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Jan 2	Mar 1	May 1
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in
Horticulture,
Landscaping,
Floral Design,
and
Environmental Concerns



From our President

Summer seems to be flying! My club is back to a normal schedule, and I hope that your clubs are too.

In May Suzanne Potts and I represented Indiana at the NGC Convention in Orlando. The overall atmosphere at the convention was one of pure joy: joy at being able to actually meet in person. I spoke to several of the NGC officers and was finally able to meet Central Region Director Carol Yee and the 6 other state presidents in the Central Region. Do you remember who we are? Three M's (Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri); three I's (Indiana, Illinois, Iowa); one W (Wisconsin).

Each state president was asked to submit an event or landmark for which it is known—Indy 500 for us. A petite flower show was held using some of those ideas for categories. Entries included everything from underwater designs to Barbie's dressed in flowers. It is available for viewing on YouTube and well worth your time. There's a direct link at the bottom of the NGC website's home page.

By the numbers: 281 registered for the convention; 25,837 trees were planted in the last year by NGC members; North Dakota and Hawaii have only ONE garden club each; however, NGC has 35,900+ members; and we now have 3,440 Blue Star markers.

Indiana contributed to that Blue Star total. I was privileged to help dedicate Richmond's Blue Star Marker on Memorial Day. The dedication was part of their Memorial Day observations and there was a large crowd there to hear about the meaning of our Blue Star program. If your club has an interest in sponsoring a marker, contact Blue Star/Gold Star chair Chris Seal and find out what you need to do.

Please don't forget to submit your Colors of Hope grant applications to Wanda Zahrt. I was the Civic Development Chair for 4 years for TGCI and know that most clubs plant city parks and towns as part of their regular community service. The \$25 grant is a small way of recognizing your efforts.

The registration information for the Wildflower Workshop is contained in this issue. I encourage you to attend. Come to northwest Indiana and explore our first national park. The North West District has planned a day filled with information on both the Indiana Dunes National Park and the Indiana Dunes State Park. Mark September 29th on your calendars and plan to join us in Chesterton.

Ahead of us lie the dog days of summer. Follow NGC President Mary Warshauer's directive of PLAYING OUTDOORS. For many of us that means picnics, vacations, hiking, boating, watering, mowing, weeding, and deadheading. Whatever it means for you, ENJOY!

Linda



Prolong the Life of Tomatoes

Have you wondered if you can refrigerate tomatoes? Do you want to refrigerate tomatoes? It is supposed to prolong their life. But... there are conditions.

So if you have a moment, and are curious as to how this is done, please read the article from the Washington Post by Becky Krystal.

<https://wapo.st/3PrvkFy>

Ruth Moorhead
Horticulture Chairman

Arranged by:
Gloria Notaro



President's Project

Just in case you missed the President's Project display at the state convention, this is a reminder to:

1. Choose a color and plant.
2. Complete application.
3. Send application, picture and receipts to:

Wanda Zahrt, Chairman
gardenclub.zahrt@gmail.com



Plant America in Colors of Hope for Cancer Awareness



Blue Star/Gold Star Memorials

We have received a price increase from Sewah Studios for Blue (Gold) Star Memorials effective May 1st, 2022, good thru May 1st, 2023.

Memorial/Highway Markers - \$1,830.00 *Delivered with a 7' post.*

Byway Plaques - \$610.00

Replacement Posts - \$375.00

Refurbish no post - \$900.00 *Round Trip freight included.*

Cap Repair/Refurbish no post - \$1,000.00 *Round Trip freight included.*

Extra Shipping (western states) - \$50.00 *Memorial/Highway markers only.*

Clubs interested in a Blue Star Memorial can find order forms on the National Garden Club website at www.gardenclub.org. Click on Programs, Blue Star and Gold Star Memorials, Blue and Gold Star Ordering Details.

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. is looking forward to two dedications this year. A Gold Star Memorial dedication at Wolf Lake Park in Hammond, IN. by the Northwest District. Also, a Blue Star Memorial dedication on Memorial Day at Veterans Park in Richmond, IN, is planned by Petal and Stem Garden Club.

Chris Seal
Blue Star/Gold Star Chairman

**Broad Ripple Garden Club
Gold Star Memorial By-Way Marker
Dedicated on Nov. 8, 2021.**





EMBRACE THE DUNES

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Wildflower Workshop
September 29, 2022
Speakeasy at the Spa
Porter, Indiana



8:30 am Breakfast Buffet at Speakeasy at the Spa

9:00 am Registration

9:15 am Welcome

9:30 am Indiana's First National Park - The Why, The How, The Where –Speaker Dan Platt

Indiana Dunes National Park is a United States national park located in northwestern Indiana managed by the National Park Service. It was authorized by Congress in 1966 as the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and was re-designated as the nation's 61st national park on February 15, 2019.

