A partner to teach you how to "Follow the Green Road" to the Zoom meeting. Further details about the meeting and the presentation of a program will be dancing your way.

**TGCI President Betty Leverett
The Board of Directors
Convention Chairman Joyce Bulington**

90 Year Celebration

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Awards Through 90 Years

Throughout the past 90 years TGCI as a state organization has received 67 National awards and 35 Central Region awards. Clubs throughout the state have received 76 NGC awards and 49 Central Region awards. Individuals from clubs and universities have received 52 awards. Here are some of the more interesting awards that show that The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. works hard as a state organization and club and individuals take pride being a "Hoosier Gardener" and look forward to the future years.



This award was from 1939 at Chicago Convention for donating 100-200 tulip trees to the Lincoln Memorial Gardens in Springfield, IL.



This award from South Korea for world gardening that TGCI received (1 of only 7 states) at National Convention in 1972.



Over the years, TGCI, Inc. has received 10 awards in Land Trust and contributed over \$100,000



If you know,
Let us know!

Scholarship
Over \$500,000

Membership
increase

Magazine
5 times

Blue Star
Memorial

Gold Star
Memorial

The Nominating Committee reported that the slate of officers for 2021-2023 is as follows: Linda Harkleroad, President; Reggie Korthals, 1st Vice President; James Pavelka, 2nd Vice President; Cynthia Wright, 3rd Vice President; Sharon Baldwin, Recording Secretary. The Treasurer position will continue to be a paid position with Cynthia Wright being the subcontractor.



President Nominee - Linda Harkleroad

Linda has been a member of the Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club since 1976 and has served as president, vice-president and secretary several times. She has served as North Central District Civic Development Chair, North Central District Director, TGCI Civic Development Chair, TGCI Recording Secretary, and TGCI First Vice-President.

Linda graduated from Richmond High School and received a BA in English from Wittenberg University and an MA in English from the University of Notre Dame. She taught high school English for 36 years.

Her son Ryan lives in Indianapolis with his wife. They have two children: daughter Alison who was born on Thanksgiving Day in 2016, and son Ethan was born during the great freeze at the end of January 2019.

Linda is also an active member of Michiana Master Gardeners and in addition to a love of annuals and perennials, she loves to read and travel.



1st Vice-President Nominee - Reggie Korthals

Reggie is the Senior Environmental Resource Project Manager for Butler Fairman & Seufert, Inc. in Indiana. She is responsible for storm water program development, client support and regulatory guidance. She also serves as the *Executive Director of the Indiana MS4 Partnership*.

Reggie retired from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Office of Water Quality after ten plus years as the coordinator for Indiana's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES permit program. She worked with all Indiana permitted communities on compliance, technical assistance, and implementation. Reggie developed the Indiana MS4 Annual Meeting that is designed to provide compliance assistance, educational information, and networking opportunities to the state permittees. 2021 will mark the 14th year of this nationally recognized event.

Reggie is a nationally recognized speaker and presenter on water resource protection, regional planning, air quality protection and environmental policy. She is the recipient of the *Indiana Quality of Life Council Award* for outstanding contributions to environmental protection in Indiana and the *IDEM Exceptional Service in Environmental Management* in 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014.

She currently serves as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at Indiana University Northwest. Reggie currently is the North West District Director.

Reggie is the daughter of Olga R. Korthals of Valparaiso, a 30-year State Life Member of TGCI and a National Life Member with the National Council. She lives in Porter, IN.



2nd Vice-President Nominee - James Pavelka

James is from Hobart, IN and has been a member of the Hobart Garden Club since 1981. He is currently president and has served as vice-president of his club. Jim was also the North West District Director and is currently the North West District Vice-Director.

He currently is the TGCI Awards co-chairman and has served as Garden Therapy and Public Relations chairman. At this time he is the Youth Activities Chairman (essay, poetry, recycled sculpture) for the Central Region. Jim is a gold Master Gardener. He received the Honeywell Award in 2012, the Youth Leadership Award in 2018, and the NGC Member Award of Honor-Central Region 2019, and several TGCI Presidential and Central Region Director Citations. Jim is a Master Flower Show Judge, Master Landscape Design Consultant and a Master Environmental Consultant. He holds life memberships from TGCI, Central Region, and NGC, Inc.

Jim is a graduate of Indiana University, Ivy Tech College, and St. Vincent's Medical Center - Toledo, OH. He is a retired adjunct instructor from Indiana University Northwest and South Suburban College. He worked for the American Red Cross for 30 years as an instructor in the Health and Safety Services Division.

