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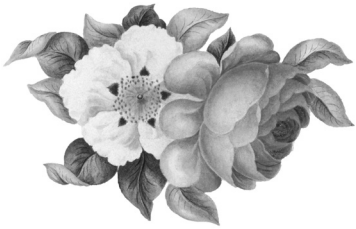

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FOUNDED JUNE 15, 1930

PURPOSE:

To stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening

To share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications

To restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvements

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Indianapolis Garden Club Members
Serving on GCA's National Committees

Zone X - Zone Co-Chair – Anne Shane

Flower Show Chair – Jan Sweeney

Communications Chair – Sue Welch

Scholarship Vice Chair – Amy MacDonell Shepard

Zone X Conversation/NAL Representative – Jess Stokely

Zone X Visiting Gardens Representative – Betsy Bosway

Indianapolis Garden Club Members
Serving as GCA Judges

Amy Cooke – Floral Design Judge

Pam Mahoney – Photography Prospective

Hilary Salatich – Floral Design Judge

Jan Sweeney – Horticulture Judge

Susan Welch – Horticulture Judge

Indianapolis Garden Club Members
Serving on GCA's Board of Associates

Dickie Bookwalter
Amy Cooke
Nancy Duck
Sharon Neighbours
Hilary Salatich
Jan Sweeney

INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB AWARD RECIPIENTS
GCA NATIONAL AWARDS

MEDAL FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
+J. Reid Williamson, Jr. – 2006

ELOISE PAYNE LUQUER MEDAL
+Dr. Harrison Leslie Flint – 2001

FLORENS DEBEVOISE MEDAL
Helen Link – 1982

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
+Madeline Elder – 1983

ZONE X AWARDS

ZONE APPRECIATION AWARD
Hilary Salatich – 2021

CREATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD
+ Jeanette Stokely – 1982
+ Mary "Punch" Harris – 1986
+ Nancy Kuhn – 1986
Dickie Bookwalter – 1993
Nancy Duck – 2001
Hilary Salatich – 2013

ZONE CONSERVATION
+ Ruth Allison Lilly – 1965
+ Nancy Kuhn – 1978
+ Mary "Punch" Harris – 1981
+ Nancy Kuhn – 1984
Dickie Bookwalter – 1999
Jane Elder Kunz – 2017
*Mary McConnell – 2018

ZONE HISTORIC PRESERTVATION
+ Mary Jo Bradley – 1976
+ Jeannette Stokely – 1976
+ Edna Woodward VanRiper – 1976

ZONE HORTICULTURE
+ Madeline Elder – 1972

ZONE HORTICULTURE CERTIFICATE
+ Sybil Mead – 1972

ZONE HORTICULTURE COMMENDATION
Mark Zelonis – 2013

ZONE JUDGING AWARD
Janet Sweeney – 2014

ZONE CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
*George & Peggy Rapp – 2001

ZONE ELIZABETH ABERNATHY HULL AWARD FOR EARLY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
*Darlene Gosnell – 1986

+ Deceased
**Commendation*

IGC CLUB AWARDS

CLUB APPRECIATION

*Brent D. Moore 1986
+ DeDe Nie 1995
+ Elizabeth Wiese 1996
+ Edna Woodard VanRiper 1998
Nancy Duck 1999
+ Evie Rhodehamel 2005
Janet Sweeney 2007
Katie Kruse 2012
+ Virginia Reavis Smith 2013
Linda Ford 2014
Rae Wilson 2015
Sharon Job Hoffman 2016
Wendy Fortune 2017
Betsy Bosway 2018
Mary Stanley Butler 2019
Lucy Gonso 2019
Mary Grein 2021
Beth Seger 2022
Sue Combs 2023
Lara Knitter 2024

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

Lisa Hurst 2017
Suzy and David Reese 2018
+ Claire Bennett 2019

COMMUNICATIONS

Pam Hazelett 2019
Pat Jacoby 2021

CONSERVATION

Dickie Bookwalter 1998
*Dawn Slack 2022
Stephanie Paine Crossin 2023

FLORAL DESIGN

Amy Cooke 2018

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Polly Jameson 2014
Julie Shortridge 2014

+ Deceased
**Commendation*

HORTICULTURE

+ Edna Woodward VanRiper 1974
+ Mary Louise Landers 1979
+ Emily Daniels 1997
Sue Combs 2020
Jan Sweeney 2022
Wendy Fortune 2024

PHOTOGRAPHY

+ Emerson Houck 2018
Pam Mahoney 2021
*Casey Cronin 2023

MEDAL OF MERIT

Hilary Salatich 2003
Mary DeVoe 2008
+ Edna VanRiper 2009
Sharon Neighbours 2011
Jan Sweeney 2018
Sue Welch 2021

HONORARY MEMBERS

+ Allen Clowes
+ Gilbert S. Daniels
+ Punch DePrez Harris
+ Emerson B. Houck
+ Thomas Frenzel Mumford
+ Tish Sinclair Mumford
+ Jeanette Tarkington Stokely
+ Lisa Spilman Sutphin
+ Edna Woodard VanRiper
Toomie Farris
Mark Zelonis
Eleanor F. Bookwalter
David Gorden
Hilary Stout Salatich

+ Deceased
**Commendation*

IGC CLUB AWARDS
THE MRS. JOHN N. CAREY MEMORIAL AWARD

+ Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr. (Punch) 1975-1977
+ Mrs. Louise W. Nie (DeDe) 1977-1978
Mrs. Charles A. Bookwalter II (Dickie) 1978-1979
+ Mrs. Robert E. Hollowell (Cici) 1979-1980
+ Mrs. Russell J. Ryan, Jr. (Gloria) 1980-1981
+ Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely (Jeanette) 1981-1982
+ Mrs. Bowman Elder (Madeline) 1982-1983
+ Mrs. Walter W. Kuhn, Jr. (Nancy) 1983-1984
+ Mrs. Georgianne Neal (James) 1984-1986
Mrs. Wendy Fortune 1985-1986
Mrs. Randolph P. Wison (Rae) 1986-1987
+ Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr. (Irving) 1987-1988
+ Mrs. George A. Kuhn, Jr. (Mildred) 1988-1989
Mrs. Mary Rogers (Randall) 1989-1990
+ Mrs. Edna Woodward VanRiper 1990-1991
+ Mrs. J. Frederic Wiese, Jr. (Elizabeth) 1991-1992
Mrs. Ronald G. Salatich (Hilary) 1992-1993
Mrs. Berkley W. Duck III (Nancy) 1993-1994
+ Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, Jr. (Mary Jo) 1994-1995
Mrs. Mary Rogers (Randall) 1995-1996
+ Mrs. A. W. Wallace (Ann) 1995-1996
Mrs. Stephen E. DeVoe (Mary) 1996-1997
Mrs. G. Howard Krauss, III (Margaret) 1997-1998
+ Mrs. Richard M. Quinn (Jean) 1998-1999
Mrs. Sharon Neighbours (John) 1999-2000
Mrs. Jan Sweeney (Michael) 2000-2001
Mrs. Richard V. Baxter (Mary Jane) 2001-2002
+ Mrs. H. Warren Earle (Connie). 2002-2003
Mrs. Cathy Lawson (William) 2003-2004
Mrs. John J. Jaqua Jr. (Margo) 2004-2005
Mrs. Mary Butler (William) 2005-2006
Mrs. John D. Cochran (Betsy) 2006-2007
Mrs. Julie Goodrich (David) 2007-2008
Mrs. Katie Kruse (Dick) 2007-2008
+ Mrs. Robert Ten Eyck (Hannah) 2008-2009
+ Mrs. Jon Rahman (Carol) 2009-2010
Mrs. Sharon Neighbours (John) 2010-2011
Mrs. Gina Bremner (James) 2011-2012
Mrs. Polly Jameson 2012-2013
Mrs. Sue Welch (Brian). 2013-2014
Mrs. Amy Cooke (Brian) 2014-2015
Mrs. Alice Hillis (Stan) 2015-2016
Mrs. Edie Enright (William) 2016-2017
Mrs. Beth Seger (Randolph) 2017-2018
Mrs. Helen Miles (Mark). 2018-2019
Mrs. Anne Shane (David) 2019-2020
Mrs. Becky Cleveland (Peter) 2020-2021
Mrs. Pam Mahoney (Jack) 2021-2022
Mrs. Lara Knitter (Steve) 2022-2023
Mrs. Betsy Bosway (Michael) 2023-2024
Mrs. Claudia Hapak (Haydon) 2024-2025

+ Deceased
**Commendation*

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The Garden Club of Cleveland
The Garden Club of Dayton
The Garden Club of Michigan

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA
GENERAL INFORMATION

The Garden Club of America, with headquarters in New York City, is a non-profit national organization comprised of more than 18,000 members of GCA clubs who dedicate their energies and expertise to projects in their communities, the nation and abroad. Founded in 1913, The Garden Club of America has become a recognized national leader in the fields of horticulture, environmental protection, conservation and civic improvement, and enhances its influence by collaboration with other major organizations sharing common interests and goals. Currently, there are 200 member clubs in 40 states and Washington, DC as well as 8 foreign Courtesy Clubs.The Garden Club of America does not accept individual membership. Only established garden clubs may be considered for membership after years of recognized civic contributions within their communities.

The purpose of The Garden Club of America is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications, and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action within the fields of conservation and civic improvement. The goals of The Garden Club of America are to stimulate and educate its members and the community in all aspects of horticulture, civic beautification, conservation, flower arranging, and garden history and design. A primary goal is to protect and preserve natural resources of air, water, open space, as well as endangered species and their habitat. The interdependence of all living things is the foundation of the organization's conservation and education programs.

The GCA annually awards over $200,000 in scholarships to provide opportunities for college level and graduate study in horticulture, landscape architecture, tropical botany and conservation. The GCA Scholarship Committee, in partnership with the Institute of Horticulture in the British Isles, annually exchanges two graduate horticulture students. The GCA helps to fund an annual fellowship at the American Academy in Rome for persons who hold an accredited degree in Landscape Architecture. Recently, a fund was established for a Fellowship in Ecological Restoration. These fellowships and grants may be applied for through the Internet at http:www.gcamerica.org.

GCA flower shows held in all sections of the country have educated the public on various aspects of artistic and horticultural distinction. The Garden Club of America promotes the preservation of unusual and endangered plant materials through its annual Plant Exchange among member clubs. This exchange encourages members to perfect basic skills in plant propagation and creates an opportunity for sharing rare and unusual plants. The Plant Exchange takes place at the GCA Annual Meeting and can be visited by the public.

Since the early 1930's, the GCA Founders Fund has provided substantial monetary awards for exceptional projects proposed by member clubs in their local

communities. The winners are voted upon by each club at the Annual Meeting. GCA club members plant and maintain the grounds of public and historic build ings in their respective communities, restore historic gardens, and help create inner city parks. One of the first protected redwood groves was donated to the State of California in 1930 (now totaling more than 5,100 acres). Recently, an incomparable collection of thousands of historic photographic slides of America's most notable parks and gardens was presented to the Horticultural Wing of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

National Awards, recognizing outstanding achievement of not only members of GCA clubs but also non-member horticulturalists, landscape designers, and conservationists, who have made a significant contribution in their own communities, are bestowed each year at the Annual Meeting.

The GCA has published reference guides to regional gardening resources, and major publications such as Plants That Merit Attention: Volume I - Trees, and recently, Plants That Merit Attention: Volume II - Shrubs.

The Garden Club of America strives for excellence in service to and education of its membership, their communities, the nation, and the world in which we live.

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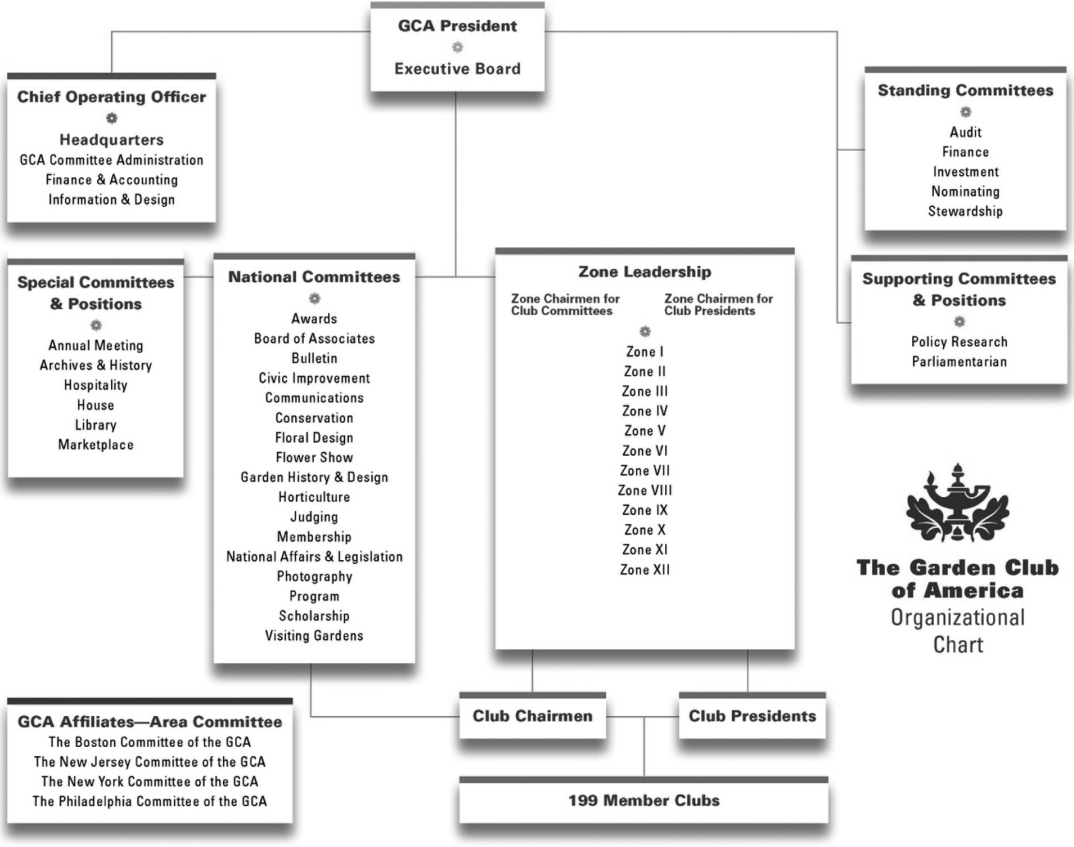

RESTATED BYLAWS OF
THE INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB, INC.
ADOPTED JUNE 2004
Revised 2023

ARTICLE
Name and Purpose

Section 1.1 Name. The name of the nonprofit corporation is THE INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB, INC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Club").

Section 1.2 Purpose. The purpose of the Club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening: to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence, and publications; and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvements.

ARTICLE 11
Members

Section 2.1 Membership in the Garden Club of America. The Club is a member club of the Garden Club of America.

Section 2.2 Classes of Members. There shall be five (5) classes of members in the Club as follow: Active, Associate, Non-Resident, Honorary, and Emeritus.

Section 2.2.1 Active.

Section 2.2.1.1 Responsibilities. An Active member is active in the work of the Club. She shall be expected to attend at least five (5) general meetings per year, accept office, serve on committees, participate in the Garden Walk and the Flower Show, pay dues, and financially support Club activities, entertain the Club, and remain Active for a minimum of ten (10) years.

Section 2.2.1.2 First Year Members. In addition to responsibilities of Active membership, First Year members are required to attend First Year Member Orientation Program as outlined in the Standing Rules.

Section 2.2.1.3 Number. The number of Active members shall be limited to 75, except in the acceptance of an Active transfer member mid-year. See Section 2.5 Transfer.

Section 2.2.1.4 Sabbatical. An Active member, who, due to special circumstances, is unable to participate in the work of the Club as requires by Sec. 2.2.1.1 of these Bylaws, may be awarded a sabbatical (and retain Active member status) for a period of one year upon written request to the Corresponding Secretary and at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any

extension of a sabbatical shall be considered annually upon written request to the Corresponding Secretary and at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The granting of a sabbatical shall not affect any other provision of the Bylaws. Dues shall be half of the Active dues.

Section 2.2.2 Associate. After completion of at least ten (10) years of active service or upon becoming Non-Resident, an Active member may be awarded Associate status for the following year at the discretion of the Board of Directors upon written request to the Corresponding Secretary prior to April 1, approved be the Board and reviewed yearly. An Associate is encouraged to attend meetings regularly, serve on committees, financially support Club activities, and entertain the Club. An Associate may not serve as an officer of the Club.

Section 2.2.3 Non-Resident Member. A member may be considered a Non-Resident member who does not maintain a primary residence in Indianapolis or within 75 miles, does not reside/visit the Indianapolis area for more than 30 days per year. A request should be made to the Corresponding Secretary prior to April 1, approved by the Board, and reviewed yearly. Dues shall be paid at a reduced rate determined by the Finance Committee plus meeting expenses when in attendance at Club meetings or activities.

Section 2.2.4 Honorary.

Section 2.2.4.1 Admission of Honorary Membership. Membership may be awarded at any time by vote of the Board of Directors to someone in the Club or in the community who has made significant contributions to the Club.

Section 2.2.4.2 Termination of Honorary Membership. Honorary membership may be withdrawn at any time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.2.5 Emeritus. A long-standing member or family member may request Emeritus status when no longer able to attend meetings. This special request is granted at the discretion of the Board of Directors and reviewed yearly. Dues shall be paid at a reduced rate determined by the Finance Committee.

Section 2.3 Admissions.

Section 2.3.1. Proposal of New Members. Candidates for admission shall be proposed in writing by an Active or resident Associate member, seconded by two Active or Associate members. An Active or Associate member may propose one and second one candidate in any club year or may second two candidates. The proposal for membership and the seconding letters shall be received by the Admissions Committee Chairman by April 15th.

Section 2.3.2 Action by Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee shall meet by the last week in April and elect new Active members pursuant to Section 5.3 of these Bylaws and in accordance with the Standing Rules for the Admissions Committee.

Section 2.4 Reinstatement. An Associate, a Non-Resident member, or a former member who has resigned from the Club while in good standing may make application in writing to the Board of Directors at any time for reinstatement to membership.

Section 2.5 Transfer. A member of another GCA member club who moves to the Indianapolis area may be admitted to membership in the Club by action of the Board of Directors at any time during the club year, provided that a letter of recommendation has been received from the home club's president and the member herself has indicated an interest in being admitted. It is acceptable for the admission of an Active Transfer member to cause the Club's Active membership to temporarily exceed the limit of 75, but only until the April Admissions Committee meeting.

Section 2.6 Resignation/Forfeiture. A member may resign by written notice to the Corresponding Secretary, who shall notify her of the acceptance of her resignation by the Board of Directors. Any Active, Associate or Non-Resident member who has not paid club dues for two (2) consecutive years shall be considered not in good standing and her membership is automatically forfeited.

Section 2.7 Meetings.

Section 2.7.1 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held once a month with the exception of July, August and January or February, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors. A notice of each meeting shall be sent to each member by the Corresponding Secretary.

Section 2.7.2. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held in May or June; if possible, following the Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of America.

Section 2.7.3. Special Meetings. A special meeting may be called by the President and must be called at the written request of ten members of the Club, stating the purpose of said meeting.

Section 2.7.4 Voting. Only Active and Associate members are entitled to vote.

Section 2.7.5 Quorum. Thirty (30) voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2.7.6 Guests. The hostess of the day may invite two (2) guests. No guests my attend the Annual Meeting. Exceptions may be made for out-of-town guests.

Section 2.8 Dues. All members, except Honorary Members, shall pay regular dues in such amount as determined by the Board of Directors. Annual dues shall be payable as of April 30 and are delinquent after May 15 of each year. The Treasurer shall give notice to members in advance of the due date and of any delinquency. A late fee may be assessed if payment is not received by May 15.

ARTICLE III
Board of Directors

Section 3.1 Powers. All corporate powers shall be exercised by, or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Club managed under the direction of the Board of Directors ("Board").

Section 3.2 Qualification and Term. The officers together with the chairmen of Standing Committees shall constitute the Board. The outgoing President shall become a member of the Board for one year following the expiration of her term. The members of the Board shall serve a term of one (1) year.

Section 3.3 Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held once a month with the exception of July, August and January or February, unless otherwise decided by the Board. Notice of each meeting shall be sent to each member by the Corresponding Secretary.

Section 3.4 Quorum. Fifteen (15) shall constitute a quorum for the Board.

ARTICLE IV
Officers

Section 4.1 Number/Qualification. The officers shall be the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall be an Active member of the Club.

Section 4.1.1 President. The President shall have general and active supervision, control, and management of the day-to-day affairs of the Club, subject to the orders and resolutions of the Board; shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect; shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board; and shall perform such other duties as the Board may assign from time to time.

Section 4.1.2 First Vice President. The First Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of the President's duties. In the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President. The First Vice President shall be Chairman of the Community Projects Committee and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to her by the President.

Section 4.1.3 Second Vice President. The Second Vice President shall assist the President and First Vice President in the performance of their duties. In the absence of the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the First Vice President. The Second Vice President shall be the Chairman of the Admissions Committee, shall plan and implement the activities of the First Year Member Orientation Program, and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to her by the President or First Vice President.

Section 4.1.4 Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board and of the members and shall act as Secretary of such meetings; shall record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings of the meetings of members and the Board in a book or books to be kept for that purpose; shall be custodian of the books and records (except for financial books and records) and the list of members of the Club; and in general, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties as may be, from time to time, assigned by the Board or the President.

Section 4.1.5 Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall give or cause to be given all notices provided for in the Bylaws or required by law and in general, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties as may be, from time to time, assigned by the Board or the President.

Section 4.1.6 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep correct and complete records of account showing accurately at all times the receipts, expenditures, and financial condition of the Club; shall be the custodian of the corporate funds; shall deposit, in the name of and to the credit of the Club, all moneys of the Club in such depositories as may be designated by the Board; shall disburse the funds of the Club as may be ordered by the Board or by the President; and in general, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties customarily incident to such office, including the filing of all documents as required by law, and such other powers, and duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board or by the President.

Section 4.2 Election. The election of the Officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting. In addition to the slate presented by the Nominating Committee, nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 4.3 Term of Office. Each officer shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the members and until the officer's successor is elected and qualified, or until the officer's death, resignation, or removal from office. No officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 4.4 Vacancies. The Board is empowered to fill a vacancy caused by the death, resignation, or removal of an officer.

ARTICLE V
Committees and Delegates

Section 5.1 Designation of Standing Committees. There shall be Standing Committee which shall include Garden Club of America committees with Zone Representatives. There may be additional committees appointed by the President. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the President shall appoint a Chairman of each Standing Committee of the Club and each committee shall report directly to the Board. Members of committees shall be appointed by the chairmen.

Section 5.2 Nominating Committee.

Section 5.2.1 Number/Qualification. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members: The immediate Past President, who shall be Chairman, and two (2) other members appointed by the President and the Chairman.

Section 5.2.2 Responsibilities.

Section 5.2.2.1 Slate of Officers. The Nominating Committee shall select annually, in the spring, a slate of candidates for office, which slate shall be sent to each member prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 5.2.2.2 Appointment of Admissions Committee Members. The Nominating Committee shall appoint annually the following members by February 1 to serve on the Admissions Committee that will meet the following April:

A. Four (4) Members of the Board;
B. Four (4) Active or Associate members; and
C. Two (2) Active or Associate members to serve as alternates.

The Nominating Committee shall give due regard to age and experience in the Club and shall not appoint members who have served on the Admissions Committee within the last three years. Members appointed as alternates and who do not actually serve are not included within this prohibition. Each person appointed shall be willing and available to attend one or more Admissions Committee meetings scheduled by the Chairman.

Section 5.3 Admissions Committee.

Section 5.3.1 Responsibilities. The Admissions Committee shall elect new members to the Club and present their names to the Board for approval.

Section 5.3.2 Number/Qualifications. The Committee shall consist of the Second Vice President, who shall serve as Chairman of the Committee, four (4) members of the Board, and four (4) Active or Associate members (or alternates) as appointed by the Nominating Committee. The immediate past Admissions Committee Chairman shall serve Ex-Officio.

Section 5.4 Delegates. Delegates to the Annual Meeting and Zone Meetings of the Garden Club of America shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VI
Finance

Section 6.1 Approval by Members. Major decisions concerning commitments for long range and/or projects exceeding $3,000 shall be voted upon by the membership. Such projects must be presented at one meeting and voted upon at a subsequent meeting.

Section 6.2 Accounts. There shall be five separate accounts:

Section 6.2.1 Administrative/Flower Show Checking Account. The Administrative/Flower Show Checking Account provides money for (i) the Club's expenses (ii) Zone X expenses (iii) Garden Club of America dues and expenses and (iv) the Club's Flower Show expenses.

Section 6.2.2 Administrative/Flower Show Savings Account. The balance of the Administrative Savings Account may be no less than $10,000 and holds funds in reserve for (i) the Club's expenses; (ii) Zone X expenses; (iii); Garden Club of America dues and expenses; and (iv) the Club's Flower Show. Funds from this account may be transferred to Administrative/Flower Show Checking Account for payment of expenses.

Section 6.2.3 Garden Walk/Community Projects Checking Account. The Garden Walk/Community Projects Checking Account will be used to pay any expenses related the Garden Walk and to disburse funds to community projects receiving grants in any Fiscal Year.

Section 6.2.4 Garden Walk/Community Projects Savings Account. The Garden Walk/Community Projects Savings Accounts includes all net proceeds from the Garden Walk and provides money in support of community projects and donations. It includes the former Memorial Fund. The balance of the Garden Walk/Community Projects Savings Account may be no less than $10,000. Funds from this account may be transferred to the Garden Walk/Community Projects Checking Account for payment of expenses.

Section 6.2.5 Endowment Fund. The IGC Educational Endowment Fund is a Board Designated Endowment Fund established to provide support for special educational programs and speakers that benefit all members of the Club. The Fund balance must exceed $75,000 before any funds are expended. Once that level has been achieved, the maximum allowable annual spendable percentage of the Fund balance should be 5% of the prior fiscal year-end balance, as determined by the Finance Committee. The funds will be allocated to programs and speakers consistent with the Fund's purpose, as determined by the IGC Educational Endowment Fund Committee.

ARTICLE VII
Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended, if such amendments be proposed and seconded at any regular meeting, and a written draft of the same be distributed to each member at least ten (10) days before a subsequent meeting at which it is to be presented for vote.

ARTICLE VII
Standing Rules

Standing Rules are the procedures and regulations, consistent with these Bylaws, which shall implement and clarify these Bylaws. They shall be binding on all members. Standing Rules shall, upon recommendation of the Board, be adopted, amended, waived, or rescinded by the Board. In the event of a conflict between the Bylaws and Standing Rules, the Bylaws shall govern.

GENERAL STANDING RULES

1. Annual dues for Active and Associate memberships shall be $275.00. Member must also purchase two Garden Walk tickets unless they become a donor (no company advertisement) that coincides with the sponsorship levels. Dues for Non-Resident and Emeritus members shall be paid at a reduced rate determined by the Finance Committee in order to cover annual dues required by GCA.
2. Any member who has not submitted expenses for reimbursement prior to the Club's June 30th fiscal year end will not be reimbursed for said expenses.
3. The Club shall be responsible for the President and one delegate to attend the Zone X meetings, the GCA Annual Meeting, and one delegate each to the Shirley Meneice and NAL Conferences.
4. Reimbursed expenses include: basic registration and one hotel room per delegate for no more than 2 delegates for each conference or meeting.

The reimbursement for the hotel room shall not exceed the maximum amount as determined by the Finance Committee.

5. Any member who is serving the Club in a Zone or Garden Club of America position shall be invited to all Board meetings in a non-voting capacity.
6. The Club should invite all Zone X directors, officers, and National Chairmen to visit the Club at least once during their two (2) year terms.
7. The Club Whistle Blower Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, and Document Retention Policy, each as approved November 11, 2009, shall be reviewed and approved annually and kept with the minutes of the meeting at which they are reviewed and approved annually and kept with the minutes of the meeting at which they are reviewed and approved. All Board members and members of the Community Projects Committee shall sign annually a Conflict of Interest information form.

STANDING RULES FOR FIRST YEAR MEMBER ORIENTATION PROGRAM

1. First Year Members will fulfill the responsibilities outlined in Section 2.2.1.1 of the Bylaws which are the same for all Active members. In addition, they will complete the First Year Member Orientation Program (FYMOP), which includes the following requirements:
    a. Attend and participate in FYMOP meetings and group activities as coordinated by the second Vice President.
    b. Sample offerings of at least two (2) different committees by attending a committee meeting, workshop, or club activity.
    c. Attend one (1) Board meeting.
    d. Serve a shift at Garden Walk and Flower Show.
    e. Serve on a committee approved by the Second Vice President.
2. First Year Member's committee selection will be finalized after the Fall Orientation Meeting. The placement must first be approved by the Second Vice President and President. Most First Year Members will serve as Garden Co-Captains for the Garden Walk the following June.
3. The Second Vice President will plan and implement the FYMOP including educational and orientation meetings, provide guidance throughout the first year, coordinate group activities, facilitate involvement on club committees, encourage interaction with all Club members, and educate the new members about IGC, our Zone X, and GCA.

STANDING RULES FOR ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

1. The Admissions Committee shall meet by the last week in April.
2. The Proposing and Seconding letters shall be received by the Chairman by April 15th.
3. No member of the Admissions Committee may propose or second a candidate for membership.
4. The Officers of the Club shall determine the number of new members who can be admitted in one year based on the number of Active members as of April 15th.
5. If a relative of a member of the Admissions Committee is proposed for membership, then that member shall excuse herself from the Admissions Committee.
6. A quorum shall consist of 7 members.
7. Voting shall be by a secret, written ballot and all letters and discussion regarding the candidates shall be confidential.
8. The Chairman shall present the elected members' names to the Board at the May Board meeting.
9. The Chairman shall plan an orientation program for the new members prior to the first meeting of the Club year following their election.
10. The Chairman shall prepare a report summarizing the action taken and providing any suggestions of comments for the ensuing year. Any changes in policy or procedure shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

STANDING RULES FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. The request for new projects must be received by the Chairman by October 1.
2. New project proposals must be evaluated against the following criteria established in 2002 by the membership.
    a. Must be compatible with mission of the Club: "To stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening. To share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence, and publications. To restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and actions in the fields of conservation and civic improvements."
    b. Must be compatible with the interest of the membership and its committees for example: pertinence to local conservation issues, such as fresh water and green space, support of existing land and native specimens whenever possible should be considered; and educational opportunities for our members, for the community, or for children should be incorporated.

3. The Community Projects Committee consists of nine (9) members, including the First Vice President who serves as Chairman.
4. No committee member may serve more than two (2) consecutive years. After not serving one (1) year, a member is eligible to serve again.
5. The Chairman shall present a written proposal of the committee's choice of new project/projects to the Board and general membership one month and then voted upon in the subsequent month.
6. The Chairman shall present a report summarizing the action taken and providing any suggestions or comments for the ensuing year. Any changes in policy or procedure shall be subject to the approval of the Board.
7. Committee members must sign a Conflict of Interest statement.

STANDING RULES FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall consist of eight (8) members: the Executive Committee, which is composed of the President, who shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member; the Treasurer, who shall serve as Chairman; the First Vice President; the Second Vice President; the Recording Secretary; and the Corresponding Secretary. In addition to the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee will include the immediate past Treasurer and the Endowment Chairman. Membership on the Finance Committee shall be limited to no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Responsibilities of the Committee include:

1. Preparing and monitoring the budget. The budget shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
2. Recommending for approval by the Board and membership the amount of annual dues.
3. Setting financial policies and procedures.
4. Approving Garden Walk and Flower Show budgets
5. The Finance Committee of the Board shall administer the IGC Educational Endowment Fund. The Finance Committee will establish and review the investment policy and select the investment advisor for the Fund. The performance of the investment advisor will be evaluated annually at the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Based on performance of the Fund at the fiscal year end, the Finance Committee will determine, pursuant to Section 6.2.3 of the Bylaws, what portion of the up to 5% annual spendable amount of the June 30 balance of the Fund should be expended for Fund purposes for the following program year. This amount will be segregated from the investment account, to protect it from market fluctuations. Additionally, if it has been determined

by the IGC Educational Endowment Fund Committee in conjunction with the Finance Committee that funds need to be set aside for a particularly expensive future speaker, then the Finance Committee may do so at this time. This may mean the IGC could forgo a speaker from time to time.

STANDING RULES FOR THE IGC EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

The IGC Educational Endowment Committee shall consist of four (4) members: the President, the Treasurer, the Educational Endowment Chair, the Program Chair.

The IGC Educational Endowment Chair and its members will have the following responsibilities:

1. The IGC Endowment Chair will record, deposit, and recognize any donations to the IGC Educational Endowment Fund, providing copies of all checks or stock transfers to the IGC Treasurer. In turn the IGC Treasurer will notify the Endowment Chair of any donations or of any memorial donations, which are automatically deposited in the IGC Educational Endowment Fund. The Treasurer will provide copies of these checks or stock transfers to the Endowment Chair.
2. The IGC Educational Endowment chair will solicit requests and ideas for educational speakers and programs from Board Members. Under the direction of the goals established by the Board President and the Board of Directors, the IGC Educational Endowment Committee members will research, vet, summarize, and recommend the expenditure of funds for a special educational program or speaker. This educational program or speaker will be of national or regional prominence and may be supplementary to the Club's regular programming. The cost of the special IGC Educational Endowment Fund sponsored programs and speaker shall not exceed the annual spendable amount, as approved by the Finance Committee at the end of the fiscal year. This must also include any additional unspent spendable if the Finance Committee has approved such additional amounts in connection with a particular program or speaker.
3. The IGC Educational Endowment Committee will work with the Program Chair to make certain all the necessary arrangements for the sponsored programs and speakers are made.

The Indianapolis Garden Club, Inc.

Board of Directors

Conflict of Interest Information Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Position: _____

Please describe below any relationships, positions, or circumstances in which you are involved that you believe could contribute to a Conflict of Interest (as defined in the Indianapolis Garden Club, Inc. Conflict of Interest Policy adopted November 11, 2009) arising.

I hereby certify that the information set forth above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have reviewed, and agree to abide by, the Policy of Conflict of Interest of the Indianapolis Garden Club, Inc. that is currently in effect.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Indianapolis Garden Club, Inc.

WHISTLE BLOWER POLICY

(approved November 11, 2009)

Indianapolis Garden Club, Inc. expects board members and volunteers (collectively "persons") to observe high standards of conduct and personal ethics in the performance of their duties and responsibilities associated with the Club and to comply with all applicapable laws and regulatory requirements.

This policy is intended to encourage and enable persons to raise concerns regarding what they may believe to be potential unlawful, unethical or fraudulent actions. In most cases, the Club President is in the best position to address any areas of concern. If for any reason an individual finds it difficult to report his or her concern to the President, the person can report it to any other Officer of the Club.

All reports will be promptly investigated and appropriate corrective action taken (which may include discipline, up to and including termination of volunteer duties and civil or criminal prosecution) if warranted by the investigation.

The person reporting may choose to do so anonymously via mail or through other means of communication. While a person can report concerns anonymously, Indianapolis Garden Club's ability to conduct a full and fair investigation may be limited if the investigators do not have the opportunity to speak with the person as part of the investigation. All efforts will be made to protect the confidentiality of those who report improprieties and choose to do so anonymously. However, in certain situations, legal requirements may make it impossible to keep the individual's identity confidential.

A person filing a complaint concerning a violation or suspected violation of a law or regulatory requirement much be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for "believing the information disclosed indicates a violation." Volunteers acting in good faith will be protected against retaliatory actions resulting from reporting such activities or for participating in any subsequent investigation. This protection extends to those whose allegations are made in good faith but prove to be mistaken. Any allegations that prove not to be substantiated and which prove to have been made maliciously or to be knowingly false will be subject to discipline up to and including termination of position.

The Indianapolis Garden Club, Inc.

DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

(approved November 11, 2009)

1. Indianapolis Garden Club, Inc. will maintain and preserve records that are needed to meet management needs and protect the interests of the organization and its members as required by law, contract and prudence.

2. Records, including electronic documents, that are no longer needed to meet legal, tax, and operational requirements, an that have satisfied their required retention period, are to be disposed of in the regular course of business in accordance with this policy.

3. Destruction of records shall only take place pursuant to standard policy and not in anticipation of a specific problem.

4. Tax records and materials will be kept for seven years.

5. Officers and committee chairs will retain, protect and efficiently manage records within their responsibility in order to ensure that the Club may make an appropriate response to claims of liability, government investigation, or audit, and to ensure proper compliance with record retention requirements imposed by applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and contracts.