10:30 am Lake Michigan Coastal Program - NOAA - Jenny Orsburn - Program Manager

Protecting our 45 miles and 1,638 acres of shoreline.

11:30 am Indiana Dunes State Park - Botanist Nathanael Pilla - Orbis Environmental

Wildflowers of the Dunes - Where Diana Traveled

The Prairie - a natural community type that consists mostly of native grasses, forbs, and shrubs.

The Marsh - a wetland community that consists mostly of herbaceous vegetation such as grasses, sedges, rushes, ferns, and aquatic plants.

12:30 pm LUNCH at the Speakeasy at the Spa

Indiana Lake Michigan Shipwreck Survey Project



1:30 pm The True Story of Diana of the Dunes - Marie Laudeman - Naturalist - Indiana DNR

For the past century, the legend of Diana of the Dunes has grown as wild as the environs in which she lived. Diana, whose legal name was Alice Mabel Gray, became famous in 1915, when she stepped onto an old path in the Dunes and followed it to the edge of Lake Michigan.

2:30 pm Indiana Dunes - Take the DARE -- Take the Walk

3:30 pm SAYING GOODBYE TO THE DUNES



**The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Wildflower Workshop Registration Form
September 29, 2022**

Spa Conference Center
333 Mineral Springs Rd.
Porter, IN 46304

Registration Deadline September 21, 2021

Fee is \$35 members/\$40 non-members. Make checks payable to TGCI and mail completed registration form & check to:

Linda Dingee
NW Treasurer
1507 Cross Creek Rd.
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Questions about registration? Email: gnotaro@mail.com

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Club Name: _____

Club District: _____

Diet restrictions: _____

Please circle any which apply to you.

NGC Member	CR Board Member	TGCI State Officer	TGCI State Chairman
National Life Member	State Life Member	Scholarship Patron	District Officer
District Chairman	Club President	Club Member	Master Gardener
Guest	Spouse		

Overnight Accommodations at the Spring House Inn.

The Spring House Inn is next door to the Spa Conference Center. Room rates are very reasonable, and a block of rooms will be held until September 21, 2022, so get your rooms reserved today under Garden Club of Indiana.

<https://springhouseinn.com/>

303 North Mineral Springs Road
Porter, Indiana 46304
Phone: (219) 929-4600
Fax: (219) 926-8258

Amy Little Mason Wildflower Award

An annual award of \$100 and a Certificate of Award will be given, when merited, to a club with the most outstanding project for the protection and/or propagation of wildflowers. This award promotes beautification and preservation of civic and highway areas.

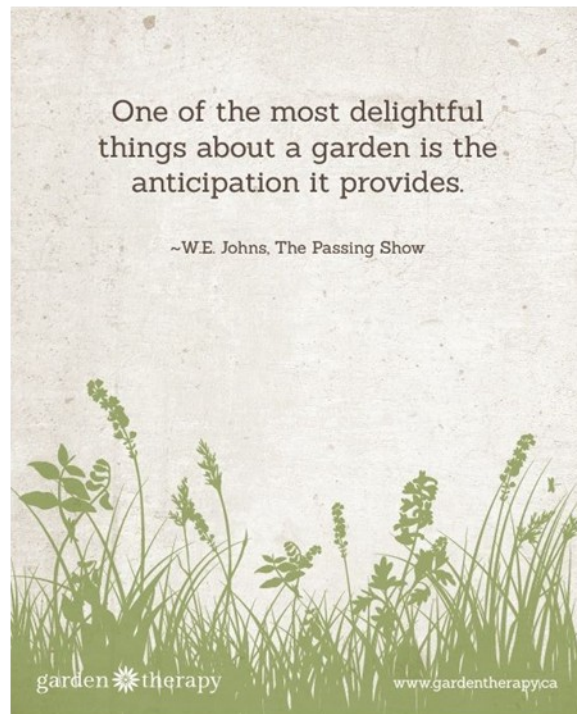
Civic projects include the use of native plants and wildflowers in a local area such as a park. Preservation/enhancement of rural environments and protection of an already established natural area with a diversity of native wildflowers.