Jim plays the bassoon in several community and university bands, very active in local Hobart Garden Club projects and works with the youth, delivers meals-on-wheels, volunteers for disasters for American Red Cross and is active in his church. He currently has his own teaching company for health & safety services.



3rd Vice-President Nominee - Cynthia Wright

Cynthia joined the wonderful ladies of the Hillcrest Garden Club in 1993 and has served all officer positions at some point (when they allow her). Then, in 2000, Helen Merrill (a dear name from the past) asked Cynthia to participate at a state meeting being held in Indy by dressing wildly and dancing around the room. Next thing she knew she was being introduced to the state president and asked if she wanted to serve as the Wildflower Workshop Chairman. Of course, she then made Helen Merrill be her co-chairman!

Cynthia has gone on to serve as the Scholarship Chairman, Awards Chairman, Member Services Chairman, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Officer. Cynthia has also served as the Central District Director, Vice Director and Treasurer. At the Central Region level she has served as the Region Treasurer, Civic Development Chairman, Girl Scout Liaison and is currently the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman.

Cynthia has a degree in Financial Planning from Purdue University and has worked in the Human Resources/Accounting area for several companies – including many non-profit 501(c) 3 organizations. She is finishing up her term in June as treasurer for her PTO.

She and her husband, Don, have two children - Heather and Nick, who both attended many TGCI meetings when they were young. It is hard to believe that Heather is now a junior and Nick is in 5th grade. Since COVID-19 has given her husband more time at home, this has been a year of moving flower beds and replanting. They may have overdone it though when they ordered over 500 bulbs this past fall.



Recording Secretary - Sharon Baldwin

Sharon has fond memories of growing up on a Southern Indiana farm and credits her love of nature to her parents. She gained much of her knowledge and all of her love of gardening from her mother who was known in Jackson County for her beautiful flower gardens and floral designs. At one time, she had over 200 rose bushes and the property is still known as Rose Hill Farm.

After retiring from business, Sharon was enticed by her good friend and neighbor to join the Mudlarks, a garden club of Bartholomew County. While a Mudlark, she has served as president, vice president and treasurer of the club. She has participated in each biennial flower show sponsored by Mudlarks, serving twice as general chairman, and exhibited each year at the county fair. She has served many years on the committee for the club's 50-year project of maintaining the gardens at the county courthouse.

Sharon is the treasurer of the Southeast District and has served as chairperson of World Gardening for TGC.

She and her husband Dave, enjoy living in a small lake community of Columbus, Indiana.

Litter Control/Reclamation/Recycling

Recycling has become harder and harder to do. Companies have stopped picking it up and some companies take it to the dump due to nowhere else to take it. Plastic is derived from fossil fuels and contributes to pollution and climate change. While it has its good points, the best idea is, it is easily recycled.

Now about that... In the US alone, less than 20% of all plastics are recycled, about 30% of used plastic containers are repurposed that lead to 70% in dumps or worse. China was our biggest market for our old plastic, but that totally stopped in 2018. Recycling is costly, difficult, and infeasible. There was never an enthusiastic belief that recycling was going to work in a significant way. Though the plastic industry continues to spend millions of dollars into promoting recycling via adult education, the public thinks recycling is working. If we are working on recycling itself, then we will not be concerned with the environment.

I don't think that is the case, as we are all worried about the environment and we are all working on something to save it. Recycling in any way is helping the environment.

Thanks for all you do for the environment. Hope you are well and enjoying the season.

Keep recycling!!

**Donna Cox,
Litter Control/Reclamation/Recycling Chairman**

Blue Star Memorial

Activities for Blue Star Memorial have wrapped up with the winter season. Hopefully all of the Blue Star Memorial sites have been cleaned and have bright colored wreaths or flags to set them off for the winter.

I recently learned of Vale of Paradise Garden Club's Blue Star Memorial Recognition Ceremonies for Veteran's Day and Memorial Day. I would like to know if more clubs have recognition ceremonies at their Blue Star Memorial sites. It is a terrific idea that would bring your club and hopefully your community together to celebrate your club's placement of the Blue Star Memorial Marker in the community. Vale of Paradise Garden Club placed a wreath at their Blue Star as part of their ceremony.

I would suggest going on to the National Garden Clubs site under Blue and Gold Star Memorials and clicking on the "Download the Guide" for the most recent Guidelines for Memorial Markers. It is something that I have made available at the display table at our annual State Convention, but it is easily available to all clubs to read online or to download for your club's files. There is a small section for the dedication of the memorial that can easily be adapted and added to for a nice Recognition Ceremony for your existing markers. I'm sure your members will also have favorite poems or songs that they would add to make a ceremony special for your club's presentation.

