



I'm so excited.



All garden club members ***Dance with Nature*** on a regular basis. With that in mind, TGCI is pleased and excited to invite all members and non-members (with you as their sponsor) to our Annual State Convention.

### ***90 years of Dancing with Nature***

The Garden Club of Indiana is thrilled to bring a super-de-duper guest speaker to educate and entertain you on our dance turf. For a registration fee you can sit in your sweats with a cup of tea, shot of vodka, glass of soda or a tumbler of ice water. Oh, of course you may also have your cup of coffee next to your recliner or by your favorite corner of the couch.

The entire convention will **begin, at 2:30 EDT**, with a warm welcome and a 90 year celebration surprise. The business meeting will be short with 3 or 4 votes, and an introduction to our honored guest, your new National President-elect Mary Warshauer, who will share a couple of words of encouragement followed by a short installation of officers.

**Then** - Kirk Brown will unveil his views on:  
***“The Greatest Generation Plants a Garden”***.

TGCI is pleased to be able to present a top-notch national speaker for a registration fee of \$6.00 per member and \$9.00 for any non-member. We are requiring any guests to have a TGCI member who will vouch for their conduct during our Zoom meeting. A confirmation e-mail along with the Zoom Link will be sent to all registered participants the day prior to our meeting.

**Zooming with us.** Cynthia Wright is making available to anyone interested in learning or practicing “How to zoom” on April 13, 20th or 22nd all at 3:30pm. *See page 3 for registration information on practice zooming session.* E-mail Cynthia with any questions, put zoom question in subject line so it won't go to spam.

TGCI, as always, is here to assist you and to bring knowledge through a new format that is easy. The price is right, and for non-members this is an opportunity to see who we are, what we do and possibly join your club.



***Brought to you by your TGCI President Betty Leverett and the Board of Directors  
Joyce Bulington Convention Chairman***

# TGCI PRESENTS:

## Honored Guest Speaker



### “The Greatest Generation Plants a Garden”

90 Years that Transformed Victory Gardens to Covid Gardens

- **Kirk R. Brown a Green Achiever/Celebrity** has won Landscape design awards from:
  - Perennial Plant Association
  - Association of Professional Landscape Designers
  - PA Landscape and Nursery Association.

#### Kirk:

- Represented Joanne Kostecky Garden Design as a leader in the design/build industry
- Worked as National Outreach Coordinator for America’s Oldest Garden in Charleston SC
- Is a past president of [www.GardenComm.com](http://www.GardenComm.com). In the US and Canada
- Has delivered hundreds of key-note addresses, guest lectures, teaching symposiums, and certified instruction over the past quarter century.
- Kirk is also known to interpret historic horticulturists and international dignitaries: John Bartram, Carl Linnaeus, Mark Catesby, Peter Kalm, Benjamin Frankly and Frederick Law Olmsted.
- Still finds time to cultivate his own private display garden.
- Is known socially as GRDNTRAVLR.

Join the dance party  
as Kirk unveils his views on “*The Greatest Generation Plants a Garden*”.





**Kirk and Sara Brown**

## “The Greatest Generation Plants a Garden”

90 Years that Transformed Victory Gardens  
to Covid Gardens

Out of the social cauldron of the Dustbowl Depression and FDR’s Works Progress Administration, came a national drive to Go Green. Through WWII and into the construction of Levittowns and Interstate Highways across the nation, America’s family unit was reformed.

- Leisure activities and vacation traveling became the norm.
- New style, or Lifestyle landscapes were created.
- \* Into our 2020 lives comes a new demand to re-learn everything our grandparents knew about growing plants:
  - \*as a food source
  - \*as an escape from the virtual world
  - \*for more color in our lives
  - \*and as a health-giving natural tonic.

Kirk shares his many views on gardens he’s loved, plants he’s coveted, gardeners he’s known and life that’s surrounded him.

Be enthusiastic. Be committed, Be passionate! Gardening’s here to stay.





The Garden Club of Indiana's Annual State Convention

*"90 years of Dancing with Nature "*

2:30 p.m. EDT

April 28, 2021 on your Virtual Screen

### **'How To'**

You can use a desktop, laptop, tablet or phone. To zoom, you do not need a Zoom Account but it does help with quality if you are using the zoom app or program. There is a free account. You are not required to have a camera or microphone but if you are on a desktop, you will need speakers. Zoom does have a test link that you can use to check your audio and visual abilities. <https://zoom.us/test>.

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- Start by filling out the Practice Zoom Registration form by clicking here: PRACTICE ZOOM or
- go to <https://forms.gle/o14NgDBERFfoezeD8>
- A zoom link will be sent to you the day before the practice session.
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We can do this! Watch for 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.

**Hang in there, we can do this!!!**