Highway areas include medians, access and entries to towns and cities. Your club already promotes, plants and maintains your town's public spaces. Why not give your members the acknowledgement they deserve?

Check out information on this Award in the Awards Manual on the TGCI website. Deadline for submission is December 1, or sooner. A big thank you to your clubs for their participation.

Betty Leverett
Wildflowers/Roadside Beautification Chairman

GARDEN THERAPY – PETAL POWER



Linda Dingee
Garden Therapy



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HENDRICKS COUNTY GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS

"WELCOME TO THE BANK OF MANY FLOWERS"

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

**10:30 am - Oral judging
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Open to the public**



**A National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Small-Standard Flower Show**

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**North Salem State Bank
1500 E. Main St., Danville, IN**

Boonville Garden Club

The Boonville Club began year with installation of new officers in March.

Secretary: Mary Pate
Vice President: Judy Titzer

Treasurer: Joni McWilliams
President: Thelma Whoberry

The Garden Therapy and Mental Health Committee provided flowers, along with supplies, for the Kindergarten students at Oakdale Elementary to plant a potted flower for their mothers as a gift on Mother's Day.

During our June meeting we arranged 32 bud vases with real flowers for Woodmont, a long-term facility. It was something they truly appreciated since items have not been allowed for over two years. Received a phone call of appreciation stating how beautiful and long lasting the flowers were and that they were enjoyed by so many!

We had three new members at our June meeting and each enjoyed preparing the vases.

The club has also started a Yard of the Month Committee. We will present one Warrick County homeowner with our Yard of the Month Sign to display in their yard for one month, along with a Certificate of Recognition, plus a condensed version of our Program Book. By this publication, the committee will have presented 3 Yard of the Month recognitions.

The program will run May-October. All members are invited to attend when the Yard of the Month recipient is recognized. It has been a delight to visit these homeowners personal gardens and to see the joy they get when telling about their garden space.

Lastly the civic improvement in April was the complete replanting of a flower bed which is seen when entering Boonville.

Thelma Whoberry Club President



Duneland Garden Club

The Duneland Garden Club is ecstatic as our plant sale this spring made over \$1000 which is much more than we've made in the past. Ideas are flying on how we can utilize this money to promote projects in our community. For National Garden Week members had a table at a local nursery and passed out information on pollinators and on our club, and recruited two new members. Community events and outreaches like these have gained us six new members this spring. We are excited to have new ideas and energy as we plan programs for the second half of the year.



One new member, Gail Murawski, opened up her home for our June 21st meeting and we celebrated the summer solstice under the lights in her gorgeous garden. After a tour of her property, we enjoyed an array of appetizers and desserts as we discussed future plans and visited with old and new friends.

**By Karen Davis
Club President**

Garden Container Ideas



Fall Creek Garden Club

What does a club do when the garden they had hoped to visit in June becomes part of a nearby remodeling project a week before their planned visit? They find an even better garden to visit!

In June, members of the Fall Creek Garden Club gathered in a private suburban garden where the owner, a landscape architect, began growing cut flowers in spring 2020.

After a tour of the landscape, which included a variety of trees and shrubs that could also be cut throughout the summer for flower arrangements, everyone gathered around to see the new cut flower garden area where a variety of growing methods, including shade cloth over hoops and plastic netting that will provide support to flowers as they grow, were being used on several types of flowers including zinnias, snapdragons, and dahlias.

Picture: Members of the Fall Creek Garden Club at their June meeting.



Save the Date
Wildflower Workshop
September 29, 2022
North West District will be hosting this event.

Mudlarks Garden Club



Six members of the Mudlarks recently posed for a photo at the gardens planted by the garden club in *Colors of Hope for Cancer Awareness*. We hold in our hearts all those Mudlarks lost to, or affected by, all forms of Cancer.

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Munster Garden Club

The Munster Garden Club held their annual plant sale in May and it was the most successful one on record. We added plants potted in cute, unusual containers, and vegetables which were quite popular.

The club also sponsored one of the Munster Civic foundation's tulips. There are 34 tulips on display throughout Munster from now until Labor Day. Our tulip was detailed by Jennifer Taylor, a Gary artist. It is on display in front of the town offices.

In July, several of our members will be opening up their gardens for viewing by other club members in the Northwest District. After the tour, lunch will follow at a local restaurant. We will also be visiting the Lakeside Lavender Farm in LaPorte.