HISTORY

of

THE INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB

Founded June 15, 1930

THE INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Alice Day Baker
Mary Stewart Carey
Katharine Holliday Daniels
Helen Kirkland Dean
Mary Parrott Failey
Florence Baker Holliday
Josephine Sharpe Latham
Lucy Holliday O'Neal
Florence Flickinger Wolff

CHARTER MEMBERS

Mrs. Frederick Appel
(Mary June Carey)
Mrs. Thaddeus Baker
Mrs. Garvin Brown
Mrs. John N. Carey
Mrs. Joseph J. Daniels
(Katharine Holliday)
Mrs. Stuart Dean
Mrs. Samuel Dowden
Mrs. Bowman Elder
Mrs. Robert Failey
Mrs. James Fesler
Mrs. Clarence Forsyth
Mrs. Theodore R. Griffith
Mrs. Jacquelin S. Holliday
Mrs. Frederick Holliday
Mrs. Sylvester Johnson
Mrs. Charles Latham
Mrs. Perry O'Neal
Mrs. Louis Levey
Mrs. J. K. Lilly Sr.
(Lily Ridgely)
Mrs. Charles Lynn
(Celeste MacEachren)
Mrs. William Scott
Mrs. Roy Shields
Mrs. Clarence Stanley
Mrs. W. R. Sinclair
Mrs. Frank Stalnaker
Mrs. Booth Tarkington
Mrs. Larz Whitcomb
Mrs. Herman Wolff
Mrs. Evans Woollen

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Carey Appel
Martha Stewart Scott
Ida Stanley
Katharine Holliday Daniels
Charlotte Scott Moxley
Lily Ridgely Lilly
Mary Stewart Carey
Adele S. Burckhardt
Ann d'Heer Stevenson
Edith Wilson Stafford
Mary Layman Forsyth
Florence Baker Holliday
Jane Ridgely Wolcott
Cecelia Mansur Stalnaker
Ruth Culbertson Murphy
Celeste MacEachren Lynn
Eleanora Mitchell Atkins
Dorothy Bacon Holliday
Helen Hare Ritchey
Helen Kirkland Dean
Meta Carpenter Levey
Charlotte Shields
Louise Erwin Dowden
Genevieve Bassel Sweeney
Nancy Baker Woollen
Lucy Martha Taggart
Catherine Morrison Mattison
Alice Day Baker
Caroline Marmon Fesler
Lillian Nading Zoller
Ethel Heywood Sinclair
Myla Coburn Powell
Sara Rogers Whitcomb
Katherine Ayers Smitheram
Virginia Shaw Rockwood
Ruth Brinkmeyer Lilly
Mary Sayles Atkins
Ina Hollweg Vonnegut
Susannah Kiefer Tarkington
Nora Taggart Chambers
Edith Whitehill Clowes
Monica Sheerin Kuhn
Jean McIntosh Gatch
Marguerite Frenzel Miller
Helen Broeksmit Sinclair
Ruth Rogers Ott
Emily Taggart Sinclair
Alma Hoegh Ayres
Mary Ellis Walker Adams
Florence Flickinger Wolff
Martha Lee McCreary Williams
Irene Taggart Young
Marguerite Ortman Scott
Mary Parrot Failey
Frances Morrison Rabb
Lila Allison Lilly
Margaret Metzger Kuhn
Ruth Allison Lilly
Marguerite Lilly Noyes - H
Helen Wheelock Griffith
Martha Henley Seaverns
Marjorie Brown Sherwood
Frances Gladding Dean
Mary Stewart Haines Adams
Thomas F. Mumford - H
Lucile Fowler Boozer
Muriel Spicer Carroll
Eli Lilly - H
Lucille Bowman Martindale
Lucy Holliday O'Neal - H
Nina Gilbert Brown
Agatha Reid Sutphin
Constance Norris Moxley
Elizabeth Holliday Hitz
Ruth Hubbard Holliday Mayer
Frances Barbour Conrad
Mary Gladding Johnson Gould - H
Frances Helm Bennett
Nancy Stout Kuhn
Josephine Sharpe Latham - H
Janet Noyes Ayres Adams
Irving Moxley Springer
Isabel Ferguson Ayres
Mildred Milliken Kuhn
Joan Kennard Taggart
Robertine Buchanan Daniels

Elizabeth Bertermann
Ethel Janet White Hamilton
Madeline Fortune Elder
Mary Milliken Landers
Jane Wilson Rauch
Betty Hasler Ruckelshaus
Dorothy M. Appel
Phyllis Maish Vonnegut
Eleanor Dickson Frenzel
Evelyn Chambers Birge Denny
Jane Weldon Kinghan Myers
Sallie Eaglesfield Gould
Elizabeth Gilbert Fortune
Anne Ayres Taylor
Eldreda (DeDe) Lowe Nie
Mary Landers Hickman
Carolyn Crom Griffith
Barbara Haines Werbe
Elizabeth Davol Woodard
Mary Louise Platt Sutphin
Virginia Brown Fairbanks
Marty Murray Fortune
Eleanor ("Nonie") Werbe Krauss
Punch DePrez Harris - H
Barbara Remy Kothe
Cynthia VanTassel Yeo
Cici Hendricks Hollowell
Jane Hennessey Fortune
Sylvia Griffith Peacock
Penny Ogle Weldon
Mary Jo Bradley
Sybil Stafford Mead
Lisa Spilman Sutphin-H
Phyllis Behringer Holliday
Anne Werbe Wallace
Emily Norris Daniels
Letitia Sinclair Mumford
Flo Jameson Miller
Billie Lou Carpenter Wood
Carolyn Culp Smith
Jeanette Tarkington Stokely - H
Deborah Fortune Hunter
Edna O'Nan Woodard VanRiper - H
Anne Marmon Greenleaf
Judy Hanna Heidenreich
Emerson Houck – H
Susanah "Susie" Mayberry Mead
Carol Hileman Rahman
Rosalie McKee Lange
Joan Boozer Elder
Patty Brown Wilkins
Connie Cadick Earle
Gerd Jacobsen Griffith
Gilbert S. Daniels
Elizabeth Bracken Wiese
Jean Heidt Quinn
Evie Hitz Rhodehamel
Gloria Cole Ryan
Lucy Holliday Wick
Betsy Tinsman Dustman
Jeanne Wieck Atkins
Elizabeth Wiest Johnson
Hannah Hofherr Ten Eyck
Virginia Reavis Smith
Alice Boozer Weaver
Georgianne Davis Neal
Joanne Spitznagel Johnston

PRESIDENTS

Mrs. John N. Carey*	1930-31
Mrs. Perry O'Neal*	1931-32
Mrs. W. Richardson Sinclair*	1932-33
Mrs. Herman C. Wolff*	1933-35
Mrs. G.H.A. Clowes*	1935-37
Mrs. W. Richardson Sinclair*	1937-39
Mrs. Perry O'Neal*	1939-40
Mrs. Robert A. Adams*	1940-41
Mrs. Robert A. Failey*	1941-42
Mrs. Sylvester Johnson*	1942-44
Mrs. Eugene Miller*	1944-45
Mrs. G.H.A. Clowes*	1945-47
Mrs. Keyes Atkins*	1947-49
Mrs. Lyman S. Ayres*	1949-51
Mrs. John G. Williams*	1951-53
Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin*	1953-55
Mrs. Blaine H. Miller Jr.*	1955-57
Mrs. Perry O'Neal*	1957-58
Mrs. Frederick G. Appel*	1958-60
Mrs. Frank C. Springer Jr.*	1960-62
Mrs. Russell Fortune Jr.*	1962-64
Mrs. Charles Latham*	1964-66
Mrs. Frederic W. Taylor*	1966-68
Mrs. John Mead*	1968-69
Mrs. Harold R. Woodard*	1969-71
Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley Jr.*	1971-73
Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely*	1973-75
Mrs. Edward W. Harris Jr.*	1975-77
Mrs. Louis W. Nie*	1977-78
Mrs. Charles A. Bookwalter II	1978-79
Mrs. Robert E. Hollowell*	1979-80
Mrs. Russell J. Ryan Jr.*	1980-81
Mrs. Georgianne Neal (James)*	1981-82
Mrs. Harley W. Rhodehamel*	1982-84
Mrs. Philo B. Lange*	1984-86
Mrs. John T. Jameson Jr.*	1986-88
Mrs. Eugene C. Miller Jr.*	1988-89
Mrs. J. Frederic Weise Jr.*	1989-91
Mrs. Berkley W. Duck III	1991-93
Mrs. A. W. Wallace*	1993-95
Mrs. Ronald G. Salatich	1995-97
Mrs. Sharon Neighbours (John)	1997-99
Mrs. Stephen E. DeVoe	1999-01
Mrs. Cathy Lawson (William)	2001-03
Mrs. Richard M. Quinn*	2003-05
Mrs. Julie Goodrich (David)	2005-07
Mrs. Mary Butler (William)	2007-09
Mrs. Robert L. Ten Eyck Jr.*	2009-11
Mrs. Sue Welch (Brian)	2011-12
Mrs. Alice Hillis (Stan)	2013-15
Mrs. Beth Seger (Randolph)	2015-17
Mrs. Anne Shane (David)	2017-19
Mrs. Pam Mahoney (Jack)	2019-21
Mrs. Betsy Bosway (Michael)	2021-23
Mrs. Lindsay Thornton (Andrew)	2023-25
Marta E. Gross (Richard Barnes)	2025-26

**Deceased*

THE INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB HISTORY
1930 - 1962

In presenting this little history of the Garden Club, your editors are well aware of the shortcomings, and aware also of the impossibility of creating a picture that will meet with each member's personal knowledge and affectionate recollection.

Leaning heavily on the premise that a smiling portrait is liable to pall through the years, we have decided to be starkly representational, giving mostly a compilation of facts. It is our hope that these facts will recall to all of you the pleasure you had, the hard work you put in, the triumphs and disappointments you experienced; and that in that recollection you will each add for yourselves the grace notes of warmth and friendship and well-earned satisfaction.

On June 15th of 1930, Mrs. John N. Carey invited a few friends to her home, Haverway Farm, for the purpose of discussing plans for forming a garden club in Indianapolis. This small group, consisting of Mesdames Jacquelin Holliday, Thaddeus Baker, Perry O'Neal, Katharine Holliday Daniels, Stuart Dean, Herman Wolff, Robert Failey and Charles Latham, became therefore our founding members. These eight and Mrs. Carey then in turn invited twenty others to join them in establishing the Indianapolis Garden Club. Our charter members were Mesdames Sylvester Johnson, Jr., Booth Tarkington, Clarence Stanley, Mary June Carey Appel, Garvin Brown, Samuel Dowden, Bowman Elder, James Fesler, Clarence Forsythe, Theodore Griffith, Frederick Holliday, Louis Levey, Lily Ridgely Lilly, Charles Lynn, William Scott, Roy Shields, W. Richardson Sinclair, Frank Stalnaker, Larz Whitcomb and Evans Woollen.

Two meetings were held that summer, then in the fall of that year, the first Executive Board turned to the business of adopting a constitution. After reading and discussing the constitution of the Pasadena Garden Club, Mrs. Katharine Holliday Daniels was selected to draw up an outline form, incorporating many of its provisions. This was done and accepted by the membership at large in November. It is interesting to note that the membership was limited to thirty; however, in two years' time this number would be increased to fifty. The six officers and the chairman of the Program Committee constituted the Board. Admissions were first passed on by the Board. Those names accepted were presented to the membership at the next general meeting where they were voted by ballot, with three negative votes deferring acceptance. Three years of active service sufficed to qualify for associate membership. Meetings were held every second Friday of the month; the annual meeting came in November; and the dues were $8.00 for active members.

Our constitution, altered many times with changing circumstances, has nevertheless stood us in good stead, and is a tribute to the foresight of our early members. Our purpose, not officially recorded at first, was all the same unswervingly adhered to: "to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to aid in the protection of native plants; and to encourage civic improvements."

While we list an assortment of events taken from these early meetings, no factual reporting can possible evoke the feeling of enterprise and adventure that permeated those days. One has only to talk to any member who was part of them to see that they shared in an experience that meant much to them and cannot quite be described to those of us who came later in the day, with the way clearly marked ahead.

The meetings were small, informal, and held in homes, with tea following. The speakers for the most part were excellent and frequently paid for by some generous member, as the Club treasury was modest indeed. The standard of gardening ability was high and many of the members could, and did on occasion, substitute for a professional speaker. Most of this

is still true today. Perhaps the difference lay in the pioneering spirit that enhances all new organizations. Everyone was eager to encourage the aims of the new Club and promote the love of gardening and the sense of civic responsibility that they felt so keenly themselves. In this they had varying success as may be seen in the following account.

Our Club's first public action (1931), taken at the suggestion of the North Civic League, was the petitioning of the Board of Public Works to do away with the homes at the entrance to the Crown Hill Cemetery "that this location be made more sightly." Our first joint enterprise (1932) was the inclusion of our president in a group meeting at the Art Institute for the purpose of forming a State Federation of Garden Clubs. Our Club was invited to be a charter member and later, in 1933, Mrs. Lucy O'Neal was elected president of the State Federation. In 1932 came our first offering to the public, a course of three lectures on garden planning, held in the Public Library, and conducted by Miss Virginia Prince, L.A. A tactful secretary rather sadly notes: "There were fewer of the public (present) than expected, perhaps due to the inclement weather."

Money was given in 1933 for the purchase of seeds for the Community Gardens' Project in support of Mrs. O'Neal's leadership in this endeavor, which had the double benefit of aid to the unemployed and beautification of the city. It is comforting to note that in the depths of the Depression 4200 applicants were provided with seed and that land for gardening purposes was made available to 1500 needy individuals by this municipal undertaking.

In 1934 we joined with the Federated Garden Clubs in backing a bill for roadside improvement which was defeated in the 1935 Legislature. We voted in 1935 to support Mrs. Clowes, who with Mrs Carroll initiated and developed the Garden Tour of Park School, a very singly successful venture that has become justly famous and done much through the years both for Park School and gardening interest throughout the state.

Twice we assisted at the Home Complete Show, taking first place for our garden there in 1935, and second place in 1938.

A full scholarship of tuition with all expenses was provided for John H. Wallace, to the Audubon Society School in Maine for two successive years - 1939 and 1940. In 1941 we sent Mr. McCoy of the Garden Center at Holliday Park to Cleveland, to see the very fine garden center there.

During these years, civic projects were constantly under consideration, and much time and energy were expended, the influence of the Club being brought to bear in the interest of beautification and civic betterment. We were partially successful in a quiet way, but where our efforts depended on political cooperation we were often frustrated by the short-sightedness of the city officials.

No picture of this pre-war period for our Club would be complete without the mention of the very successful and very charming "fairs" that were held at the homes of various members. The "Pike Township Fair" in 1939 at the home of Mrs. Sutphin on DeLong Road; the "Delaware Township Fair" in 1940 on the Conner Prairie Farm, with hostesses Mrs. Eli Lilly and Mrs. J.K. Lilly, Sr; and the "Clay Township Fair" in 1941 at "The Meadows", home of Mrs. J. P. Frenzel. In all these ventures, energy, ingenuity, and gay festive feeling were combined to create in miniscule, by and for the membership alone, all the effects of bounty, profusion and harvest plenty that characterize a country fair. Few who were members then will forget the thrilling parade of groomed and beribboned percherons and cattle, that provided the climax to the Delaware Township Fair, a day all felt to be a red letter day in our Club's history.

The years 1939 and 1940 brought us our first year book and the very amusing pro-

gram, an "Information Please" meeting at which members "stumped the experts", and vice versa.

Also in 1939 Mrs. O'Neal's dahlia "Pickaninny", which she hybridized herself, won a blue ribbon at the the New York Flower Show, as did one of her flower arrangements.

The Conservation Committee in 1940 under Mrs. W. Richardson Sinclair staged a one-day Conservation School in the auditorium of L. S. Ayres. Speakers were drawn from the Indiana State Conservation Department, Purdue Agricultural College, and various Federal agencies of the State.

During that period the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. met at French Lick. Our representatives on the Conference Committee were Miss Betty Bertermann and Mrs. Richardson Sinclair. The Indianapolis Garden Club undertook the truly sizable task of decorations for this event as well as supplying exhibits.

A major contribution, under the presidency of Mrs. Failey, and tirelessly undertaken by Mrs. D. Laurance Chambers, Conservation Chairman, was the support of efforts to save the virgin timberland known as Cox Forest near Paoli, Indiana. To help purchase this land from the lumber company that had bought it, our Club contributed $100.00 and about $650.00 was given by individual members. These funds, along with others, saved the forest which is now under the State Park system.

By far the most important event of this period from the viewpoint of the development of the Club itself, was our admission to membership in The Garden Club of America in 1939. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Dayton and the Garden Club of Cincinnati, duly visited and recommended by various committees, we were informed in January of that year of our election. From this period on, our activities and interests, while maintaining the same aims, broadened to include a more national viewpoint.

The fall before Pearl Harbor found the Indianapolis Garden Club busily engaged in various activities and celebrating the autumn season by a fair. However, with war an actuality, the Club turned promptly to doing its bit in many enterprising ways. In order to conserve on gas and food, formal meetings were curtailed to a minimum, but with encouragement from The Garden Club of America and realization that our Club as such could provide worthwhile contributions to the war effort, a more regular schedule was resumed and a full program of patriotic activities embarked on and maintained.

Work was started in cooperation with The Garden Club of America on planting in the Billings Hospital area. Mrs. Robert Adams was appointed War Fund Chairman and became our representative in Garden Club of America plans there.

It soon became apparent that equally important were the needs in other areas of the Fort. We took a special interest in the Recreation Center, furnishing and equipping its Recreation Room.

One novel form of money raising was the auction, organized by Mrs. Griffith and her Exhibitions Committee, held at the home of Mrs. Clowes. Bids were made on attractively wrapped packages with the bidder unaware of what was inside. All in all the members and their guests donated $424.00 by this means. With this money all forms of games, cards, tables, and numerous recreational needs were supplied. In addition, a donation of money for furniture was made to the Senate Avenue Service Men's Center. Later, gifts of seeds and garden equipment were made to Flanner House, and at the Fort, continued needs constantly developing, it was decided to furnish the porch of the Motor Pool Quarters. Mrs. Adams' report in 1943 lists $1,332.34 given by individual members for furniture and equipment. Our war work earned for our Club a commendation from the Garden Club of America.

There were other and equally important war projects as well, and among them was the work at Stout Field. Mrs. Eugene Miller was our representative in this, and as a director of the Indiana Federated Garden Clubs, she joined with them in planning and overseeing the landscaping of the area around the Officers' Club. In this endeavor she was greatly assisted by Mrs. Bowman Elder.

In the meantime a great number of members were canning, dehydrating, freezing and preserving fruits and vegetables. For many, these were skills that had to be learned, but they set to with a will. A report sent in at the end of 1943 shows a positively heroic total. So outstanding in this regard was the record of Mrs. Bowman Elder that an issue of "Indiana Gardens" carries her modest and entertaining report about it.

War work did not completely eclipse other Club interests and the same publication has an article by Mrs. Richardson Sinclair on the preservation of wild flowers. Mrs. Sinclair was hostess that year to Mrs. John Luis Franke, chairman of the Conservation Committee of The Garden Club of America, who spoke to the Club about the "Friends of the Land" organization.

An interlude of fun during those dark days is recalled in a delightful account by Mrs. Herman Wolff of the rollicking meeting based on the "Dr. I.Q." radio show. Mrs. Wolff's report was printed in the Garden Club Bulletin for March 1944 and closes with the final catch question: "What kind of a plum is the result of careful grafting?". The answer was "a political plum".

In 1945 the Club voted to sponsor a project for the development and improvement of the outdoor recreation and picnic area attached to Billings Hospital at Ft. Benjamin Harrison. Mrs. Perry O'Neal, acting in her capacity as vice-chairman of the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Committee, made the plans and directed the work of what proved to be a major enterprise. This included grading and tilling the area; construction of a screened shelter-house and grill, an open dance floor and covered band stand; also equipping badminton, horse shoe and other game courts. Thirty-three hundred dollars was raised for this project by the Club members, largely through personal donations. Serving on the Garden Committee of the Office of Civilian Defense, Mrs. O'Neal also did valiant work in the Victory Garden field.

It was during this period, in the year following, to be exact, that recognition of our club came in the appointment of Mrs. Clowes to the Board of The Garden Club of America, to serve as a director for a three-year term. This was, of course, most helpful to us all, as it brought us into closer contact with the overall national viewpoint.

In the succeeding years, the attention to conservation, which had never lapsed during the War, shows up more clearly in the record. Among many active workers in this field, the names of Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Eugene Miller and Mrs. Richardson Sinclair appear again and again. A constant succession of scholarships to summer conservation classes were offered by the Club to eligible candidates, mostly teachers, to increase their knowledge in this field, and through them to reach the younger generation. Two teachers were sent to a summer conservation camp at Denison, Ohio in 1944. That same year, for the first time, Purdue University, the State Department of Public Instruction, and the State Conservation Department sponsored a Conservation Education Camp offering a six weeks' summer course at Versailles State Park.

From the beginning, the Versailles venture had our interest and support, with succeeding years finding us increasing our participation. We were not only good friends of their activities but through the efforts of Mrs. Eugene Miller, brought their needs and value to the attention of other Indiana Garden Clubs. Another very worthy conservation enterprise

was the campaign known as the "Save-the-Shades Fund", through which a section of virgin timberland would be preserved as a public park. Mrs. Albert Rabb, conservation chairman for our Club at this time, appealed for funds from our membership, receiving over $600.00 in response as our contribution.

Conservation, in fact, was and is a very major interest in our Club and it was no accident that it was conservation that was chosen as the main theme of the Zone meeting to be held in Indianapolis.

May 11th and 12th, 1949 found us engaged in entertaining the Central Zone, our first venture in this field. Mrs. Keyes Atkins was our president and Mrs. Perry O'Neal, our Zone Meeting Chairman, assisted by Mesdames Griffith, W.R. Sinclair, Eli Lilly, Joseph J. Daniels, Conrad Ruckelshaus and Samuel Sutphin. Luncheons at the homes of Mrs. Clowes, Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Sylvester Johnson, Jr. were followed by a tour of members' gardens, including those of Mrs. Clowes, Mrs. O'Neal, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Eli Lilly, Mrs. J.K. Lilly, Jr., Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Lyman Ayres, and Mrs. J. K. Lilly, Sr.

That evening at a dinner at Woodstock Club, Mr. Paul B. Sears of Oberlin College spoke on Conservation. The following morning brought the business meeting, followed by a buffet luncheon held at Foster Hall.

It is very likely that no one now remembers the reports that were made there, or who the speaker was (Mr. Paul Uhlman), but no one who was at Foster Hall that morning will forget the wonderful figure of Helen Hokinson inspiration that was standing outside the hall to greet the guests. This was a life-sized dummy, amply stuffed, dressed in a printed silk, size 42 dress, a navy blue straw hat perched on her head, her generous bosom supporting long strands of pearls and a large delegate's name card. She was the hit of the two-day session and served as a reminder that the fun we had was not overshadowed by the hard work willingly contributed.

In reading the minutes, it would seem that the membership barely paused in its efforts to entertain its sister clubs at the Zone meeting before plunging back again into its numerous everyday activities.

Our interest in the Versailles Conservation Camp continued, and it was largely due to the inspiration of one of our members (Mrs. W.R. Sinclair) that the program that had been planned to instruct only teachers, was enlarged to include public school children as well, so that the children who were the ultimate goal of our teaching program were given a first hand knowledge of their heritage in the land around them. Assured by our Club of financial assistance and backing, the School Board permitted the sending of selected groups of 6th grade school children in the spring and fall of 1951 to the Versailles Conservation Camp. This proved such a success that in 1952 over four hundred pupils attended, at planned intervals of two weeks duration for each child. Naturally, we were much gratified at the success of our efforts and felt our donations of time and money were well rewarded. The Garden Club of America was most interested in this program, and there was even thought in our Club of proposing the project for a Founders Fund award.

But alas, the program was to continue only one more year. In 1954, the State used the buildings in the Versailles Park to house convicts, thus terminating any public school plan. The next year, at a meeting of the School Board, any future revival of the project was eliminated by the board's action of voting against participation as interfering with the school schedule.

In the meantime we were donating funds to a greenhouse at the Girls' School at Clermont, a project of the Indiana Federated Garden Clubs, and were given a blue ribbon as the largest contributor.

An additional interest was the furnishing and maintaining of a small room at the Service Men's Center, called the Hermit Room. Thanks to Mr. Joseph Cain, the P.R. Mallory Company donated a record player. Our Club, under Mrs. Eli Lilly's direction, saw to the completion of furnishings and curtains. "Good" records were made available through the instigation of Mrs. Herman Wolff and the room has continued to provide the boys with a retreat for quiet listening, reading, and rest. For the first year or two, maintenance in the form of straightening, sorting records, and dusting was carried on by our own members. Then, feeling the objective achieved, we turned over these duties to the staff at the Center.

We were, in addition, becoming increasingly concerned over the general disorderly condition of roadsides and city streets. Sending out a letter to all Indiana Garden Clubs to enlist their support, we made our own protests to the proper officials. The Indianapolis Star, stung by a comment of John Gunther that Indianapolis was the dirtiest city in the United States, had promoted a campaign called "Yard Parks" to urge, encourage and teach our citizens to improve and care for their own property, and to develop a sense of civic responsibility toward the city as a whole. Our Club was asked to have a representative on their Board and Mrs. Blaine Miller, Jr. was appointed to serve in that capacity. Later the Federated Garden Clubs were also represented on this Board in the person of the president of the Central-West Zone, but it is an indication of our early interest and her own effective service that Mrs. Miller was asked to be a permanent Board member in addition.

In 1954, through this organization, we heard of the plan to have benches bearing advertising placed at the bus transit stops. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Charles Latham attended the City Council meeting where this was discussed and Mrs. Miller made what The Star later described as a "fiery" speech against the proposal. We are grateful that the proposal did not succeed and take pride in our share of the fortunate result.

In 1957 Mr. Richard Emery, principal of the Harry E. Wood High School, spoke to our Club, telling of his efforts in behalf of his pupils. The school in the old Manual High School building on South Meridian Street, is partly trade school, partly academic in scope. Mr. Emery's success in inspiring and helping his pupils had been so notable that an article in the Reader's Digest had been devoted to him. His dynamic personality electrified the membership of our Club, and all felt that to assist the school's biology department would be a most worthy project. Mrs. Frederick Appel, as our project chairman, and her committee, worked long and faithfully, consulting with the school and with various specialists. It was determined that $3,000.00 would purchase a very adequate greenhouse. This would provide the students with the means for practical experience in horticulture and offer an opportunity to many to learn skills otherwise unavailable to them. A five-week money raising plan was embarked on, each member responsible for selling ten chances of $10.00 each for a new Ford Thunderbird. Mrs. James Carroll, assisted by Mrs. Willis Adams and Mrs. John Williams, conducted a whirlwind campaign, achieving their objective in record time. When Mrs. Carroll left for Europe with the mission successfully accomplished, she did so with the thanks and gratitude of the entire membership.

The greenhouse was promptly purchased, installed and put to use. It has made possible a course in horticulture and plant science. Those passing the course receive a certificate which helps them find jobs in market gardens, florists' establishments and other similar fields. As a matter of practical experience, it has not only benefited special students, but increased the interest in growing things throughout the rest of the school. One hundred sixty-seven children entered a contest for growing tomato plants, plants that were started in the greenhouse from seed donated by Purdue. Prizes were donated by our Club. Undoubtedly for most of the children it was their first experience with the pleasures and

perils of horticulture.

Our experience with Wood High School has been very rewarding. It is a matter of pride to us as well as benefit to the school that one of our members made possible the purchase of sufficient adjacent grounds to provide the school with land for gardens. It seems fitting that an article about our activities in the connection, written by Mrs. Perry O'Neal, was published in the Bulletin.

Although the minutes show a far earlier interest in improving planting around the Monument Circle, it was not until 1958 that serious efforts in that direction were undertaken. From then until 1962 our Club, under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Williams and her successor, Mrs. Russell Fortune, Jr., bent every effort toward effecting a permanent improvement there. Much was accomplished - the donation of thousands of tulip bulbs, both by Mr. Frits Loonsten and by the Club; money for 1,800 chrysanthemum plants was raised by appealing to the downtown merchants; a luncheon of civic leaders was held and a general emphasizing of the importance to all civic minded citizens of the attractive appearance of the Circle was effected. Countless hours were spent in consultation with landscape architects, commissions and boards. Unquestionably the planting we were able to arrange was greatly enjoyed by the citizens at large. Certainly the plans for the future were handsome indeed. However, in 1962, on finding that State aid for maintenance would not be forthcoming, the Club reluctantly came to the conclusion that the project could not be carried forward, and therefore discontinued its activities in this area.

It was during the time of highest hopes for the Circle improvement that the Central Zone Meeting was held in Indianapolis. Eighteen months of planning went into this two-day meeting and all felt that time and careful preparation paid off. Mrs. Edward Mayer and her co-chairman, Mrs. Reily Adams, worked long and hard, pleasantly and effectively, as did also practically the entire membership in one way or another.

With the GCA Annual Meeting to be in Honolulu in 1961, it was felt that the delegates would be better able to enjoy the Zone Meeting in the fall, instead of adding it to an already full late spring schedule. October 3rd and 4th were chosen and we were blessed with clear skies and lovely autumn weather.

Mrs. William Atkins, with Mrs. Nicholas Noyes assisting, gave a dinner at Mrs. Atkins' home the night before for early arrivals and their hostesses.

Registration and coffee preceded the business meeting held the morning of October 3rd at the Herron Museum of Art. As there was an exhibit of Japanese prints being held at the Museum, the tables for coffee and the west walls in the auditorium were decorated in Oriental fashion. After this meeting small luncheons followed and then visits to the gardens of Mesdames Perry O'Neal, Frederick Appel, Nicholas Noyes, Theodore Griffith, Lyman Ayres, G.H.A. Clowes and Bowman Elder. After a delightful cocktail party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Frenzel, the formal dinner was held at Woodstock Club. Here tables in the ballroom were decorated with large black terra cotta cupids holding candles and brilliant flame-colored gladiolus. Mr. Arnold Davis was the speaker, giving a gay and amusing talk. But the high point of the evening for the entire membership was the awarding of The Garden Club of America medal of merit-in-horticulture to Mrs. Bowman Elder, a richly deserved tribute.

The second day's meetings were held at the Chinese house of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lilly where a closed Presidents' Council took place, as well as the Conservation and Horticulture meeting, following which luncheon was served by girls in Chinese costumes.

While this Zone meeting had no Helen Hokinson figure to highlight its entertainment, the presence of twenty-eight wire frame, ivy covered eagles is not to be readily forgotten,

and those to whom fell the job of transporting, shipping and displaying these national symbols clad in green, will probably long remember them.

Looking back, it is fair to say that the overall feeling was one of pleased relief in the very evident success of the undertaking, with heartfelt gratitude to the many who labored so long and hard to achieve it. Our president, Mrs. Springer, received many well-earned congratulations. But it was left to one of the chairmen, Mrs. Mayer, to comment at one point of crisis, "If I've lived through two wars, I can last through two Zone meetings!"

In the spring following the Zone meeting a new opportunity arose for a civic project. The Art Association asked our Club if we would donate the planting around the new wing of the the John Herron Art School. This was unanimously agreed to by our membership with a pledge of $5,000.00. Our civic affairs chairman, Mrs. Russell Fortune, Jr. (and later Mrs. Blaine Miller, Jr.) and her committee, immediately went into action, working with various landscape architects, with the school officials, and with the architect of the building, Mr. Evans Woollen. It was decided to pay for this gift partly with funds from our own treasury and partly by voluntary donations from individual members. An additional source of income was provided by a flower arranging clinic conducted by Mrs. H.C.L. Miller (Alice Holliday Miller) of Richmond, Virginia, sister of Mrs. Perry O'Neal. This was held the following September and increased our funds by over seven hundred dollars. The job is done now, the planting accomplished and paid for, and the successful completion of this endeavor is a satisfaction to us all. It remains now only for us to look around for other worlds to conquer.

The past year the minutes show items about Christmas plans, about Founders Fund awards, about speakers, delegates to meetings, yearly donations to various student funds and in general, all the standard activities of a normal garden club year.

It is a full year even when not occupied with a major project or a Zone meeting, and many members devote much time and talent to making the wheels go around. Much is done yearly for horticulture, for conservation, for civic affairs, and for organizational upkeep that is never mentioned in the minutes. It is with a keen realization of the hopelessness of giving adequate credit to all our busy members that we close this record. The story is not finished. It is in the nature of an active organization that there is no ending, no climax, no neat tying up of the ends. We rejoice that this is so and look to the future to bring many more happy and successful years to the Indianapolis Garden Club.

EPILOGUE

Eight years have passed since the first edition of our history was written. In this second printing we have noted the principal events of the intervening time in our continuing calendar in the succeeding pages.

To sum up briefly, it would seem that these years have brought us into ever increasing contact with our national officers and organization as well as with our sister clubs. Various of our members have served and are serving on the Board of The Garden Club of America and at present our Zone Chairman is our own Irving Springer (Mrs. Frank C. , Jr.). All of this, of course, has been of the greatest value to us, helping to keep our outlook from becoming too local or too regional!

These eight years have also encompassed yet another Zone meeting in Indianapolis.

With Mrs. Springer and Mrs. Blaine Miller, Jr., as co-chairmen, we again demonstrated that we can work effectively together and achieve our goal, however ambitious that goal might seem in the beginning.

Coinciding with the opening of the new building of the Indianapolis Museum of Art on

the beautiful grounds of Oldfields, we were pleased to have contributed a newly planned and planted garden - The Garden of the Four Seasons, adjacent to the Alliance Pavilion. Mrs. John Mead and her faithful committee, to say nothing of many extra helping hands, achieved a notable success following the landscape design of Mrs. David Moxley for which the latter won a first place award in the contest judged at the Zone meeting.

The Four Seasons Garden and the planting of trees in five places along the canal, the latter a civic project, inspired and encouraged by Mrs. Charles Latham and Mrs. Russell Fortune, Jr., met with better success than we have so far been able to achieve with our most ambitious civic plan, the development of a Nature Center at Eagle Creek Park. As noted in the calendar, the Center is still not a reality although there is still hope. Much time, thought and careful planning have gone into this, and our members are to be commended for their efforts.

Looking toward the future, perhaps the most promising circumstance has been the change in the general public outlook towards all those goals the Indianapolis Garden Club has pursued from the very beginning. We have promoted conservation, preached environmental responsibility and aided community beautification mostly in a world that seemed bent on commercial exploitation of our natural heritage. Now, at long last, the tide is turning.

Supported by public concern rather than general indifference, it seems far more likely that some of our fondest dreams might still come true.

Mrs. Fisk Landers

1963-1984

"The fellow who raises a garden, like the fellow who marries for money, never figures in his labor." The Indiana humorist, Kin Hubbard, said it, but the Indianapolis Garden Club has proved its validity.

A prime example was our decision that our members would profit by learning landscape planning and plotting to scale in a semi-professional way. The Four Seasons Garden at the new site of the Indianapolis Art Museum was chosen as a contained area in which to exercise our new skills. Twenty years later we still have that committee and that garden; spring, summer, and fall, it is diligently weeded, replenished, gifts are sought for fountains, pumps, benches, and major accouterments.

Another project that was more complicated than we thought at first is the "Hoosier Heritage" garden at the Governor's Mansion. Not only did members wade through tomes of Indiana authors (have you read Ben Hur recently?), searching for mention of flowers beloved in Indiana literature, but after the garden had been planted (with generous help from a local nursery) and plaques citing the proper quotation erected, there was that weeding, weeding, weeding.

And there are others. Twenty years ago our club was asked to help decorate the ground floor of the handsome Lilly home on the grounds of the then new Art Museum (now known as the Lilly Pavilion of Decorative Arts) tastefully in the spirit of Christmas. This we are still doing, although we now share the responsibility with the Federated Clubs in the area - our Christmas gift to the community.

As a memorial to one of our beloved members, a dwarf conifer garden was planted on the grounds of the Art Museum, initially funded by members of her family. Again, we are still faithfully adding to and maintaining it.

When the idea of planning and renovating an area of rundown Lockerbie Square was proposed in 1965, it was decided that it was much too big a project for our garden club.

Lockerbie Square was a twelve block collection of shabby Victorian frame houses, rubbish-filled vacant lots, and a deteriorating glove factory surrounding the stately brick home of Indiana poet, James Whitcomb Riley.

However, by 1974, when Historic Preservation inspired us, it was an idea whose time had come and we embarked on what we expected to be a year's project: raising money and attracting people to this area by holding a Garden Party in the yard at the Riley home. It turned out to be an inspiration all right, a huge and tremendously successful start toward funding for and interest in the beautification and landscaping of this near-downtown area. The Garden Party, held in May of 1975, raised $18,000 and attracted literally thousands of people to a burgeoning residential neighborhood. A memorial tree-planting scheme resulted in a fund of nearly $12,000 for forty-five London plane trees (Platanus acerifolia - P. hybrida) to line the streets. City officials urged us to continue the momentum, so this became our Bicentennial Project and another successful Garden Party was held; fifteen more trees were planted, brick sidewalks refurbished and vintage streetlights installed with the cooperation of the Street Commission and Citizens Gas and Coke company. A final year of labor involved the designing, stitching, and raffling of a needlepoint rug of Indiana wildflowers which netted an additional $5,000 for the Bicentennial Fund. Today in Lockerbie Square, houses are being renovated, lots are neatly fenced off, the glove factory is metamorphosed into attractive condominiums. Young professionals may walk to work; and in the spring, guess what? - they host their own Garden Party! Our Lockerbie Project received the $1,000 Sears award from The National Council of Garden Clubs.

At Conner Prairie Farm, a working village museum of the 1830's, open to the public and much used by schools, we were asked to plant an orchard as it would have been during that period (persimmons and apples); we did. Now proposed is a "dye" garden, containing a variety of plants used in early textile dying, as well as a decorative entrance to the museum grounds. In addition, we are considering whether to plant a cutting garden and plant flowers around a vegetable garden in the manner of these intrepid pioneer women.

Some of our successful projects have been on a smaller scale: a modest wildflower walk on the Art Museum grounds; planting crabapple trees on the banks of the Water Company's canal close by heavily trafficked thoroughfares. Fifteen years later they are in breathtaking bloom each spring. (For this, we won the Sears Roebuck Civic Concern Award.) We helped give the Children's Museum a working greenhouse, used daily in suitable programs. This museum was also the recipient of a computer from us, complete with programming done by two of our members, demonstrating the importance of water. The program, "Water, What Do You Know About It?" continued as a permanent educational tool even after the exhibit, "Extinct Is Forever", was completed. Then these two members have been asked to prepare more programs. Who says grandmothers can't keep up! Hardware, software, rams and roms - these two have learned it all!

In some places we've seen a need, so we "planted a seed and watched it grow". Among these "seeds" we count a Nature Center at the largest city park, Eagle Creek. We also count a modest start in beautifying the center of downtown, Monument Circle, by obtaining a donation of 2,000 tulip bulbs and directing the Park Department in replanting these beds as the seasons progressed. From this seed, today our downtown area is alive with plants, trees and fountains. On the Art Museum grounds again, the Lilly family owned an operating greenhouse. When the Museum moved to these spacious grounds, the greenhouse had fallen into disrepair. This it remained until one of our members encouraged its renovation, and quietly contributed funds toward this end. At first manned entirely by volunteers, ours and the community's, today it is run by skilled professionals, budgeted by the Museum, and has become almost self-supporting by sales of popular as well as rare and unusual

plants to the public. It has an educational impact as well.

Some of our projects were an outgrowth of the interests of The Garden Club of America. When hortitherapy was emphasized, one member was inspired enough to raise over $137,000 in contributions (almost single-handedly) for a greenhouse at Goodwill Industries for the Handicapped. A two-year period of raising money and building the greenhouse resulted in a flourishing business, aiding both the handicapped and the community. Two events, open to the public, got their impetus from the GCA: one, a lunch meeting called "Wealth from Waste", in 1973, on the virtues and rewards of recycling, and the other, a symposium on the fragility of our water supply. Both events were attended by government representatives, industry and labor leaders, as well as an interested public. Our continued interest in conservation has resulted in three members' serving on the GCA Conservation Committee. Because of this influence, we are at present working toward a local Chemical Disposal Day for collection and safe disposal of hazardous household wastes. This is an idea which is spreading across the country of informing as many people as possible that most of us, unsuspecting, are handling very dangerous substances and containers in our homes and gardens.

Selling wildflower plants in connection with a local House and Garden tour has proved popular, and the "postcard project" has led us to collecting seed from the Royal Catchfly (Silene regia), Indiana's most endangered species of wildflower, and trying to propagate it ourselves.

Along with our good works, we have had our share of laughs. One member was heard to remark, "I've lived through two World Wars, I guess I can survive another Zone Meeting!" We had a Garage Sale (yes!) to raise $6,000 quickly. What a memorable sight it was to behold some of our dignified ladies rummaging through prized items from others' discards. We hosted a community luncheon at the renovated City Market one rainy day. Never mind that an unidentified man from the audience gamely stood there to be "umbrella holder" for the guest speaker through the entire speech. It demonstrated quite graphically the need for a new roof. Strange dichotomies: the year of Lady Bird Johnson's anti-billboard campaign some members were working hard to remove offensive billboards around the city; at the same time we were offered a free billboard promoting a city-wide clean-up, the "Pitch-In" campaign. We accepted the gift.

We, along with other conservation groups, confronted the entire Army Corps of Engineers who were going to flood a natural hardwood forest and habitat of rare plants. We received a letter from the Governor congratulating us on our success in saving it. Big Walnut Valley is now owned by the Nature Conservancy.

We donned hard hats to tour the city's sewage treatment plant. We were surprised to find out that engineers come from all over the world to tour this facility since it employs the most advanced state-of-the-art in the world! Not one of us, despite the heat of the day, would brave the drinking fountain at the end of the tour. Incidentally, they use, in this ultra-modern plant, a "waterlifting wheel" device invented by the ancient Egyptians. "Plus ca change, plus la meme chose".

We have had a steady stream of workshops from propagating and pruning to terraria and topiary. We give annual flower shows, sometimes bravely open to the public. We continue to give yearly monetary contributions to civic and conservation causes, and literary contributions to The Bulletin; we recognize our outstanding members with appropriate awards. We continue to have our club represented on many civic committees such as the Mayor's Downtown Beautification Committee, the Northside Corridor Development Plan, Historic Preservation, as well as the Indiana Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, the Art

Museum, Children's Museum, and Goodwill Industries.

With all our ongoing projects and all our city's grand schemes for the immediate future, the Indianapolis Garden Club no doubt will have much to add to this account by 1988. As we envision these possibilities, we continue to tend our own private little gardens, not figuring in our labor, but taking time along the way to smell the flowers.

Mildred M. Kuhn and Mary
Jo Bradley
December, 1984

1988-1992

The Indianapolis Garden club has continued to fulfill its purpose:

to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening,
to aid in the protection of native plants,
and to encourage civic improvements.

The year before this history begins, but after the last history was written, the Indianapolis Garden Club made possible the placement and planting of 24 large concrete planters that brightened the city for the thousands of athletes, from throughout the hemisphere, who converged on Indianapolis for the Pan American Games. It took much planning, meeting and cajoling of city agencies before the planters were in place; however every summer since, the city has been abloom with flowers. The Garden Club has donated trees to beautify a major city boulevard.

The club's principal effort has been the raising and donating of nearly $44,000.00 to the Indianapolis Zoo for all the plants in the "Living Deserts of the World" exhibit, housed in a newly constructed 80 foot geodesic dome. Plants and animals from around the world, including some plants which are considered endangered species, live together in this truly outstanding exhibit which the Indianapolis Garden Club made possible. The funds were raised by selling blocks of tickets to two concerts - one by Anne Murray and one by Linda Rondstadt - at a new outdoor center, and by two sales of hooked rugs from Cynthia and Preston McAdoo of Vermont.

When the Heritage Preservation Center, the new home of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, was dedicated, the Indianapolis Garden Club co-hosted the event with Historic Landmarks. The celebration evening included a benefit to raise funds for the landscaping of the building which handsomely combines a renovated historic home and a contemporary office structure. Sheila MacQueen enthralled the guests with her flower arranging demonstration. Plants and garden accessories were sold.

Under the inspiration of a dedicated teacher and in memory of one who had recently died, the students at an inner-city school reclaimed ground adjacent to the school for a garden in which the children not only learn gardening and earth sciences, but economics and manners. The Indianapolis Garden Club was pleased to be able to donate a heater and potting benches for a greenhouse.