Many in your community know that the Blue Star is a memorial to our Armed Services, but they do not know the story behind the marker. Having a Recognition Ceremony will be an opportunity to honor the reason the marker was created and the story behind it. Your club also had a reason and strong members who organized, purchased, set, dedicated and landscaped your Blue Star Memorial Marker. This would be an opportunity to thank those members from the past responsible for your club's memorial contribution to your community.

2020 has made us more aware of the things for which we are grateful. Thanking those who have served our country as well as acknowledging the obligation your garden club has assumed to honor them will be a nice added opportunity to focus on the ways your garden club serves and enhances your community. Getting photographs and media coverage will also get publicity out to your community.

Thank you to all of the clubs who donated to the Blue Star Memorial Fund in 2020, and thanks to those who took the time to enter their efforts for a Blue Star Memorial state award. Thanks to Boonville Garden Club for its patience in finally getting to dedicate its marker during the pandemic restrictions. We look forward to our first Gold Star Memorial dedication sometime this coming spring or summer. Thanks for TGCI support in having the I70E rest stop Blue Star Memorial bed cleaned and replanted. It is now landscaped to honor those who are serving and their families as they stop by it in their travels.

May 2021 lift our spirits and find us back in the gardens soon.



Jayne Kesler
Blue Star Memorial
Chairman



New Plant Varieties for 2021

Just when I might get depressed right after the holidays, my mailman brings me renewed enthusiasm with the arrival of the first 2021 seed and plant catalogs. Gone are the "mopes" and I immediately start to explore hands-on catalogs and online possibilities.

Our clubs might want to consider sharing these seeds with members as a spring "COVID-19" project.

Options this year look very interesting. I just got started looking through "Seeds 'N Such" when I came across a new YELLOW radish, "Golden Helios." I don't remember seeing that one before, but can surely imagine it surprising all on a veggie tray. 25 days from planting to picking, 1-2 inch bulbs, golden skin on white flesh, this one resists spiciness and bitterness in hot weather. This variety will be a must order for me this spring.

Burpee's catalog always gives me ideas. Keeping with the yellow theme, I spotted "Lemon Drop" summer squash, 3+ stars, pick when the size of a large lemon, sweet and flavorful. That will go well with an old favorite, "Yellow Sunburst", a patty pan variety. Continuing with Burpee's offerings, "Hasta la Pasta" spaghetti squash caught my eye. It's bright orange inside and out, 6-8 inches long and 4-5 inches across, 5 stars, great for small families, and prolific.

Since I'm always on the lookout for something different, there's a really unusual looking parsley, "Green Dream," 4 stars, looks nothing like flat leaf or curly varieties, but purports to have great flavor.

While I'll always grow "Better Boy" tomatoes, and "Jade 2" green beans, I'm open to fun choices. Gone are the days when I grew 62 tomato plants for a family of TWO. "Sweet 100" cherry-type, Sweet Million, Yellow Pear, Pineapple, Early Girl, Cherokee Purple, Black Krim, Mortgage Lifter, Roma, Amish Paste, Mr. Strikey, Green Zebra, Aunt Ruby's German Green, Sun Gold, Lemon Boy, and more, all indeterminate plants growing 6-8 feet tall in cages, or wired to an iron fencepost, such are the varieties of a plant nut. All were well fertilized, and pruned to eliminate sucker growth. Yes, the neighbors, and the food bank appreciated the bounty.



Back to the new varieties, these annuals look gorgeous and are definitely worth a try. A French-type marigold "Strawberry Blonde", bi-color pastel pink, rose, and yellow, rated 4 stars, 8-10 inch tall plants, vigorous and bushy. The color combination is what draws you in on this one. A very frilly petunia, "Spellbound Dark Purple," with 4-6 inch flowers, and an intriguing pattern in the center, rated 3 + stars, this almost doesn't look like a petunia. A cosmos, "Double Take," a bicolor double pink with a yellow eye is another frilled flower, growing 3-4 feet tall, and would be a butterfly magnet grown as a hedge. All three of these annuals are easy to grow. I'd recommend if you are going to enter new varieties in a flower show, bring the seed catalog with you. The classification chairman, clerks, and judges may not have seen these before, and would appreciate the information.

Two perennials from Burpee's drew my attention. The first is a dianthus, "Georgia Peach Pie", with very large flowers for a dianthus, rated 4 stars, and is very fragrant. The second is a hibiscus, "Pink Swirl," that has a pink, rose, and cranberry edge on a bright white petal. The flowers are 8 inches across, and it is easy to grow.