Mariellen Smith Club President



Peru Garden Club

*Tell me and I'll forget,
Show me and I may remember;
Involve me and I'll understand.*

This Chinese Proverb has been implemented with the I-Grow Children's Gardening workshops presented at Garden Gate Greenhouse. For the last five years, Peru Garden Club has sponsored and taught workshops for the themes that Diana Payne and Tia Carpenter have followed throughout the years.

Boys and girls from 6-13 years of age are encouraged to participate in the free workshops that provide hands on experiences planting, weeding, growing and this year harvesting, preparing and eating the "fruits of their labor." The 4 workshops of an hour and a half give the children an opportunity to have an art project, a story that pertains to the theme, complete a journal entry and have a hands on preparation experience. Since the year's theme was "Garden to Table" the journal was a recipe book for each of the foods they helped prepare.

The children learned about bees and pollinators in their first workshop and had fun as bees collecting "pollen" in little pouches attached to their clothing. In that workshop they learned about bees, honey and made honey granola bars. Learning to properly wash and handle vegetables ended in making veggie pizzas.

Peru Garden Club's workshop was fruits and herbs. After a discussion and sampling of a variety of herbs, they cut off their desired herb, minced it with scissors, washed it and made an herb butter which was spread on baguettes. There was plenty to share to taste someone else's choice as well. Another food station was making a fruit dip, and tasting a variety of fruits with their dip. Our last station in the workshop was making a fruit smoothie. They used juiced oranges and added them to pineapple for a delicious drink to finish off the workshop.

Since this was their last workshop, Peru Garden Club members got to present them with a chef's apron purchased with the donation from the club. In the past, we have purchased I-Grow Gardening tee shirts, but the aprons for the new chefs were a perfect ending to their month long I-Grow experience.

Jayne Kesler

Visit our website at:
www.gardenclubofindiana.org

Petal and Stem Garden Club

May, June very busy for club members

Plant sale a big part of May

Potting, pricing, caring for and purchasing plants all lead up to the annual plant sale. The sale took place at the Wayne County Historical Museum and ran just one day. In the past it had been two but as much money was made in one day. There was also a ways and means with garden related items and artwork of flowers by a local artist for sale.



Rose Garden benefits from members' help

Members work in the Petal & Stem bed which is rather large whenever needed and every other Friday. The garden is divided into beds and people are assigned to a bed they care for all season. There are five Petal & Stem members who also have their own beds. All volunteers have pink shirts and when people pass by they are impressed how many are working by seeing pink shirts.



Being creative with flowers and a hammer



At the June meeting Marty Johnson, the guest presenter, showed members how to decorate cards by a process called Flower Pounding. You take a flower, a piece of plastic and a hammer; place the flower face down on the card, cover with clear plastic and pound with the hammer to transfer the flower color to the card. When done lift plastic and shake off excess flower parts. Members had fun trying it. Marty even brought cheese he had decorated with edible flowers.



Blue Star Dedicated Memorial Day



Club Co-president Ann Herrman gives a little history of Blue Star in Richmond. The first Blue Star installed in Indiana was in Richmond in 1949 but disappeared when highway work was done. Members looked for it but it was never found. State President Linda Harkleroad dedicated the Blue Star with members: Sandy Dehner, Suzi Poe, Sandy Witherby, Ruth Bane, Linda Harkleroad, Cindy Haworth, Barb Shirden, Ann Herrman, Shirley Wise, Pat Jarvis, Kathy Jones and Colleen Walter in attendance.

Helping a friend with a little yard work



Member John Turner-Grey has had some health issues and members offered to help with his yard. Ten members helped pulled weeds and made his landscaping look so much better. Fe Thomas, Evelyn Villarin, Ruth Bane, Janke Groot, Theresa Smith, Pat Jarvis and Pat Murphy help along with Suzi Poe, Ann Herrman and Sandy Witherby not pictured helped.

Richmond Rose Garden

The first roses were planted in 1987 and the garden has continued to be a beautiful place for people to visit and enjoy. The roses can be seen while driving by on US 40 on the east side of Richmond at Glen Miller Park. People from all over the country stop to see and smell the roses, it has become quite a tourist attraction. There are over 110 varieties with over 1000 rose plants. The garden is solely maintained by volunteers of which Petal and Stem Garden Club is one, along with 4 members who have their own beds to deadhead, weed, fertilize, and any other things the roses may need.

Come to Richmond and experience an amazing garden.



Petal & Stem co-president and event chairman Ann Herrman is with balloon pilot Jack Semler and his wife Lynn. Petal & Stem members Pat Jarvis and Sandy Witherby also are on the BLOOM&GLOW committee.