The Indianapolis Garden Club co-sponsored with the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association a day-long Spring Garden Celebration that brought food, fun and flowers to The Children's Patio at the renowned James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. The event benefitted and promoted an endowment fund that has been established to refurbish three hospital courtyards which bring solace to hospital staff and families of patients.

For many members, the monthly meetings in members' homes are the highlight of the Garden Club year. Programs have brought a wide variety of subjects to our attention, from

hands-on design workshops to "Flora and Fauna of Australia" to non-toxic pest control. The Garden Club has studied horticulture and conservation, written Congressmen, held in-house flower shows, visited such diverse places as members' gardens and the city's solid waste treatment facility, which is a mighty incinerator that is managed in an environmentally friendly way. A delightful day trip took members to Columbus, Ohio, to see AmeriFlora '92 during the first week of its opening.

Led by the Conservation Committee, the Indianapolis Garden Club took a two-day trip to learn about prairies, bogs and dunes at the state's National Park on the southern tip of Lake Michigan, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Because of diverse habitat, this relatively small park currently ranks fourth in plant diversity in the over 350 National Parks and Monuments run by the National Park Service.

The 100th birthday of Mrs. Bowman Elder (Madeline Fortune) was celebrated with a presentation of 100 pink "Oceana" roses at the November, 1989, meeting. Mrs. Elder, who was a charter member of the Indianapolis Garden Club and an Honorary member at that time, received the GCA Distinguished Service Medal in 1983. Mrs. Elder was known throughout the country for her work with orchids. She died at the age of 102 in 1992.

A Memorial Grove on the grounds of the Indianapolis Museum of Art was dedicated on Earth Day, 1990, with the planting of "Sweet Magnolia" (Magnolia Virginiana) and "Red Buckeye" (Aesculus Pavia).

"As the flowers in our garden grow so do the friends in our lives." Members of the Indianapolis Garden Club work together to study horticulture, conserve the environment and improve our city. They have built strong friendships.

Nancy R. Duck
October, 1992
On file at GCA
Headquarters

1993-1997

The Indianapolis Garden Club has enjoyed a rich history of significant activity in the Community. Working in a collaborative manner with many well-established institutions, the club has simultaneously provided members with numerous educational opportunities while improving the environment. Reviewing the past five years brings to the forefront several community projects that have exemplified such effort.

Having previously donated funds for the Indianapolis Zoo's Desert Biome, the opportunity to cooperate on the development of student guides attracted the club's interest. In 1993 the Garden Club provided the funding for laminated guide sheets for the plants and animals in the Desert Biome. The beneficial materials were appreciated by school children and teachers alike. In the spring of 1997, the club voted to support and participate in the development of the Zoo's new White River Gardens Project. An heirloom perennial garden will be the focus of the club's commitment.

The Holliday Park Nature Center Project is a joint effort involving a neighborhood association, The Friends of Holliday Park, and the city of Indianapolis Parks and Recreation Department. In 1994 the members pledged to support and to participate in the planning of the library dedicated to nature studies. This commitment spans five years and involves individual pledges and a very substantial gift from the family of Mrs. Edna W. VanRiper. The ground breaking for the project is scheduled for 1998.

The Indianapolis Garden Club proposed the first recipient of the GCA's Scholarship Committee's Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award for early environmental education. Indianapolis Public School #56 teacher Darlene Gosnell won for her work in establishing an outdoor garden and classroom that the Garden Club had helped to fund.

The club's Conservation Committee spearheaded another project to benefit a city school. In 1995-1996 the committee worked in collaboration with Indianapolis Public School #60 and a neighborhood association to improve an unsightly corner of the schoolyard. Under the direction of consultant Kay Grimm, the children planned, planted and are learning to care for a lovely neighborhood garden.

Specially planned trips continue to give our members opportunity to study and view conservation issues. In October 1992 forty members had taken an overnight trip to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to learn of the endangered wildlife and plants in that region. In 1994 members took a bus day trip to Big Walnut Preserve, a Nature Conservancy property in Putnam County that Garden Club members had helped to fund two decades ago. In the spring of 1996 club members had a guided tour of wildflowers and hiked through Holliday Park. In April 1997 the Conservation and Horticulture Committees planned a tour of the Garden at Oakhurst and the Minnetrista Cultural Center in Muncie, Indiana.

Throughout the past five years members of the Indianapolis Garden Club have participated in many fundraising activities. For three years a "Greens Sale" was held at Christmas time. In 1993 Penelope Hobhouse was invited from England to speak at a fundraising luncheon where we sold her latest book, "Gardening Through The Ages".

To assist in the development effort, club members have sold note cards, plants, bulbs, and gardening books. The success in raising funds has permitted the Indianapolis Garden Club to make substantial contributions to many groups such as The Children's Garden for the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children, The Nature Conservancy, Indianapolis Project 180, Save The Redwoods, The Hoosier Environmental Council, Indianapolis Greenways and numerous funds of the Garden Club of America.

In 1996 the members voted to try a new project, one that generated funds as it focused on beautiful gardens. "A Garden Walk" was born on May Day of that year. Nearly 500 invited guests toured five lovely gardens. The following year found the Garden Walk being held in June. Again five beautiful gardens delighted hundreds of garden enthusiasts and raised considerable funds.

For the past five years, the IGC has had five very different flower shows. In June 1993 the "Cut and Show Flower Show" held at the Meridian Street Methodist Church was open to the public. An in-place flower show had teams working on arrangements. Themed shows were held, such as "Un Jour Dans Le Jardin" and a "Petit Fleur Show" featuring window boxes, straw hats and other creative displays. The club has held workshops and had speakers to delight our members as they continue to learn about flowers and arranging.

In 1996-1997 the club offered the MASTER GARDENER course. Approximately 20 members participated in this continuing education opportunity. In May 1995 the club approved a revision of the bylaws. In 1996 the Garden Club archives were given to the Indiana Historical Society for preservation. In June 1995 the club bestowed honorary membership upon three esteemed members: Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr. ("Punch"), Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely (Jeanette), and Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin (Lisa), who have made countless contributions to the Indianapolis Garden Club and The Garden Club of America.

Throughout our history, the club has grown and flourished just as a beautiful garden does. The senior members resemble the stately trees providing strength and shade with

root systems that run deep and secure. The perennial blooms of members with years of service bring us vivid color, variety and a resilient spirit. The newest members are like the seedling plants to be nurtured and cultivated. All the garden plants are viable and essential to the landscape plan – trees, shrubs, flowers and starts. Each club member is a valued and necessary volunteer.

Hilary Stout Salatich
September, 1997

1998 -2003

In the Fall of 2003, The Indianapolis Garden Club was named "Outstanding Civic Organization in the State of Indiana" by the Indiana Chapter of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals.

As we peruse the accomplishments of the Garden Club over the past six years, it is evident that the award was well deserved. A dedicated corps of "Can do women" piloted by unusually gifted presidents made it all possible. Those holding the gavel during this time were Sharon Neighbours, Mary DeVoe, Catherine Lawson and Jean Quinn who began her term in the Fall of 2003.

Community involvement and projects which enhanced the beauty and viability of our city took center stage during this time span.

The dream of a *"Heritage Garden"* at White River Gardens was realized with the opening of this state of the art botanical garden adjacent to the Indianapolis Zoo. The Indianapolis Garden Club made a commitment of $60,000 and its gardening expertise to create, with the staff, a perennial garden featuring plants from the 1890-1920 period. The garden also features a handsome sculpture entitled "The Seasons" which was a gift from Emily and Gil Daniels, club members who had piloted the project.

The opening of the *"Holliday Park Nature Center"* located in one of the city's prime suburban parks was a high point of the year 2000. From individual contributions over a five year period, The Indianapolis Garden Club raised $100,000 to fund the building and stocking of a fine nature reference library within the Center. An additional $40,000 was given by the family of club member Edna Van Riper in Edna's honor.

A year after the opening of the Center, Indianapolis Garden Club voted to contribute $50,000 to the "Friends of Holliday Park" to underwrite a curriculum revision of the *"Environmental EdVentures"* program and several members volunteered to assist with this conservation project. The *"Environmental EdVentures"* curriculum is now used throughout the entire Indianapolis Park System.

Each Spring, after a long Indiana winter, the city of Indianapolis welcomes the *"Indianapolis Garden Club Garden Walk"* to uplift spirits. Carefully selected gardens are open to the public and Club participation is at its height. A lavish luncheon at Woodstock Club welcomes ticket holders who wish to attend. Over a six year period in excess of $100,000 has been added to our Community Project Fund. Hats off to the following Co-chairmen during this time frame: Ann Knall and Katie Kruse, Cathy Lawson and Hilary Salatich, Katie Kruse and Anne Moss, Anne Moss and Katie Steele, Katie Steele and Cynthia Yeo, and Cynthia Yeo and Katie Betley.

Always looking for projects which would bring forth civic improvement while keeping the purpose of our club in the forefront, a "Community Task Force" was formed in 2000. Then Vice-President, Connie Earle, headed this committee which explored a number of possibilities. From the findings of this productive group, the consensus of our club was to support an Indianapolis Central Library expansion.

In partnership with the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation, the Indianapolis Garden Club is presently creating a *"Cafe' Garden"* which can be accessed from the library. The garden will feature thornless honeylocust trees (Gleditsia triacanthos variety inermis) which will shade tables that will be available to library visitors. Garden Club guidance and a $75,000 gift were earmarked for this project in the heart of our city.

Flower arranging phobia has been dispelled to some extent as members were encouraged and cajoled to "learn by doing". Club workshops and demonstrations on flower arranging were offered by our own talented flower arrangers, by zone consultants, and by outside professionals. Confidence buildup in this area resulted in a number of **outstanding flower shows.**

On a pretty Spring day in l999, members of the Club gathered at the country home of Jan Sweeney for an In-club flower show entitled "*Posy Adventurin with Tom and Huck".* Teams arranged in sap buckets, teapots, various treasures found in Aunt Polly's attic, and in assorted baskets. Jan and Lynn Stokely were Co-Chairmen of this fun event.

In 2000, *"From Garden to Gallery",* a Club Flower Show, was held in various artists' studios at the Stutz Business Center. We "Strutted our stuff at the Stutz" with a fabulous show headed by Co-Chairmen Edna Van Riper and Judy Bracken.

"Celebrating the Art of Nature" was the title of the Indianapolis Garden Club flower show in the Fall 0f 2001. This Small Flower show was held at the Indianapolis Art Center in conjunction with the opening of an exhibit by noted regional nature artist Paul Sweany. Two classes featured works by Art Center potters and glass blowers with participants arranging in the artists' fine pieces.

The Show's horticulture exhibit earned a *"Judges Commendation" and* "Best in Show" was an espalier grown perfect pear.

"Celebrating the Art of Nature" also featured a Nature Conservancy, Indiana Chapter, exhibit which received the *"Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Award"* The outstanding display touted the "Kankakee Sands Prairie, Native Plant Nursery and Seed Bank" established to carry out the ecological restoration of the Kankakee Sands Prairie.

A lovely Thursday evening dinner in the Art Center library was served to over one hundred members and guests. Fifty area garden clubs were invited for Friday and on Friday evening two hundred people attending the opening of the Paul Sweany Exhibit were treated to a joyous burst of flowers provided by the Indianapolis Garden Club.

The logistics and diplomacy required in this show tested the patience of Co-Chairmen Judy Bracken and Hilary Salatich and the Committee. A day before the big community event, we discovered that promised stands to hold the arrangements were not pulled from the storage area or painted to compliment the Sweany show. One vivid memory is of former president, Mary DeVoe wielding a paint brush for hours over a number of huge stands which the Committee had wrestled from storage. But then we are "The Can Do Women"!

Perhaps the most spectacular flower show of recent Indianapolis Garden Club history was held at Oldfields (The Lilly house and gardens of the Indianapolis Museum of Art.) *"Art in Bloom at Oldfields"* brought forth the best creative talents of club members as they filled the historic house with breathtaking arrangements as well as sharing their garden delights for the horticulture division of the show. It was estimated that the show brought over six hundred visitors to Oldfields over a four day period. *"Art in Bloom"* served as a fitting tribute to Indianapolis Garden Club members, the late Lily Ridgely Lilly, mother of former Oldfields owner Josiah K. Lilly and Josiah's wife Ruth Brinkmeyer Lilly. Hilary Salatich and Jan Sweeney chaired this memorable event.

Ever mindful of its purpose to "Stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening", the Indianapolis Garden Club has always kept **horticulture** on one of its front burners. In 1998 the club held a joint meeting with the Indiana Horticultural Society to explore *"Similarities and Contrasts of English and Japanese Gardens"*. Later in the year the club enjoyed a wildflower slide with emphasis on perennials native to Indiana. In 1999, Dick Crum (Dr. Dirt), The horticulturist of Indianapolis addressed the club and joined us on a tour of White River Gardens. The program for one of our meetings was viewing the GCA film "*Native Plants-then and now"*.

Visiting the well known "Flower Barn" in Lebanon, Indiana piqued our interest in dried flowers and John Schaust, Holliday Park Manager took us back in time to consider *"Pioneer Uses of Plants"*.

Twenty three Indianapolis Garden Club members, accompanied by Dick Crum and Mark Zelonis, Director of Oldfields Gardens and Grounds of the IMA traveled to Philadelphia for "The Big Show" and we all returned with grandiose plans for our own gardens. .

"Holliday Park Horticulture Happenings" was the title of a fun and full day of horticulture planned by Co-Chairmen Hilary Salatich and Mary Stanley. Members brought prize flowers, plants, and branches from their gardens to be judged by GCA judges. Also judged were a number of imaginative planters using a wide variety of plant material. A nature walk through Holliday Park led by a staff member was followed by a scavenger hunt with gardening gloves given to the winning team. Flowers and trees had to be identified with both common and Latin names.

Well received by the club was a program with slides given by Maryrose and Fred Wampler. They published Trees of Indiana and Wildflowers of Indiana with Maryrose rendering the art work and Fred the text.

Roses came to our club in abundance in January of 2001 when renowned rose gardner and author Mary Dorra presented a slide show for our pleasure. We invited the Indianapolis Rose Society and other friends to join us.

In May of 2002, the Garden Club of Louisville invited members of our club to visit a number of their members' gardens. It was a delightful day which included luncheon at the Louisville Country Club. Also around this time, Jul ie Goodrich attended the GCA Horticulture Workshop, sharing her inspirations upon her return.

Over the past six years horticulture workshops have been offered by our Horticulture chairmen, often in preparation for entries in zone and GCA annual meetings. Julian Gammons, former estate manager for the Allan Clowes Estate gave one of these workshops.

Our 2003 Annual Meeting featured a propagation demonstration given by Sally Hoffman, Zone X Horticulture Representative.

"Hort Moments" at monthly meetings were helpful to members as were handouts and articles in our IGC News and Notes.

The Garden History and Design Committee has documented for and submitted to GCA a number of Indianapolis and Indiana gardens for inclusion in the Smithsonian's *"Archives of American Gardens"*.

A recent survey of club members indicated that **Conservation** ranked high on the list of members' interest. Much of this interest has been generated by club members who have been in the forefront of fulfilling the GCA commitment to the environment. One standout who must be recognized is Dickie Bookwalter. Dickie received the *"GCA Club Certificate*

of Achievement for Conservation" and the *"Zone X Conservation Award"*. Among her many GCA appointments was to the National Affairs and Legislation Committee where she has served as Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

In the past six years, the Indianapolis Garden Club has explored *"Conservation and Golf Courses"* with golf course designer Pete Dye and his wife Alice, champion golfer and PGA Board member.

Scheduled visits to Dow AgroSciences, Cinergy, Garfield Park, Southside Landfill, and The Indianapolis Water Company helped us to broaden our visions of conservation issues. A number of club members helped with a "Keep Indianapolis Beautiful" project at the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School entitled "Partners in the Environment".

In 2001, the Conservation Committee organized the planting of 800 da ffodil bulbs in the *"Phyllis Vonnegut Memorial Garden"* at the Holliday Park Nature Center, presented a panel discussion on the workings of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and organized a "garlic mustard pull" in Marott Park.

Kathy Banks, Purdue University Professor and Director of the EPA Midwest Hazardous Substance Research Center presented a fascinating program on "pollution remediation with plants". In addition, Lynn Jenkins of the Indiana Wildlife Federation inspired our members to consider "creating a backyard wildlife habitat". Following her presentation, club members visited a habitat in Zionsville.

In the Fall of 2003, Meg Starrow, President of Starrow, Kinsel and Associates talked to the Club about the *"Historic Park and Boulevard System as Designed by George Kessler"*.

The Conservation Committee had a good excuse to visit "Garfield the Cat's" home and the property of his creator Jim Davis in Muncie. The group viewed an innovative "wastewater treatment system using plant life for purification" and strolled the lovely "native prairie" on the Davis property.

Bringing our club close to the GCA family was achieved by the dedication of members who accepted **zone and national appointments.**

During the past six years, Dickie Bookwalter served as Vice-Chairman and Secretary to the "National Affairs and Legislation Committee" and as Zone X Representative to the "GCA Development Committee". In 1998, Liz Jameson served as Vice Chairman and Secretary to the "Public Relations Committee" and Nancy Duck was Zone X Representative to "Medal Awards". Nancy later was Zone Representative to the "Nominating Committee". Mary Rogers was the Zone X Representative to "The Founders Fund Committee" and Ann Wallace was a member of the "Administrative Publications Committee".

Sheila Hughes and Judy Bracken, Vice Presidents for GCA Conservation and National Affairs and Legislation Committees, and Jean Quinn, Zone Representative for the Committees represented us well. In 2000 and 2001, Sharon Neighbours served as the Assistant Chairman of Zone X, and in 2002 as Vice-Chairman.

In 2003, Sharon was appointed Zone X representative to the "GCA Admissions Committee".

Jan Sweeney and Hilary Salatich are Prospectives in the **GCA Flower Judging** Program and when certified will join the ranks of judges which include Edna Van Riper and Jeanette Stokely (Emeritus).

In June of 2001, the "Can Do Women" did it again when the Indianapolis Garden Club hosted the **Garden Club of America Zone X Meeting.** *"Another Bloomin' Meeting"*

was a huge success and beautifully planned by Co-Chairmen Nancy Duck and Jean Quinn. Members stepped forward to house delegates, give dinner parties, meet planes, arrange flowers etc. Long ago, one of our Garden Club members made the following comment; "I've lived through two World Wars and The Great Depression. I guess I can live through another Zone meeting".

America's heartland seemed like an ideal location for the **"2003 Conservation and National Affairs & Legislation Committees Meeting".** Dickie Bookwalter and Jean Quinn, Co-Chairmen, were up to the challenge of planning the four-day Indiana segment of this event devoted to agriculture and energy. Club members and various community and state organizations gave of their expertise and time to help make the meeting a grand success.

During the years of 1998 through 2003, a number of awards were presented to individual members by our Club, Zone X and by GCA.

"The Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award" for outstanding service to our Club during a given year was awarded to Margaret Sheridan Krauss, Jean Quinn, Sharon Neighbours, Jan Sweeney, Mary Jane Baxter and Connie Earle.

"The GCA Certificate of Appreciation" was presented to Edna Van Riper in 1998. Dickie Bookwalter was awarded the *"GCA Club Certificate of Achievement for Conservation"* in 1998 and the *"Zone X Conservation Award"* in 1999. Nancy Duck was honored with the *"GCA Club Certificate of Appreciation"* in 2001 and was honored again in 2001 with the Zone X *"Creative Leadership Award"*.

At the Club's festive Christmas luncheon in 2003, Hilary Salatich was awarded the *"Garden Club of America Medal of Merit"* and Club friend Reid Williamson, President of Historic Landmarks was honored with the *"GCA Club Historic Preservation Certificate of Acknowledgment to Non-members"*.

Contributions to worthy organizations and projects over the last six year period were numerous and included the following: GCA Endowment Fund; Founders Fund; GCA Scholarship Fund; GCI Scholarship Fund; Blue Star Memorial; Land Trust; World Gardening; Central Indiana Land Trust; Friends of Holliday Park; Holliday Park Nature Center Library; Hoosier Environmental Council; Indianapolis Greenways; Keep Indianapolis Beautiful; Nature Conservancy of Indiana; Riley Memorial Association (Children's Garden); Save -the Redwoods League; Student Conservation Association; White River Gardens; Indianapolis Museum of Art; James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association; and the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library Foundation.

Our Garden Club family will long remember with love and affection those **members who died** during the past six years. They are Phyllis Maish Vonnegut, Jane Weldon Kinghan Myers, Sallie Eaglesfield Gould, Elizabeth Gilbert Fortune, Anne Ayres Taylor, Eleanor Dickson Frenzel and Eldreda (DeDe) Lowe Nie.

With a firm foundation on which to stand,the Indianapolis Garden Club will journey into a bright future. We will know that our club, in concert with GCA clubs throughout America, will continue to build a formidable history of service to "Our Fair Land".

As we move ahead to new vistas,, may we occasionally pause to look back to past joyous years and to remember "from whence we have come"

Mary Jane Baxter
September, 2004

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1930-1931

Founding of Indianapolis Garden Club. Adoption of Constitution.

Mrs. John N. Carey, President

1931-1932

Petitioned Board of Public Works to do away with houses by entrance of Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Perry O'Neal, President

1932-1933

Became Charter member of Indiana Federation of Garden Clubs. Provided public course in Garden Planning. Three lectures at Public Library by Miss Virginia Prince.

Mrs. W. Richardson Sinclair, President

1933-1934

Supported Community Gardens Project. Aid to unemployment, plus gardening education and garden produce achieved through donation of land and seeds. Mrs. Perry O'Neal our representative on this community project.

Mrs. Herman C. Wolff, President

1934-1935

Furthered roadside improvement through Federated Garden Clubs. Bill we sponsored defeated by 1935 State Legislature.

Mrs. Herman C. Wolff, President

1935-1936

Participated in Home Complete Show. Won first place for garden. Voted to support Mrs. G.H.A. Clowes, who, with Mrs. James F. Carroll, organized Park School Garden Tour.

Mrs. G. H. A. Clowes, President

1937-1938

Mrs. Perry O'Neal won two blue ribbons at Dahlia Show in New York.

Mrs. W. Richardson Sinclair, President

1938-1939

Took garden plot in Home Complete Show. Won second place.

Mrs. W. Richardson Sinclair, President

1939-1940

Mrs. Perry O'Neal received award for new dahlia she hybridized, also two blue ribbons for flower arrangements - all at the New York Flower Show. Sent student to Audubon Society School in Maine, providing full tuition and expenses. Admission to The Garden Club of America.

Mrs. Perry O'Neal, President

1940-1941

Presented a one-day Conservation School in L.S. Ayres auditorium, working with Federated Garden Clubs. Again sent scholarship student to Audubon Society School in Maine.

Mrs. Robert A. Adams, President

1941-1942

Club and individual members donated funds to the successful saving of "Cox Forest" near Paoli. Mrs. W. R. Sinclair appointed to Program Committee of The Garden Club of America.

Mrs. Robert A. Failey, President

1942-1943

War auction raised funds for recreational facilities at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Petitioned Indiana Railways to extend line to Holliday Park and its environs.

Mrs. Sylvester Johnson, President

1943-1944

Donation to Flanner House Garden Committee for Victory Gardens. Additional funds given to furnish porch of Motor Pool Quarters at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Joined with Indiana Garden Clubs in planting at Stout Field - Mrs. Eugene Miller our representative. Extended invitation in the Bulletin of The Garden Club of America to all members and their families in the Service who have moved to Indianapolis and its vicinity to call on our Club for assistance. Mrs. Robert Adams, Hospitality Chairman. Supported Indiana Garden Clubs in donating and arranging flowers at Wabash Center Service Men's Club. Filled seventy-four flower boxes at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Continued extensive work at recreational center at the Fort. Donations reached $1,332.34. Donation to Senate Avenue Service Men's Center. Mrs. Eugene Miller appointed to Board of Federated Garden Clubs and made Chairman of the Central West District.

Mrs. Sylvester Johnson, President

1944-1945

Two articles published in "Indiana Gardens": "My Victory Garden" by Mrs. Bowman Elder and "Conservation" by Mrs. W.R. Sinclair. In the Bulletin of The Garden Club of America, a report by Mrs. Herman Wolff on our "Dr. I.Q." program. Mrs. Perry O'Neal made Vice-Chairman of Red Cross Camp and Hospital Committee. Over $3,300.00 donated by individual members to develop extensive area in Billings Hospital area of Fort Benjamin Harrison. Sent two teachers to Conservation School at Denison, Ohio. Seconded the Akron Garden Club for membership in the Garden Club of America. Sent one teacher to Versailles State Park Conservation School. Mrs. Sylvester Johnson, Jr. appointed to Board of Red Cross Camp and Hospital Planning Council. Sent Miss Nancy Golden to Versailles School.

Mrs. Eugene Miller, President

1946-1947

First prize flower arrangement at Narcissus Show won by Mrs. Hathaway Simmons. First and second prizes for specimen narcissi won by Mrs. Bowman Elder. Mrs. G.H.A. Clowes appointed to the Board of The Garden Club of America for three-year term. Mrs. Eugene Miller served on National Conservation Committee of The Garden Club of America. Mrs. W. R. Sinclair member of International Flower Show Committee.

Mrs. G. H. A. Clowes, President

1947-1948

Contributed from treasury and from individual members to Save-the-Shades fund. Ten of our gardens listed in The Garden Club of America "Locater" as being open to viewing by any individual member. Membership increased to 65 - 50 active; 15 sustaining.

Mrs. Keyes Atkins, President

1948-1949

Contributed to "Seeds for Peace". Mrs. Eugene Miller and Mrs. Rabb prepared conservation exhibit for The Garden Club of America Conservation Exhibit at International Flower Show in New York. Mrs. Herman Wolff in charge of helping English Avenue Boys' Club to plant shrubbery around their building. First Admissions Committee instituted. First out-of-town memberships available. Mrs. Noble Dean member of National Flower Show Committee.

Mrs. Keyes Atkins, President

1949-1950

Donated lily bulbs to Holliday Park. Made donations to Blue Star Highway and Narcissus Show. Planting donated and arranged at Children's Museum. Unsuccessful efforts to work with Park Board on civic projects. Indianapolis Garden Club hosts Central Zone Meeting.

Mrs. Lyman S. Ayres, President

1950-1951

Provided full scholarship at Versailles Conservation School. Made additional donation to the Blue Star Highway. Through a member's efforts, both The Star and The News plan gardening columns. System of exchange of basket of plants, plus one dollar for scholarship fund started. Furnished and decorated the "Hermit Room" at the Servicemen's Center. Mrs. Eli Lilly in charge. Mrs. J. K. Lilly, Jr. graciously donated her recreation house for the two-day seminar on "Landscape Design" given by Mrs. Lamson. Mrs. Perry O'Neal appointed Zone Chairman of the Central Zone.

Mrs. Lyman S. Ayres, President

1951-1952

Donated one full and one partial scholarship to Versailles Conservation Camp. Conservation report in GCA Bulletin called "Know Your State". Chapter on Indiana written by Mrs. Eugene Miller. Mrs. Herman Wolff's Horticultural Committee Report published in the May Bulletin. Promoted and encouraged the sending of Indianapolis Public School children to Versailles Conservation Camp. Continued efforts to develop some form of educational and horticultural project at Holliday Park. Contributed to greenhouse project at Girls' School at Clermont.

Mrs. John G Williams, President

1952-1953

Mrs. Blaine Miller, Jr. appointed to represent our club on City Yard-Parks Board.
Donated material for Yard-Parks home improvement project. Donated funds for second year for sending school children to Versailles Camp. Four hundred children attended during year. Donated to Holland Relief Fund. Mrs. George Kuhn's article "Christmas Flowers" published in GCA Bulletin. Protested to County Commissioners

against indiscriminate spraying of roadside weeds because of danger to wildlife, flower and shrubbery growth. Undertook donations of flowers to Veterans' Hospital for limited time. Further donation to greenhouse project at Girls' School.

Mrs. John G. Williams, President

1953-1954

Donations to "Seeds for Britain" and the Girls' School greenhouse. Our club awarded blue ribbon as largest donor to the greenhouse project. Flowers donated and arranged for Riley Memorial Services. Continued donation to Versailles Conservation Camp, providing for school children who could not otherwise attend. Voted to allocate $50.00 for registration of our president at GCA Annual Meetings. Mrs. G.H.A. Clowes invited to be on Awards Committee of The Garden Club of America.

Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin, President

1954-1955

Placing of convicts in Versailles State Park marks end of use of park for conservation purposes. The Garden Club of America Conservation packets, "The World Around You", distributed to Children's Museum and schools. Mrs. Charles Latham and Mrs. Blaine Miller, Jr. attend City Council meeting and Mrs. Miller speaks against plan to have benches bearing advertising placed at bus stops. Two prizes donated for Yard-Parks.

Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin, President

1955-1956

The Versailles Camp project voted down by Indianapolis School Board as interfering with curriculum. Voted to purchase 84 Conservation pamphlets to be given to Junior High School grades to be used with their work, at request of Mr. Harshman of Public Schools. Changed dues for out-of-town members from $20.00 to $10.00. An allotment of $30.00 a year for the next six years from the Club treasury was arranged, to be prepared to pay $190.00 for the exchange fellowship to Horticulture in 1961. Mrs. George Kuhn's article "Cedars of Lebanon" published in GCA Bulletin.

Mrs. Blaine H. Miller, President

1956-1957

Mrs. Blaine Miller, Jr. invited to be permanent member of Yard-Parks Committee. The Metropolitan Planning Committee invited our club to contribute any ideas we might have. Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Seaverns agreed to attend some of their meetings in City Hall. Various members arranged tables at John Herron Art Institute in celebration of its 50th Anniversary.

Mrs. Blaine H. Miller, President

1957-1958

Sent letter to Conservation Department protesting deplorable condition of Shades Park. Change in bylaws permitting officers to serve only one year, if they so desire. Membership enlarged to 70 from 65. Voted to purchase a greenhouse for Harry E. Wood High School. Mrs. Robert Failey made Honorary member.

Mrs. Perry O'Neal, President

1958-1959

Fund-raising for greenhouse ($7,255.00) by selling chances on a new Ford Thunderbird. Paid remaining $110.00 to Central Zone for Exchange Fellowship Fund pledge. Plans developing for planting around Monument Circle. Wrote District State Chairman that all those replacing elm trees should do so, wherever possible, with tulip trees, our State Tree.

Mrs. Frederick G. Appel, President

l959-1960

Voted donation for Magnolia planting in Independence Square, Philadelphia. Held annual meeting at Pritchard Park, Mooresville, as guests of Indianapolis Power & Light Company. Article about Wood High School by Mrs. O'Neal published in GCA Bulletin. Ground for gardens at Wood High School made possible by gift of a member. One hundred sixty-seven children entered contest at Wood High School, taking home 3,000 tomato plants which had been started in new greenhouse. Prize money for contest donated by a member and our Club. Tulips planted in Monument Circle gardens. Packages of candy for residents at Indianapolis Home for the Aged wrapped in special Christmas wrappings. Two members, Mrs. Sylvester Johnson, Jr. and Mrs. Harlan Hadley, exhibited in Chicago World Flower Show; received Honorable Mention. Award given to Mrs. G.H.A. Clowes by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for her garden at Wood's Hole, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Frederick G. Appel, President

1960-1961

Raised over $400.00 by sponsoring a lecture by Mr. John Ott. Downtown merchants contributed $900.00 to our fund for planting at the Circle. Mrs. John G. Williams, Chairman of project. Our Club agreed to insure balance of funds needed for planting of tulips and chrysanthemums for fall of 1960 and spring of 1961. Dates for Zone Meeting in Indianapolis set for October 3 and 4, 1961. Added $75.00 to the Fellowship Fund Zone 7 Commitment as the last exchange student eloped and has lost the help of the Fulbright Fund thereby. Members urged to support Wilderness Bill in Congress. Mrs. Frank Springer and Mrs. Conrad Ruckelshaus attended forum on Flower Show judging in Cleveland. Article in GCA Bulletin with photographs describing our wrapped packages for the Home for the Aged. Application for tax exemption made to U.S. Treasury Department. Federated Garden Clubs of Indiana planted flowering trees around perimeter of Circle.

Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr., President

1961-1962

Donated to scholarship fund supported by Federated Garden Clubs of Indiana. May 1961 Bulletin carries pictures and description of Mrs. Appel's garden. The Garden Club of America's conservation packets called "The World Around You" purchased by members and donated to children. Fifty packets given to Children's Museum to be sold. Mrs. Bowman Elder, chairman. Mrs. Frederick Appel and Mrs. Frank Springer won third prize for their arrangement at Chicago Flower Show. Zone Meeting held here October 3 and 4. Approved assessment of $20.00 a member for expenses of meeting. Change in bylaws approved to conform with requirements for tax exemption. Voted to contribute to Student Conservation Program, helping a qualified young man or woman to work in one of our National Parks. Again wrapped Christmas gifts

for Home for Aged. Civic Affairs Committee entertained interested civic leaders at luncheon to promote the Circle Planting Project. Eighteen hundred chrysanthemum plants and 6,600 tulip bulbs planted at Circle. Flower arranging class held at home of Mrs. Elijah Martindale. Ivy eagles being grown by 103 Garden Club of America members to be shown at 1962 Flower Show and the World's Fair in Seattle. Medal of Merit in Horticulture from The Garden Club of America given to Mrs. Bowman Elder.

Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr., President

1962-1963

Civic Affairs Chairman reported that no State aid for maintaining Circle planting was forthcoming and therefore the Committee recommended that this project be dropped. Voted to donate $5,000.00 to landscape the grounds and court of the new addition to the John Herron Art School. "Keep America Beautiful" national meeting held in Indianapolis. Mrs. Bowman Elder, Mrs. Blaine Miller, Jr., and Mrs. Eugene Miller represented The Garden Club of America at this meeting. Fourth place at Chicago World Flower and Garden Show won by Mrs. Frank Springer's arrangement. Donation made to Pine Hills Project of Nature Conservancy. This year, again voted donation to Student Conservation Program. Informed Zone Chairman and National Officers that the Burns Ditch Port was a purely industrial issue, despite appeals to conservationists to the contrary, and advised against The Garden Club of America action; Mrs. Bowman Elder, Chairman. Changed bylaws to accord with new affiliate classification of membership. Two-day flower arranging course donated and conducted by Mrs. H.C.L. Miller of Richmond, Virginia at Glendale House. Over $700.00 profit realized on this venture. Mrs. Fisk Landers appointed to write a history of the Indianapolis Garden Club. Mrs. Sylvester Johnson appointed Public Relations Chairman for Zone 7, and Mrs. Frank Springer, Jr., Zone Chairman for National Parks. Mrs. Nicholas Noyes made Honorary member of our Club.

Mrs. Russell Fortune, Jr., President

1963-1964

Entered the name of our Club in the Civic Improvement contest sponsored by Sears Roebuck. Our exhibit - the planting done at the Art School. Donation to the Student Conservation Fund. Additional donation sent to Pine Hills Project of Nature Conservancy. Zone 7 now sending to England an exchange fellow, Mr. Fred Wesley Freeman, Curator of Hidden Lake Gardens, Michigan State University. Contributed to Federated Garden Clubs Horticultural Scholarship Award Fund. Donation made to the 50th Anniversary Fund of The Garden Club of America. This fund to be used to complete a gazebo at the National Arboretum.Voted to make an annual contribution of $25.00 to the Founders Fund. Mrs. Fisk Landers completed the Club's history which was read to the membership at the Christmas meeting. The history will be printed and sold to the members.

Mrs. Russell Fortune, Jr., President

1964-1965

Dues raised $3.00 for all members. Planting continued at Art School garden. Several members assisted with tea there in October held by Central District Garden Clubs. Mrs. Lawrence Davis, Cincinnati, Zone Chairman, spoke at October meeting, on air layering and ground layering, as well as grafting. Dr. Fred Freeman, curator of

Hidden Valley Gardens of Adrian, Michigan, spoke at Guest Meeting in November. He was Exchange Fellow from Zone 7 last year. 25th Anniversary of our membership in GCA. $30 sent to Olympic Natural History Foundation for Student Conservation Programs. Our Civic Affairs Chairman, Mrs. Russell Fortune, Jr., was put on the Civic Progress Board and the Committee for Christman Decorations. Interest in Latin nomenclature prompts us to buy a number of the Pronouncing Dictionaries and give them to our members. History of Indianapolis Garden Club printed and sold to members for $3.00. Article on orchids by Mrs. Bowman Elder in June GCA Bulletin. Other prizes at Bay City for Horticulture in Vines: Mrs. Harold R. Woodard, First Prize; Mrs. Charles Latham, Honorable Mention; Mrs. Bowman Elder, Blue Ribbon; Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr., two Honorable Mentions. Project of planting at base of trees around the Circle. Mrs. Frederic Ayres, whom we nominated, was selected for "One of Those Special People" awards by Theta Sigma Pi journalistic sorority. Mrs. Sylvester Johnson elected a Director of The Garden Club of America. Mrs. Eli Lilly won the Conservation Zone Award at Zone meeting in May at Bay City.

Mrs. Charles Latham, President

1965-1966

Fall meeting at Eagle Creek Park signals beginning of our interest in organizing a Nature Center on this site. Board passes resolution that it be our policy to donate money to other organizaions only as a voted project; our dues are for the benefit of our programs and projects. Plantings at five locations along the canal and we entered Sears Roebuck contest for Civic Planting with this project. Held a two-day symposium on Landscape Planning with Mr. Roy Kersey as speaker in March. Seventeen out-of-town guests. Mrs. John Mead held a workshop on grafting and bonsai. Mrs. Bowman Elder won two seconds and a third at a recent Orchid Meeting. Mrs. Perry O'Neal received the Medal of Merit Award from GCA. Contributions: Founders Fund - $25; Interchange Fellowship - $20; Garden Club of Indiana Horticultural Scholarship - $25; Nature Conservancy - $20; Student Conservation Association, Inc. - $50.

Mrs. Charles Latham, President

1966-1967

Mrs. Bowman Elder won blue ribbon in St. Louis at Orchid Society meeting for her orchid with 98 blooms. Continuation of planting of trees along canal. We won $100 award from Sears Roebuck contest. Visit in May by our Zone Chairman, Mrs. Lyons Brown of Louisville. Mrs. Blaine H. Miller, Jr. appointed to the Board of Directors of the Central District of Federated Clubs. Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin elected to Board of Directors of GCA.

Mrs. Frederic W. Taylor, President

1967-1968

Visiting Gardens Guide published this year and offered for sale to members by GCA. Mr. Franklin McCamey, Conservationist and Director of Cincinnati Nature Center, spoke to us on the use of Nature Centers in a community. Mr. Lee Burton, Superintendent of Park Board, spoke at the same meeting expressing his enthusiasm for such a project for Indianapolis. It was agreed that we would underwrite, at a cost of $1,500, an Audubon Survey at Eagle Creek Park; this was done in July. Mrs. Raymond Evans, Zone Chairman, visited; presented Medal of Merit Award in Civic

Affairs to Mrs. Sylvester Johnson, Sr. **The Garden Club of America member clubs rezoned: we are now in Zone X, which consists of ten clubs in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. Ours is the only club in Indiana.

Mrs. Frederic W. Taylor, President

1968-1969

First meeting of presidents in our zone. Reported to be very helpful, allowing for exchange of information and general rapport. Fifteen dollars agreed on as an assessment for each of the next two years for cost of Zone Meeting. Efforts made to help Isaak Walton League in saving Walnut Valley from flood control plans. Twenty-five dollars donated toward a student scholarship in conservation (Sagamore Hills). Voted to undertake replanting of Four Seasons Garden at Oldfields.

Mrs. John Mead, President

1969-1970

Committee formed to start renovation of "Four Seasons" Garden at Oldfields, headed by Mrs. John Mead. Mesdames Scott Moxley and David Moxley did a scale drawing of the landscape plan. Planning begins for Zone Meeting in Fall of 1970 with members trying out foliage arrangements and dried arrangements. Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr. appointed Zone Meeting Chairman, Mrs. Blaine H. Miller, Jr., co-chairman. Several members still working with Park Board to try to get Nature Center started, but frequent changes of personnel on Park Board hampers progress. Mrs. Bowman Elder won many honors at Atlanta Orchid Show in fall of 1969, among them the award for the most unusual hybrid of the show. She used flowering kale around the plants instead of the usual fern. Interest increases in conservation and anti-pollution practices. We contributed $25 to Central District Garden Clubs' project of plantings at the Indianapolis Zoo. Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin and Mrs. Charles A. Bookwalter II attended a State Conservation Convention in September in Brown County. At Christmas meeting members brought wrapped gifts for children to be distributed later at Mayer Chapel. Work on replanting the Garden of the Four Seasons at Oldfields continues throughout the year. Large group invited by Park Department, including three representatives from our club, to tour by bus the Aullwood Nature Center in Dayton. Dues raised $5.00 for all classes of membership. At the Zone Meeting in Dayton: Mrs. John Mead receives First Prize in Horticulture; Mrs. Jack W. Hickman, Honorable Mention; Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely receives Second Place in Poster Category.