Please be sure to check out other catalogs as well. I've had great results from Burpee's, Johnny's Select Seeds, Seed Saver's Exchange, Parks Seed, Gurney's, Baker Creek Heirloom, and Botanical Interest. This last one gives a lot of extra information for newer and experienced gardeners.

Here's to a great growing season for 2021. Tell me what varieties grow well for you. If you have questions, send me an email.

Ruth Moorhead
Horticulture Chairman
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Broad Ripple Garden Club

Hello from Broad Ripple Garden Club. As we usher in 2021, we are hopeful our projects and monthly meetings will go ahead without too many interruptions and cancellations.

In November, our members attended a workshop and demonstration by Advanced Master Gardener Jeanette Daniels, on Using Your Fall Garden to Decorate for the Holidays. We had a good turnout for this event and members enjoyed making centerpieces from natural materials which they brought from their gardens. Couple of photos are attached of the lovely floral arrangements we created.

Two of our members, Debbie Scott and Susie Skok, worked on our Plant America planter at Nora Library, getting it decorated for the winter season. We also put out a Christmas wreath at our Blue Star Memorial in Carmel.

We did cancel our holiday luncheon this year due to the virus and we do not meet in January. Our February meeting is our planning meeting to set up our calendar of meetings and activities for the upcoming year.

As I write this on New Year's Day, I wish each and everyone a very Happy New Year! Yay 2021.

Phyllis Grzeskowiak
Club President



Cultivating Garden Club

For a December project, several members of The Cultivating Garden Club of Greenwood contributed food and hygiene items which were delivered to the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County.

This organization serves over 100 households a day, 5 days a week, by providing food and essentials to families in need. They depend on the contributions of citizens, clubs, and organizations.

In addition to our club's Christmas project, we have club members who volunteer their time and donate items on a regular basis for the pantry. We are glad to be able to support the pantry especially now during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Debbie Timmons
Susan Alexander

Ft. Benjamin's Blossoms Garden Club

Guests & New Members always Welcome!

With steadfast leadership from our club President Janice Sirmin, and with the help of our Zoom-Master Jean Tatum, Ft. Benjamin's Blossoms Garden Club managed to survive 2020!

We plan to continue our monthly business meetings and programming on Zoom until the time is right for us to meet in person again.

Our last indoor meeting was at the Ft. Ben Y on March 5. Following our lunch and business meeting, Ben Miller, President of the Mud Creek Conservancy, spoke to us about their current projects, including the future Sargent Road Nature Park.

Because of COVID-19 we were unable to hold our annual plant sale in May. Since a friend of Blossoms had already potted over 40 plants for our sale, we opted for a driveway sale for members only. The proceeds were donated to the Community Cupboard of Lawrence for pandemic relief.

Our first Zoom meeting was in June, with Cynthia Wright giving an excellent presentation on the history and production of chocolate. Most interesting were the facts about the importance of buying Fair Trade chocolate.

The format for the July meeting was an open house garden tour at two of our members' homes. The gardens were beautiful and we were able to enjoy them while following the recommendations for social-distancing.

August was another outdoor meeting at Ft. Benjamin Harrison State Park. After a bring-your-own picnic lunch, Naturalist Dylan Allison shared information about the history of Ft. Ben and all the plant life and wildlife in the park.

In September Blossoms GC was fortunate to have a personal tour of the Purdue Demonstration Garden at the State Fairgrounds. The informative tour was led by Master Gardener Deanne Heidrich, who is also a member of Blossoms GC.

We returned to Zoom for the October meeting. Our speaker was Aaron Stump, Habitat Programs Manager at Indiana Wildlife Federation. He offered four practical things we can do to help climate change:

- Plant for resiliency
- Plant trees
- Control invasive species
- Contact your legislators

Our November speaker was Kathleen Hull, head of the Indiana Medical History Museum Plant Garden, and our December Zoom meeting was a fun social hour, with several members sharing holiday stories and favorites.

Dianne Gardner
Membership Chair
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Hendricks County Garden Club

The Hendricks County Garden Club has been busy working on the upcoming programs, including dues, officers, and miscellaneous items for 2021-2022. We are glad to say this: out with the old and in with the new, with the hope of a better year.

November's Zoom meeting was a time to catch up with members' activities and how they were coping with stress and anxiety, as we are experiencing in this turmoil with a pandemic.

In November the Hendricks County Garden Club decided to do the project, "Home for the Holiday Postcard." A 4'X3' primed piece of plywood, including the postmark was picked up on Friday, November 13, 2020. Then delivered to the home of Pam Hoffman, where Pam and Cheryl Clarkson put their creative minds in gear and worked day and night on the postcard. This project was another way that HCGC keeps their name in the public view, where families, friends, and visitors go to the beautiful downtown Danville Court House Square.