Richmond Mayor Dave Snow enjoys the balloons that rise above the Rose Garden.

1st BLOOM&GLOW

Roses and balloons is what makes up the Signature Event for the Richmond Rose Garden. It is fund-raiser that lets the whole community experience. There is food in garden for 400 people who purchased a ticket with food provided by local caterers.

However, the hot air balloons that glow at dark are free and the crowd is quite large. This was the 8th year for the event and the money raised goes to maintain the garden. Local businesses and individuals were originally asked to help pay for the balloons with their sponsorship but through their generosity it is now a major fund raiser for the garden.



Shamrock Garden Club

SHAMROCK GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATED NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

On Monday of National Garden Week, Shamrock Garden Club joined with Ft. Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club to sponsor a program at the Lawrence Library on container gardening. The program, advertised with posted flyers and on social media, was open to the public. The speaker was Carey Grable, Home Horticulture Educator, Purdue Extension.

On Tuesday, members visited the Indiana Governor's Residence and gardens. Following a sack lunch on the terrace, a tour of the main floor of the residence was very interesting and enjoyable. First Lady Janet Holcomb, and dog Henry, joined us for a tour of the gardens, where we viewed the chicken coop, beehive and bat houses, along with the vegetable and flower gardens.

Shamrock members set up a display at the Lawrence Library for the entire month of June. Information was there promoting garden clubs and our projects. Also exhibited were National Garden Week proclamations from NGC President Mary Warshauer, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and Lawrence Mayor Steve Collier. Included in the month-long display was an opportunity to sign up if one was interested in learning more about garden clubs. The sign-up sheets were placed into a flowerpot, and the prospective members were contacted and invited to the next club meeting.

The third week in June members joined Sages Garden Club for a Hosta Garden Tour at a private home.

The following week, members participated in a Pollinator Count in cooperation with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. For 10 minutes, members watched flowers in their garden or local park, and took notes of what they observed—birds, bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects that landed on them. Gathering this type of information raises awareness of how vital pollinators are to Indy's urban ecosystem and teaches us how to identify pollinators and plants. We were encouraged to take photos of pollinators in action to enter in our upcoming Horticulture Specialty Flower and Photography Show in September.

Our National Garden Week celebration actually lasted the entire month of June!

**Gerry St. Peters, President
Shamrock Garden Club**

If you have an article that you want in the Indiana Gardens newsletter, please send it to me at:

gnotaro@mail.com

The next deadline date is September 1, 2022

Shamrock Garden Club



National Garden Week display at Lawrence Library



Public was invited to program on container gardening



Group photo with First Lady Janet Holcomb and dog Henry



Overview of garden at Governor's residence with chicken coop



Bat House



Beehive



Hosta garden tour

Syracuse - Wawasee Garden Club

When planning our yearly agenda who would know the need for an early summer break? The day trip to Follinger-Friemann Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun in Fort Wayne, certainly filled our need.



Appetizers at DeBrand Fine Chocolates but including our garden horticulture heads up to pollinator importance.

Tiny cacao flowers and fickle midges are part of a pollination puzzle that limits chocolate production.

Visiting the butterfly arena gave realization to the adaptability of gracious pollinators.

Lunch at Club Soda was a perfect topper to our Indiana Landmarks.



Joyce Arleen Corson

Facebook Club Pages

Boonville Garden Club

Broad Ripple Garden Club

Crown Point Garden Club

Duneland Garden Club

Enter the Garden Club

Flower Lane Garden Club

Friendly Garden Club

Garden Club of Michiana

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Peru Garden Club

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Sages Garden Club

Shamrock Garden Club

Spring Green Garden Club

Sullivan County Garden Club

Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club

The Cultivating Garden Club

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

The Garden Club of New Harmony

The Munster Garden Club

Vale of Paradise Garden Club

Washington Arts & Flowers Garden Club



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- to exchange seeds, cuttings and plants
- to serve your community by planning and implementing beautification projects
- to develop a deeper sense of pride in the resources of our land and its preservation
- to attend schools in horticulture, flower arranging, landscape design and environmental education
- to receive our state publication, *Indiana Gardens*
- to attend district meetings and annual state, region and national conventions

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. has...

- provided over \$500,000 in scholarships to Indiana students studying horticulture, landscape design or related subjects
- supported The Nature Conservancy with contributions of over \$125,000 to protect and preserve Indiana's lands and waters
- installed over 50 Blue Star Memorial Markers statewide to honor those who have served, are serving, or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States
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