Mrs. Harold R. Woodard, President

1970-1971

October 20 - 22 we held Zone X Meeting in Indianapolis: Program included a speech by Mayor Richard Lugar, attendance at the Gala Opening of the new building of the Indianapolis Museum of Art, and illustrated talk on flower arrangements by Sheila MacQueen. Mrs. David Moxley's landscape design of "Four Seasons Garden" won first place in contest at Meeting. Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr., received the GCA Medal of Merit in Civic Achievement at the banquet. Nature Center project at a standstill. At Christmas meeting, small arrangements of greens were brought by members and later given to Alpha Home for the Aged. Wildflower walk through three members' gardens in April, followed by luncheon, with terrarium as centerpiece. This terrarium, planted by Mesdames John Mead, George A. Kuhn, Jr., Walter Myers, and C. Harvey Bradley,

Jr., won a first prize at Zone Meeting in Grosse Pointe. Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin appointed as our Zone representative on the GCA Admissions Committee.

Mrs. Harold R. Woodard, President

1971-1972

A workshop in planting bulbs for forcing was well-attended. A flower arranging workshop with Sheila MacQueen officiating was held. Investigated reactivating greenhouses at Oldfields with community cooperation. Admiral Neil Phillips visits and at a dinner meeting explains and exhibits topiaries. Bookshelf in the Browsing Section of the Nora Library secured by Mrs. Charles Bookwalter to house Memorial books. Planted a large American Beech tree near the IMA in honor of Arbor Day. Contributions were made to Founders Fund, Endowment Fund, a Scholarship Fund, and Save-the-Redwoods Fund. Visiting Gardens guide brought up to date by Mrs. Charles Latham. Zone Horticulture Certificate awarded to Mrs. John Mead. Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr. appointed Chairman of Zone X.

Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, Jr., President

1972-1973

Contributed $40 to Mattie Coney's Citizens' Forum to buy bulbs and plants for city beautification. How to build a terrarium workshop held; terraria given to Marion County Home. Christmas decorations made and donated to Lilly and Garden Pavilions at IMA. Bookplates in a gardener's motif have been designed by Mrs. Alfred Stokely. Mr. Mark Holeman gives illustrated talk on broadleaf evergreens. Four Seasons Garden at IMA renovated at cost of $1,135; repairs to pool an additional $350. Wildflower walk planted at IMA. GCA Medal of Merit in Horticulture and Flower Arranging awarded to Miss Betty Bertermann. Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin was elected seventh vice-president of GCA. Mrs. Harold Woodard has been appointed Conservation representative from Zone X to GCA. Mrs. John D. Gould, Jr. elected member of the National Herb Society.

Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, Jr., President

1973-1974

Highlight of the year was our "Wealth from Waste" luncheon meeting at the Indiana National Bank. Mr. Wade St. Clair, director of the National Center for Resource Recovery, Washington, DC, spoke on the primary purpose of the center: to seek man-made solutions for man-made solid waste problems. Stokely- Van Camp, Inc. underwrote all financial expenditures. They and the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce sponsored the meeting. Mayor Lugar spoke. Congressmen, senators, the president of the City-County Council and the head of Environmental Quality Control, were among the many important community leaders present. There was fine newspaper, radio and TV coverage. Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr. was hostess for a successful Mini-Zone Meeting. She also represented the Indianapolis Garden Club in the flower show in New York, photography division. Representatives attended the Federated Garden Clubs of Indiana conservation meeting at Turkey Run State Park. We adopted the Federated Clubs' "ways and means" package. Mrs. William H. Failey's article on our terraria published in the GCA Bulletin. The entire Memorial Fund was used as part payment of the Four Seasons Garden renovation. The remainder was paid from the Regular Fund. The pool was repaired and the fountain refurbished. Ten dollars

spent to send Garden Club of America Conservation packets to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio for use in elementary education. We also sent our usual contributions to the Student Conservation Association, GCA Endowment Fund and Founders Fund, and the Garden Club of Indiana Scholarship Fund. Gifts distributed to the Alpha Home at Christmas. Mrs. Fisk Landers and Mrs. Alfred O. Norris arranged flowers for the dining room at Oldfields the month of December. Primroses were raised and then planted at the Indianapolis Museum of Art by Mrs. Bowman Elder and Mrs. Robert W. Greenleaf. We sent representatives to an open meeting of The Garden Club of America, a symposium on ecology of the Midwest Flyways and Prairie Flora in Kansas City, Missouri; to the Zone Meeting in Cincinnati; and to the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. A large billboard at 38th and Illinois Streets was donated by Naegele Advertising Co. for our "Pitch-In" message. The bylaw concerning Affiliate Members was changed to allow them to propose and second new members and to serve on committees, if they so desire. Mrs. Bowman Elder won a bouquet of ribbons at the Ball State Orchid Show: four blue, two yellow and a special award. Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Springer and Mrs. Stokely attended the Judges Symposium in Cleveland. Mrs. Stokely was awarded a second place and Mrs. Springer, a third. Mrs. Harold R. Woodard attended as a prospective judge in horticulture. Mrs. Thomas C. Werbe, Jr. appointed Visiting Gardens Chairman for our Club. Mrs. Perry O'Neal made an Honorary Member of our Club. Mrs. Frederick W. Taylor is Visiting Gardens Chairman for the Central District Federated Garden Clubs.

Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely, President

1974-1975

Beautification and landscaping of Lockerbie Square chosen as our Bicentennial project. Fund-raising Garden Party at the James Whitcomb Riley Home held May 14th. Mrs. E. O. Woodard was Chairman, Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, Jr., Co-Chairman. Contributions for planting of memorial trees solicited. 45 London Plane trees were planted. Garden Party an undreamed-of success: netted more than $18,000 from Garden Party and collected over $11,900 for the tree fund. Horticulture Workshop at the IMA greenhouse on the propagation of soft and hardwood cuttings. Dr. John Baumgardt was the speaker at a Pruning Workshop at Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr.'s. There was a Spring Wildflower Workshop at Mrs. Taggart's. Conservation Committee holds meeting at the Benjamin Harrison Home. Speakers were John L. Krauss, Executive Director of the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee, and Robert N. Kennedy, member of the GIPC Task Force for Beautification of Indianapolis Waterways. Mrs. Frederick T. McFall began a Memorabilia Scrapbook. IGC purchased bulbs for Campfire Girls to plant at Lockerbie Square and also gave some bulbs to residents. Two hundred bulbs were distributed. Governor Bowen wrote to thank us for backing him in his challenge of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We received third place in the Environment Improvement Program sponsored by National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. and Sears, Roebuck and Co., for our "Wealth from Waste" luncheon. Fifteen Bicentennial hybrid tea roses were presented to us by the Starr Rose Co. We presented them to the IMA for the rose garden. IGC named second in the Zone for Conservation activities. We compiled and distributed three "Conservation Conversations", several pamphlets on Energy, and 25 GCA Conservation pamphlets. Mrs. Stokely, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin, Mrs. E. O. Woodard and Mrs. Springer attended Presidents' Council in Cincinnati. Mrs. Alexander L. Taggart, III's poster about Conner Prairie Farm, created for the Annual

Meeting in Washington, DC, won the prize for our Zone. Mrs. Stokely attended the meeting with Mrs. Louis W. Nie, delegate, and Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin for the Nominating Committee. Conservation Committee researched some of the spectacular achievements Mr. Eli Lilly has made in conservation and historic preservation. Mr. Eli Lilly was made the IGC's first non-member Honorary Member. Mrs. Charles Latham was awarded the GCA Medal of Merit from a grateful club for her inspirational leadership of our club and her tireless efforts and dedication to the betterment of her community. Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, Jr. appointed Public Relations Representative for Zone X. Mrs. E. O. Woodard is Flower Show Chairman for Zone X. Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin is the representative for Zone X to the GCA Nominating Committee. Mrs. E. O. Woodard was given the GCA Horticulture Committee Award for Horticultural Achievement with the Club. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frenzel Mumford were voted Honorary Members for their constant leadership in conservation and preservation and civic endeavors in their community.

Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely, President

1975-1976

Another Lockerbie Garden Party and Patrons Party held May 11 and May 12. 30 attended the latter, some arriving in vintage firetruck and cars, in their "dusters and boaters". Announced by the Town Crier, Mayor William H. Hudnut turned on the five IGC-donated, turn-of-the-century street lights. About 1600 attended the Garden Party. Ten homes were on tour. Repeat guests were amazed at what had been accomplished in a year, due mainly to constant attention from our Committee. We did not have the Collector's Corner nor requirement for membership to sell tickets nor membership assessment - and expenses were up - but we netted $7,730.84. Ten additional memorial trees were planted. IGC paid for painting of back area of Riley Home. Two topiary workshops and propagation of gloxinia bulbs produced some saleables. Cuttings from members' gardens were popular. Co-Chairmen, Mrs. E. O. Woodard and Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, Jr., and Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely were awarded Zone X's first Historic Preservation Award. IGC efforts were commended at GCA Annual Meeting, the GCI Annual Convention and the National Council of State Garden Clubs. Lockerbie was named a Bicentennial project of permanent value by the National Conference of Mayors. A book of water colors depicting the flowers of Shakespeare was given to the GCA library in honor of Mrs. Mary Gladding Johnson Gould. Donor was her son-in-law, Philip H. Schaff, Jr. We had two GCA visitors: Mrs. Earl I. Heenan, Grosse Pointe, spoke about "My Fun With House Plants" and Mrs. Philip O. Geier, Cincinnati, about "Benefits From GCA". She was here for the meeting when the Mayor and the Head of the Department of Transportation commended us on our Lockerbie efforts and pledged support. (With the Mayor was a Mrs. Blair who had "won" him for a day at a Public TV auction!) Sheila MacQueen's workshop produced attractive centerpieces used at a luncheon preceding a guest meeting, at which Mrs. MacQueen gave a demonstration. Mrs. Benham, Mrs. Daniels, and Mrs. Hamilton decorated two ivy topiary Christmas trees for the Christamore "Tree Spree". Mr. Alfred O. Norris had made the frames. Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Landers, and Mrs. E. O. Woodard decorated the dining room at the Lilly Pavilion for Christmas. Awards and Exhibits Committee made centerpieces for the luncheon at Conner Prairie Farm. Mrs. Benham and Mrs. Ryan conducted an "Anything Goes" Flower Show at the annual meeting. Two propagation workshops, presented by the Horticulture Committee: a bonsai workshop led by Mr. Floyd Bass, and a woodsy workshop at Mrs. Bradley's.

Conservation Chairman, Mrs. Walter W. Kuhn, Jr., arranged for Mr. Dennis Wolkoff, of the Nature Conservancy, to speak at our Conservation meeting. Mesdames Kuhn and Bookwalter attended sessions of the State Legislature. Mrs. Kuhn, Mrs. Eugene Miller, Mrs. Blaine Miller, and Mrs. Harris attended the GCI Conservation Conference in Brown County. Mrs. John Rauch and Mrs. Bookwalter went as delegates with Mrs. Harris to the Zone Meeting at Bay City. A poster on "Exotic Trees which will grow in Indiana", by Mrs. George Kuhn and Mrs. Philo Lange, the horticulture specimen by Mrs. Elder, Mrs. David Moxley, and Mrs. E. O. Woodard made us proud. Mrs. Russell Ryan, Jr. was delegate to GCA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Plants for exchange propagated by Mrs. Stokely. Voted $5230.14 toward a teaching greenhouse at the new Children's Museum. Money came from our Future Projects Fund. A summer garden tour at Mrs. Landers', Mrs E.O. Woodard's and the Four Seasons Garden was greatly enjoyed, as were the swimming, tennis and sack lunch which followed at Mrs. S. R. Sutphin's. Work continued through the summer at the Four Seasons Garden under the direction of Mrs. A. S. Woodard. The club was grateful to Mr. Noble Dean for the recycling pump he donated for the fountain. Mrs. Elder won her usual bouquet of ribbons for orchids. Mrs. Myers won two awards at the Central District Flower Show. Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely was appointed Zone X Vice-Chairman; Mrs. E. O. Woodard on GCA Membership Committee, and Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr. continues as GCA Director. Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr. won the first Mrs. John N. Carey Award. Vote was by mail by the membership. She was presented one of the dozen Wedgwood plates given by an anonymous donor. The Queensware "Gardens Around the World" edition was made for the GCA's 25th and 50th anniversaries, and the Bicentennial. IGC contributed to: Student Conservation Association - $35; GCI Scholarship Fund - $25; GCI Bicentennial Project, Hemlock Bluffs - $100; GCI World Gardening-$10; Historic Landmarks-$25; and Memorial Books to the Nora Library.

Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr., President

1976-1977

Twenty-three members hostess, with the Nature Conservancy, a cocktail party for interested community leaders. Speaker, Patrick Noonan, President of the Nature Conservancy, Washington, DC. Purpose was to generate interest in saving the Big Walnut Valley. Mrs. Walter Kuhn appointed to the Board of the Indiana Nature Conservancy. Conservation workshops included a field trip to the Indianapolis Center for Advanced Research and a tour of the Fortune-Fry Research Laboratory. Historic Preservation Committee sponsored a community luncheon for 300 guests at the City Market. Luncheon in conjunction with the Midwest Preservation Seminar. Legal permit to raffle a needlepoint rug for Lockerbie obtained. Twelve squares with original designs of Indiana wildflowers were made by members. Twenty-two vintage lights purchased for Lockerbie, as recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission, and a $1,000 gift was given to the Riley Home. Five new trees donated and planted at Lockerbie for a total of 60! One of special interest was given by the Camp Fire Girls of the Central District - each girl brought 25 cents for a leaf! Mrs. Stokely provided books listing memorial trees and donors. One book will be kept at Historic Landmarks Foundation office. Workshops on Propagation and on Drying Flowers. Mrs. Alig and Mrs. Lange created two elegant Christmas trees for the Christamore Tree Spree. Greenhouse at the Children's Museum functioning as a teaching greenhouse for students; described as "extended classroom". Four Seasons Garden develops: boxwood propagated by members planted, and weeding, pruning,

and preening faithfully done by committee under Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Woodard. Provided hostesses for the Central District of the Garden Club of Indiana meeting. "Flower Show" judged by GCA judges. Mrs. Stokely named a member of the Board of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. She also served on the Mayor's "Clean-Up Indianapolis" Committee and Zoning Board's ad hoc "Design Review" Committee, and the Monument Beautification Committee. Mrs. Blaine Miller on the Board of the Sommers Environmental Cultural Center. Mrs. Edna Woodard appointed by the Mayor to the Historic Preservation Commission. Mrs. E. O. Woodard became a GCA accredited Flower Show Judge. She had previously become a GCA accredited Judge in Horticulture. Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr. given the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. Contributions made to the Save-the-Redwoods League, Student Conservation Scholarship, World Gardening, GCI Scholarship, GCA Endowment and Founders Funds.

Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr., President

1977-1978

This year unique for several reasons, not the least of which were instant adjustments made for meetings and programs due to the Blizzard of '78! Several horticulture workshops held: Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, Jr. and Mrs. Russell Ryan, Jr. demonstrated ways of propagating miniature Pelargoniums, the Zone X assigned project for the zone meeting in May; the subjects of two others were "Growing Plants Under Artificial Light" and "Espalier". Zone X Horticulture meeting in Detroit attended by Mesdames Ryan, Edward Harris, Jr., William Fortune, and George Kuhn, Jr. Interest in conservation prompted a return visit to the Indianapolis Center for Advanced Research, a field trip to Big Walnut Valley, and the viewing of several movies on energy and endangered species. Nineteen conservation packets made available to teachers-in-training, studying "Man and His Environment" at Butler University. Other programs included a talk by Mrs. Charles Stadler about herbs which was followed by a delicious herb-seasoned luncheon; Mrs. George Bush, GCA member from Houston, told of her life in modern China as the wife of the United States Ambassador - a luncheon hosted by Eli Lilly and Co., which featured oriental style flower arrangements made by Mrs. E. O. Woodard and Mrs C. Harvey Bradley, Jr.; North Central's "Counterpoints" sang at the Christmas meeting; former Governor Edgar Whitcomb spoke about environmental quality control; and Mr. John A. H. Sweeney, Coordinator of Research, gave a slide presentation of the Henry F. duPont Winterthur Museum and its gardens. An "informal" flower show and a plant exchange were also held. Maintenance of the Four Seasons Garden continues. During the opening ceremony of Historic Preservation Week, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Charles Bookwalter II accepted a certificate of appreciation from Mayor William Hudnut. Letter written to Mayor Hudnut asking that care and consideration be exercised by the Park Board in deciding which trees along 38th Street must be destroyed. Honorable Mention awarded the "Tree of Peace" trimmed by Mrs. David Krimendahl and Mrs. Philo Lange and donated to the Christamore Aid Society's annual "Tree Spree". Morning room of the IMA Lilly Pavilion of Decorative Arts was decorated for the holidays by Mesdames Fisk Landers, Alfred Norris, E.O. Woodard, and Louis W. Nie. Mesdames Woodard and Nie "decked the halls" of the James Whitcomb Riley Home in the Victorian manner in time to be visited by more than 280 guests making a candlelight tour of the Lockerbie Square and Old Northside areas. Damaged trees and shrubbery in the Riley Home yard were replaced by three Norway Spruce and four viburnum barkwoodi. Flower arrange-

ments made by Mesdames John H. Holliday, Walter Myers, Jr., Thomas C. Werbe, Jr., and E. O. Woodard for the formal reopening of the Eli Lilly home. Mesdames Bookwalter and Lange attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, where the frageria waldsteina (barren strawberries) propagated by Mrs. Ryan for the rare plant exchange received an "award of merit". Attending the Zone X meeting in Akron, Ohio: Mesdames Ryan and Harley Rhodehamel, Jr., delegates; and Mesdames Alfred Stokely and E. O. Woodard. Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely served as Zone X Vice-Chairman and as Chairman for the Mayor's Clean City Committee. Mrs. Walter W. Kuhn, Jr. is a member of the Indiana Conservancy Nominating Committee. Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr. has been chairman of the Central District (GCI) Litter Control Committee and will be the 78-79 Zone X Conservation Committee Chairman. Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr. is the Zone X representative to the GCA Interchange Fellowship Scholarship Committee. Mrs. E. O. Woodard, a GCA accredited Flower Show and Horticulture judge, will be Zone X Horticulture Chairman. Mrs. Louis W. Nie named winner of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. From the Memorial Account, $1200 was given to the IMA Horticultural Society in memory of Mrs. Perry O'Neal. An original poem (Mrs. Harris), hand-lettered (Mrs. Michael Fansler) and border painted (Mrs. Willis Adams), was given to Mrs. Bowman Elder in appreciation for her continual inspiration and guidance. Mrs. Walter W. Kuhn, Jr. received the GCA Conservation Achievement Award for her work within the club. Mrs. Louis W. Nie was named the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award recipient. Indianapolis Garden Club awarded $1,000 as first place winner in the National Council of State Garden Clubs' Civic Concern Program. The award is given by Sears, Roebuck & Co. and is for IGC activity in the Lockerbie Square development. IGC awarded the 1977-1978 Garden Club of Indiana Award for Historic Preservation. Contributions made to: GCI Scholarship Fund - $25; Indianapolis Zoo - $25; YWCA - $25; Save-the-Redwoods League - $75; GCA Endowment Fund - $25 and Founders Fund - $25; Interchange Fellowship Scholarship Fund - $25; Student Conservation Association - $35; World Gardening Association - $15; and books were donated to the Nora Library in memory of Mrs. Perry O'Neal, Mrs. Garvin Brown, and Mrs. David Moxley.

Mrs. Louis W. Nie, President

1978-1979

Lovely needlepoint rug made by some club members and depicting twelve Indiana wildflowers was completed. Raffle party in its honor held on the lawn of the Riley Home. Net profit of $5,000 realized and distributed equally to the Bicentennial Savings Account and the Future Projects Account. Tree planting program at Lockerbie completed with the addition of trees to the Riley lawn and two memorial trees in memory of Andrew Jurduck on the Phi Psi House premises. The IGC received official recognition for their work in Historic Preservation in the proclamation read by Mayor Hudnut at the dedication of the Arch at City Market during Historic Preservation Week. Our GCA Horticulture Project for this year was the preparation of Herbarium Sheets using the Pelargonium "Geraniaccae" (Sugar Babies). Zone X Horticulture Workshop held here in October under the leadership of Mrs. E. O. Woodard. Several workshops were held, including an "in club" workshop with Mr. Frits Loonsten speaking on "The Philosophy of Garden Design". Many members enjoyed a tour of Mrs. Walter Vonnegut's daffodil garden. Our club was represented by Mrs. Eugene Miller, Mrs. Walter Kuhn, Mrs. Charles Bookwalter, and Mrs. Edward Harris at various conservation meetings throughout the year. Included were The Nature Conservancy's bus

trip to Spicer Lake and the Manitou Wetlands, the Sierra Club's Organizational and Legislative meeting, a conservation meeting at the Museum of Natural History in Cincinnati, and the Nature Conservancy and Department of Natural Resources meeting which explained the Indiana Heritage Program. Mrs. Miller compiled a list of recycling places in the city and passed it out to the members; Mrs. Robert Hollowell supplied us with colorful pamphlets on planting for the birds. A workshop featuring the film "Gray is Beautiful", in reference to recycled paper board, was shown. This resulted in a letter-writing campaign commending or condemning large corporations for their use or non-use of recycled paperboard for packaging. We know our letters were read as we received answers to almost all of them. Zone X the host area for the Interchange Scholarship student this year. Patricia Alexander from England will attend Ohio State University. Four Seasons Garden was replenished, as a memorial to Mrs. David Moxley, with eight new viburnum, part of a new yew hedge and groundcover. The Lucy H. O'Neal Memorial Dwarf Conifer Arboretum should be planted in the fall. Yearbook revised with some changes in the by-laws: dues were raised $10.00 and the recision of the"no duties, no vote" clause concerning Honorary Membership. Program subjects were: "Alaska Wildlands, Land for Tomorrow?"; "Houseplants, Their Problems and Propagation"; a viewing of the Founders Fund slides; Mrs. Donald B. Sole, wife of the ambassador from South Africa with a program on South African Flowers; and Mr. Alfred Starling, author of "Indiana Birds". The May meeting featured Mrs. Stokely and Mrs. Springer, both prospective GCA judges, who presented a lecture and demonstration on "Almost Everything You Need to Know About a Flower Show". A flower show, judged by GCA judges, was held in June. Meetings were held in the Benjamin Harrison Home, the Members' Room of the Art Museum, the Nora Library, the Horticultural Society Rooms at the Art Museum, and in private homes. We received a generous contribution from Mr. and Mrs. John H. Holliday in memory of Lucy Holliday O'Neal. Donations to the Memorial Fund totalled $110. Mrs. Robert Hollowell, Mrs. Cornelius Alig and Mrs. Edward Harris and Mrs. E. O. Woodard attended the Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. Mrs. Carter Fortune and Mrs. Kenneth Ogle were welcomed as new members. Honorary Membership was granted to Mrs. Bowman Elder, Mrs. John Gould, and Mrs. Charles Latham. The Garden Club of America Horticultural Committee Award for Horticultural Achievement within the Club was awarded to Mrs. Fisk Landers. Mrs. Charles Bookwalter was voted the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award recipient. Club members holding positions in club related organizations: Mrs. Alfred Stokely: Metropolitan Development Commission, Design Review Committee; Board of Directors, Clean City Committee of Keep America Beautiful; Secretary, Historic Landmarks Foundation. Mrs. E. O. Woodard: Zone X Horticulture Chairman; GCA Accredited Judge of Flower Shows and Horticulture; Vice President, Historic Preservation Commission; Eagle Creek Park Nature Center Board. Mrs. Edward Harris: Zone X Conservation Chairman; "Mrs. Litter" for Garden Clubs of Indiana (Litter and Waste Chairman). Mrs. Frank Springer: Zone X Interchange Fellowship Chairman. Mrs. Walter Kuhn: GCA Conservation Committee; Nature Conservancy, Director. Contributions for the year went to the Nature Conservancy - $100, toward the purchase of the Manitou Wetlands; GCI Scholarship Fund-$25; Save-the-Redwoods League - $25; GCA Founders Fund - $25; Interchange Fellowship Scholarship Fund - $25; Student Conservation Assn. - $25; and GCA Endowment Fund -$25.

Mrs. Charles A. Bookwalter II, President

1979-1980

The fiftieth year of the Indianapolis Garden Club was well celebrated and memorialized - it may well be called the Year of the Plaque! The Club spent the year "seeding" projects and accompanying plaques all over town to commemorate this year. Lockerbie Square project completed in 1979. Four Seasons Garden on the IMA grounds now joined by the Lucy O'Neal Dwarf Conifer Garden, a teaching area in memory of one of our outstanding members. This area was designed and provided by John Esterline of Eagle Creek Nurseries. Hoosier Heritage Garden at the Governor's Mansion, under leadership of Mrs. James T. Neal and the Historic Preservation Committee, planted in the spring with flowers and plants near and dear to the hearts of Hoosier authors. Pertinent quotes put on plaques. Design for garden and all plant materials donated. Over $137,000 raised for the hortitherapy greenhouse at Goodwill. Mrs. Charles Bookwalter and committee gave valuable input into greenhouse design. Memorial plaques of contributors to be displayed there. Activities and programs included: an Anniversary Tea, a Zone mini-conservation meeting (both attended by GCA President Libby Norweb); a two-day trip to New Harmony - where attendees were entertained at the home of Mrs. Thomas Mumford (an Honorary Member); a slide talk by Pat Alexander, the Interchange Fellowship student at Ohio State University; a tour of Goodwill Industries in preparation for a money-raising effort for the greenhouse; North Central Counterpoints at Christmas; a talk about the proposed major urban White River Park; and a Flower Show. Donated tree "For the Birds" and its twin, created by Mesdames Holliday, Kothe, Appel, and E. O. Woodard, to the Christamore "Tree Spree". Horticulture Committee, under Emily Alig, pot and donate over 100 plants for Welfare Service League's Christmas luncheon for Senior Citizens. Also helped Edna Woodard, Zone X Horticulture Representative, collate and package over 600 Horticulture-Conservation packets for GCA Annual Meeting delegates. Chose the "Royal Catchfly" to represent Indiana in a GCA post card collection of endangered plants. Dede Nie, Bulletin and Slides Chairman, took slides of all of our public gardens. Emily Alig, Joanie Taggart and members of their committees had to stage their very own flower show in the fall so that pictures could be taken for a GCA symposium entitled "Creative Arrangements for Flower Shows". Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely qualifies to be a GCA Flower Show Judge; also named Zone X Chairman. Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, Jr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hollowell named Zone X Representatives to the GCA Founders Fund and Program Committees respectively. New Members: Mrs. Walter G. Vonnegut, Mrs. Jack Dustman, and Mrs. Thomas Lord. Mrs. George H. Denny was welcomed back into active membership. GCA Medal of Merit in Civic Affairs presented to Mrs. Charles A. Bookwalter, II. Mrs. Robert E. Hollowell named recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award.

Mrs. Robert E. Hollowell, President

1980-1981

Garage sale nets over $6,000.00 at home of Mrs. John Appel. Luncheon symposium, "Caring for Our Water", organized by Civic Affairs and Conservation Committees, under leadership of Mrs. Harley Rhodehamel, Jr. Attended by about 150 guests, a group comprised of our members and representatives from the civic, conservation, business and recreational sections of the Indianapolis community. Programs included a propagation workshop (in preparation for plant exchange at GCA Annual Meeting); dedication of Hoosier Heritage Garden at Governor's Mansion and presentation of

dedication plaque (there was an editorial in The Indianapolis News about it); a demonstration of house plants; a "Greens" workshop, the results of which were donated to the Welfare Service League's Christmas luncheon; slides of the GCA Miniature Historic Rooms; "Blooming Spring" - slides of wildflowers taken by Mrs. Cornelius Alig, Jr. and Mrs. Alexander Taggart III; a pruning workshop; a daffodil walk at Link Gardens; and an "in place" flower show. Four articles published in GCA Bulletin: Mrs. Charles Bookwalter's article, "A Greenhouse for Goodwill"; Mrs. Louis Nie's article, "Hoosier Heritage Garden"; Mrs. Frank Springer's horticultural tips; and Mrs. Alfred Stokely's report of the Zone X meeting in Cleveland. The article "Hoosier Heritage Garden" was also printed in the Indiana Gardens magazine. Mrs. Ann Werbe Wallace was welcomed as new member. Zone X meeting in Cleveland attended by delegates Mrs. Russell Ryan and Mrs. Charles Culp, Zone Chairman Mrs. Alfred Stokely, Program Representative Mrs. Robert Hollowell, Founders Fund Representative Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, and Mrs. Edward Harris, Vice Chairman of the GCA Conservation Committee. Zone X Conservation Meeting, also in Cleveland, attended by Mrs. Walter Kuhn, our other Vice Chairman of the GCA Conservation Committee, and Mrs. Samuel Sutphin. Mrs. Frederick T. McFall, delegate, and Mrs. James T. Neal, incoming president, attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Cincinnati. Five merit awards earned by plants at GCA Plant Exchange. Goodwill Greenhouse project and the Hoosier Heritage Garden won two first place state awards for the Indiana Garden Clubs Incorporated in the categories of Hortitherapy and Civic Concern. Mrs. Bowman Elder honored in the Indiana Gardens magazine for receiving the Amateur Horticulture Citation from the American Horticulture Society. Zone X Conservation Award presented to Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr.. She was also appointed to the Board of Directors of The Garden Club of America. The Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award was presented to Mrs. Russell J. Ryan, Jr. Mesdames Stokely, Bookwalter, and E. O. Woodard appointed to Indianapolis Beautification Committee. Contributions to: Indianapolis Goodwill Greenhouse - $133,678.62; Hoosier Heritage Garden - $1,209.09; Amos Butler Audubon Society - $25.; GCA Founders Fund - $35; Interchange Fellowship - $50; Endowment Fund - $25; Student Conservation Association - $100; GCI Scholarship Fund- $25; Save-the-Redwoods League - $25; Four Seasons Garden - $600; and Nature Conservancy - $100.

Mrs. Russell J. Ryan, Jr., President

1981-1982

Thanks to an anonymous garden club member and her husband, an Indianapolis Garden Club-Goodwill Greenhouse Fund was established within the Goodwill Foundation, investment earnings designated for the benefit of greenhouse and hortitherapy programs. Fund supplemented by several memorial gifts plus contribution of $3,545.95 from IGC. Indianapolis Garden Club members provide plants as centerpieces and gifts for senior citizens attending the Welfare Service League's annual Christmas luncheon. Wildflower (over 900) sale in conjunction with Park-Tudor Garden Tour - Mrs. Walter W. Kuhn, Jr. and Mrs. Walter G. Vonnegut in charge. Under the leadership of Mrs. C. Conrad Johnston, the Four Seasons Garden at the Indianapolis Museum of Art now has two new Capitata yews (replacing three which had died), creeping juniper was transplanted, and pachysandra planted. Additional conifers, rock landscaping, and appropriate groundcover installed at the dwarf conifer garden. The Hoosier Heritage Garden at the Governor's mansion was replenished and

replanted by Brent Moore of Hillsdale Nursery and Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely devised a system for permanently riveting plaques and stakes in the garden. Mrs. Richard A. Cochran was commended for systemic spraying of both rose and flowering almond there. Programs included: our own Mrs. Robert W. Greenleaf's discussion of floral paintings; Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, Jr.'s presentation of newly professionalized Founders Fund Film program; husband Robert Hollowell's sharing of forestry expertise; and a visit to the Link daffodil gardens. Also presented was a workshop by Angela Campbell, GCA horticulture judge. Members serve on the following: the Indianapolis Beautification Committee, the Waterway committee of the Meridian Corridor project, and the Eagle Creek Nature Center. Chairman and co-chairman for Zone X meeting to be held in Indianapolis in 1986: Mrs. Carter Fortune and Mrs. James T. Neal. New Members: Mrs. Russell Fortune, III, Mrs. Thomas Heidenreich, and Mrs. J. Frederic Wiese, Jr. Members serving as Zone X representatives to GCA committees: Mrs. Stokely, Nominating; Mrs. Charles Bookwalter, Visiting Gardens; Mrs. Bradley, Admissions; and Mrs. Louis W. Nie, Awards. Mrs. Walter Kuhn named vice-chairman of GCA's Conservation Committee. Well-known horticulturalist, Mrs. Goethe Link, Brooklyn, Indiana, awarded the prestigious Florens DeBevoise Medal at the GCA Annual Meeting - a tribute not only to Mrs. Link but also to the superb nomination and presentation effected by IGC Awards Chairman Mrs. Charles A. Bookwalter, II. Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely presented with the Garden Club of America Creative Leadership Award at the Zone X meeting in Perrysburg; also named the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award in our club. Contributions: IGC-Goodwill Greenhouse Fund - $3,545.95; Four Seasons and Dwarf Conifer Memorial Gardens - $2,250.; Hoosier Heritage Garden - $122.24; GCA Founders Fund - $35; Interchange Fellowship - $25.; Endowment Fund - $25.; Student Conservation Association - $100.; Save-the-Redwoods League - $25.; Indiana Nature Conservancy - $110.; Eagle Creek Nature Center and Arboretum - $250.; The Garden Club of Indiana Scholarship Fund - $25.

Georgianne Davis Neal, President

1982-1983

Continued maintenance of Four Seasons and Dwarf Conifer gardens on the grounds of the IMA and of the Hoosier Heritage Garden at the Governor's mansion. "Horticulture Harvest" show with flowers, foliage plants and vegetables, judged by six Zone X judges. Provided Christmas decorations for the entrance of the IMA Lilly Pavilion. Held spring wildflower sale (nursery grown) in connection with Park-Tudor House and Garden Tour (nearly 1,000 plants sold). Mrs. Bowman Elder, an esteemed long-time IGC member, received the 1983 GCA Distinguished Service Medal for her many years of horticultural accomplishments; also named the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award in our club. Contributions: Garden Club of Indiana Scholarship - $25.; Eagle Creek Nature Center - $250.; GCA Founders Fund - $35.; Interchange Fellowship - $25.; Endowment Fund - $25.; Indiana Nature Conservancy - $100.; Save-the-Redwoods League - $25.; Student Conservation Association - $250.; Conner Prairie Settlement Museum - $25.; Conner Prairie 1836 garden - $350.; Freshwater Society - $25.; Children's Museum computer exhibit - $2500.; Holliday Park tree replacement fund of Central District, Indiana Garden Club - $50.

Evaline Hitz Rhodehamel, President

1983-1984

Conner Prairie pioneer garden completed under the direction of Edna Woodard, assisted by Emily Daniels. Third Wildflower Sale, organized by Betty Woodard. Visit to Indianapolis of the two Cincinnati garden clubs in November with return trip of IGC to Cincinnati in June, under leadership of Visiting Gardens Chairman Gloria Ryan. Members serving in GCA: Punch Harris, GCA Vice President; Jeanette Stokely, Nominating Committee; Nancy Kuhn and Mary Jo Bradley, Conservation Committee; and Dickie Bookwalter and Dede Nie also represent the zone on national committees. Awards Chairman Dickie Bookwalter has overseen three consecutive years in which IGC sponsored the winners of national awards given at GCA Annual Meeting. This year's winner was Mr. Patrick Noonan. Mrs. Walter W. Kuhn, Jr. (Nancy) was the recipient of the Zone X Conservation Award; she also was the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. In Memoriam: Mrs. Edward L. Mayer (Ruth Hubbard Holliday) and Mrs. H. Earl Conrad (Frances "Bunty" Barbour).

Evaline Hitz Rhodehamel, President

1984-1985

Programs: John Rhodehamel, director of education at Mount Vernon; William Weeks, state director of the Nature Conservancy's Indiana field office; Dr. Gilbert Daniels, horticulturalist; Marvin Olinsky, director of Cox Arboretum; Peter Fortune, National Conservation Teacher of the Year; tours of Garfield Park Conservatory and Hillsdale Nursery Rose Garden. Also workshops on pruning and floral arrangements planned by Mrs. Daniel Byron. Fourth wildflower sale of nursery-grown and home-dug plants. Collected $6,550 from members for the "Indiana Grove Fund" which is replacing Mount Vernon's corridor of dying sycamores. $1000 given to Conner Prairie Settlement to plant the dye garden. No membership maintenance pledged to this garden. Board voted unanimously to cease maintenance of Four Seasons and Dwarf Conifer Gardens at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. In the future, a program of donating teak memorial benches will be instituted. Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley, Jr. and Mrs. John G. Rauch, Jr., Co-Chairmen for Conservation, worked on Chemical Disposal Day to be held in September, 1985 in Zionsville and Marion County. Up-date of club history written by Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. George A. Kuhn for the GCA 75th Anniversary publication. Mrs. Alexander P. Holliday wrote an article about the program on saving and protecting our water resources, written for the Children's Museum computer by Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr. and Mrs. Walter W. Kuhn, Jr., and it was published in the GCA Bulletin. Mrs. Conrad Ruckelshaus' tribute to Mrs. John D. Gould also printed in the Bulletin. New Members: Mrs. Philip Freiberger, Mrs. Michael Sweeney, and Mrs. Randolph Wilson. In Memoriam: Mary Gladding Johnson Gould and Frances Helm Bennett. Delegates to GCA Annual Meeting in San Francisco: Mrs. John T. Jameson and Mrs. Michael D. Fansler. Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr. completes two-year term on GCA Board as Vice President. Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Walter Kuhn on National Conservation Committee. Zone X representatives to GCA committees: Mrs. Noble Dean, Jr., Interchange Fellowship; Mrs. Charles A. Bookwalter, II, Awards. Mrs. James T. Neal received the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. Mr. Allen W. Clowes was presented Honorary Membership in the club for spectacular achievements in civic improvement and horticulture. Contributions: Central District Indiana Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund - $25.; Conner Prairie Settlement - Dye Garden - $1,000.; GCA Interchange Fellowship - $50.; Endowment Fund - $25.; Founders Fund - $35.;

Garden Club of Indiana - Statue of Liberty Fund - $50.; Nature Conservancy - $100.; Student Conservation Assn. - $250.; Conner Prairie - trees - $33.; Central District - Flower Show - $4.50; Freshwater Society - $25.

Rosalie McKee Lange, President

1985-1986

IGC hosts Zone X Meeting in June under the leadership of Mrs. Carter Fortune and Mrs. James T. Neal. Programs on bromeliads, billboards, dye gardens, and sun exposure; workshops on Christmas greens and growing perennials from seed. Fifth wildflower sale. Floral arrangements for Preview Party during Home in Indiana Antique Show. By-law changes for Admissions. New members: Mrs. Daniel P. Morse and Mrs. David L. Reese. Delegates to GCA Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh: Mrs. John T. Jameson and Mrs. C. Conrad Johnston. Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award recipients: Mrs. Carter M. Fortune and Mrs. James T. Neal. Indianapolis Garden Club Award of Appreciation to: Brent D. Moore. Medal of Merit Club Award was given to Mrs. Samuel R. Sutphin. GCA Creative Leadership Award given to Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr. and Mrs. Walter W. Kuhn, Jr. Contributions: Central District Scholarship Fund - $25.; Central District Flower Show Award - $4.50.; Nature Conservancy - $100.; Coalition for Scenic Beauty - $50.; Freshwater Society - $25.; Save-the-Redwoods League - $25.; Student Conservation Assn. - $250.; GCA Interchange Fellowship - $25.; Founders Fund - $25.; Endowment Fund - $25.; Zone X Interchange Fellowship - Hospitality Fund - $250.; East Michigan Environmental Action Council - $50.