Pam and Cheryl are very artistic and the judges of the postcards thought the same thing because they received Third Place out of 35 entries!

December's Zoom meeting had a Christmas holiday theme with the members showing their decorated trees, favorite Christmas items or traditions that their families engaged in, or how their Christmas traditions are changing in 2020.

Our January meeting will feature guest speaker *Cari Peters Raymond, Ph.D. of the J.R. Peters Fertilizer Company*. She will speak on plant nutrition.

HCGC wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

**Deloris Elza
Club President**



25th Annual Garden Walk
Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Indianapolis Garden Club

June 2, 2021

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Garden Club is excited to celebrate its 90th anniversary along with the 200th Anniversary of the City of Indianapolis, on June 2, 2021 at the 25th Annual Garden Walk.

The event will:

- showcase five of the city’s finest urban and north side gardens
- feature a local fine artist working en plein air in each garden (with the works for sale)
- raise funds for nonprofits that serve conservation, civic improvement and beautification projects in Indianapolis

Tickets may be purchased <http://indianapolisgardenclub.org/garden-walk/>. Tickets for an optional luncheon at Woodstock Club in Indianapolis can be purchased separately.

25th Annual Garden Walk
Hosted by The Indianapolis Garden Club
Wednesday, June 2, 2021
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Optional Luncheon at Woodstock Club
11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
<http://indianapolisgardenclub.org/garden-walk/>
Event is rain or shine.
Garden addresses and map with ticket purchase.
Artwork available for purchase.

Since 1996, proceeds from the annual Garden Walk have allowed the Indianapolis Garden Club to direct more than half a million dollars back into the city. For more information about the Indianapolis Garden Club, visit indianapolisgardenclub.org. The club is a member of the Garden Club of America.

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Iris-Elm Garden Club

The Iris-Elm Garden Club had a good year in spite of everything. Although they canceled some of the planned events, they still completed their civic project of maintaining the grounds of the Historic Freight Depot in the Park.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage, a banner was hung on the caboose. Yellow, purple and white flowers were planted at the Depot. They also convinced other business people in town to use the same colors in their plantings.

We finally had a group meeting in November, where we did a bow making workshop in preparation of the December Christmas Container Workshop and finished with a Christmas luncheon.

Santa sent greetings on Christmas Eve that the Iris-Elm Garden Club will be receiving a NGC Plant American Program Grant of \$800. What a way to finish the year!

The club is looking forward to completing our Plant America Project and starting our 91st year.



David Zahrt Club President



Shamrock Garden Club

Shamrock Garden Club only managed to have two “live” in-person get-togethers this year: a delicious trip to Wild Blackberry Farms in July and a tour of Avon Gardens in September.

However, we also managed to keep our gardening talents alive with Zoom meetings throughout the year. In April, last minute changes led to an exchange of gardening information by the members followed the next month by a program on the story of chocolate. Members received chocolate mint plants to cultivate.

Again on Zoom, June saw us taking a virtual garden tour of Keukenhof Gardens in the Netherlands, Chicago Botanic Garden, and finally tours of several members’ gardens. After the Blackberry Farm picking in July, August was a time to Zoom a modified version of a horticulture and photography show. In October, we Zoomed the making of pressed flower tags and note cards using flowers and leaves we had previously pressed. In November, one of our members demonstrated flower arrangements for the holidays. Unfortunately, our usual Christmas dinner in December was cancelled.

During the year, club members continued to volunteer time to maintain the Alzheimer's Garden at Westminster Village North and to help with landscaping at the Marion County Fairgrounds.

Doris Young
President

Vale of Paradise Garden Club

2020 is over and we are hoping that 2021 will become a safer year for all of us.

Vale of Paradise GC meetings ended on Veteran’s Day. We met at our Blue Star Memorial to Honor all the men and women who have served, are serving or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The gardens we maintain at Sunset Hill Farm County Park have been put to sleep for the winter. We will soon start meeting per e-mail until we can meet somewhere safely or outdoors.

We are making plans for revamping our native garden; what to add, what to move. Also trying to plan programs that we can do safely together.

Stay well everyone. Looking forward to spring.



Linda Dingee
Club President



Facebook Club Pages

Boonville Garden Club

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Crown Point Garden Club

Duneland Garden Club

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Flower Lane Garden Club

Friendly Garden Club

Garden Club of Michiana

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Hendricks County Garden Club

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Membership is an opportunity...

- to improve your gardening skills
- to meet new friends and exchange experiences in growing
- to exchange seeds, cuttings and plants
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