Rosalie McKee Lange, President

1986-1987

Programs: Janet Glimm-Lacey on “Botanical Illustrations”, Michael Dana of Purdue on “Your Garden Design”, Gil Daniels on “Plant Nomenclature”, Edna Woodard - “To You from Edna and Kroger”, Chris Freitag - “Garland of Generations” and Mrs. John Hopple urging support of the Oxbow-Wetland region, and Phyllis Vonnegut with “Tips for our Flower Show”. We were visited by Tina Konan, Zone X Chairman, and Angie Campbell, Zone X Director. Mrs. Randolph P. Wilson chaired an outstanding Flower Show with out-of-town judges. Mrs. Randall Rogers oversaw the placement and planting of permanent downtown planters for the Pan Am Games. Horticulture Chairman, Mrs. Harley W. Rhodehamel, arranged two workshops: “Grafting and Shrubbery” and “Softwood Cuttings”. At Mrs. George Kuhn’s recommendation we joined the Hoosier Environmental Council, which represents all environmental organizations in Indiana. New Members: Mrs. Wayne DeBord (Pam), Mrs. Gail Eldridge (Betty) and Mrs. Stephen DeVoe (Mary). In Memoriam: Mrs. Walter W. Kuhn, Jr. (Nancy Stout). Zone X President’s Council attendees: Mrs. John T. Jameson, Jr. and Mrs. Robert W. Greenleaf. Mrs. Jameson and Mrs. Emerson B. Houck attended the GCA Annual Meeting in New Jersey. Members of IGC holding GCA leadership positions: Mrs. C. Harvey Bradley,Jr., Conservation Committee; Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Jr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hollowell, Zone X representatives to GCA Nominating and Visiting Gardens committees, respectively; and Mrs. Alfred J. Stokely, GCA Slide Library Project, Zone X Coordinator. Contributions: Hoosier Environmental Council - $300.; Central District Scholarship Fund - $25.; Nature Conservancy - $200.; Coalition for Scenic Beauty - $50.; Student Conservation Assn. - $250.; GCA

Interchange Fellowship - $25.; Founders Fund - $25.; Endowment Fund - $25.; Zone X Interchange Fellowship - Hospitality Fund - $250.

Elizabeth Cottingham Jameson, President

1987-1988

Programs: Mrs. Robert W. Greenleaf, "How Does Your Garden Grow", letters from members about the successes and failures of their gardens; slides of the Hoosier National Forest and talk concerning clear-cutting problems; Gil Daniels, a slide talk on English gardens, highlighted by the Chelsea Flower Show; up-date on GCA Conservation Committee by Mrs. Charles A. Bookwalter; a slide talk on future plans for remodeling the Indianapolis Museum of Art grounds; a demonstration on drying flowers; and two workshops - one on bulb forcing and one on pruning, featuring Richard Crum. Also, an in-club Flower Show, featuring teams and themes, chaired by Mrs. Randolph Wilson. Through the efforts of Mrs. Frank C. Springer, we raised $5,085 for the Interchange Fellowship Fund; and in December, our Interchange Fellow spent part of her Christmas holiday with us, hosted by Mrs. Shubrick Kothe. Contributed 10 flowering trees to Central North Civic Association project to beautify Fall Creek Boulevard. New Members: Mrs. Lawrence T. Kennedy (Kate) and Mrs. John T. Neighbours (Sharon). In Memoriam: Mrs. Charles Latham (Josephine), the last founding member of our club. Mrs. Philip Freiberger and Mrs David Krimendahl attended the Zone X Meeting in Cleveland. Members holding GCA positions: Mrs. Alfred Stokely, Zone X Director and GCA Slide Library Project, Zone Coordinator; Mrs. Charles Bookwalter, Vice-Chairman of the Conservation Committee; Mrs. Edward Harris, Nominating Committee Vice-Chairman and Zone X representative; and Mrs. Robert E. Hollowell, Zone X representative to Visiting Gardens Committee. Gilbert Daniels was presented a Certificate of Recognition for being a gracious contributor of time and effort to our club. Mrs. Frank C. Springer, Jr. was named the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. Contributions: Pan Am Games (bronze castings and planters) - $3,687.; Central District Scholarship Fund - $25.; Indianapolis Dept. of Parks and Recreation (flowers, planting and maintenance of 24 urns for the Pan Am Games) - $1,600.; St. Richard's School - $100.; Hoosier Environmental Council - $300.; Student Conservation Assn. - $250.; GCA Interchange Fellowship Fund - $50.; GCA 75th Anniversary Fund - $50.; Coalition for Scenic Beauty - $50.; trees for Fall Creek Parkway - $675.; White River Park Tree Fund - $100.; Nature Conservancy - $200.

Elizabeth Cottingham Jameson, President

1988-1989

Programs: the new Indianapolis Zoo - conservators of animals and plants; demonstration of Christmas decorations by Mrs. Carter Fortune and Mrs. Walter Myers; Gil Daniels, "Flora and Fauna of Australia"; "Non-Toxic Pest Control"; and a placement Flower Show at Wendy Fortune's. We were asked by The Indiana Committee for the Humanities to design a long-range landscape plan for their new headquarters in the old Meredith Nicholson house. Mrs. David Reese, Horticulture Chairman, led two workshops doing research on the period, combining simplicity of up-keep and classic beauty. New Members: Mrs. Berkley W. Duck III (Nancy), Mrs. H. Warren Earle (Connie), and Mrs. Ronald G. Salatich (Hilary). Mrs. J. Frederic Wiese, Jr. and Mrs. Emerson B. Houck attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Palm Beach. Mrs. C. Conrad Johnston, Jr., Mrs. Charles W. Culp and Mrs. Gail Eldridge attended the

Zone Meeting in Cincinnati. Members of the IGC who held GCA positions: Mrs. Alfred Stokely, Zone X Director; Mrs. Charles Bookwalter, Vice Chairman of the Conservation Committee; and Mrs. Guernsey VanRiper, Zone X representative to the Admissions Committee. Mrs. George A. Kuhn was the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. Contributions: Central District Scholarship Fund - $25.; Central District, Garden Club of Indiana, Chapman Lake Land Trust Preservation Fund - $75.; Nature Conservancy- $250.; Garden Club of Indiana - $238.; Student Conservation Assn. - $100.; Hoosier Environmental Council - $300.

Florence Jameson Miller, President

1989-1990

Programs: a meeting to honor new Associate members, among them three past presidents; Mary Rose Wampler, author of "Wildflowers of Indiana", presented a slide show; a celebration of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Bowman Elder; a tour of the Desert Biome Building, along with a visit from Sally Johnson, Zone X Director; a flower arranging demonstration by Gordon Gaus; Dr. Morris Green, of Riley Hospital; a speech by Mayor Bill Hudnut along with a visit from Nancy Perry, Zone X Chairman and Margaret Marting, Zone X ; our annual flower show, organized by Wendy Fortune, to which everyone brought their own decorated picnic basket with prizes awarded for the prettiest, the most creative, and the most unusual. Under the leadership of Mary Rogers, Rae Wilson, Sharon Neighbours and Wendy Fortune, the Deer Creek Anne Murray Concert fund-raiser netted $18,000 for the purchase of plants for the Indianapolis Zoo Desert Biome Building. Another fund-raiser, a hooked rug sale at Meridian Hills Country Club with Preston McAdoo and his wife, netted $7,000, under the leadership of Kate Kennedy and Judy Heidenreich. With $2500 from our Memorial Account, we bought Sweet Magnolia and Red Buckeye trees to be planted at the Indianapolis Museum of Art in memory of deceased members. This was accomplished under the leadership of Mil Kuhn and Cici Hollowell. New Members: Mrs. Richard V. Baxter (Mary Jane), Mrs. John F. Connors (Carolyn), and Mrs. David W. Goodrich (Julie). In Memoriam: Janet Noyes Ayres Adams and Irving Moxley Springer. Mary Rogers was named the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. Contributions: Indianapolis Zoological Society - Desert Biome - $25,000.; Nature Conservancy - $250.; Garden Club of Indiana Scholarship Fund - $25.; Student Conservation Assn. - $100.; Zone Directory - $40.; Riley Memorial Assn. - $50.; Christmas at the Lilly Pavilion - $72.; GCA Endowment Fund - $100.; Founders Fund - $50.; Indianapolis Museum of Art - $50.

Elizabeth Bracken Wiese, President

1990-1991

A successful Deer Creek dinner and Linda Ronstadt concert raised $16,000 to almost complete our goal of $45,000 for the Desert Biome Building at the Zoo. Another hooked rug sale by the McAdoo's at Hilary Salatich's; a little under $3,000 was raised. Programs: Tour of the Desert Biome Building at the Zoo; a talk, "Nature, In Our Own Back Yard; a tour of the remodeled Goodwill Industries, including the greenhouse; a discussion of the club's hosting the dedication of the Heritage Preservation Center of the Historic Landmarks Foundation (a project organized by Edna Van Riper); and the subsequent benefit to raise funds for the landscaping of the exterior of the Center. Sheila MacQueen demonstrated flower arranging at the Patrons' Party. Other programs: Dennis McGrath from the Nature Conservancy; a Christmas concert by

the Park Tudor Madrigal Singers; a tour of the gardens of Emily Daniels and Billie Lou Wood, with High Tea served at the Woods' afterwards; a talk by Gene Wilkins about his porcelain collection; a flower arranging demonstration by Edna Van Riper; and a Flower Show under the supervision of Wendy Fortune and Rae Wilson. We also had visits from Joan Mauk, Zone X Chairman, and Joanne Grandzow, Zone X Conservation Representative. New Members: Mrs. Geoffrey Bannister (Margaret), Mrs. Richard Kruse (Katie), Mrs. Douglas Linsmith (Ruthie), and Mrs. Richard Quinn (Jean). Edna Van Riper was named the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. Contributions: GCA Founders Fund - $50.; Endowment Fund - $100.; Interchange Fellowship Regional Fund - $250.; Indianapolis Zoological Society, Desert Biome - $18,714.05; Indianapolis Museum of Art - $240.; Garden Club of Indiana Scholarship Fund - $25.; Hoosier Environmental Council - $300.; Student Conservation Assn. - $100.; The Nature Conservancy - $250.

Elizabeth Bracken Wiese, President

1991-1992

Programs: Plant propagation demonstration by Horticulture Chairman Mary Mickam; a dialogue about starting a gardening newsletter by Margo Jaqua and Nora Hiatt, editors of "In Bloom"; a Christmas concert by the Park Tudor Madrigal Singers; a description of a garden for students at School #56 by teacher Darlene Gosnell, who spear-headed the project (she brought thank-you notes from the students for our contribution of $2,000 to buy a heater and potting benches for the greenhouse); Diane Gorden spoke about"Preserving Fresh Flowers"; a slide presentation, "Gardening in Indiana", based on his own fabulous garden by Gene Wilkins; and a year-end Horticulture Show organized by Exhibits Chairman Phyllis Vonnegut. Thirty-nine members and guests took a bus trip to AmeriFlora '92 in Columbus. Billie Lou and Dick Wood invited us to visit their Wildflower Garden at Sunset Close. Edna Van Riper donated an ivy basket to the Christamore Tree Spree in the club's name. The entry and east facade of the Lilly Pavilion at the IMA were decorated for Christmas under the direction of Dede Nie. Membership survey findings: 76 per cent of our members are over 60 years of age; 49 per cent have been members 21 years or more; 80 per cent have served on the Board; their primary interests are horticulture and gardening. Nancy Duck and Ann Wallace attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Baltimore. New Members: Mrs. John J. Jaqua, Jr. (Margo) and Mrs. Gene E. Wilkins (Patty). In Memoriam: Mrs. Alexander L. Taggart III (Joanie), Mrs. Lyman S. Ayres (Isabel), and Mrs. George A. Kuhn, Jr. (Mil). The recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award was Mrs. J. Frederic Wiese, Jr. (Elizabeth). Contributions: School #56 Outdoor Learning Center - $2,000.; Garden Club of Indiana Scholarship Fund - $25.; Hoosier Environmental Council - $300.; Student Conservation Assn. - $100.; Nature Conservancy - $250.; GCA Founders Fund - $50.; Endowment Fund - $100.; AmeriFlora '92 Gazebo - $25.

Nancy Ruddell Duck, President

1992-1993

Programs: a propagation workshop led by Richard Crum; a meeting at James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children to learn about the Spring Garden Celebration; a fall floral arrangement workshop under the direction of Gordon Goss; Park Tudor Madrigal Singers at Christmas; a talk about viburnums and new evergreens by David

Gorden; "Creating a Butterfly Garden" by Julie Anger; Mark Holeman spoke about landscape design; a floral design workshop conducted by Fred Wilkinson, English floral designer; and a trip to Madeira Flower Farm. Overnight trip to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore planned by Dickie Bookwalter. Thirty members and guests (including the incoming GCA President Chris Freitag) attended. Club members oversaw the decorating for Christmas of the Grand Hall of the Lilly Pavilion at the IMA. IGC was one of the hostess clubs for the Central District of Garden Club of Indiana's Annual Meeting. Spring Garden Celebration on the Children's Patio at Riley Hospital for Children, an event which initiated the Children's Garden Fund, was chaired by Nancy Duck and Billie Lou Wood. Cut and Show Flower Show, the first GCA show the club had had since the 1986-87 club year, was held at the Meridian Street Methodist Church under the chairmanship of Emily Daniels and Margaret Bannister. The show featured six Flower Arrangement Classes and four Sections in the Horticulture Division. Donation to GCA Endowment Fund made in memory of Mrs. Bowman Elder (Madeline Elder), a charter member of our club. Donated a bench to the Memorial Grove at the Indianapolis Museum of Art honoring those for whom memorial gifts have been made since the Memorial Grove was planted in 1990. Gift of $865.00 given to the Indianapolis Zoo to fabricate large, four-sided guides to the plants and animals in the Desert Biome. Income of $900 produced for the Administrative Fund by sale of 100 sets of notecards designed by Nell Revel Smith. Penelope Hobhouse of Tintinhull House in Somerset, England, spoke at a fund-raising luncheon, organized by Hilary Salatich and attended by 250. $10,000 was raised for the Children's Garden Fund at Riley Hospital for Children and for the club's Community Fund. Darlene Gosnell, teacher at School #56, was the recipient of a new GCA award, the Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award for Early Environmental Education, awarded by the GCA Scholarship Committee. Nancy Duck, Margo Jaqua, and Liz Jameson, Zone X's representative on the GCA Publications Committee, attended the Zone X President's Council at Maumee Bay State Park near Toledo. Nancy Duck and Ann Wallace attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Members serving in GCA positions: Dickie Bookwalter, Vice-Chairman for Air Quality and Energy Conservation; Liz Jameson, Zone X Representative to Publications; and Wendy Fortune, Zone X Representative to Public Relations. New Members: Mrs. John W. Graub II (Mary); Mrs. William V. Lawson III (Cathy); Mrs. Baxter S. Rogers (Carol); and Mrs. Turner J. R. Woodard (Diann). In Memoriam: Mrs. Robertine Buchanan Daniels. Hilary Salatich was the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. Contributions: Nature Conservancy - $250.; Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore - $500.; Student Conservation Assn. - $100.; Garden Club of Indiana Scholarship Fund - $25.; Indianapolis Zoological Society (Desert Biome guides) - $865.; James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association (Hobhouse Luncheon) - $4,000.; James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association (Spring Garden Celebration) - $4,002.27; GCA Founders Fund - $100.; Endowment Fund - $200.

Nancy Ruddell Duck, President

1993-1994

Programs: Lecture and slide presentation by Marni Fechtman about Holland and the Dutch gardens; Conservation field trip to the Big Walnut Preserve attended by 40 members; a Christmas concert by the sixth-grade choir from St. Richard's School; a talk about organic gardening by Mark Trela from New Harmony; a tour of Emily and Gil Daniels' gardens; an in-place flower show, critiqued by Phyllis Vonnegut and

Edna Van Riper; and a lecture about the Monet Gardens by Jan Gerrie. A Christmas Greens and Holiday Bulb Sale, directed by Jean Quinn, raised over $3,000 to help defray the cost of sending two delegates to the GCA Annual Meeting in Hawaii. A bench was given to the Indianapolis Museum of Art in memory of Madeline Fortune Elder. It will be placed near her greenhouse. We received a bequest from the estate of Robertine Buchanan Daniels in the amount of $5,000. The membership accepted a five-year commitment of $100,000 for the building and stocking of a library to be built as a part of the new Holliday Park Nature Center. Our own Evie Rhodehamel is a direct descendant of the Holliday family. Liz Jameson, Wendy Fortune, Mary Jane Baxter, Dickie Bookwalter, and Ann Wallace attended the Zone X Meeting in Akron. Nancy Duck and Margo Jaqua propagated nine viburnum plants and wrote a paper on their observations which Mary Jane Baxter presented at the Horticultural Meeting. Dickie Bookwalter was presented the Zone X Creative Leadership Award. Dickie Bookwalter, Jean Quinn, and Ann Wallace attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Hawaii. Members holding GCA positions: Liz Jameson, Zone X representative to the Publications Committee; Wendy Fortune, Zone X representative to the Public Relations Committee; and Dickie Bookwalter serving as a Zone X Director for two years. Mrs. Berkley W. Duck II (Nancy) was the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. New members: Mrs. G. Vance Smith, Jr. (Ginny), Mrs. John E. D. Peacock, Jr. (Sally), Mrs. John T. Jameson III (Polly), and Mrs. Thomas K. Atkins (Jeanne). In Memoriam: Miss Elizabeth Bertermann, Honorary Member, and Mrs. Lucius Hamilton (Ethel Janet White). Contributions: James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association, Spring Garden Celebration - $4,002.27; Hoosier Environmental Council - $300.; Nature Conservancy - $250.; Student Conservation Assn. - $100.; Save-the-Redwoods League - $100.; Scholarship Fund - $25.; Blue Star Highway - $25.; World Gardening - $25.; Land Trust - $25.; GCA Founders Fund - $100.; Endowment Fund - $200.

Ann Werbe Wallace, President

1994-1995

Steering committee for Holliday Park Nature Center project decided upon a course of action: to solicit pledges for $1,000 from each member, payable over a five-year period. Wendy Fortune was appointed project chairman. By December, $100,000 in pledges had been made and $22,750 had already been received. Our initial check for $10,000 was sent to the Friends of Holliday Park. In honor of Edna O'Nan Van Riper and her many years of devotion to the Indianapolis Garden Club and the Garden Club of America, a donation of close to $40,000 was made to this project in her name by her family. Programs: a demonstration of three different floral design arrangements by Jeanette Stokely, Wendy Fortune, and Edna Van Riper; a lesson on how to compost; a dinner lecture by Wilma Dykeman Stokely on wildflowers; the St. Richard's School choir singing Christmas songs; a program of decorating and landscaping; a tour of the Zoo, Holliday Park, and Dow Elanco, joined by Chris Freitag, GCA President and Ann Coburn, head of the GCA Conservation committee; a program about perennials presented by Jeff Cooksey of Madeira Farms; and a home placement flower show at Edna Van Riper's, chaired by Phyllis Vonnegut and Patty Wilkins. The Bylaws were revised to accord with GCA bylaw changes and generally up-dated by a committee consisting of Punch Harris, Lynne Byron, Dede Nie and Mary Jo Bradley. Honorary Membership was bestowed upon Punch DePrez Harris, Jeanette Tarkington Stokely, and Lisa Spillman Sutphin. Mrs. Louis W. Nie (Dede)

was honored with a GCA Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of devotion to the club. Mary Jo Bradley was the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. New members: Mrs. George P. Broadbent (Mary Clare), Mrs. David Knall (Anne), and Mrs. Randolph Stokely (Lynn). Members holding GCA positions: Nancy Duck, Zone X Director, and Dickie Bookwalter, Assistant Treasurer. Contributions: Hoosier Environmental Council - $300.; Student Conservation Assn. - $100.; Save-the-Redwoods League - $100.; Garden Club of Indiana Scholarship Fund - $25.; Blue Star Highway - $25.; World Gardening - $25.; Land Trust - $25.; GCA Endowment - $100.; Founders Fund - $100.; Scholarship Fund - $100.; Nature Conservancy - $250.; Holliday Park Nature Center Library - $10,000.

Ann Werbe Wallace, President

1995-1996

Programs: A tour of ten members' gardens via the slide photography of Mr. Emerson Houck; a flower arranging demonstration by the mother-daughter team of Mrs. John H. Holliday and Mrs. Randall D. Rogers, both fresh from a week-long seminar led by Sheila MacQueen in Bath, England; a dinner with husbands featuring a talk by Margaret Daly; a Christmas luncheon at which Mrs. Baxter S. Rogers entertained and educated the members with a history of Christmas Greens and Mrs. Randolph Wilson read "A Cup of Christmas Tea"; a program on "How To Win a Blue Ribbon", a lesson in how to prepare for the spring Flower Show, by Mrs. Gilbert Daniels, Mrs. Gene E. Wilkins, and Mrs. John J. Jaqua; Mrs. Nancy Thorburn spoke about and showed slides of "Scottish Castles and Gardens"; a wildflower walk through Holliday Park and update on the Nature Center/Library project; and an in-club Flower Show. We held two fund-raisers: a Christmas Greens Sale, chaired by Mrs. Richard Quinn (net profit - $2,756.) and our first Garden Walk, chaired by Mrs. Randall Rogers. The Garden Walk was by invitation only and 500 invitees toured five outstanding gardens; 250 of them also came to the luncheon. Exceeding our expectations, this project raised $10,942 for our Community Projects Fund. The Conservation Committee, led by Mrs. John T. Jameson III, worked in collaboration with School #60 and the Meridian Park Neighborhood Association to improve the corner of 33rd and Pennsylvania Streets. Our consultant, Kay Grimm, coordinated the project and directed the children in the installation of the garden. This became our Eco-Exchange Project which was presented at the GCA Annual Meeting. Members serving in GCA positions: Dickie Bookwalter, Asst. Treasurer of GCA; Nancy Duck, Zone X Chairman, and Hilary Salatich, Zone X representative to the Scholarship Committee. New Members: Mrs. David C. Fulton (Stella), Mrs. Robert P. Johnstone (Susan), Mrs. Timothy K. Ryan (Claudia), and Mrs. John Stanley (Mary Booth). Mrs. J. Frederic Wiese, Jr. was honored with a GCA Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the club over the years. Mrs. Randall D. Rogers and Mrs. A. W. Wallace were the recipients of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. Contributions: GCA Endowment Fund - $200.; Founders Fund - $200.; GCA Scholarship Fund - $200.; GCI Blue Star Highway - $50.; Land Trust - $50.; Scholarship Fund - $50.; World Gardening - $25.; Friends of Garfield Park Conservatory (Sunken Gardens) - $240.; Friends of Holliday Park (General Fund) - $100.; Friends of the National Arboretum - $100.; Hoosier Environmental Council - $300.; Indianapolis Clean City Committee - $150.; Indianapolis Museum of Art (Madeline Elder Greenhouse)- $500.; Indianapolis Public School #60 - $1000.; Nature Conservancy of Indiana - $500.; Riley Memorial

Association (Children's Garden at Riley Hospital) - $200.; Save-the-Redwoods League - $100.; Student Conservation Assn. - $100.

Hilary Stout Salatich, President

1996-1997

Programs: a talk by Mr. Ray Irwin about "Indianapolis' Greenways - Past and Present"; a discussion of "Those Wonderful Fall Bulbs" by Robin Cowen of Altum Gardens; Lynn Habig from the IMA Greenhouse speaking about "English Cottage Gardening History"; the Broad Ripple High School Madrigal Singers at Christmas; a discussion of the many varieties of hostas, presented by our first-year members (Mesdames Stanley, Ryan, Johnstone, and Fulton); a joint meeting with the Indianapolis Horticulture Society at the IMA DeBoest Lecture Hall, featuring Mary Dorra, a member of the Santa Barbara GC, who spoke about her newly published book, "Beautiful American Vegetable Gardens"; a bus trip to Muncie to see the Minnetrista Cultural Center and Gardens; and an in-club Flower Show, "Un Jour Dans Le Jardin". The Conservation Committee, under Chairman Polly Jameson, recruited volunteers to plant flowers along the Monon Trail, a response to Ray Irwin's invitation to us to become involved. Second Annual Garden Walk held in June, chaired by Mrs. Randolph Stokely and Mrs. Randolph Wilson. Again, nearly 500 invitees toured five gardens and 250 attended the luncheon. This year's project raised over $15,000 for the Community Projects Fund. At the June general meeting, the members voted to make a commitment of $60,000, payable over 5 years, to underwrite an heirloom perennial garden at the Indianapolis Zoo's proposed White River Gardens (a botanical garden). Members holding GCA positions: Mrs. Charles A. Bookwalter, Asst. Treasurer of GCA; Mrs. Berkley W. Duck, Zone X representative to the Medal Awards Committee; and Mrs. John T. Jameson, Jr., Vice Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. New Members: Mrs. Frank Bracken (Judy), Mrs. Jonathan Birge (Judy), Mrs. James Crossin (Marybeth), and Mrs. James Hughes (Sheila). In Memoriam: Mrs. Fisk Landers, Mrs. Conrad Ruckelshaus, and Mrs. John G. Rauch. The GCA Achievement Award was presented to Mrs Edward Harris (Punch). The GCA Horticulture Award was presented to Mrs. Gilbert Daniels (Emily). Mrs. Stephen E. DeVoe (Mary) was the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. Contributions: GCA Endowment Fund - $200.; Founders Fund - $200.; Scholarship Fund - $300.; GCI Blue Star Highway - $50.; Land Trust - $50.; Scholarship Fund - $50.; World Gardening - $25.; Friends of Holliday Park - $100.; Hoosier Environmental Council - $300.; Indianapolis Greenways - $150.; Indianapolis Museum of Art (Alliance) - $100.; Indianapolis Public School #60 (landscaping project) - $500.; Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - $150.; Minnetrista Cultural Foundation - $150.; Nature Conservancy of Indiana - $300.; Riley Memorial Association (Children's Garden) - 200.; Save-the- Redwoods League - $100.; Student Conservation Assn. - $100.

Hilary Stout Salatich, President

1997-1998

Programs: a horticulture meeting at the Hoosier Orchid Company, with Will Rhodehamel, a Garden Club son, speaking; a tour of gardens from two Garden Walks via the slide photography of Emerson Houck; a dinner meeting, including husbands and guests, featuring Rosamund Wallinger speaking about her restoration of a Gertrude Jekyll garden at her home in England; the Park Tudor Madrigal Singers at Christmas; a slide show on "Exterior Design", created by Gay Estes of the

Garden Club of Houston, presented by Nancy Duck, Ann Wallace, and Suzy Reese; Mary McConnell and John Shuey from the Indiana Nature Conservancy speaking about efforts to restore a native prairie in northwest Indiana; Linda Paine, Zone X Chairman, speaking about GCA and her own love of trough gardening; and an in-club flower show "Art in Bloom". Nancy Duck and Ann Wallace were Program Co-Chairs. Elizabeth Wiese was Meeting Arrangements Chairman. The Conservation Committee, led by Jean Quinn, featured speakers from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, IPALCO's Golden Eagle Grant Program, the Division of Natural Resources and Heritage Trust. Dickie Bookwalter, Sheila Hughes, Jean Quinn, and Sharon Neighbours represented IGC at various conservation meetings, including Zone X, Zone XI, and the National Affairs and Legislation meeting in Washington, DC. Two workshops were offered by the Flower Show committee; one in the fall featuring "Walter the Wonderful" from Michigan at which holiday arrangements were made and one in the spring by Edna Van Riper, to prepare us for the coming flower show. Edna, Lynn Stokely and Jan Sweeney attended a GCA flower-arranging workshop in Akron. The Horticulture Committee held propagation workshops and added "Hort Moments" to each general meeting. IGC was one of the hostess clubs for the Central District Garden Club of Indiana Annual Meeting. This was organized by Polly Jameson. Led by the expertise of Gil and Emily Daniels, the White River Gardens Committee completed a garden design featuring plants used from 1890-1920 for our "Heritage Garden", at the Indianapolis Zoo. Through the efforts of Jeanette Stokely and Marge Johnston of Garden History and Design, the Oakhurst Gardens in Muncie, Indiana, have been added to the Archives of the Garden Club of America at the Smithsonian Institution. The third annual Garden Walk was a tremendous success under the leadership of Anne Knall and Katie Kruse. Over 500 people toured five northside gardens and 265 attended the luncheon. The project raised $17,089.29 for the Community Projects Fund. The Zone X Meeting in Perrysburg, Ohio, was attended by President Sharon Neighbours, delegates Mary DeVoe and Patty Wilkins, Garden History and Design co-chairs, Marge Johnston and Jeanette Stokely, and GCA representatives Dickie Bookwalter and Nancy Duck. The GCA Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, was attended by Sharon Neighbours, delegate Margo Jaqua, and GCA delegates Dickie Bookwalter and Nancy Duck. Members in GCA leadership positions: Dickie Bookwalter, Vice Chairman and Secretary to the National Affairs and Legislation Committee; Liz Jameson, Vice Chairman and Secretary to the Public Relations Committee; and Nancy Duck, Zone X Representative to the Medal Awards Committee. New Members: Mrs. John Krauss (Nonie), Mrs. Joe Noble (Susan), and Mrs. William Tolbert (Susan). The GCA Club Certificate of Appreciation Award was presented to Edna Van Riper. The GCA Club Certificate of Achievement for Conservation was presented to Dickie Bookwalter. The recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award was Margaret Bannister. Mr. Gilbert S. Daniels was made an Honorary Member of the club in recognition of his many years of service to the club and to its projects. Contributions: GCA Endowment Fund - $200.; Founders Fund - $200.; GCA Scholarship Fund - $200.; GCI Scholarship Fund - $100.; Blue Star Memorial - $50.; Land Trust - $100.; World Gardening - $25.; Central Indiana Land Trust - $300.; Friends of Holliday Park - $100.; Holliday Park Nature Center Library - $20,000.; Hoosier Environmental Council - $300.; Indianapolis Greenways - $300.; Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - $300.; Nature Conservancy of Indiana - $300.; Riley Memorial Association (Children's Garden) - $200.; Save-the-Redwoods League -

$100.; Student Conservation Assn. - $100.; White River Gardens - $2,257.

Sharon Smith Neighbours, President

1998-1999

Programs: update on Holliday Park Nature Center by John Schaust; Pete and Alice Dye spoke about "Conservation and Golf Courses"; update on the restoration of the ravine gardens at "Oldfields" at the Indianapolis Museum of Art by Mark Zelonis; the Park Tudor Madrigal Singers; a joint meeting with the Indianapolis Horticulture Society with a slide-lecture on "Similarities and Contrasts of English and Japanese Gardens"; a slide-lecture by Barbara Wilde on "wildflowers", with an emphasis on perennials native to Indiana; a flower-arranging demonstration by Martha Rogers from Cleveland; an in-club Flower Show chaired by Jan Sweeney and Lynn Stokely, "Posy Adventurin' with Tom and Huck"; and a tour of the newly completed White River Gardens at the Indianapolis Zoo. The Horticulture Committee presented "Hort Moments" at most meetings. Hostesses for meetings were: Carolyn Connors, Edna VanRiper and Diann Woodard at Wasatch Lake Resort, Mary Clare Broadbent, Sally Peacock, Jan Sweeney, and Liz Fortune.

Conservation Committee meetings, under the leadership of Jean Quinn, were held at: Dow Agri Sciences, Cinergy, Garfield Park, and the Southside Landfill.

The fourth annual Garden Walk, chaired by Cathy Lawson and Hilary Salatich, was a geat success and raised over $16,000 for community programs.

In June, the Indianapolis Garden Club was recognized for its contribution of the "Heritage Garden", featuring a sculpture "The Four Seasons" contributed by Emily and Gil Daniels, at the newly opened White River Gardens at the Indianapolis Zoo.

Members represented the IGC at several meetings: Jean Quinn, Sheila Hughes, Nonie Krauss, and Dickie Bookwalter at the GCA National Affairs and Legislation meeting in Washington, D.C; Sharon Neighbours, Patty Wilkins, Nancy Duck and Dickie Bookwalter at the Zone X Presidents' Council in Oregon, Ohio; Sharon Neighbours, Mary DeVoe, Nancy Duck, Jean Quinn, and Dickie Bookwalter at the Zone X meeting in Dayton, Ohio; and Mary DeVoe, Connie Earle, Nancy Duck and Dickie Bookwalter at the GCA Annual Meeting in Parsipanny, New Jersey.

IGC members working at the national level of GCA: Dickie Bookwalter, vice-chairman and secretary to the National Affairs and Legislation Committee; Nancy Duck, Zone X representative to the Nominating Committee; Mary Rogers, Zone X representative to the Founders Fund Committee; and Ann Wallace, member of the Administrative Publications Committee.

Three members were recognized for outstanding achievement: the GCA Zone X Conservation Award was presented to Dickie Bookwalter at the Zone X meeting; the GCA Club Certificate of Appreciation award was presented to Nancy Duck; and the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award was presented to Jean Quinn. New members: Mrs. Thomas L. Casalini (Elizabeth), Mrs. John D. Cochran (Elizabeth), Mrs. Gerald L. Moss (Anne), and Mrs. Ronald L. Steele (Katie).

We were deeply saddened by the death of Mrs. Walter G. Vonnegut (Phyllis).

Contributions: GCA Endowment Fund - $200; GCA Founders Fund - $200; GCA Scholarship Fund - $200; GCA Scholarship Fund - $100; Blue Star Memorial - $50; Land Trust - $100; World Gardening - $25; Central Indiana Land Trust - $300; Friends of Holliday Park - $100; Holliday Park Nature Center - $30,000; Hoosier Environmental Council - $300; Indiana Greenways - $300; Indianapolis Museum of Art - $300; Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - $300; Nature Conservancy of Indiana

- $300; James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association - $200; Save-The-Redwoods League - $100; Student Conservation Association - $100; White River Gardens - $10,000.

Sharon Smith Neighbours, President

1999-2000

The Garden Club year started out slowly and ended in a flurry of activity.

Our programs included: Greg Fennig from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful; Dick Crum and a tour of the White River Gardens; a tour of the Southside Landfill; the Park Tudor Madrigal Singers at Christmas; Garden History and Design slides presented by Andrea Calfee, Zone X rep to that committee and local ones presented by Jeanette Stokely and Susie Reese; the GCA slide show "Native Plants – Then and Now"; Marian Towne, author of "A Midwest Gardener's Cookbook"; and an outstanding flower show staged in several artists' studios at the Stutz Business Center. Hostesses for meetings were Jeanne Atkins, Claudia Ryan at Charles Mayer, Judy Bracken, Marty Fortune, Diann Woodard and Edna VanRiper (joined by Turner Woodard) at the Stutz, and Mary Rogers. In March we were honored by a visit from Elizabeth Martin, Zone X Chairman and Mary Roby, GCA Director representing Zone X.

The Horticulture Committee presented "Hort Moments" at most meetings.

Conservation Committee meetings included the following: a visit to the Indianapolis Water Company where the way our water is purified and monitored was explained; a talk by Ray Irvin, head of Indianapolis Greenways; a visit to the Ogden-Martin Waste Energy Facility, the incinerator processing much of our city's waste; and a trip to Cameron Springs where we learned how bottled water is processed. In addition to these visits, several members helped with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's Partners in the Environment project at the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School.

Our fifth annual Garden Walk chaired by Katie Kruse and Anne Moss, was very successful and raised over $22,000 for the Community Fund.

At long last, the Nature Center at Holliday Park had its grand opening in April and we held a gala party there to celebrate our contribution of the library to the center.

Attending the meeting of the National Affairs and Legislation and Conservation Committees in Washington were: Dickie Bookwalter, Sheila Hughes, and Jean Quinn. Attending the GCA Annual Meeting in Cleveland were: Mary DeVoe and Cathy Lawson, as our delegates; and Dickie Bookwalter, Nancy Duck, and Sheila Hughes as representatives to GCA committees. Not at the meeting, but also representatives to GCA committees were Mary Rogers and Ann Wallace.

We were delighted that two of our members were newly appointed to GCA positions for the next two years: Sharon Neighbours, Assistant Chairman of Zone X, and Jean Quinn, Zone X representative to the Conservation Committee.

We welcomed the following new members: Kathryn Gloin Betley, Ellen Lee, Joy Wilgus Hughes, Anne Ream Pantzer, and Cynthia VanTassel Yeo.

We were saddened by the death of long-time member, Evelyn Chambers Birge Denny. Memorial gifts made in her name were directed toward the school beautification program, Partners in the Environment, of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful.

Sharon Smith Neighbours was voted the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award, recognizing outstanding service to the club in the past year.

It was a very good year.

Mary Ochsner DeVoe, President

2000-2001

This was a very busy year for the Indianapolis Garden Club, primarily in the spring. We held our annual Garden Walk and hosted the GCA Zone X meeting within one week in June, calling on the resources - both financial and volunteer hours - of all our members, and the members responded very generously.

The Zone X meeting was ably chaired by Nancy Duck and Jean Quinn.

The Garden Walk, chaired by Anne Moss and Katie Steele, raised approximately $17,000 for our Community Fund account.

Due to the heavy activity in June, we held our annual Meeting in May instead of June. Officers elected were: Cathy Lawson, President; Julie Goodrich, 1st Vice President; Connie Earle, 2nd Vice President; Nonie Krauss, Recording Secretary; Joy Hughes, Corresponding Secretary; and Jan Sweeney, Treasurer. We welcomed the following new members: Jolene Baker, Cindy Bennett Eiteljorg, and Anne Korb Shane. Carol Hileman Rahman, a transfer member from the Garden Club of Dayton, had been welcomed in November.

Programs at other meetings included: a visit to the Flower Barn in Lebanon where we learned about dried flowers; a slide presentation by Emerson Houck of gardens showcased on past Garden Walks; Maryrose and Fred Wampler showed slides of tree and flower paintings from their two books, Trees of Indiana and Wildflowers of Indiana; the Park Tudor Madrigal Singers; John Schaust, Holliday Park Manager, gave a talk on "Pioneer Uses of Plants;" Maggy Dean gave a talk about Lancelot "Capability" Brown; and Cindy McHone, a past recipient of a Garden Club of Indiana scholarship, spoke about her work and how the scholarship had helped her. We were also honored by the visit of Karen Meyer, Zone X Chairman.

Hostesses for the meetings in homes were: Katie Kruse, Susan Tolbert, and Judy Heidenreich.

As follow-up to the Long Range Planning questionnaire findings, the Membership Evaluation sub-committee recommended changes in the bylaws concerning membership expectations and age requirements which were voted in by the club. The club also voted to contribute $50,000 to the Friends of Holliday Park to underwrite the curriculum revision of the "Environmental EdVentures" program, using funds remaining in the Holliday Park project account. Volunteer opportunities will also be available in connection with this program.

The Horticulture Committee, under the chairmanship of Ginny Smith, presented "Hort Moments" at most meetings and prepared entries for the Plant Exchange at the GCA Annual meeting.

The Conservation Committee, chaired by Judy Birge and Susan Johnstone, organized the planting of 800 daffodil bulbs in the Phyllis Vonnegut Memorial Garden in front of the Holliday Park Nature Center in October; presented a panel discussion of the workings of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in February; and organized a "garlic mustard pull" in Marrott Park in May. Two of our members assisted with the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Partners in the Environment beautification project at IPS School #37 in October, which was the beneficiary of funds given in memory of Evie Birge

Denny.

Jean Quinn organized a one-day trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show in March.

Attending the Zone X Presidents Meeting in Columbus in September were: Mary DeVoe, Cathy Lawson, Sharon Neighbours, Nancy Duck and Jean Quinn. Attending the meeting of the GCA National Affairs and Legislation and Conservation Committees in Washington in February were Dickie Bookwalter, Sheila Hughes, and Jean Quinn. Attending the GCA Annual Meeting in May were our delegates Cathy Lawson and Lynn Stokely; and Dickie Bookwalter and Jean Quinn as members of GCA committees.

Judy Bracken was named to the GCA Conservation Committee as Vice Chairman for National Parks and Public Lands.

Jan Smith Sweeney was voted the recipient of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award, recognizing outstanding service to the club in the past year. Nancy Ruddell Duck was honored by Zone X with its Creative Leadership Award.

We were saddened by the deaths of long-time member Jane Weldon Kinghan Myers and Honorary member, Allen Whitehill Clowes.

Mary Ochsner DeVoe, President

2001-2002

Programs: A small Flower Show at the Indianapolis Art Center entitled "Celebrating the Art of Nature," a flower arrangement demonstration by Indianapolis florist Tomie Ferris, a horticulture demonstration by Judy Mitchell (Zone X Horticulture Representative), our annual Christmas luncheon at Woodstock Country Club, a slide show and lecture by Mary Dorra based on her newly published book "Roses," a conservation program by Purdue University Professor and Director of the EPA Midwest Hazardous Substance Research Center, Margaret Katherine Banks, a horticulture show at Holliday Park Nature Center, and our annual meeting.

In May, our club visited Louisville for a tour of 5 gardens, and in June, we had our annual fundraiser, the Garden Walk, which netted in excess of $17,000 in profit for our club. In January, a Community Project Task Force was formed, chaired by Vice President Connie Earle, to determine which project(s) should next receive funding support from the IGC. The Indianapolis Garden Club and the Indiana Nature Conservancy were presented with the Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Award for an outstanding conservation exhibit at the club's small Flower Show.

Members holding GCA positions: Mrs. Charles A. Bookwalter, representative to GCA Development Committee, Mrs, Frank A. Bracken, Vice Chairman for National Parks and Public Lands, National Affairs and Legislation Committee, Mrs. James E. Hughes, Vice Chairman for Forests and Redwoods, National Affairs and Legislation committee, Mrs. John T. Neighbours, Zone X Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Richard M. Quinn, Zone X Representative to the Conservation Committee.

New members admitted were Mrs. Mark W. Ford (Linda), Mrs. Edward W. Harris III (Laura), Mrs. William John Mead (Susie), and Mrs. John F. Williams (Jan). Mrs. Richard V. Baxter (Mary Jane) was the recipient of the John N. Carey Memorial Award. In memoriam: Elizabeth Gilbert Fortune. Members that hosted the club meetings in their homes were Mrs. Michael Sweeney (Jan), Mrs. Thomas Neal (Wendy), Mrs. James Eiteljorg (Cindy), and Mrs. Samuel Sutphin (Lisa).

Contributions made: GCA Endowment Fund $200, GCA Founder's Fund $200, GCA Scholarship Fund $200, GCI Blue Star Memorial $50, GCI Land Trust $100, GCI Scholarship Fund $100, and GCI World Gardening $25. Also, Central Indiana Land Trust

$300, Friends of Holliday Park $100, Hoosier Environmental Council $300, Indianapolis Greenways $300, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful $300, Nature Conservancy of Indiana $300, Riley Memorial Association (Children's Garden at Riley) $200, Save the Redwoods League $100, Student Conservation Association $100, and White River Gardens (Heritage Garden) $300.

Catherine Wood Lawson, President

2002-2003

Our programs for the year included a presentation on Backyard Habitats by Lynn Jenkins, a demonstration of pave flower arranging by Debbie Oliver (Zone X Flower Arrangement Representative), a slide presentation on the house and gardens of Malmaison (Napaoleon's estate), our annual Christmas luncheon with the Park Tudor Madrigals, a lecture and slide show about the history of Oldfields and flower arrangement techniques of the country house era, a flower arrangement demonstration by Duane Martin of White River Gardens, a video presentation on Gaye Sutphin's garden, concluding with a horticulture program on propagation by Sally Hoffman (Zone X Horticulture Representative) at our Annual meeting.

Hostesses for meetings in their homes included Mary Rogers, Patti Wilkins, Anne Shane, Diann Woodard, and Hilary Salatich. In addition, meetings were held at the Indiana State Museum, Meridian Hills Country Club, and Oldfields at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Our annual Flower Show was held at Oldfields on April 24, and the Garden Walk our annual fundraiser, took place on June 11, 2003.

During the year, Cathy Lawson, Jean Quinn, and Sharon Neighbours attended the Zone X President's Council in Dayton. Jean Quinn, Dickie Bookwalter, and Judy Bracken attended the National Affairs and Legislation/Conservation meeting in February in Washington D.C. Julie Goodrich attended the GCA Horticulture Workshop in North Carolina. Also, Jean Quinn and Jan Sweeney attended the GCA Annual meeting in Rye, New York, and Jean Quinn, Judy Bracken, and Dickie Bookwalter attended the Zone X meeting in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Several Indianapolis Garden Club members took part in GCA committees at the national level. Dickie Bookwalter was the Zone X representative to the GCA Development Committee. Judy Bracken was ViceChairman for National Parks and Public Lands and Sheila Hughes was Vice President for Energy Sources; both of these positions were part of the GCA Conservation Committee. In addition, Sharon Neighbours was the Zone X representative to the GCA Admissions Committee.

We welcomed the following new members to our club: Holiday Day, Edie Enright, Ellie Bookwalter, and Gina Bremner.

We were saddened by the deaths of long time members Dede Lowe Nie and Anne Ayres Taylor.

In addition to smaller gifts given annually to a variety of environmental and cultural organizations, the Indianapolis Garden Club made a gift of $75,000 to the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library. This gift will be used to create a Café Garden adjacent to the newly renovated and expanded Central Library.

Overall, it was a busy and rewarding year for our club.

Catherine Wood Lawson, President

2003-2004

The membership of The Indianapolis Garden Club does not seek publicity for its accomplishments so we were surprised and delighted to be awarded the 2003 Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Civic Organization from the Indiana Chapter of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals. The Awards dinner was held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown on November 11, 2003.

The proceeds from our annual project, The Garden Walk, help fund various community and national projects including the Cafe Garden adjacent to the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library which is undergoing total renovation. $75,000 has been pledged and the first installment of $25,000 was given in June, 2003, and the second in June, 2004. The Community Task Force Committee chaired by Jan Sweeney proposed that the Indianapolis Garden Club give six engraved limestone benches for the Monon Trail Entrance Plaza at the IN School for the Blind and 23 Cumulus Serviceberry trees for the Kincannon Family Outdoor Learning Center of the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art. Both proposal were accepted by the membership. Additional contributions to city, state and national projects are listed at the conclusion of this report.

The very successful 2004 Garden Walk chaired by Cynthia Yeo and Jan Williams featured the gardens of Del Bradshaw, Emily and Gil Daniels, Alice and Stan Hillis, Shirley and Tom Mueller and Sheli and Jim Remmik.

Dickie Bookwalter and Jean Quinn chaired the GCA Conservation and National Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting which was held in Indianapolis, New Harmony and Louisville, September 15-22, 2003. Indianapolis Garden Club members entertained the delegates at dinner parties in their homes and gardens and served as volunteers for the education and transportation segments of the meeting.

The National Affairs and Legislation committee Meeting in Washington, D.C., was attended by Dickie Bookwalter and Julie Goodrich. The 91st Annual GCA Meeting was also held in Washington, D.C., April 24-27. Anne Pantzer and Jean Quinn, IGC delegates carefully carried the tender plants grown by the members of the IGC Horticulture Committee to the Plant Exchange where they were awarded the highest number of points given … a just reward for the dedication of their growers.

The December Zone X GCA judging and Flower Show Workshop in Granville, Ohio, was attended by Katie Kruse, Hilary Salatich, Lynn Stokely, Jan Sweeney and Edna Van Riper in preparation for the IGC May, 2005, Flower Show at Oldfields on the grounds of the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

The GCA Voluntary Code of Conduct as it relates to the threat of invasive and non-native plant species was presented by Conservation Chairmen, Carol Rahman and Susie Mead and was accepted by a voice vote of the membership. In October the members of the Conservation Committee visited "Paws,", the Muncie area property of cartoonist, Jim Davis, creator of Garfield, which has been restored to a native Tall Grass Prairie. In May the Committee visited the Scott Starling Nature Sanctuary, a Wetlands Reclamation Project in northwest Indianapolis.

Betsy Cochran, Garden History and Design Chairman, announced that the David Behrman garden, a past Garden Walk participant had been accepted into the Archives of American Gardens which is part of the Horticulture Dept. of the Smithsonian Institute. Additional Indianapolis gardens already accepted for the Archives include those of John C. Klein, Billie Lou and Dick Wood, and Mark M. Holeman.

The December meeting at Woodstock Club is always a seasonal celebration. This year was particularly memorable for the GCA Historic Preservation Certificate of Acknowledgement

was awarded to Reid Williamson, Director of Historic Landmarks Foundation of IN and the Club Medal of Merit was awarded to IGC member, Hilary Salatich. The Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School Camarata Orchestra entertained members and guests who sat at tables adorned with seasonal centerpieces created by our members. Socks and toiletries for the Gennesaret Free Clinic which serves the homeless and the poor were contributed by those in attendance.

Additional programs for 2003–2004 Indianapolis Garden Club were:

2003 Garden Walk slide presentation by Emerson Houck
Barbara Rion, Garden Club of Dayton, GCA Zone X Chairman
Paul Kohoff, Director of the Indiana Land Trust
Meg Storrow, Historic Indianapolis Park & Boulevard System as designed by George Kessler
Betsy Cochran, Chairman of Garden History & Design presented a slide show chronicling Indianapolis gardens documented for the Archives of American Gardens for the Smithsonian
David Forsell, President, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful
John Schaust, Director, Holliday Park led "A Walk in the Park:
Anne Knall, Cathy Lawson, Susie Reese and Lynn Stokely deomonstrated the criteria judges use in critiquing floral arrangements in preparation for the Small Flower Show in May, 2005

General Membership Meetings were hosted by S. Mead, L. Casalini, C. Eiteljorg, Ann Knall, M.C. Broadbent, and K. Kruse in their homes. additional sites were Woodstock Club, Charles Mayer & Company and Holliday Park.

Sally Bradley Peacock chaired the Revision of Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee. The revision allows a member to be considered for Associate status if she has been an Active member for ten years. Annual dues were increased to $165.

The quarterly newsletter produced by Julie Goodrich served as a supportive communication tool through the Club year to keep members informed about Club activities.

The Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award for outstanding service to the Club was awarded to Connie Earle-2003 and to Cathy Lawson-2004.

Four women were elected to membership in May and introduced to the membership at the Annual Meeting in June. They are Julie Richards Davis (Mrs. C. Richard), Lisa Norris Hurst (Mrs. Needham R.), Holly Kuhn Lee (Mrs. Eric A.), and Susan Anderson Welch (Mrs. Brian W.).

We are always saddened by the deaths of our members. To reflect upon the life Dede Nie, a memorial was composed by Punch Harris and Ellen Morse and presented by Punch. Jean Adams wrote and presented a memorial in memory of Anne Ayres Taylor. A non resident member, Mary Landers Hickman passed away in the spring of 2004.

Nineteen members journeyed to Cincinnati on June 3 to view beautiful gardens in the Hyde Park and Indian Hills areas and enjoy lunch at the Camargo Club. The day was graciously planned by members of the Town and Country Garden Club.

Two members of the Indianapolis Garden Club served as Zone X Representatives to GCA committes:

Mrs. Charles Bookwalter, II (Dickie), Endowment Committee
Mrs. John T. Neighbours (Sharon), Admissions Committee

Jean Heidt Quinn, President

2004-2005

The 75th Anniversary of The Indianapolis Garden Club

Wow! We're seventy-five years old and still going strong!

When one compares the past endeavors of The Indianapolis Garden Club with those of today, the same vibrant spirit and willingness to accept challenge still exists.

To acquaint our **three 2004 members** Lisa Norris Hurst, Holly Kuhn Lee and Susan Anderson Welch with the Club's history and activities, Jane Houck and Jan Sweeney hosted a luncheon in September at Woodstock Club and asked Jean Quinn, Dickie Bookwalter and Hilary Salatich to speak. Julie Goodrich contributed their biographies.

The Club year officially began on September 22 at The Village of West Clay as members were invited to be luncheon guests of Brenwick Development. Allen Patterson, Hamilton County Director of Parks and Recreation, spoke about the plans for Coxhall Gardens and Parks Pifer, Horticulturist for the Village of West Clay, led the members on a bus tour of the Village gardens.

The October meeting was held at the Allison Mansion at Marian College with a tour of the Wetland Restoration of the Jens Jensen gardens.

In November, club members met at the Olde Mill Club House. Chris Turner demonstrated making Christmas wreaths and garlands.

The 75th Anniversary commemoration chaired by Sharon Neighbours and Rae Wilson was launched in December at the Christmas luncheon at Woodstock Club when Carol Rogers, the designated Historian, reviewed the Club's history from 1930 to 1955. Carolyn S. Connors, Club member and nationally known artist, produced the art work which will serve for all of the anniversary activities. GCA sent the Club an honor certificate for its 75 years of "dedication to preserving and enhancing the beauty of landscape." Dr. and Mrs. George Rapp were presented The Garden Club of America Civic Improvement Certificate of Acknowledgement for their philanthropic endeavors. The Park Tudor Madrigals, under the direction of John Williams, performed for members and guests. Talented IGC members created holiday table centerpieces. Toiletries and socks were contributed by members for the Gennesaret Free Clinics for the homeless and poor.

The Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc. invited members to their facility in January to tour the greenhouse which helps people prepare for, find and keep jobs. Dickie Bookwalter chaired the effort in 1979-1980 to raise the funds to build it.

Anne Shane hosted the March meeting. The speaker, Julia Hains-Allen, Purdue University Outreach Manager for the NASA Specialized Center of Research and Training in Advanced Life support, described her work with the Mars Habitat, a self-contained, totally recycling life support system. She also talked about the development of research-based science curriculum to be implemented in schools.

Holliday Park served as the site of the April meeting. Carol Rogers, 75th Anniversary Historian, described the second 25 years of the Club's existence from 1955-1980. Jane Elder Kunz, owner of the organic Trader's Point Creamery, spoke about and offered samples of natural dairy products.

Lisa Sutphin entertained the Club members for the Annual Meeting in June at her home, Madeira Cottage. **The three women elected to membership in May, 2005** were introduced to the membership: Alice Gettlefinger Hillis (Mrs. J. Stanley), Catherine Hurst Meyer (Mrs. Philip) and Hannah Hofherr TenEyck (Dr. Robert).

One of this year's two major projects was "The Academy Awards Celebration," a **Small Flower Show** chaired by Cathy Lawson and Lynn Stokely in May at Oldfields, the Lilly House on the Grounds of The Indianapolis Museum of Art. Flower arranging, hor-

ticulture and photography were featured. Hilary Salatich received GCA's Dorothy Victor Munger Award for her entry in Class VII. She also collaborated with the Indianapolis Museum of Art to arrange for Ron Morgan, internationally known floral designer, speaker and author to give a demonstration in DeBoest Hall in conjunction with the Show as well as create an arrangement for the Entry Hall of Oldfields.

The second major project, The **Tenth Annual Garden Walk,** chaired by Jan Williams and Edie Enright, took place on June 8. The diverse and lovely gardens featured were those of Charles and Jackie Davis, James and Dori Dodson, John Herbst, William and Nancy Hunt and Alan and Betty Stanford. The garden owners were thanked at a party hosted by Tom and Lele Cassalini on June 6 and presented with water color paintings by Ginny Smith of their homes. The Garden Walk profit of $21,585 was derived from the sale of tickets, sponsorships, centerpieces, aprons, tablecloths and handbags. On June 9, 12 guests from the Town & Country and The Cincinnati Garden Clubs toured the gardens and lunched at Woodstock Club where they were joined by several IGC friends. Jeanne Atkins provided individual "goody" boxes for their return trip to Cincinnati.

The Zone X Presidents Council held in Detroit, MI in September was attended by Jean Quinn, President, and Julie Goodrich, First Vice President. The meeting provided the opportunity to collaborate with other clubs.

Mary Graub, IGC Conservation/NAL Chairman and Dickie Bookwalter, past member of the GCA Committee represented the Club at the February **National Affairs and Legislation Committee Meeting** in Washington DC. Mary also hosted "Coffee, Conservation and Conversation," a gathering with Tom Neltner, an environmental advocate for "Improving Kids Environment." A field trip to the Burr Oak Bend Preserve in Hamilton Co. completed the year for the **Conservation Committee.**

From April 23-27, Jean Quinn and Julie Goodrich attended the **92nd Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of America** at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, MO. IGC's six plant entries for the Plant Exchange, "Right Plant, Right Place," were treated with tender, loving care and received praise from the judges in the form of 16 points and five red ribbons for competing all of the steps for healthy soft wood cuttings. Horticulture, Conservation and Business meetings, zone dinners, workshops, a party at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, dinners in members' homes, a luncheon at Union Station, tours of public and private gardens, the Awards dinner, a visit to the Truman Presidential Museum and Library, viewing photography and other special exhibits filled the days and evenings.

Designs for the David Lenz house and garden and the Kent Schutte Cathedral Labyrinth at New Harmony, IN have been submitted to the Smithsonian Institution by Betsy Cochran, **Garden History and Design,** Chairman.

The membership voted to endorse the **GCA Position Papers:** "The Garden Club of America Supports Environmentally Responsible Transportation Legislation" and the strengthening of public policy and effective management of our national parks.

There were **two bylaw changes** regarding the selection of candidates for the Admissions Committee and changing the dates for the collection of dues.

In consideration for conserving paper, time and postage, the IGC Board and General Meeting minutes are now being emailed to members. Printed copies are available at the meetings.

Zone X Representatives to The Garden Club of America

Endowment Committee	Dickie Bookwalter (Mrs. Charles A.)
Visiting Gardens	Hilary Salatich (Mrs. Ronald G.)

GCA Flower Design and Horticulture Judge
Edna Van Riper (Mrs. Guernsey)

GCA Horticulture Judge Jan Sweeney (Mrs. Michael P.)

GCA Prospective Flower Design Judge
Hilary Salatich (Mrs. Ronald G.)

Jean Heidt Quinn
President

2005-2006

This year was highlighted by the celebration of the Club's 75th anniversary, which included a history presented by Carol Rogers Reed and ended with an elegant Gala co-chaired by Sharon Neighbours and Rae Wilson, honoring all living past presidents.

General meetings were kicked off with a program called "Flora, Fauna & Females" by Zone XII GCA member Fran Wolfe, featuring the history of the power and impact of garden club members in many national and regional conservation efforts. Other meeting programs included "Sprucing up for the Holidays," "Going Downtown," a historical perspective on White River State Park and tour of the Eiteljorg Museum, a lovely Christmas luncheon with musical entertainment by the Broad Ripple High School choral ensemble, "What's Hot, and What's Not in Gardening," with Jo Ellen Myers Sharp, a visit to an herb barn, a lunch by Garden Walk sponsor Engledow Group and a "Virtual Flower Show" in readiness for the 2007 small flower show. This year's annual meeting was hosted at the lovely home and gardens of Edna Van Riper. Other hostesses were Katie Kruse, and Kate Kennedy. Special guests at the January meeting were Beth Whitney, Zone X Chairman, and GCA Zone X Director Diane Wellstein. Melinda Earle, a Zone X member lent her expertise in flower arranging at the May meeting.

The Conservation Committee's very busy year featured a field trip to the Jasper-Pulaski Nature Preserve to view the migrating sandhill cranes, and a visit to see the "NeighborWoods" urban re-forestation project in Center Township. The Horticulture Committee 'coached' members in the cultivation of plants for the last official GCA annual Plant Exchange. The Visiting Gardens committee organized a trip to St. Louis to see the Missouri Botanical Garden with Dale Chihuly exhibit.

The 11th annual Garden Walk fund raiser was a wonderful success, netting a record profit of over $28,000. With the Club's gift of $75,000 to the Café Garden at Central Library now paid in full, the Community Projects Committee, chaired by Mary Stanley, issued a request for proposals to community groups. After thorough evaluation and discussion by members, the Club announced gifts to the Friends of Riverdale ($1,000), Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's NeighborWoods program ($20,000 over 2 years), and $15,200 for a garden interpretation project at the Eiteljorg Museum. A $5,000 grant was made from the Memorial Account to create a children's garden at Holliday Park. Other donations were made to local, regional and national organizations, totaling over $4,000.

Julie Goodrich and Betsy Cochran attended the Zone X meeting in Shaker Heights, Ohio, Polly Jameson and Dickie Bookwalter represented the Club at the NAL meeting in Washington, D.C., Sue Welch went to the Horticulture workshop in St. Louis and Julie Goodrich and Mary Stanley traveled to Denver for the GCA Annual Meeting. At the GCA Annual Meeting Awards Dinner, J. Reid Williamson, Jr., former Director of Historic Landmarks Foundation, received the prestigious Medal For Historic Preservation, awaraded to non-members for outstanding work in the field of preservation and/or restoration. He was proposed for his honor by Mrs. Charles A.Bookwalter, II (Dickie).

A Club Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Evaline "Evie" Hitz Rhodehamel

(Mrs. Harley W., Jr.) for her many years of dedication to the club and to the community. The Carey Award was awarded to Mary Stanley at the annual meeting.

The Club welcomed three new members: Margaret Dawson, Mary Moses Cochran, and Benita Thomasson.

The Indianapolis Garden Club will be well represented at the Zone and National levels, with the following members serving in new positions for '06-'07: Betsy Cochran, Zone X representative for Garden History and Design, Jan Sweeney, Zone X representative for the GCA Judging Committee, Hilary Salatich, secretary to the GCA Program Committee, Jean Quinn, Zone X Vice Chairman, and Sharon Neighbours, co-chairman of the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Annual dues were increased by $15 to $180 to reflect the increase in dues charged by GCA.

The Club was saddened by the loss of four longtime members, Carolyn Griffith (Mrs. Wm. C. Jr.), Mary Louise Sutphin (Mrs. Dudley), Barbara Werbe (Mrs. Thomas C.) and Elizabeth "Betty" Woodard (Mrs. Abram S. Jr.).

` Julie H. Goodrich
President

2006-2007

This year's programs were varied and very interesting. They included a Garden History and Design talk by Betsy Cochran, a demonstration on container bulb gardens by Mary Ellen Myers Sharp, an enlightening lecture on global warming by Dr. John Shuey, a visit to the Hoosier Orchid Company, a hands-on demonstration on "painless gardening" by Heather Fink of the National Institute for Fitness and Sport, an update on Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's "NeighborWoods" program and a delightful photo presentation on Garden Walk 2006 by Emerson Houck. Members hosting meetings in their homes were: Katie Kruse, Hilary Salatich, Lisa Hurst, Cathy Hurst Meyer, Diann Woodard and Susan Tolbert.

In preparation for the "Echoes of the West" GCA Flower Show, the Horticulture Committee challenged members to propagate, plant and arrange by hosting 4 workshops on "Parent and Offspring," Cacti and Succulents, Flower Arranging and Spring Planted Containers.

The Conservation Committee kept members well-informed about important issues, both local and global and organized a spring wildflower walk at Ft. Benjamin Harrison State Park.

A highlight of the year was the GCA Flower Show "Echoes of the West" held at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, May 3-5. With the unique setting of the museum, members were challenged to "think outside the vase," and create arrangements that complemented the collections and architecture. Horticulture entries included cacti and succulents and desert-inspired containers. The Flower Show was ably chaired by Wendy Neal and Nancy Duck. Special flower arranging national awards given by the judges were: The Harriett DeWaele Puckett Creativity Award to Katie Kruse and Gina Bremner and the Sandra Baylor Novice Award to Elizabeth Wiese. Judges' commendations were given to the Totem Spirits class and the Photography Division.

The club year ended with a beautiful, sunny day for the 12th annual Garden Walk, co-chaired by Mary DeVoe and Patty Wilkins. Net proceeds benefiting the Community Account were $20,600.

Throughout the year, the Club was well represented at Zone and National meetings.

Julie Goodrich and Mary Stanley attended the Zone X Presidents' Council meeting in Dayton, Ohio, along with our club's Zone representatives and officers. Mary Graub and Dickie Bookwalter went to the NAL meeting in Washington, D.C., while Julie Goodrich and Mary Stanley attended both the GCA Annual Meeting in Boston and the Zone X meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The meetings are invaluable opportunities to share ideas with other clubs.

The Mrs. John D. Carey Memorial Award was given to Betsy Cochran, at the Annual Meeting, for her tireless efforts on behalf of Garden History and Design. Also recognized were members Punch Harris, Marty Fortune, and Lisa Sutphin who were honored with a GCA Birthday Citation. The Club welcomed five enthusiastic new members in June: Cathy Zaring Boll, Amy MacDonell Shepard, Carolyn Kubec McClamroch, Sharon Job Hoffman, and Nancy Marden Meek.

This year the members were saddened by the death of longtime member Virginia Brown Fairbanks.

2006-2007 Contributions include:
Garden Club of America Endowment Fund: $200.00, Founders Fund: $200.00, Scholarship Fund: $200.00; Garden Club of Indiana: Blue Star Memorial: $50.00, Land Trust: $100.00, Scholarship Fund: $100.00, World Gardening: $25.00; Eiteljorg Museum: $500.00; Central Indiana Land Trust: $300.00; Friends of Holliday Park: $300.00; Friends of Riverdale: $1,000.00; Indianapolis Greenways: $300.00; Indianapolis Museum of Art: $300.00; Indianapolis Zoological Society: $300.00; Keep Indianapolis Beautiful: $300.00; Keep Indianapolis Beautiful NeighborWoods (final grant pledge): $10,000.00; Nature Conservancy of Indiana: $300.00; President Harrison Home (gardens): $200.00; Riley Memorial Assoc. Children's Garden: $200.00; Save the Redwoods: $100.00; Student Conservation Association: $100.00.

Julie H. Goodrich
President

2007-2008

Our programs for the year were fascinating! We began with an organic lunch, informational talk and farm tour of award winning Traders Point Creamery. We "walked through" plans for the innovative Cultural Trail and enjoyed learning techniques for holiday wreaths, centerpieces and mantels. We were entertained by Park Tudor School's Madrigals at our annual Christmas luncheon at Woodstock. Virginia Tech Professor Susan Day, daughter of member Holly Day, educated us concerning the Sustainable Sites Initiative at our Conservation Meeting. We learned about timeless principles of garden design at our Garden History and Design meeting at the Governor's Residence. Akron Garden Club member and GCA award winning judge Tasha Tobin wowed members at the Stutz Business Center with her flower arranging demonstration, full of pointers for our September 09 Show. We ended up the program year learning about the honeybee's importance. Members hosting meetings in their homes were Lele Casalini, Katie Kruse, Cathy Lawson, Susie Mead and Susan Tolbert. Diann Woodard hosted us at the Stutz. Zone X Chair Tracy Bieser and incoming Zone Director, Barbara Rion, visited our Club in April.

The Horticulture Committee hosted 2 workshops, including an Amaryllis bulb workshop with beautiful bulbs. Among many meetings and activities, the Conservation Committee organized two garden work-days, one at Coburn Place and the other at Riverdale. The Garden History and Design Committee continued its important work of documenting significant area gardens for the Smithsonian. Founders Fund Chairman

Katie Steele spear-headed our Club's proposal of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's teen employment program for our Club's first ever proposal for the GCA Founders Fund Award. Although not selected as a finalist, it was an impressive effort.

One of the highlights of the year was a Progressive Dinner chaired by Hannah Ten Eyck, which netted $9,875 for the Administrative Fund. Jeff and Benetia Thomasson and John and Mary Stanley hosted club members and spouses for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and participants then fanned out for fabulous dinners hosted by the following members and their spouses: Katie Betley, Judy Birge, Judy Bracken, Ellen Lee, Kate Kennedy, Sharon Neighbours, Carol Rogers Reed and Susan Tolbert.

The Club was well represented at Zone and GCA meetings. In her role as Zone X Judging Committee Representative, Jan Sweeney organized a very successful two day workshop in Indianapolis in October. Gina Bremner and Sue Welch attended the GCA Horticulture Conference in Atlanta. Mary Cochran and Dickie Bookwalter represented the Club at the NAL meeting in Washington, D.C. Mary Stanley, Hannah Ten Eyck and Sharon Neighbours attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Club welcomed one new Honorary Member, Mr. Toomie Farris, and four new Active Members, Betsy Bosway, Amy Cooke, Beth Seger and Gaye Zaring. The Club bestowed several awards during the year, including the GCA Club Horticulture Commendation to Mark Zelonis, Indianapolis Museum of Art's Ruth Lilly Director of Oldfields and Horticulture, the GCA Club Certificate of Appreciation to Jan Sweeney and the GCA Club Medal of Merit to Mary DeVoe. In- Club awards included two very deserving recipients of the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award, Julie Goodrich and Katie Kruse. In addition, an ABCD award and a JAM award we given to Hannah Ten Eyck and Susan Tolbert, respectively, for their work that was "above and beyond the call of duty" and which got us out of more than one "jam!"

The Club was saddened by the unexpected, sudden death of Secretary Nonie Krauss, who was struck by a car while walking her dog early on a Sunday morning. The Club also was saddened by the deaths of long time members and former Club presidents, Marty Fortune and Punch Harris. Punch also served as GCA Vice-President during her extremely distinguished term of service to our Club.

Despite the complete wash out of three of the five gardens the night before the Garden Walk, our able Chairmen, Mary DeVoe and Connie Earle, together with incredibly quick-acting Club members Katie Kruse and Susan Tolbert and the entire Garden Walk Committee, not only salvaged the day, but put on a surprisingly successful Walk that included Katie's and Susan's gardens with maybe an hour's notice! The event netted approximately $21,000 for our Community Account. The Club approved the Community Projects Committee's proposal to grant $10,000 to the Indianapolis Cultural Trail project. The Club also approved a $7,625 contribution to the Indianapolis Museum of Art from the Nonie Krauss memorial account to be used toward the installation of "Nonie's Garden" on the Museum grounds. Additional 2008 donations included $200 each to the GCA Endowment, Founders and Scholarship Funds; $50 to the Garden Club of Indiana Blue Star Memorial; $100 each to the GCI Land Trust (Nature Conservancy) and Scholarship Fund; $50 to the GCI World Gardening Fund; $300 each to Eitlejorg Museum, Central Indiana Land Trust, Friends of Holliday Park, Indianapolis Greenways, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis Zoological Society, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Nature Conservancy of Indiana, President Harrison Home Gardens, Riley Memorial Association Children's Garden; $1,000 to Friends of Riverdale; and $100 each to Save the Redwoods and Student Conservation Association.

Mary Booth Miller Stanley,
President

2008-2009

Programs included a discussion concerning the world food shortage with Jim Morris, former Director, United Nations World Food Programme; Native American plants and their uses presentation at the Eiteljorg Museum; an entertaining "grocery store flower arranging" demonstration by Chicago area GCA club members Weezy Monroe and Molly Stephen; the PT Madrigal Singers; a discussion and tour of the newly LEED certified Keep Indianapolis Beautiful offices; a lecture concerning rain gardens by Master Gardener Myrene Brown; a "virtual tour" of the Missouri Botanical Garden by photographer Ian Adams; and a flower arranging interpretation demonstration by IGC honorary member Toomie Farris (interpreting novel titles.) We also enjoyed a Photography Workshop with Ian Adams and a Horticulture Workshop with our own Jan Sweeney. Members who hosted the Club this year include Lisa Hurst, Wendy Neal (at daughter Heather Fortune Lacy's home), Katie Kruse, Lele Casalini and Kate Kennedy. Hannah Ten Eyck, Katie Kruse, Sharon Neighbours and Carol Rahman represented the Club at the fall Zone X Presidents' Council meeting in Ohio. Edie Enright traveled to New York for the Shirley Minese Horticulture Conference. Hannah Ten Eyck, Alice Hillis, Carol Rahman and Sharon Neighbours attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island.

The Club welcomed three new members, Heather Lacy, Susie Sams and Gretchen Witt. Hannah Ten Eyck received the Mrs. John N. Carey Memorial Award. Garden Walk Co-chairs Carol Rahman and Sue Welch received ABCD Awards (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty, as well as Plan A,B, C and then D) for persevering with garden selection and luncheon location until a perfect day was planned. The very successful 14th Annual Garden Walk was centered in Zionsville and was held one week later than several previous walks. Net proceeds from the 2009 Garden Walk were just over $21,000. The Club contributed $15,100 to Friends of Riverdale to assist with the renovation of the Jens Jensen landscape at Riverdale. Additional 2009 contributions included $200 each to the GCA Endowment, Founders Fund, Scholarship Fund and Save the Redwoods; $50 to the Garden Club of Indiana Blue Star Memorial; $100 each to the GCI Land Trust (Nature Conservancy) and Scholarship Fund; $25 to the CGI World Gardening Fund, $500 to the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, $1,000 to Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, $500 to the Indianapolis-Marion County Pubic Library, and $300 each to President B. Harrison Home, Eiteljorg Museum, Central Indiana Land Trust, Friends of Holliday Park, Indianapolis Parks-Greenways, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Nature Conservancy of Indiana, Riley Memorial Hospital Children's Garden and Indianapolis Zoological Society.

Mary Stanley
President

2009-2010

The Indianapolis Garden Club had a "Blooming Good Year" with many activities and opportunities offered its members and its continued monetary donations to the community. Knowing that the Garden Club of America's 2011 Annual Meeting will be held in Indianapolis, the Flower Show, "Knowledge," was held in the fall 2009 at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Main Branch. Co-Chaired by Linda Ford and Alice Hillis, it was a creative, unique, and memorable show. Each chapter in the Horticulture and Flower Arrangement divisions was given the title of a book to interpret. In addition to Horticulture, Flower Arrangement, and Photography, a Conservation/ Educational Exhibit was done by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, focusing on an IGC funded project with them, and a Professional Designers Exhibit "for Exhibit Only."

Members were prepared for the show with class offerings in photography by Ian Adams, container arrangements by Altum's Garden Center, and flower arranging interpretation by Hilary Salatich.

With the flower show completed early in the fall of 2009, the general meetings offered programs on the following: a Garden Railway, constructed from dried plant materials, opening in November 2010 at the Eiteljorg Museum; Conner Prairie Restoration plans including the construction of a Prairie Garden; Orchid Propagation and Growth by Erich Michel; a Holiday Program with music provided by St. Richard's School's 4th and 5th grades choir; Wind Energy and Solar Panels by Laura Arnold; Woody Plants by Peter Zale from Zanesville, OH; Botanical Jewelry by GCA Judge Cathy Miller; and a visit to the Council Ring in the Jens Jensen Garden at Marian University, IGC's 2009 Community Project, and IGC's Centennial Tree Project, the planting of 20 Cedar Trees around the Player's Stage in the Jensen garden. IGC's Nancy Duck presented an interesting and educational overview of Jensen the man and his gardens prior to touring the gardens.

Mary Stanley, past president, again volunteered her time and professional talents by drafting and subsequently adopting the Indianapolis Garden Club's Whistle Blower, Document Retention, and Conflict of Interest policies. Also, Mary chaired the By-Laws "Update" Committee with committee members Katie Betley, Judy Heidenreich, Holly Lee and Hannah Ten Eyck. A major change is the way in which the Admissions Committee will be selected. Previously, it had been an elected committee by the vote of the membership and now will be selected by the Nomination Committee (see By-Laws, Admission Committee). Also, the guidelines established in 2002 for the Community Projects Committee were incorporated into the Standing Rules. These efforts, in addition to many others, were recognized by granting Mary the ABCD (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) Award at the June annual meeting.

The IGC's major fund raiser, the Garden Walk 2009, co-chaired by Carol Rahman and Sue Welch, added $21,200.00 to our community fund. Carol, Sue, and their committee chose beautiful gardens, open for public viewing; IGC member Wendy Neal's Zionsville garden was one of the beauties. With underwriting decreasing, these talented and committed ladies managed to raise again a substantial amount of money to be returned to the community. Garden Walk 2010 will be co-chaired by Betsy Bosway and Carol Rahman. In addition, the Patron's Party at the Flower Show, the selling of amaryllis and paper whites by the Hort Committee, as well as the presale of 1100 GCA daffodil bulbs, added to the bottom line of the Administrative Fund.

A "high point" in the year's activities is the granting of monies back to the community. The Memorial Fund allocated $500.00 for a bench in memory of Cynthia Yeo at the Sullivan Munce Museum in Zionsville, IN. Also, from the Memorial Fund was a donation of $1,800.00 to replace three benches in the Hoosier Heritage Garden at the IN Governor's Mansion. The Community Projects Committee recommended, and was passed, that $20,000.00, in three equal installments, over the next three years, be donated to the Ball Nurses' Sunken Garden Project for the construction of educational signage. Other community donations are listed at the end of this report.

Not only learning, but also sharing the successes of the Indianapolis Garden Club are an important part of attending conferences and meetings at the Zone and National levels. Sharon Neighbours, Hilary Salatich, Jan Sweeney, and Hannah Ten Eyck attended GCA's Zone X Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio; Jan Sweeney also attended the Shirley Meneice Conference in Chicago; Mary Bennett and Dickie Bookwalter attended the NAL Conference in Washington D.C.; Mary Bennett also attended the Zone X

Conservation Camp, presented by NAL. The 2010 GCA Annual Meeting in East Brunswick, NJ was attended by many members (10) in preparation for GCA Annual Meeting 2011. On a local level, the Indianapolis Garden Club was invited to be a member of the President's Round Table whose focus is to bring together 20 volunteer organizations for networking, brainstorming, and promoting. Hannah Ten Eyck, President, and Mary Stanley, Past President, represent IGC at the President's Round Table with dues of $250.00 per year.

Special awards were given to these special ladies either on the local or national level. Edna Van Riper, a nationally recognized horticulture and flower design judge, received the GCA Club Medal of Merit Award. Holly Lee was invited to be a Photography Judge. Hilary Salatich will be Zone X's representative on the Founder's Fund. Jean Quinn received the Mayor's Community Service Award for her years of volunteerism and Board memberships in the Indianapolis Community. The Club's ABCD Award was granted to Mary Stanley. Carol Rahman was awarded the Mrs. John D. Carey Memorial Award for her efforts on behalf of Garden Walk 2010. The Club welcomed five new members at its annual meeting in June on the beautiful grounds of Hilary Salatich's home. The new members are: Jill Failey, Brookings Lange Johnson, Jane Elder Kunz, Megan Rhodehamel, and Julie Shortridge (a transfer).

This year the members were saddened by the death of three longtime members Jane Fortune (Mrs. William L.), Sylvia Peacock (Mrs. John E. D.), and Penny Weldon (Mrs. John J.).

2009-2010 Community Contributions include:
Garden Club of America Endowment Fund: $200.00; Founders Fund: $200.00; Scholarship Fund $200.00; Centennial Tree Fund ($25.00 per member): $1,525.00
Garden Club of Indiana Blue Star Memorial: $50.00; Land Trust: $100.00; Scholarship Fund: $100.00; World Gardening: $25.00
Community Contributions:
Eiteljorg Museum: $300.00; Central Indiana Land Trust: $300.00; Friends of Holliday Park: $300.00; Indianapolis Greenways: $300.00; IMA: $300.00; Indianapolis Zoological Society: $300.00; Keep Indianapolis Beautiful: $300.00; Nature Conservancy of Indiana: $300.00; Save the Redwoods: $200.00; Student Conservation Association: $200.00; Benjamin Harrison Home: $300.00; IGC Centennial Tree, Marian University, Riverdale: $2,500.00

Hannah J. Ten Eyck
President

2010-2011

The Indianapolis Garden Club year was one in which history was made. This year our club members not only worked on IGC activities but also on activities for the Garden Club of America Annual Meeting to be held at the Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 28th - 30th, 2011. Twenty-two of IGC members served on the Steering Committee for that Annual Meeting, co-chaired by our own Sharon Neighbours.

Carolyn McClamroch, Horticulture Chairman, Mary Bennett, Conservation Chairman, Hilary Salatich and Jan Sweeney, Programs Co-Chairman, and Elizabeth Wiese, Meeting Arrangement Chairman, planned the year's programs. Those programs

included: a horticulture tour of Meridian Hills Country Club; an overview of the 2011 GCA Annual Meeting; a visit from Jane Godshalk, GCA member and teacher at Longwood Gardens, who charmed us with a morning demonstration of nine arrangements focusing on elements and principles of floral design and an afternoon of "hands-on" flower arranging; our annual Christmas luncheon was held at the Woodstock Club with the Park Tudor Second Grade Choral Group performing with the Park Tudor Madrigals; Jeff Jones, Bio-Green President, stressed the importance of natural rather than chemical treatments to produce healthier grass and more prolific flowers; Dr. Tim Carter, Director of Butler University's Center for Urban Ecology, whose mission is to build healthier, more beautiful and safer communities, talked about three initiatives in the Indianapolis area--urban turtles along the White River Canal, green roofs in urban areas, and the development of the Butler Farm for sustainable food supplies; plans for the signage in the restored Olmsted Healing Garden (actually four gardens) on the IU Campus, a $20,000.00 IGC Project, were updated; the GCA ladies arrived at the end of April and a celebration meeting was held in May at the Woodstock Club, a gift from Elizabeth Wiese; our June annual meeting was held in the beautiful, sustainable garden of Lynn Stokely in Zionsville.

With both the GCA Annual Meeting and Zone X President's Council held in Indianapolis, many of our members attended. Hannah Ten Eyck, President, and Katie Steele, Admissions Chairman, attended the President's Council. Carolyn McClamroch was the delegate to the Annual Meeting along with President, Hannah Ten Eyck. Sharon Hoffman attended the Shirley Meniece Conference in Birmingham, AL.

The 2010 Garden Walk, co-chaired by Carol Rahman and Betsy Bosway added $23,500 to the Community Account. With this profit, the Community Projects Committee proposed, and the membership approved, the allocation of $20,000.00 over two years to the Conner Prairie Wetland Restoration Project, specifically bench seating on the observation deck.

At its annual meeting, the Indianapolis Garden Club welcomed six new members into membership: Becky Cleveland, Gay Dwyer, Helen Miles, Jodie Petrie, Jane Tuttle, and Wendy Walker. Memorials were read for deceased Sylvia Peacock and Mary Jo Bradley. Judy Heidenreich received the ABCD Award for being the lady "who quietly does it all." The Carey Memorial Award for outstanding leadership was awarded to Sharon Neighbours for her leadership as co-chair of the 2011 GCA Annual Meeting. John Kennedy said history has 1,000 fathers; Hillary Clinton says it takes a village; it only took 119 IGC ladies to accomplish a history making year.

2010-2011 Community Contributions include:
Benjamin Harrison Home, Eiteljorg Museum, Central Indiana Land Trust, Friends of Holliday Park, Friends of Riverdale, Hoosier Environmental Council, Indianapolis Greenways, IMA, Indianapolis Zoological Society, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Nature Conservancy of Indiana, Riley Memorial Children's Garden, and Student Conservation Association.

2010-2011 Community Projects Grant:
Conner Prairie Wetland

Hannah J. Ten Eyck
President

As we opened our year, the thank you notes and accolades were still arriving for the grand success that was the 2011 GCA annual meeting in Indianapolis. And after the tireless effort expended by all the membership, this would have been the perfect year to "take a breather". Well…

In August, we were invited to meet David Rubin, a partner of Olin, the Philadelphia firm hired to design the landscape for the new Eskenazi Health Center (formerly Wishard Hospital). David was also the winner of the Garden Club of America Rome prize – the country's most prestigious landscape design award. While David's presentation was a bonus for our members, it was a harbinger of the year ahead. The meetings planned by Susan Tolbert, Katie Kruse, Gina Bremner and Nancy Meek were educational, entertaining and most enjoyable.

Mark Miles, Chairman of the 2012 Super Bowl Host Committee, "kicked off" our year with a great presentation on the Super Bowl Legacy program and gave us a sneak peak of the fun ahead. Our October meeting was held in the Crown Hill Cemetery Chapel with a tour of the oldest section of the burial grounds. In November, Mark Zelonis, horticulture director of the Indianapolis Museum of Art gave an interesting presentation about the history of the White River. And then it was the holidays – with the Park Tudor Madrigal singers performing at our December luncheon. The day after Valentine's Day, the club was entertained with a demonstration by David Strohmeyer about what to do with an unfortunate (but well intended) floral bouquet gift. The March program was about living topiary wreaths. And we were treated with a visit from our GCA Director for Zone X, Debbie Oliver and Zone X Chairman, Mary Jo Beck who enthusiastically reminded us all of the advantages of our great national organization.

A highlight was the April luncheon meeting featuring the New Orleans hostess, Beverly Reese Church. Bev is a fellow GCA member, an author of several books on entertaining and is enormously creative. Her presentation, "Celebrations Over the Top and Down to Earth" was energetic, inspiring and enjoyed by our members and their guests. Our May meeting was at the Nature Conservancy in their conference room behind their vertical garden – and the topic was - vertical gardening. The year finished with a flourish at Gina Bremner's lovely home. The club's annual meeting/luncheon was held in a tent decorated in true, Indianapolis Garden Club style.

And the committees were busy. In November, Horticulture, chaired by Sharon Hoffman and Megan Rhodehamel, arranged a winter container workshop facilitated by Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp and organized a fundraiser selling gorgeous amaryllis, GCA daffodil and paper white bulbs. The Conservation committee, chaired by Beth Seger and Jill Failey, held a year long wine cork collection drive. Our club collected nearly 9,000 corks! In partnership with Whole Foods, these corks will be recycled as floor tile. A Conservation group also participated in the Great Indy Cleanup sponsored by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. Garden History and Design, chaired by Polly Jameson and Julie Shortridge, completed several years of thorough research and submitted "Hydrangea House" to the Smithsonian. The Visiting Gardens chair, Carol Rahman, arranged a lovely day in Dayton touring public and private gardens.

The Community Projects committee, chaired by Betsy Bosway, revamped the protocol for smaller donations so that our giving would have more impact. The membership approved a $20,000 gift to the Eskenazi Health Center for a steel garden planter on the sky farm and $500 to the Benjamin Harrison Home for the heritage peony garden. Other contributions were: $200 each to the Garden Club of America's Endowment Fund, Founders Fund, Scholarship Fund, Save the Redwoods Fund, and Student Conservation

Association, Garden Club of Indiana's Blue Star Memorial - $50, Land Trust - $100, Scholarship Fund - $100, and World Gardening - $25. Friends of Holliday Park - $300, Friends of Riverdale - $300, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - $300, and the Benjamin Harrison Home - $300.

The Garden Walk committee, chaired by Polly Jameson, Susie Sams and Laura Harris arranged an outstanding event that added a record $35,000 to our Community Projects account! These talented ladies pursed corporate sponsorship to augment the ticket sales of a much loved community event. Gina Bremner's beautiful garden was one of the stops on the tour – happily, the weather was as beautiful as the gardens!

And we traveled. Megan Rhodehamel was our lucky delegate to the Shirley Meneice conference in Pasedena, California. Jill Failey attended the NAL conference in Washington D.C. Sue Welch and Betsy Bosway went to Savannah, GA. for the GCA annual meeting. Amy Cooke and Sue Welch were the club delegates to the Zone X meeting in Bay City Michigan.

And we gave awards. Sharon Neighbours was presented the Garden Club of America Medal of Merit at our holiday luncheon for her exceptional leadership as the co-chairman of the 2011 GCA Annual Meeting. At our club's year-end meeting in May, Gina Bremner was given the Mrs. John D. Carey Memorial Award for her outstanding service to the club on multiple committees and Benita Thomasson received the ABCD service award for her creative work with our newsletter.

And we enthusiastically welcomed five new members. Becky Feldman, Lucy Gonso, Mary Grein, Debbie Hunter and Pam Salatich were introduced at our annual meeting.

And we sadly said goodbye to three of our most venerable members - Sybil Mead, Lisa Sutphin and Phyllis Holliday - with moving tributes read at our annual meeting.

As it turned out, the club didn't need a rest. The camaraderie and sense of purpose we had working together hosting the 2011 GCA annual meeting carried forward through the year with incredible results! And, it was so much fun!!

Sue Welch
President

2012-2013

The Garden Club of America is 100 years old! In honor of this significant milestone, in April the Indianapolis Garden Club and the Indianapolis Museum of Art Horticulture Society (also celebrating the 100th anniversary of Oldfields) joined forces to hold "Les Belles Fleurs" in the Deer Zink Pavilion. Chaired by Hilary Salatich and Jan Sweeney, the flower show was an unprecedented success with rave reviews from the IMA, the judges and 1800 visitors! "Les Belles Fleurs" was a weekend long event that kicked off with an exciting opening night party in the French street fantasy created by honorary member Toomie Farris (and the IGC) enjoyed by nearly 200 members and guests. The festivities continued with an entertaining lecture by Amy Stewart, award winning author of books on the perils and pleasures of the natural world - including NY Times best seller, Flower Confidential. And while "Les Belle Fleurs" played a huge role and was the focus of most of our programing, it was just a part of the year's events.

We started in September with a visit from David Rubin, just returned from his sabbatical at the American Academy in Rome as the GCA Rome prize winner in Landscape Architecture. Other programs, planned by Gina Bremner, Katie Kruse and Nancy Meek included a lecture and tasting from historian Cara Dafforn about the Teas of the Civil War and a performance by the Broadripple Golden Singers at our holiday luncheon. After the New Year, we kicked into high gear preparing for "Les Belles Fleurs" with a demonstration by Alan Thompson of McNamara Florist on floral design mechanics, a presentation on plant conditioning and grooming by our own GCA horticulture judge, Jan Sweeney, and a show & tell by Hilary Salatich (also a GCA floral judge) on designing a floral headpiece.

The Conservation committee chaired by Jill Failey and Beth Seger, took us on an educational field trip to Covanta Energy – eighteen members donned hard hats and watched "our" trash moving from collection to incineration to steam heat The committee worked with Conner Prairie so that conservation was represented by an exhibit at "Les Belles Fleurs". Jill and Beth also traveled to Washington D.C, as the delegates to the NAL conference in Washington D.C.

Jody Petrie and Becky Cleveland, Horticulture committee chairs, planned terrarium and terrace container workshops to encourage members to create entries for "Les Belles Fleurs". And at the holidays, the club had beautiful blooming amaryllis and paper whites thanks to the annual Horticulture committee fundraiser. Jody also represented our club at the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in Austin Texas.

The Community Projects committee, chaired by 1st VP, Betsy Bosway presented two outstanding projects to the membership. The club voted to donate $25,000 to the restoration of the Ruins section of Holliday Park, specifically to create a garden next to the south side of the new Shimmer Fountain. $5000 was given to the Crown Hill Foundation to beautify the gravesite of President Benjamin Harrison. Other contributions were: $800 to the President Benjamin Harrison Home, $300 each to Friends of Riverdale and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, $200 each to the GCA's Endowment Fund, Founder's Fund, Scholarship Fund, Save the Redwoods and Student Conservation Association, $100 each to the Garden Club of Indiana's Land Trust and Scholarship Fund, $50 to the Blue Star Memorial and $25 to World Gardening.

In order to be better stewards of the club's money, a Finance committee chaired by Treasurer, Katie Betley, was formed. This year, the committee organized, set travel policy, and consolidated our various designated funds. Going forward, the Finance committee will work with the President and Treasurer to approve the budget, do long range planning and make recommendations to the board.

The Garden Walk, held just six short weeks after "Les Belles Fleurs" was. again… a tremendous success adding over $30,000 to our Community Projects account. The event, chaired by Polly Jameson and Megan Rhodehamel has become a community standard and this year's focus on owner-tended gardens was noted and appreciated by our loyal patrons (as well as the perfect weather)!

Sue Welch and Alice Hillis attended the Zone X President's Council meeting in Columbus Ohio and Alice Hillis and Beth Seger were the club delegates to the GCA Annual (Centennial) Meeting in Philadelphia.

In December, we honored Katie Kruse with the Garden Club of America Certificate of Appreciation for her long-term, ongoing, exuberant support of the Indianapolis Garden Club. At our annual meeting Jan Sweeney and Hilary Salatich were presented with the ABCD award for their outstanding planning and execution of "Les Belles Fleurs". And Polly Jameson was given the Mrs. John N. Carey Award for her leadership and commitment over the past 2

years to the ongoing success of the Garden Walk. Edna Woodard was voted an Honorary Member of the Indianapolis Garden Club and that special status was recognized by a recounting of her many accomplishments and awards during her long membership in the IGC and the Garden Club of America.

We welcomed five new members; Sally Gray, Amie Lacy, Pam Mahoney, Michelle Rogers and Nancy Mahany. And we said sadly said goodbye to Ann Wallace and Emily Daniels with lovely tributes read in their honor.

Yes, this was quite a year. It was a year full of opportunities for the club to showcase their skills and talents. And the members proved themselves to be up to the challenge and quite adept – especially at multitasking.

Sue Welch
President

2013-2014

As we looked to the future while building on the past, the IGC kicked off the year with a focus on membership with a fun and informative Flower Challenge Class, "Its in the Bag," where new and experienced members collaborated in small groups to create a floral design that was judged according to GCA Flower Show rules. To continue the camaraderie, each group had lunch together and made or renewed friendships.

Other fall programs planned by Program Chairman, Amy Cooke included a humorous presentation by Mike Nowak, CHICAGOLAND gardening magazine columnist and radio garden show host, and a visit to Allisonville Nursery for a demonstration of Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations by Jeff Gatewood. At the annual Christmas Luncheon, we were entertained by the Young Voices of Indiana, a group that is involved in community service as well as music education. The new year began with a conservation meeting and a presentation on the benefits of biochar as a soil additive by Adam Seger of Aemerge. Walt Kuhn of Roberts Camera shared his expertise in photography and Mary Starnes, the Windowbox Gardener, demonstrated her skills in designing unusual and dramatic container gardens. Sixteen IGC past presidents were honored at the Annual Meeting, and Mark Zelonis, Ruth Lilly Deputy Director of Environmental and Historic Preservation at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, was invited to be an honorary member of the Indianapolis Garden Club.

Members who hosted the Club were Benita Thomasson, Gaye Mueller, Katie Steele, Beth Seger, and Diann Woodard. Sharon Hoffman and Elizabeth Wiese planned the meals and the Christmas Luncheon, while Linda Ford handled meeting arrangements.

Members representing the IGC at the national or zone level were Julie Shortridge, Shirley Meneice Conference, Washington, DC; Jody Petrie and Alice Hillis, Zone X Meeting, Akron, OH; Katie Steele and Jane Tuttle, NAL Conference, Washington, DC; Alice Hillis and Jill Failey, GCA Annual Meeting, New Orleans. Amy Cooke and Jan Sweeney served as Zone X Chairmen for Awards and Flower Show respectively. Hilary Salatich served on the GCA Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee chaired by Treasurer Katie Betley recommended a $10 dues increase to cover the $10 increase in GCA dues. It was also decided to charge separately for the Christmas luncheon. Conservation Chairmen Katie Steele and Jane Tuttle chose GCA's "Bridge the Gap" campaign for the "Save the Redwoods League" as this year's focus. As a result, the GCA was able to retire the debt on this worthy project. Horticulture Chairs Becky Cleveland and Jody Petrie continued to arrange varied learning and work opportunities for the membership. In the fall, a "Learn and Labor" workshop was held at Holliday Park on overwintering non-hardy plants. The Christmas sale of amaryllis and paperwhite bulbs was followed by a pruning workshop in February. A native plants lecture and wildflower walk was held in April. A monthly newsletter article, "Hort Corner," was both timely and informative.

Historian Helen Miles spent the year photographing all members to be made into a pictorial directory for our membership. A Photography Study Group was led by Sue Welch. It was a combination of online tutorials through the GCA website and hands-on assignments. Building on her previous experience, Garden History and Design Chair Julie Shortridge, along with Pam Mahoney, documented Frogmore, the gardens of Wendy and Tom Neal. It is the first Zionsville property in the GCA Collection Archives of American Gardens (AAG Garden #IN067). Newsletter Editor Benita Thomasson continued to upgrade our online newsletter. It has proven to be an excellent way to further membership communication and involvement. Through hard work and willing community partners, the Garden Walk Committee, chaired by Megan Rhodehamel and Gretchen Witt, raised a new record of $31,000 for our Community Fund. An enhanced website and increased sponsorship dollars contributed to the great success.

First Vice-President Beth Seger and the Community Projects Committee worked diligently to bring worthy projects to the membership. The IGC approved contributions to Farm Works Indy, $3000; Bridge the Gap campaign through the Save the Redwoods League, $2500; Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, $1250; Indianapolis Public Library Foundation's Garfield Park Summer Reading Program and Earth Friendly Festival, $1000; Les Belles Fleurs du Cirque, in support of community outreach, $2500 (and $2500 for 2015). Indiana University returned $20,000 from the 2010 Ball Nurses Sunken Garden Project because the original plan of the proposal was not able to be implemented. This was partially due to the expansion of Eskenazi Health Center.

The IGC received highest awards at the Zone X Meeting in Akron, OH. Hilary Salatich received the Creative Leadership Award. Jan Sweeney was honored with the Judging Award, and Mark Zelonis with the Zone Horticulture Commendation. GCA Club Awards went to Ginny Smith, Club Appreciation; and Polly Jameson and Julie Shortridge, Historic Preservation. Sue Welch received the Carey Memorial Award for her outstanding leadership.

At our annual meeting, we welcomed new members Teresa Altemeyer, Pat Jacoby, Mary Ruckelshaus, and Jessica Stokely. Memorial tributes were made to Flo Miller, Billie Lou Wood, and Tish Mumford, whose many long-time contributions to the IGC will be missed.

Alice Hillis
President

2014-2015

Since its founding in 1930, the Indianapolis Garden Club has made significant contributions to the community—both in time and money. This year was no exception. From Les Belles Fleurs CIRQUE to the 20th Annual Garden Walk, this was a year of big events.

Planned by Program and Flower Show Chair Amy Cooke, several meetings focused on education and preparation for our biennial flower show. A juggler-themed floral design challenge class encouraged members to be creative while having fun. The schedule for Les Belles Fleurs CIRQUE was introduced at the DeBoest Lecture Hall at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Debbie Oliver of the Cincinnati Town and Country Garden Club conducted a very informative flower show presentation specifically for Les Belles Fleurs CIRQUE. The meeting was preceded by a hands-on floral design workshop. At the annual Christmas luncheon, we were entertained by the Park Tudor Children's Choir, under the direction of Jennifer Nie. Alan Thompson of McNamara Florist conducted a floral design workshop before the luncheon at Woodstock.

At Charles Mayer & Company, "The Beehive as Mother Nature's Medicine" was presented by Wildflower Ridge Honey owners, Patricia and David Brinkman. Focused on pollinators, the meeting was arranged by Conservation Chairs Katie Steele and Jane Tuttle. Honorary IGC member Toomie Farris demonstrated floral designs for all classes in CIRQUE at the McNamara Warehouse in Fishers. At the Traders Point Creamery, Horticulture Chairs Jody Petrie and Jan Sweeney gave explanations and tips for Hort entries. On a glorious June day, Elizabeth Johnson hosted the Annual Meeting luncheon under a tent on the remarkable Traders Point Hunt Charity Horse Show Grounds.
Past Chairmen of the Garden Walk were recognized for their foresight and continued contributions to the Indianapolis Garden Club.

In the early fall, members enjoyed a personal tour of Eskenazi Health and its Sky Farm, located on the hospital roof. The Sky Farm was funded by the IGC in 2012. It was very satisfying to see the great success of a community project up close.

Members who hosted the club were Benita Thomasson, Gina Bremner, Heather Lacy, Claudia Ryan, Toomie Farris, and Jane Elder Kunz.

Representing the IGC at the national or zone levels were Beth Seger, Shirley Meneice Conference in Louisville, KY; Alice Hillis and Beth Seger, Presidents' Council in Columbus, OH; Amy Shepard and Becky Feldman, NAL Conference in Washington, DC; Sue Welch and Beth Seger, GCA Annual Meeting in Rochester, NY. Hilary Salatich serves as GCA Treasurer and Mary Stanley is a member of the GCA Audit Committee. Amy Cooke was Zone X Vice Chair and Julie Shortridge was Garden History and Design Chair in Zone X.

The Horticulture Committee, chaired by Jody Petrie and Jan Sweeney, continued to inform us with timely tips in the Newsletter about gardening related ideas from propagation to choosing the right tools. The fall amaryllis bulb sale continues to be a success and the "Learn and Labor" workday at Holliday Park continues in spite of inclement weather. Our digital experience has grown through our online GCA communications and our monthly newsletter, edited by Betsy Bosway.

Toomie Farris transformed the Deer Zink Pavillon at the Indianapolis Museum of Art into an "over the top" circus tent for Les Belles Fleurs CIRQUE, chaired by Amy Cooke. It took the participation and creativity of all members to put on such a "Big Show," which received high praise and awards from the public and the judges. Over 200 guests at the Preview Party were amazed at the quality and scope of our floral designs, hort entries, photography, and green roof conservation display. Seattle author Debra Prinzing lectured on Slow Flowers and conducted a workshop using locally-grown material.

As always, the Garden Walk was a big event. Diligent year-round planning and excellent weather made the 20th Annual Garden Walk another great success. Co-chairs Gretchen Witt and Mary Grein and their committee raised $31,000 to support our Community Projects.

Under the direction of 1st Vice President Beth Seger, the Community Projects Committee received and reviewed many proposals. The IGC approved these grants:

"Friends of Holliday Park for restoration of the Ruins," $10,000
(plus a matching grant of $10,000 from Central Indiana Community Foundation) "Conner Prairie Interactive History Park for the Treehouse project," $10,000 "Indianapolis Zoo/ White River Gardens for restoration of Heritage Gardens," $5000 "Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana for landscape of Morris-Butler Home," $4560

Indianapolis Public Library Foundation for Earth Friendly Festival, $1000 Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site for garden enhancement, $1000

The GCA Club Creative Leadership Award was given to Linda Ford at the Christmas Luncheon. Ginny Smith and Emerson Houck were presented the ABCD Award for their contributions to the Garden Walk. Amy Cooke was voted to receive the Carey Memorial Award for her outstanding work as Chairman of Les Belles Fleurs CIRQUE.

We welcomed new members Sue Combs, Claudia Hapak, Kathy Hubbard, Anne Rogers Mitchell, and Kim Purucker. Memorial tributes were made to Debbie Fortune Hunter, Carolyn Smith, and Jeanette Stokely, whose presence will be missed.

Alice Hillis
President

2015-2016

Our year began with a special September General Meeting held at the historical Lilly House on the grounds of Conner Prairie. Henrietta Friedholm, Zone X Founders Fund Representative, and Ellen Rosenthal, CEO of Conner Prairie, were our special guests. Members were guided to the Civil War Journey area to participate in an 1863 Indiana Civil War experience. Following this, we returned to the Lilly House for wine and hors d'oeuvres and the presentation of our 2016 Founders Fund Proposal, *The Treehouse at Conner Prairie*. Henrietta presented our proposal at the GCA Founders Fund October Meeting in NYC, and although well received, it was not chosen. October's meeting was an education in color and design. Gretchen Sell from Design Master Color Tool gave a presentation on color and how it relates to design and the science of how our senses interpret it. Gretchen created a number of various floral arrangements to relay the concept of color in design. Mark Zelonis, Ruth Lilly Deputy Director of Environmental and Historic Preservation at the IMA and Honorary Member of the IGC, shared with us at the November meeting the myriad of ways the IMA conserves its resources on its 152 acres of green space and numerous IMA Buildings. The IMA is the only art museum with an Energy Star rating. Then who should appear at our holiday luncheon, but Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus to entertain us with music and holiday cheer!!! Present at the luncheon were 7 mother/daughter (in-law) IGC pairs. As our guest speaker in January, Allison Melangton, Vice-President of Events for Hulman Motorsports and Indianapolis Motor Speedway, shared exciting plans and events being organized for the 100th Running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. Our program in March informed us of ROW (Reconnecting Our Waterways) a grassroots movement to enrich the livability and well being of residents and neighbors along our natural waterways. April brought us bright and early in the morning to Public Greens Restaurant in Broad Ripple where 100% of their profits go to the Patachou Foundation. IGC Members enjoyed delicious pastries and coffee as we learned how the Foundation is carrying out their mission to feed healthy meals to children suffering from food insecurity and in the process increasing their awareness about the whole foods they are eating. Dede O'Neil, Zone X Director, and Lynn Shiverick, Zone X Chairman, were our special guests at this meeting. Members who hosted the Club this year were Kate Kennedy, Susie Sams, Jan Sweeney, and Jan Williams.

To reflect and better serve our IGC Members, we revised the bylaws of our membership. There are now five classes of membership: Active, Associate, Non-Resident, Honorary, and Emeritus. Betsy Bosway, Alice Hillis, and Anne Shane compiled a membership questionnaire and members' responses are being used for IGC future planning.

Members representing the IGC at the National and Zone level were: Jan Sweeney, Shirley Meneice Conference in Seattle, Washington; Pat Jacoby, Mini-Meneice Conference in Cleveland, Ohio; Alice Hillis, Hilary Salatich, and Beth Seger the NAL Conference in Washington D.C.; Hilary Salatich, Anne Shane and Beth Seger at the GCA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. Jill Failey represented IGC at the Central District of the Garden Club of Indiana at their annual meeting in October.

The Horticulture Committee, chaired by Edie Enright and Jan Sweeney, had a very successful fall sale of amaryllis, paperwhite and baby bloomer bulbs. An IGC seed share program was held in November. Members participated in planting 6000 plants at the Ruins at Holliday Park. A Holiday Horticulture/Photo Challenge was held using amaryllis and paperwhite bulbs. Members planted, grew, photographed, and submitted photos of their bulb's blooms. Our February Newsletter was a flower filled issue! Jill Failey's amaryllis won Best in Show.

The Floral Design chairmen, Nancy Mahany and Rae Wilson, organized a Floral Design Committee under the name of *The Petal Pushers*. Two floral design workshops were held. "Scents of Winter" workshop was instructed by Molly Stephan and Weezie Moore from the Garden Club of Winnetka. Arrangements created were used as the centerpieces for the Holiday Luncheon. Using spring flowers, David Strohmeyer, from The Empty Vase, shared how to create interesting floral designs in hard to use containers.

With a little help from Mother Nature providing a lovely June day, the hard work and planning of chairmen Mary Grein, Pat Jacoby and Julie Shortridge, and their committee, the 2016 IGC Garden Walk was a great success. As a result, $33,000 has been added to the Community Projects Fund!

The Community Projects Committee, chaired by 1st Vice-President, Anne Shane, reviewed many proposals. Board Approval was given to project proposals under $2500 including the GCA Founders Fund, Scholarship and Endowment; Garden Club of Indiana, IGC Flower Show support; Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, plantings and trellis repair; Friends of Holliday Park, professional workshop for volunteer gardeners; and Indianapolis Public Library Foundation, seed bank. These grant awards totaled $7000. IGC approved $70,700 in grant awards to:
Indianapolis Museum of Art Christmas at Lilly House: $10,000
Conner Prairie Re-landscaping of the William Conner House with native plants: $10,000
Crown Hill Heritage Foundation Replacement of 44 Ash trees destroyed by Ash Borer: $13,200
The Nature Conservancy of Indiana Creation of a pollinator garden at the LEEDS certified headquarters at Ohio and College: $17,500
Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Creation of the Martindale-Brightwood Roosevelt Avenue Gateway Park at 16th Street and I-70, in conjunction with the Felige Hiywot Youth Farm Initiative: $20,000

Rae Wilson was our worthy recipient of the GCA's Certificate of Appreciation. Alice Hillis won the Carey Award for her leadership and many contributions to the IGC. Hilary Salatich was honored for two years of work as the GCA Treasurer and her continued support to the IGC. A Gift of $1000 in Hilary's name was given to the GCA Scholarship Fund. Eleanor "Dickie" Bookwallter was awarded an Honorary Membership in recognition for her many years of leadership and service to the GCA and the IGC.

The Club welcomed four new members: Betsy (Pearce) Cronin, Sally (Erikson) Lanham, Janet (Sievert) Nie, and Sally (Heidenreich) Rowland. We were saddened by the passing of one of our longtime and most devoted members, Mrs. Edna Woodard VanRiper.

Beth Seger
President

2016-2017

The IGC year began with our September meeting in Tilly's Tea Room at Saks Fifth Avenue. Walking into this enchanting room was the perfect setting to begin our fantastical garden club year. Our first program of the year was with Chad Lyon, Jo Malone London stylist, who discussed the company's commitment to charity projects for garden and environmental causes both in the US and London. Chad also shared the art of how master perfumers create the organic layered scents of Jo Malone. We were introduced to the art of fragrance combinations. October was the kickoff and presentation of the schedule for our Les Belles Fleurs *Through the Looking Glass* Flower Show to be held in April at the IMA. Weezie Monroe and Molly Stephen gave an instructional presentation on how to create award winning floral designs. In November we met at Central Avenue Methodist Church/Indiana Landmarks Headquarters. We were informed of the vital work this organization does to preserve meaningful places throughout the state, and thus reconnect people to their heritage and revitalize communities. In December we gathered at the Woodstock Club to celebrate the holidays and the 200th Anniversary of Statehood for Indiana as the 19th state. Don Kruger entertained us with Christmas music and song, and items were collected for the Children at Riley Hospital. "What's in Your Wild Backyard?" was the program for February. Steve VanZant, Indiana Wildlife Federation Board, informed us on how to make our backyards areas of preservation, enhancement, and restoration for wildlife habitats. March's meeting was held at McNamara's new headquarters on Ludlow in downtown Indianapolis. Toomie Farris presented a program that both prepared and inspired us for our floral design entries for April's flower show. Random Acts of Flowers hosted our April meeting. Alice Hillis and Sue Welch shared useful and informative tips for Horticulture entries in Les Belles Fleurs *Through the Looking Glass*. May was a celebration for an outstanding IGC's Flower Show, and an informative program from Julie Shortridge entitled "Roof Gardens Then, Green Roofs Now". June found us under the tent at Lynn and Jess Stokely's special family farm, Albonandy, celebrating a fantastic Garden Club year and acknowledging Indianapolis Garden Club members.

Members who hosted the club were Claudia Hapak, Diann Woodard, Lynn Stokely and Jessica Stokely.

President Teddy Roosevelt was the keynote speaker at the 2016 GCA Annual Meeting. When asked to visit Indianapolis, he accepted. On December 12th, IGC Members, Spouses, and Friends gathered to celebrate the holiday season for a very special evening at the Woodstock Club of cocktails, dinner and a visit with President Teddy Roosevelt. Mr. Joe Wigand, the premier reprisor of Theodore Roosevelt, brought to life the 26th President of the United States to all who attended this very special evening. IGC members were also invited to a private tour of *Christmas at the Lily House* at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. With grants from the IGC and the Lily Endowment, Lily House was decorated for the holiday season with bulbs and flowers a bloom.

Members representing the IGC at the National and Zone level were: Beth Seger, Anne Shane, Hilary Salatich, Jan Sweeney, Betsy Bosway, and Amy Cooke, Presidents' Council in Indianapolis, IN; Edie Enright, Pat Jacoby, and Jodi Petri, Shirley Meneice Conference in Brooklyn, NY; Anne Shane, Sue Combs, Hilary Salatich, Jan Sweeney, and Amy Cooke, GCA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD; Beth Seger, Lucy Gonso, Hilary Salatich, Jan Sweeney, Betsy Bosway, and Amy Cooke, Zone X Meeting, Cincinnati, OH. Alice Hillis and Beth Seger represented IGC at the Central District of the Garden Club of Indiana at their annual meeting in October.

One by-law change was made this year. By-law Section 2.3.2 and the standing Rules for Admission Committee rule #1 were changed to read the word "during" to "by" – "The Admission Committee shall meet BY the last week of April." The change was unanimously accepted.

The Conservation Committee, chaired by Jill Failey and Gretchen Witt, partnered with Random Act of Flowers to collect vases for RAF's floral arrangements. Committee members participated in the KIB planting project in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. Our Conservation Exhibit, "Bees and Butterflies are Making Headlines: What's All the Buzz About?" received both the Ann Lyon Crammond Award and the Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Conservation Award at IGC's *Les Belles Fleurs* Through the Looking Glass Flower Show. It is impressive to be awarded one of these awards for Conservation and Education Exhibits, but to receive both awards is unprecedented and outstanding!

The Horticulture Committee chaired by Edie Enright and Becky Feldman once again had a successful fall bulb sale making $1052 in profit. A Holiday Horticulture/Photography Challenge was held using the bulbs members purchased. Photos were submitted of the bulbs in bloom. Amy Cooke won this year in the Horticulture Division and Sue Welch was our Photography Winner. A Fall Workshop on Forcing Narcissus Bulbs was held in October. Ray Rogers, a GCA judge, was invited by Jan Sweeney to lead the workshop. This challenge was a Horticulture Division in our *Through the Looking Glass* Flower Show. A Native Tree Plant propagation challenge was held for the Zone X June meeting in Cincinnati. IGC propagated Burr Oak and Redbud seeds for this challenge.

An iphone photography workshop, arranged by Pam Mahoney, was held at the Indianapolis Apple Store. Members were helped in expanding their photography skills using their personal iphones.

The Floral Design Committee, alias *The Petal Pushers*, provided floral arrangements for all IGC events. Led by Co-chairs Rae Wilson and Nancy Mahany, uniquely lovely centerpieces were provided for our Evening with President Teddy Roosevelt in December, the December Holiday Luncheon, the Garden Walk Luncheon, and June's Annual Meeting. Wendy Neal led a Holiday Design Workshop for *The Petal Pushers* at the McNamara Florist downtown location.

As Alice said to her kitten, Kitty, "Oh, Kitty, how nice it would be if we could only get through into the Looking Glass House. I'm sure it's got, Oh, such beautiful things in it!" If Alice could only have seen the IGC's Flower Show Les Belles Fleurs *Through the Looking Glass*, she would have seen many lovely things. Once again, Toomie Farris transformed the Zink Pavilion at the Indianapolis Museum of Art into a wonderland . . . a perfect setting for our IGC's *Through the Looking Glass* Flower Show. A lovely Preview Party was enjoyed by almost 200 guests and was the perfect kickoff to the weekend. There were 372 entries. One hundred and seventy three ribbons were awarded, Forty Class Accommodations were given, Twelve GCA and Five IGC awards presented. Our Conservation Exhibit received both the Ann Lyon Crammond Award and the Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Conservation Award. It has been over 25 years since these two awards have been given simultaneously! Accolades were received from both the public and GCA Judges.

June 7th was a picture perfect day for our 22nd Annual Garden Walk. Pat Jacoby, Jessica Stokley and their Garden Walk Committee worked tirelessly to make the 2017 IGC Garden Walk a great success . . . Over six hundred people toured 5 incredible private gardens and raised almost $36,000 for the IGC Community Projects Fund! This year ticket sales via Eventbrite were introduced; signage was updated; flowers from the luncheon were donated to Random Acts of Flowers; flyers on pollinators were distributed, and a Plein Air artist was placed at one of the gardens.

The Community Projects Committee, chaired by Anne Shane, 1st Vice-President, reviewed 12 grant requests. Board approval was given to those projects under $2500 including the GCA Founders Fund, Endowment, and Scholarship, Garden Clubs of Indiana, and the Indianapolis Marion County Library Foundation to support two Seed Bank locations. These grants totaled $2195.
The Indianapolis Garden Club approved $38,000 in grant awards to:
Indianapolis Parks Foundation in support of Urban Acres: $10,000
Indianapolis Art Center to aid in the restoration of the Nina Mason Pulliam Sensory Path: $6500
Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site to help fund a Design Master Plan for the South Lawn: $5000
Indianapolis Museum of Art in support of the 2018 Horticulture Symposium: $6500
Random Acts of Flowers funding for 2 recycle/composting bins and instruction for volunteers: $6500

The Zone X Conservation Award was presented to Jane Elder Kunz and family for their dedication to conservation and the development of the first USDA Organic Farm in Indiana, Trader's Point Creamery. The Club's Civic Improvement Award recipient was Lisa Hurst for her dedication to Holliday Park. The Club's Appreciation Award was given to Sharon Hoffman for her loyal dedication to the IGC. ABCD Award recipients were Rae Wilson and Nancy Mahany for stimulating and educating IGC in the art of floral

design and organizing *The Petal Pushers* focus group; Katie Kruse for her enthusiastic support and dedication to our IGC; and Kim Purucker for organizing and updating the history of IGC Awards. Edie Enright received the Carey Award for her leadership and dedication in supporting the goals of the IGC.

Five new members were welcomed into the Club: Pam (Gollner) Baxter, Stephanie (Paine) Crossin, Tracy (Plymate) Holt, Susie (Salin) McClain, and Lindsay (Elder) Thornton.

Beth Seger
President

2017-2018

This year highlighted one of the main focus areas in our club's mission statement – "To stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening." All of our speakers spoke on some aspect of the "built environment" to our club. We heard from: Jonathan Wright from the IMA/Newfields; Meg Storrow on the original Kessler boulevard and park system design in Indianapolis; Dr. Michael Dana from Purdue on European Garden History; David Gorden from Mark Holeman, Inc. on Hardscape Design; Hilary Salatich and Amy Cooke on floral design basics; Tyler Gough and Lori Hazlitt from Indy Parks; and finished the year with our first club photography show, chaired by Pam Mahoney. Thanks to our Meeting Arrangements chair, Kim Purucker, for all of her work in organizing and finding locations for these meetings. And thanks to members who hosted membership meetings this year, including Katie Kruse, Lisa Hurst, and Kathy Hubbard.

Highlights of the year included:

- Developing a club website, indianapolisgardenclub.org, by Pat Jacoby
- Fundraising for our Indianapolis Garden Club Educational Endowment by Cathy Lawson, Mary Grein, and Katie Kruse.
- Hosting our first club photography show, dedicated to the late Emerson Houck, by Pam Mahoney and her assistants, Sally Lanham, Pam Baxter, and Sue Welch.
- Taking a trip to Washington, DC, to see the holiday decorations at the White House and Hillwood organized by Katie Kruse and Gay Dwyer.
- Having the Jipson Garden documented and accepted by the Smithsonian by our Garden History and Design chair, Julie Shortridge.
- Hosting Charles Birnbaum, the CEO of the Cultural Landscape Foundation, as a speaker, and bringing more attention to noted local landscape architect, Claire Bennett, through our club contribution to the WFYI video on her life. Thanks to Betsy Cronin for her help with these events.
- Organizing another very successful 23rd Annual Garden Walk in June thanks to co-chairs, Jess Stokely and Anne Rogers Mitchell, with five outstanding gardens, a new look for our invitations, online ticket sales, plein air artists at each site, and an artists' and owners' reception after the event.
- Holding our annual bulb sale for our members thanks to the Horticulture Committee and the leadership of Becky Feldman and Sally Lanham.
- Contributing peonies from members' gardens to be used at the Garden Walk luncheon and the Annual Meeting. Wendy Neal, Rae Wilson, Nancy Mahany, and

Teresa Altemeyer from Petal Pushers provided us with the most gorgeous (and cost-effective!) centerpieces. Petal Pushers also created centerpieces for our annual holiday lunch as a product of a workshop taught by GCA floral designer, Laura Hailey, from the Garden Club of Jacksonville.

- Continuing representation at the Zone and national level by Betsy Bosway as our Zone X Bulletin representative, Amy Cooke as our Zone X Chair, Jan Sweeney as GCA Judging Committee chair, and Hilary Salatich as co-chair of the the GCA Second Century Campaign.
- Representing our club at the following national conferences: Becky Feldman and Holly Day represented our club at the Meneice Horticulture Conference; Becky Cleveland and Gretchen Witt attended NAL; and Anne Shane and Lucy Gonso attended the GCA Annual Meeting on behalf of our club.
- Awarding of recognition to Pat Jacoby as our webmaster; Pam Hazelett as our newsletter editor; and Emerson Houck as our GCA Club Photography awardee. Beth Seger also received the Carey Award for her outstanding contributions to our club as a past president.
- Welcoming four new members: Sarah Miller Carter, Lara Peters Knitter, Elizabeth Atkins Rudolph, and Suzanne Rauen Thomas.
- Changing our by-laws and standing rules re the composition of the Finance Committee; governance and distribution of the IGC Endowment Fund.
- Setting up our 2020 Committee to help celebrate our club's ninetieth anniversary and our city's bicentennial in the year 2020
- Ending the year with a small surplus, a larger endowment, and a contingency fund in place for future GCA meeting support.

In closing, we thank all of our officers for the 2017-18 year: First Vice President, Lucy Gonso; Second Vice President, Jill Failey; Corresponding Secretary, Claudia Hapak; Recording Secretary, Sue Combs; and Treasurer, Michelle Rogers. These are the members who kept our club running on a day-to-day and month-to-month basis and they all did a wonderful job in their respective areas. Many, many thanks to this outstanding group.

And many thanks to ALL of our members who contributed their time and talents to our club this last year.

Anne Shane
President

2018-2019

This year highlighted another of the main focus areas in our club's mission statement: Conservation. Our Conservation Committee, chaired by Becky Cleveland, Gretchen Witt, and Jess Stokely, put together a year of meetings on this important topic. We heard from: Dr. Len Sauers on Environmental Sustainability; Melissa Moran of The Nature Conservancy, Cliff Chapman of CILTI, and Kelly Brown of Reconnecting our Waterways about local conservation efforts; Keep Indianapolis Beautiful staff; our national president, DeDe Petri, on GCA and Conservation; Pam Parker on Sustainable Flower Arranging; and Dawn Slack of The Nature Conservancy on invasives. Our club also worked with Dawn to start a Weed Wrangle (invasive removal program of the GCA)

at one of our urban parks. In addition, Becky Cleveland and Jess Stokely attended the National Affairs and Legislation conference and worked with our Indiana legislators on various pieces of conservation-related legislation.

Other highlights of the year included:

- Selecting our 2020 project $100,000 grant recipient. The IndyParks Foundation will receive these funds for the development and implementation of a beautification plan as part of the restoration of the Taggart Memorial in Riverside Park. Thanks to Lucy Gonso and Mary Stanley for their leadership in selecting a project to commemorate our club's 90th anniversary next year as well as our city bicentennial.
- Announcing our first IGC Educational Endowment speaker (James Farmer) to be held in November, 2019. Thanks to Susie McLain for her leadership of this committee.
- Thanks to Amy MacDonell Shepard for her chairmanship of the Scholarship Committee. Indiana had three GCA scholarship recipients this year.
- After a big "retirement bubble" of baby-boomers, we were very pleased to welcome the largest and most accomplished class of new members (7) in recent memory, as well as two transfer members. Thanks to Jill Failey for her leadership in this area.
- Taking another great Visiting Gardents trip to the Philadelphia area under the leadership of Katie Kruse and honorary member, Mark Zelonis. In addition, Mark gave a wonderful presentation at our January meeting on trips he has led to various gardens across the world.
- Continuing to operationalize our website through the leadership of Pat Jacoby.
- Raising our dues so that our club can continue to operate effectively as our attendance increases and we have increased participation in our club at all levels. Special thanks to Treasurer Mary Grein for her work on our financial needs going forward.
- Thanks to Michelle Rogers for her leadership in putting together a membership survey so that we can continue to be responsive to our members' interests.
- Jan Sweeney and Beth Seger are leading our 2020 Flower Show into new territory with a different location and format at Newfields.
- We will also see a change in our directory format thanks to the good work of Tracy Holt and Claudia Hapak.
- Wendy Fortune and Nancy Mahany had a very busy year providing centerpieces for multiple meetings as well as for the Garden Walk luncheon. They have started a club tradition of collecting and using peonies for the Garden Walk and then our annual meeting which we hope will continue.
- We had an outstanding 24th annual Garden Walk this year with six gardens and a net profit of over $40,000. Thanks to Anne Rogers Mitchell, Sally Lanham, and Betsy Cronin for their inspired leadership. The enhancement of the programs, sponsorships, and plein air artitsts all added to the enjoyment of the event as well as the bottom line.
- Our Horticulture co-chairs, Sue Combs and Becky Feldman, had another great bulb sale and worked with Conservation to provide milkweed used at the Weed Wrangle in May.
- Thanks to Sue Welch for her leadership of our Awards Committee. Through her good work, we were able to apply for national, zone, and club awards to recognize our members and important members of our community who have

made contributions in those areas pertinent to our mission. This year, Jan Sweeney, David and Suzy Reese, Amy Cooke, Betsy Bosway, Mary McConnell, Claire Bennett, and Pam Hazelett received GCA awards. We also presented IGC awards to the Conservation Committee and Helen Miles was our Carey award winner.

- Our club was once again ably represented at GCA by Hilary Salatich (Second Century Campaign chair), Amy Cooke (GCA Communications chair), and Betsy Bosway (GCA Bulletin Vice Chair) and at the Zone level by Sue Welch (Communications).

Many thanks to all of those who served on the board this last year and to the great team of executive officers who are the backbone of our club leadership: Lucy Gonso, Jill Failey, Mary Grein, Claudia Hapak, and Michelle Rogers. A special thanks also to Kim Purucker for her good work on meeting arrangements throughout the year.
And thanks to all of our members who contribute their time and talents to: stimulate the love of gardening, share the advantages of association, and restore, improve, and protect the quality of our environment.

Anne Shane, 2017-19 President

2019-2020

The year began with an ambitious calendar that included multiple national speakers, the club's first Educational Endowment Event, a GCA Flower Show, our 25th Annual Garden Walk, and an Annual Meeting celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the club's founding. Club members worked at full-speed throughout the year – *until we were stunned in March of 2020 by news of the spreading COVID-19 virus and the growing global pandemic which followed.* First, the pre-pandemic report.

In September we welcomed First Year Members Shele French, Marta Gross, Mary Kay Leicht, Jennifer Morris, Jennifer Sanner, Marita Touhy, Katherine Wakefield, and Laura Weaver, as well as transfer member Dede Wamberg from Barrington Garden Club. Second Vice President Becky Cleveland worked hard to welcome and orient them to the club, and Shele French reportedly orchestrated a lively margarita night for the group. Our club roster included a total of 142 members, with 72 listed as Active. Wendy Fortune, Janet Nie, Sally Lanham, Pat Jacoby, and Heather Fortune hosted monthly board meetings in their homes. We kicked off our general membership meetings with a luncheon at Indiana Landmarks Center and the popular program "C-Change: Climate Conversations" arranged by Conservation committee chairs Jessica Stokely, Stephanie Paine Crossin and past chair Becky Cleveland. This dynamic national program featured C-Change Conversations founder and president Kathleen Biggins as well as Harriette Brainard. Alice Hillis hosted board members and guest speakers for a lovely dinner in her home, and Lisa Hurst arranged a tour of Holliday Park. Cathy Lawson and Kathy Hubbard invited visits to their gardens. Pam Baxter handled Meeting Arrangements, and Petal Pushers chairs Wendy Fortune and Lindsay Thornton transformed baby oak trees into delightful luncheon centerpieces which members took home to plant.

Members participated in a Fall Weed Wrangle at Riverside Park, removing invasive Japanese Honeysuckle directly across from the new Taggart Memorial Amphitheater project under construction at Riverside Park. Members of the special Community Projects 2020 Committee met with Ratio Architects to formulate the amphitheater's landscape plan funded by our $100,000 grant made to coincide with Indianapolis' upcoming Bicentennial Celebration. With plans for a GCA flower show in spring, fall programs were intended to inspire creativity and advance skills in photography, horticulture, and floral design. At October's coffee hosted by Lisa Hurst, Flower Show chairs Jan Sweeney and Beth Seger unveiled the much-anticipated schedule to our "Les Belles Fleurs - Celebration" flower show. Visiting professional fine art photographer and GCA judge Ryn Clark shared tips on entering the photography division of a flower show and gave a workshop on iPhone photography. Michelle Rogers organized a floral design workshop at Woodstock Club with Mary Moretz of Sand Hills GC, and Co-Horts Sue Combs and Becky Feldman gave a tulip-bulb forcing workshop at Random Acts of Flowers. Their annual amaryllis and narcissus bulb sale netted a nice profit and provided beautiful blooms for our annual post-holiday photo contest.

With the Educational Endowment Fund now exceeding $170,000, the club hosted its inaugural Educational Endowment event in November, bringing best-selling author and professional garden, floral, and interior designer James Farmer to Meridian Hills Country Club to give a floral design demonstration and entertain the club with his southern charm. Susie McClain and Mary Grein organized sales of Farmer's books and arranged a beautiful luncheon featuring Petal Pushers' seasonal floral arrangements and a menu created with Farmer's recipes. Cathy Lawson hosted Farmer and select members in her home the night before the dinner, and Claudia Hapak opened her home for Farmer to visit after the luncheon.

In December we celebrated the holidays with a festive luncheon at Woodstock Club and were entertained by Park Tudor School's Madrigal Choir and Second-Grade Choir. Awards were presented as follows: Anne Shane presented the GCA Club Civic Improvement Commendation to landscape architect Claire R. Bennett, a true pioneer in women's landscape architecture. Lucy Gonso and Mary Stanley earned the GCA Club Appreciation Award for their work on our 2020 Community Projects $100,000 grant to Indianapolis Parks Foundation for landscaping and beautification of the Taggart Memorial Amphitheater at Riverside Park. Honorary member Toomie Farris was awarded a Special Club Appreciation Award for his years of amazing contribution to our flower shows and given a beautiful scrapbook of memories created by Lynn Stokely.

Katie Steele hosted the January meeting in the clubhouse at Olde Mill. With the growth of all things digital in GCA and in IGC, Betsy Bosway and Amy Cooke educated club members about GCA's many beautiful digital publications, the wealth of resources on the GCA website, and use of the monthly eNews to link to those resources. They encouraged members to refer to both the GCA and IGC websites and follow the Instagram and Facebook accounts maintained by both organizations. Since this is a historic record, it seems appropriate to record a few notes about club mechanics and use of technology here. Our club website is dutifully maintained by Pat Jacoby, and member usage is growing. We retired our beloved green 3-ring binder-style directory and handbook this year, moved the bylaws, club history and other contents to the IGC website, and distributed a new, streamlined paper directory created by Tracy Holt instead. We are

considering a directory app for our mobile phones. Corresponding Secretary Sally Rowland sends meeting notices and tracks attendance using Eventbrite and communicates with club members primarily through email using Google Groups. A few members still require notice by US mail. Pam Hazelett produces our beautiful monthly newsletter using Pages on her Apple Mac and distributes it electronically by email. Sally Rowland and Treasurer Mary Grein maintain most club records using Microsoft Excel, and as I type this on my personal computer, I wonder at what point these now-modern methods will become outdated! In January we were not yet using video-conferencing for meetings, but that would soon change.

Throughout the year, IGC member involvement with GCA was strong. Three club members served in national GCA roles - Hilary Salatich as Second Century Campaign Chair, Amy Cooke as Communications Chair, and Betsy Bosway as Bulletin Vice Chair. Sue Welch served as Zone X Communications Representative. Jan Sweeney and Hilary Salatich continued as Approved Flower Show Judges, and Amy Cooke, Sue Welch and Pam Mahoney fine-tuned their skills as Prospective Judges, all traveling regularly to flower shows as well as a Zone X Judging Workshop in Chagrin Falls, OH. By year's end, Amy was promoted to Approved Judge. Claudia Hapak and Pam Mahoney represented IGC at the 2019 Zone X meeting in Perrysburg, Ohio. Sue Combs nominated *Asarum Canadense,* commonly called wild ginger, for the GCA Freeman Medal and won Honorable Mention. Along with Becky Feldman, Sue attended the Shirley Meneice Conference. Jess Stokely and Stephanie Paine Crossin attended the Conservation Study Conference in Louisville, as well as the NAL Conference in Washington DC. There they met with Senators Mike Braun and Todd Young and other legislative staff to lobby for several bills, including the Great American Outdoors Act which ultimately became law in 2020. Anne Shane and Sue Welch successfully nominated The Cultural Landscape Foundation President and CEO Charles Birnbaum for GCA medal honors, and he was selected to receive the 2020 Historic Preservation Medal at the 2020 GCA Annual Meeting for his work preserving historic landscapes. IGC pledged $10,000 to the GCA Second Century campaign, headed by Hilary Salatich. We voted to set aside $2500 annually into administrative savings to be designated for hosting the 2027 Zone X meeting. We continued our support of the Garden Club of Indiana, and Anne Shane, Katie Kruse and I attended the 2019 Fall Meeting of the Central District and ran the raffle.

The March 11, 2020, board meeting at Heather Fortune's home was filled with talk of our April Flower Show inside the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields and our upcoming March membership meeting where honorary member Toomie Farris would inspire our floral designers. Garden Walk was 12 weeks away, and we were beginning to plan for our Annual Meeting and 90th Anniversary Celebration. At the end of the meeting, we discussed recent news of a problematic new virus and wondered if and how it might affect our plans. By that weekend, the terms "coronavirus" and "COVID-19" were well-known, and the government was asking us to avoid gathering and recommending that we wash our hands and isolate at home to contain the spread. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant cleaners disappeared from store shelves, and people hoarded necessities like toilet paper.

We cancelled the March meeting and imagined – at least hoped - that this would pass after a couple weeks. We listened to daily updates from Dr. Anthony Fauci and the

Coronavirus Task Force, hoping for good news. GCA cancelled all upcoming in-person events, including its Annual Meeting in Asheville, NC. There would be no black-tie event honoring "our" medalist to attend or special ceremony to accept the Freeman Medal on behalf of IGC. Having booked flights, hotels, tours and even GCA's extended trip offering, delegate Sally Lanham and I were disappointed by the sudden disappearance of our much-anticipated trip. Never imagining the seriousness or longevity the pandemic would have, board members held on to hope that some spring events would still take place, at least here in Indianapolis, and decided to evaluate on an as-needed basis, event by event. GCA policy effectively cancelled our GCA Flower Show, and co-chairs Jan Sweeney and Beth Seger orchestrated a postponement until April 2021. I thank them for their hours of extra work. Notably, with the show's date so near, most of the photography entries had been received, and entrants agreed to let us store the photos for the 2021 show. During this time, our Conservation committee promoted a "Stay at Home Weed Wrangle" encouraging removal of invasives and planting of natives in our own yards. In late March, club officers met by Google video conference and made the difficult decision to postpone Garden Walk until 2021 and cancel the April board and general membership meetings. Thank you to officers Lucy Gonso, Becky Cleveland, Mary Grein, Michelle Rogers, and Sally Rowland who joined me in navigating this difficult situation. My appreciation also goes to Garden Walk chairs Betsy Cronin, Sally Lanham, Claudia Hapak, and Kim Purucker who had spent a year putting together plans for an extra-special bicentennial 2020 Garden Walk that did not take place. Since cancellation of the Walk meant no fundraising event for 2021 community grants, members generously donated additional funds when paying their annual $250 club dues.

Pandemic news was only worsening, and in addition to isolating at home, staying at least 6 feet from others, and sanitizing our hands, we were told to start wearing masks to contain the spread. One member reportedly engaged in such excessive sanitizing that she melted the plastic on her TV remote control! Businesses struggled, unemployment soared, and government subsidies began to flow. Members learned how to have just about anything delivered, plants and potting soil included, and conversation focused on sharing lists of binge-worthy shows on Netflix and tips for coloring one's own hair or removing gel nails. Competing and sometimes inaccurate COVID-19 tests became available, with reliable testing at the corner pharmacy drive-through eventually becoming the norm. Clearly, May's board and general membership meetings would have to be virtual, and we would need quickly to learn some new skills to make that happen.

In early May, GCA invited all members to gather around their computers on Zoom and join GCA's first virtual Annual Meeting, entitled "Let's Make Lemonade Out of Lemons." Inspired, I scrambled to figure out how to host a Zoom meeting of our own and invited IGC members to put on their garden hats, pour a mimosa and join me virtually to "Make Champagne Out of Sour Grapes." The daily reports about the pandemic, as well as local "Stay at Home" orders, had many members feeling anxious, isolated, and perhaps a bit stressed from the 24/7 togetherness with family. Homes were filled with family members "quarantining" at home and setting up make-shift spaces to work and go to school virtually. Connecting with IGC friends on screen turned out to be a welcome diversion. I put on my hat, poured plenty of champagne in my orange juice, and had fun with the meeting, quite relieved that the technology had worked, and members had

joined. Sally Rowland even took us on a virtual golf cart tour of her neighbor's garden! It was a joy to see the unmasked faces of garden club friends, and we memorialized IGC's inaugural virtual general membership meeting with a screenshot for posterity.

While the success of that first Zoom meeting was encouraging, the news of rising COVID-19 cases was not. Healthcare workers became our heroes. Weddings and graduation ceremonies were postponed. We moved our June Annual Meeting to September, and the club's 90th anniversary passed without acknowledgement. If there was a kick-off to an Indianapolis Bicentennial Celebration, it went unnoticed. Summer did not bring the expected relief from the virus, and it became impossible to schedule future events with any certainty. We put meeting plans for 2020-21 on hold and "hunkered down" as instructed by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb.

Pam Mahoney
President

2020 – 2021

Sometime during the summer of 2020, reality set in that because of the global pandemic, our club would not be meeting in traditional fashion anytime soon. By this time, a few members had been sick with COVID-19 and recovered. Some had lost a friend or family member, and most were at least acquainted with someone in the community whose death was related the virus. Funeral services were limited to a handful of immediate family members or postponed indefinitely. CDC and local mandates precluded meeting indoors, and member comfort varied widely regarding outdoor gatherings. Survivors donated plasma. Reliable vaccines were on the horizon, with none yet approved. Determined to provide safe, worthwhile programs for members, we set out to create 2 types of activities for the rest of 2020 - monthly membership meetings held virtually and featuring local historians as guest speakers, and a series of outdoor, on-site tours and activities for those members comfortable putting on masks and getting together in the fresh air. Board meetings would also be held virtually, and board members frustrated by the inability to make firm plans would learn to be flexible…eventually.

Ellen Lee recruited historian and educator James Fadely, Ph.D., and Marsh Davis, President, Indiana Landmarks, to help us create a much-enjoyed speaker series. Beginning with these 2, Ellen and I met our speakers each month for lunch – introducing our masked selves and eating outdoors, happily enduring rain, wind, stifling heat, and humidity to engage in conversation with our charming guest speakers and sort out the logistics of using this novel Zoom platform. Studying online tutorials and practicing with club members and guest speakers alike, I attempted to become Zoom-proficient. I started meetings with Zoom tutorials for members, and together we learned to navigate the world of meeting virtually – muting and unmuting, changing backgrounds, and shifting from speaker to gallery view. We learned how to turn off the camera while watching and listening to a meeting so we could politely multi-task or simply conceal our relaxed pandemic appearance - dressed in loungewear and without make-up or hair-color. Fadely and Davis kicked off our program in September with a dialog about the origins of our city and its historic landmarks. James Glass, Ph.D., Principal of Historic Preservation & Heritage Consulting, shared his expertise on historic Indianapolis architecture. William

Browne, Jr., Principal/President Ratio Architects, educated us about Alexander Ralston and his Vision for Indianapolis, and we were delighted that Tiffany Benedict Browne, founder of historicindianapolis.com, was able to join him and share insights. Seated at home in front of her computer, Ellen provided context for each of our speakers with her delightful and eloquent introductions. Fifty-five to 65 members typically logged in to these meetings, with some screens revealing multiple listeners, including an occasional interested spouse. We got to visit with non-resident members and those who had left the state to isolate elsewhere.

Outside, we put on masks and joined together to enjoy "safely social" guided tours of historic Garfield Park, Conner Prairie, and Crown Hill Cemetery, with 15-25 members participating each time. Co-Horts Sue Combs and Jess Stokely arranged the Garfield tour as well as a Propagation Workshop hosted outside at the Stokely's barn. Petal Pushers chairs Lindsay Thornton and Wendy Fortune organized a Holiday Porch Pot Workshop hosted by Sue Altum at Altum's open-air garden center. Throughout the pandemic, Wendy welcomed members who explored her beautiful Frogmore Garden at leisure. Restaurants converted sidewalks and parking lots to outdoor eating space, and, at home, we ordered patio heaters and built firepits so we could safely socialize outside.

Online communication was our lifeline during the pandemic, and Sally Rowland (Corresponding Secretary), Pam Hazelett (Newsletter), Michelle Rogers (Recording Secretary) and Pat Jacoby (Webmaster) worked overtime to keep us connected and informed. We welcomed 5 new members: Hannah Arbuckle, Liz Brainard, Sarah Clark, Kathleen Graham, and Fionnuala Walsh. Their orientation meeting was held outside and distanced at Meridian Hills, and they each joined activities as they could for a very non-traditional first year. As members became accustomed to meeting virtually, we began to honor deceased members with tributes at our monthly meetings. Without a traditional Annual Meeting in 2019, we were behind in our recognition of members lost. By year's end we heard tributes to 13 members: Carol Rahman, Rosalie Lange, Joan Elder, Patty Wilkins, Connie Earle, Gerd Griffith, Gil Daniels, Elizabeth Wiese, Jean Quinn, Evie Rhodehamel, Gloria Ryan, Lucy Wick and Betsy Dustman. While we did lose many beloved older members during this time, I am not aware of any direct connection to COVID-19. Thanks go to Anne Shane for organizing the tributes. Officers Betsy Bosway and Sally Rowland chaired an *ad hoc* committee which reviewed 3 areas of club interest. They concluded it is both viable and desirable to continue to hold Garden Walk annually, memorialized guidelines for our First Year Member Program and placed responsibility for the program in the hands of the Second Vice President, and confirmed the need for a Placement/Member Engagement chair to coordinate member committee involvement. Members missed having the 3-ring binder-style club handbook/directory, and we opted to bring it back next year.

Throughout the year, GCA supported the club with numerous resources, virtual programs, and regular email contact. All meetings and conferences were virtual and open to the entire membership for the first time in history. Zone X presidents met monthly to exchange ideas, and club committee chairs were invited to meetings organized by zone reps. IGC members continued to serve in national leadership roles: Amy Cooke as Coordinator of Floral Design Study Group Classes and Co-chairman of the 2023 Annual Meeting, and Sue Welch as Communications Vice Chair. Three members served as Zone X Committee Representatives: Hilary Salatich – Admissions, Anne Shane – Founders

Fund, and Amy MacDonnell Shepard – Scholarship. The 5 members in the judging program learned how to judge virtual flower shows, and Sue Welch was promoted to Approved Judge.

As the holidays approached, we were disappointed to cancel plans for a special bicentennial-themed December luncheon downtown at the Columbia Club and staged to overlook a festively decorated Monument Circle. A COVID-19 vaccination appeared to be on the horizon but not yet in the picture, and the CDC discouraged holiday gatherings, even with extended family. To create much-needed holiday magic, Sally Lanham organized surprise gift bags which were hand-delivered by "elves" to each member's home shortly before the virtual December meeting. Changing into an elf costume during the meeting, I encouraged members to wear the silly holiday glasses found in the gift bags. Honorary Member Toomie Farris showed us how to create a holiday entry bucket, and members shared their decorated homes and holiday collectibles on screen. Alice Hillis and I shared a video in which we had presented 2 surprise awards outside in Sue Combs' backyard: Sue Combs received the GCA Club Horticulture Award and David Gorden, Lead Landscape Architect for Mark Holeman, Inc., was presented with Honorary Membership to IGC. It was not a traditional IGC holiday luncheon, but it was festive and brightened spirits, nonetheless.

Our Hort co-chairs sold amaryllis and narcissus bulbs and hosted their annual photo contest after the holidays. Teresa Altemeyer taught us how to preserve our amaryllis bulbs after bloom. Garden author and humorist Carol Michel made us laugh in January with her "Tips for Living your Best Garden Life." Various committees educated and entertained us with virtual games and presentations. Conservation co-chairs Stephanie Paine Crossin and Brook Johnson facilitated a virtual book club discussion of Doug Tallamy's *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Back Yard*, and, together with Jess Stokely, brought Dr. Jeffrey Dukes from Purdue to report on Climate Change in Indiana at our March meeting. We postponed our *Les Belles Fleurs – Celebration* GCA Flower Show a second time. Co-chair Beth Seger announced a revised one-day GCA show was scheduled for April of 2022 at Woodstock, and co-chair Jan Sweeney laid the groundwork for 3 spring "mini" shows to help members hone their flower show skills this year. First was the Club Photography Show, organized by Sally Gray and Sally Rowland, which was shared virtually at our March meeting.

The online roll-out of vaccine appointment sign-ups caused a joyous interruption during our January board meeting, and the steady pace of vaccination in Indiana allowed us to hold our Mini Club Horticulture Show in person. Sue Combs, Jess Stokely and Jan Sweeney organized the April show which included a whopping 146 high-quality entries on display in Mary Grein's garage and a celebration with wine at day's end. Sarah Carter won Best-in-Show with her forced tulips. We shared a slide show at our April meeting, the last held on Zoom. Opting to forego traveling in close quarters on a planned charter bus, twenty-five members willingly drove to Shrader-Weaver Nature Preserve near Connersville to enjoy a guided walk through old growth forest and a spectacular display of blooming *Collinsia verna* - Blue-Eyed Mary. Organized by our Conservation co-chairs, the walk was guided by Cliff Chapman, Executive Director of Central Indiana Land Trust, and Honorary Member Mark Zelonis. Until May, the board met monthly on Zoom and conducted business virtually or by email. I had the pleasure of hosting the board for dinner at my home for our only in-person gathering of the year – our year-end

board meeting – and it was filled with laughter, chatter, and hugs. Later that month, members gathered at McNamara Headquarters for the Mini Floral Design Show - our first regular, in-person membership meeting since January of 2020! Hosted by Toomie Farris and organized by Amy Cooke, Lindsay Thornton and Hilary Salatich, the show paired inexperienced members with veterans to tackle one of two challenge classes, and everyone won a blue ribbon. Spirits were high, and it was a joy to be together! With vaccinations readily available by this time, the COVID-19 outlook was improving quickly. For the vaccinated, mask mandates were relaxed, and everyday life was beginning to look normal. The race was on for inoculations to outpace the development and spread of variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus known to be responsible for the COVID-19 illness.

After 2 years of start-stop planning by chairs Betsy Cronin, Sally Lanham, Claudia Hapak and Kim Purucker, our 25th Annual Garden Walk was wet and wonderful! Located from 16th to 42nd Streets, all but one of the urban 2020 gardens selected as a nod to the bicentennial carried over to 2021, and a beautiful 5th garden was added in a cicada-filled suburb – a fascinating phenomenon for most gardeners. At day's end we sold art and celebrated at Woodstock Club. With 40 sponsors, over $14,000 in art sales, and a record 700+ $35 tickets sold, we earned over $44,000 for community grants to be made in 2022. Volunteers wore masks, we got our pandemic protocols in order, and we skipped the luncheon due to pandemic concerns. Without a Garden Walk in 2020, our 2021 Community Projects budget was funded by member donations. Community Projects Chair Betsy Bosway distributed small but meaningful grants to support Random Acts of Flowers composting program, Holliday Park Native Plant Garden at the new Outdoor Learning Lab, Benjamin Harrison Site historic gardens, Indy Urban Acres farm, Indianapolis Art Center "Dye Garden" on White River, Marian University Jens Jensen Garden, The Nature Conservancy pollinator garden, and Crown Hill Foundation's map for self-guided tree tours. We completed payment of our $100,000 grant to provide landscaping for the Taggart Memorial Amphitheater which opens officially this summer, and we designated Riverside Park as the focus of our Olmsted 200 project.

Hilary Salatich hosted the 2021 Annual Meeting Luncheon outside on her tented lawn stretching along the banks of White River. Awards Chair Alice Hillis surprised Hilary with the award of Honorary Membership for her years of leadership and dedicated service to IGC and GCA and acknowledged 34 longstanding members with Years of Service awards. I presented the 2020 Carey Award to Anne Shane, the 2021 Carey Award to Becky Cleveland, and ABCD awards to Ellen Lee, Sally Lanham, Betsy Bosway, Sally Rowland, and Anne Shane. The truth is I could have given many more awards. I am extremely proud of the way our club worked together to pivot and find new ways to stay engaged and weather the pandemic together, and I am honored to have served as president of this remarkable group during this remarkable time.

As for COVID-19, as I write in the summer of 2021, the rise of the highly contagious Delta variant seems to be outpacing vaccinations, and mask mandates are returning. This frightening roller coaster ride that is inextricably a part of our club history continues.

Pam Mahoney
President, 2019-2021

Thanks to strong committee leadership, we had a robust year of meetings, activities, and workshops—all were executed beautifully, with interest equally matched by energetic attendance. IGC members were enthusiastic, connected, and engaged.

Highlights included:

A festive outdoor meeting started our year at Meridian Hills Country Club featuring tables decorated with dahlia centerpieces while members listened to the outline for our up-coming year. The three-ring binder Directory was reintroduced based on feedback from members and we implemented a cell phone App called Directory Spot thanks to Marita Tuohy and Claudia Hapak. The Zone X Meeting used a virtual platform but thanks to some sneaky maneuvering, Hilary Salatich received the Zone X Appreciation Award in-person and on-screen from several past presidents and IGC Board members.

A mini-Garden Walk of 4 member's homes—Wendy Fortune, Lisa Hurst, Alice Hillis, and Mark Zelonis—was a treat for all who attended. The Crown Hill Cemetery Tree Tour in October featured a tree map provided by Garden Walk funds. A fall tour of Bill Fortune's garden was a late season thrill all thanks to Visiting Gardens chairs Sue Combs and Wendy Fortune.

Holliday Park's new outdoor Pavilion was the perfect spot to learn about trees from licensed arborist Jerome Delbridge amongst the fall foliage in mid-October. The Hort and Conservation Committees hosted an educational tour to learn about regenerative agricultural practices at WonderTree Farm in Zionsville. On the farm, owner Hunter Smith educated attendees that by rotating livestock in pastures, it allows the land to heal and then host the animals again and again. Members entered the chicken coop to help move it as Hunter pulled the structure and members "shushed" the chickens forward. Conservation hosted the November luncheon featuring Rob Ripma of Sabrewing Tours who gave many examples of how birds reflect the health of their environment. They are quite literally the metaphorical "canary in the coalmine" serving as glaring early indicators.

December featured our Holiday Luncheon at Woodstock Club. Petal Pushers, led by chairs Lindsay Thornton and Susie McClain, created beautiful crimson amaryllis centerpieces for our tables. Four members received awards—Mary Grein - Club Appreciation, Pam Mahoney – Photography, Pat Jacoby – Club Communications, and Sue Welch received the club's Medal of Merit.

February featured a Zoom format and guest speakers from GCA's Hortulus Club in CT who guided us through their Flower Show 101 program with videos and photos from their event. This meeting was recorded allowing members to view at any time. Honorary IGC member Toomie Farris hosted and regaled us with phenomenal demonstrations of flower show classes in March. His creativity and passion for floral design are contagious and we were happy to catch this "bug". To further educate the club, Hort chairs Jess Stokely and Pat Jacoby demonstrated the basics of Hort at the April meeting featuring wedging, grooming, pinching, and primping.

After nearly 5 years of planning, organizing, anticipating, and delaying—Les Belles Fleurs "Celebrate" dazzled with ingenious and inventive floral designs, exquisite horticultural specimens, and phenomenal photography. Chairs Beth Seger and Jan Sweeney oversaw the two-day event at Woodstock Club. The judges awarded many ribbons and GCA awards including three GCA awards for the Conservation Project which removed invasive Callery Pear trees along Woodstock's driveway and replaced with native plants and bushes planted by club members. Best in Show winners were Shannon Gentile and Nancy Mahany (floral design) and Jan Sweeney (Hort).

US Senator Mike Braun has invited our club several times to visit his native plant gardens in Jasper, IN thanks to Conservation chairs yearly visits during the NAL conference in Washington, DC. Sue Combs and Wendy Fortune organized transportation and lunch for nearly 20 members to visit the senator and his wife Maureen in May. The Brauns were very gracious and guided us through their property pointing out hundreds of native plants, bushes, and trees they have added over the years. We enjoyed lunch on their lovely, shaded patio oasis and happily devoured Maureen's home-made desserts.

May's Endowment Luncheon was an exuberant celebration of Indiana's state flower, the peony, by Kathleen Gagan from Peony's Envy. Kathleen enthusiastic presentation included photos from her enormous gardens in NJ. Bare root peonies were available for sale to members and guests at the Ritz Charles. The event was beautifully organized by chair Mary Grein.

Claudia Hapak oversaw the Community Projects Committee's dispersal of $39,500 in grants to deserving organizations thanks to funds generated by Garden Walk. Receiving grants were Holliday Park Foundation - $2200 for pollinator garden, Random Acts of Flowers - $2500 for composting, Indy Urban Acres - $3000 for seeds and supplies, Crown Hill Foundation - $5000 for 25 native trees, Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site - $5000 for tree preservation, Conner Prairie - $9800 for Promised Land as Proving Ground, and Marian University - $12,000 for Allison Mansion's historic gardens.

In June, Garden Walk chairs Kim Purucker, Jennifer Sanner, Kasey Wakefield, and Fionnuala Walsh presented a fabulous collection of five gardens which were stunning and spectacular. The gardens tickled the fancy of guests by their diversity of plant materials, design, and dimension. From a Juliet-like balcony bedecked with climbing roses to a woodlands' climbing fort, the gardens delighted the senses and imagination of each ticket holder. Artists from each garden joined garden owners and members at Woodstock Club afterwards for a wine and cheese celebration.

How could we cap off such a fabulous year? A beautiful garden luncheon at Michelle Roger's home was the perfect setting for IGC's annual meeting. Under a large tent, tables were decorated with blissful centerpieces from Toomie Farris as members toasted one another with prosecco before lunch. Touching memorials were read for departed members Jeanne Atkins, Elizabeth Johnson, and Hannah Ten Eyck. Five members received the "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" (aka ABCD Awards) for their dedication and outstanding service to our club — Mary Butler, Lara Knitter, Kim Purucker, Beth Seger, and Jan Sweeney. Pam Mahoney received the Carey Award for her years of leadership to our

club. We thanked members completing their first year—Lynn Dimond, Shannon Gentile, and Mo Mau—and welcomed 9 new members—Erin Baker, Debbie Falk, Jill Hall, Gini Hupfer, Katy McMurray, Cindy Newcomer, Kelly Noga, Carolyn Siderys, and Kathy Williams to the club.

Special thanks to IGC's Board who are the engine of our organization! The Board showed dedication and creativity in their leadership which was greatly appreciated by the membership. We are thankful to Sally Rowland and Marta Gross for keeping us all informed through the website and monthly newsletters. And special appreciation to our Executive Board for all their help—Claudia Hapak, Lucy Gonso, Lara Knitter, Sally Lanham, and Pam Baxter. The club also thanks its members who served zone or national offices—Stephanie Paine Crossin as vice chair for NAL, Sue Welch as vice chair for Communications, Amy Cooke for Floral Design Study Group, Hilary Salatich for Admissions, and Amy MacDonell Shepard for Scholarship.

Through the collective efforts of many we celebrate, advocate, and educate!
Betsy Bosway
President

2022-2023

Reflecting on IGC's past year, we happily glance back to many memorable meetings and programs created thanks to our energetic committee chairs, board members, and enthusiastic participants. Our club is blessed with a plethora of talents which are unselfishly shared for the benefit of our membership.

As a favorite song asks, "Do you remember….the 21st of September?" and we can resoundingly answer YES! It was our first Coffee after the summer break at the lovely home of Kathy Hubbard. We kicked off our new year with a forecast of upcoming activities. Visiting Gardens chairs Sue Combs and Wendy Fortune organized a Mini-Garden Walk featuring the delightful gardens of Teresa Altemeyer, Debbie Falk, Edie Enright, Lara Knitter, as well as Sue's fabulous shade garden and two stunning gardens on her street.

Our October Endowment Meeting was held at The Heirloom at NK Hurst with special thanks to Cathy, Lisa, and Rick Hurst. Chicago floral designer Nancy Chase regaled us with beautiful tablescapes, tricks of the trade, and spectacular floral artistry. The Petal Pushers Committee created artful centerpieces and event details were skillfully organized by chair Mary Grein. Later, over a dozen members learned about "Pesky Invasives" from Crown Hill arborist Carrie Tauscher with tips on removal and replanting with native species. Hamilton County Natural Resources Superintendent Amanda Smith continued that theme with an engaging lecture on "Conscientious Choices for a Sustainable Yard" at the beautiful home of Shannon Gentile. We heard about best practices for our yards and gardens.

December's Holiday Luncheon at Woodstock Club was especially memorable thanks to a visit from GCA President Debbie Oliver. As a member of Cincinnati Town & Country GC, Debbie has been a longtime friend of our club and many of our members. She spoke to us about GCA's goals for the year and proclaimed, "we are diggers and do-ers!" Awards chair Mary Butler presented the Club Horticulture Award to Jan Sweeney and the Club Appreciation Award to Beth Seger—special recognition for their stellar contributions to our club.

Program chair Michelle Rogers helped facilitate our February Zoom Coffee with GCA's video of Lewis Miller's "The Making of a Flower Flash". The visually stunning video is available for all to see on the GCA website. Two Mini-Flower Show workshops were hosted by chairs Amy Cooke and Sarah Clark for new members to learn the basics for IGC's upcoming show.

Sue Combs organized an early March trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show to see the stunning variety of displays, exhibits, floral arrangements, and endless products…it truly was a bucket list trip! The following week our Club Flower Show featured over 20 member's astounding arrangements which were judged and critiqued by 3 GCA judges who taught us all so much about the design process and floral panache.

First VP and Community Projects chair Lindsay Thornton and her committee awarded $42,760 in grants to the following organizations for their upcoming projects; Holiday Park Foundation $2500 for shade garden, Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site $5000 for map and digital history, Indy Urban Acres (Parks Alliance of Indpls) $5000 for seeds, plants, and supplies, Random Acts of Flowers $5760 for twelve months of composting, Crown Hill Heritage Foundation $6500 for water wagon, Newfields $8000 for bioretention area and garden at Fairbanks Nature Park, Marian University $10,000 to complete landscaping of historic Allison Mansion.

April was declared Indiana Native Plant month thanks to efforts by our Conservation Committee and especially Stephanie Paine Crossin. Indiana joined 46 other states as part of an initiative launched by the GCA. Our meeting to celebrate the declaration was at Newfields on the Lilly House Terrace overlooking the new pollinator garden donated by Nancy Carpenter, one of our guests and our other special guest was First Lady of Indiana Janet Holcomb. The conservation committee along with the Central Indiana Land Trust offered members a trip to Portland Arch in Western Indiana to see rare wildflowers, plants, and Indiana's only natural stone arch. May's Coffee at the Allison Mansion at Marian University allowed us to see their restored Jens Jensen gardens thanks to help from our Community Projects' grants.

In late May Zone X hosted the GCA's Annual Meeting in Columbus, OH with the theme "Where the Wild Things Are". Anne Shane chaired Registration and many members helped with check-in and flower show set-up. Hilary Salatich and Jan Sweeney served as Honorary Chairs to the GCA Flower Show. It was a spectacular and educational meeting.

June bloomed with the arrival of the 27th Annual Garden Walk. We thank Debbie Falk, Lisa Hurst, and Cathy Hurst for opening their gardens for all to enjoy. Chairs Jennifer Sanner, Fionnuala Walsh, Shele French, and Sarah Clark organized a day of flowers, plein air paintings, glorious weather, and a fiesta finale' at the Hurst pool house. Thanks to their dedication and hard work, we raised over $49,000 for our Community Projects fund.

Our June Annual Meeting Luncheon at Meridian Hills celebrated a great year and looked amazingly festive thanks to Susie McClain, Dede Wamberg, and the Petal Pusher's peony centerpieces and fluffy paper flowers suspended above our tables. We recognized the extraordinary efforts of several members with the ABCD (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) Awards to Sue Combs, Stephanie Paine Crossin, Marta Gross, Michelle Rogers, Jennifer Sanner, and Fionnuala Walsh. Years of Service Awards were given to Susan Tolbert (25 years), Nancy Dunn, and Wendy Fortune (50 years). The IGC's Carey Award, a very special recognition for the member who has embodied the best qualities of leadership and meritorious service, was given to treasurer Lara Knitter. Board members and past presidents were thanked for their guidance and wisdom throughout the year. IGC's 2nd VP Lucy Gonso welcomed our newest members—Suzy Bindley, Kim Dickman, Lauren Hamilton, Liz Krimendahl, Kim Marsh, Michelle Marxer, Sally Perlstein, Mary Quinn, Molly Sturman, and Mary Watson.

At the GCA Meeting, I heard a tremendous quote that really resonated with me from Awardee Louis Schwartzberg, "Wonder is the gateway to the divine!" What I love about our club is that we wonder and ponder and wander and meander, to learn and earn and yearn for more. We have a vibrant and engaging club. It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your president the past two years. I look forward to more opportunities to explore and learn with new president Lindsay Thornton at the helm.

With gratitude,
Betsy Bosway
President

2023-2024

The '23-'24 Indianapolis Garden Club year brings a sense of pride for all that we accomplished this year! It was incredible to see all of wonderful programs, especially with such consistently great attendance from our membership. Our workshops led by committee chairs were outstanding, some were tried and true and others were new and challenging! Our Board of Directors was an excellent team that provided encourage-ment, new ideas, and forward thinking on ways to improve our club's engagement.

Our First VP and Community Projects chair, Mary Grein, along with her committee, awarded $57,500 in grants to the following organizations for their upcoming projects: Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site $1,500, The Parks Alliance of Indianapolis/Indy Urban Acres $2,500, Random Acts of Flowers

$2,500, Crown Hill Heritage Foundation $15,000, Easterseals Crossroads $20,000, Eskenazi Health Foundation $10,000, and Holiday Park Foundation $6,000. Sally Lanham, our Endowment Chair, and her team brought noted author and conservationist Doug Tallamy to Indianapolis to talk to our club and sign books! We had an incredible luncheon at the Ritz Charles and welcomed nearly 30 guests who joined us.

Stephanie Paine Crossin, Jess Stokely, and Brook Johnson attended the NAL (National Affairs & Legislation) Conference in Washington DC in April where they advocated for a healthy planet with members of Congress. We also celebrated our 2nd year of Indiana declaring the month of April Native Plant Month.

Under the direction of Nancy Mahany and her Visiting Gardens committee, 22 members traversed to Virginia to see Virginia Garden Week. They divided into 7 cars and had several jam-packed days visiting as many gardens as they could.

The Garden Walk this year was record breaking! Chairs Sarah Clark, Shele French, Lynn Dimond and Carolyn Siderys knocked it out of the GARDENS! Over 700 tickets were sold and $73,000 dollars raised in sponsorship while showcasing five magnificent gardens. It was a day we were very proud of and the rave reviews from the community proved all the hard work had paid off.

Honorary member David Gordon led a wonderful educational pruning workshop offered by the Hort committee. Not only did we make centerpieces for our luncheons, but we also had creative and challenging Ikebana and botanical arts workshops hosted by the Petal Pushers committee.

Our year came to a close at our June Annual Meeting Luncheon, held in the gorgeous gardens of Gina & Jim Bremner's home. We celebrated the lives of two long time members–Georgianne Davis Neal and Joanne Spitznagel Johnson who both passed away this year. We welcomed three new members–Melinda White Fischer, Emily Salatich Macintosh and Sarah Nevin Welsh. The ABCD (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) awards were presented to Gina & Jim Bremner, Sarah Clark, Shele French, Lara Knitter, Sally Lanham, Nancy Mahany, and Dede Wamberg. Finally, the Carey Award, in recognition of a member who has presented the best qualities of leadership throughout the year, was given to Betsy Bosway. It was a beautiful day to celebrate our accomplishments, while excitement emerged over what's to come throughout the year ahead.

Lindsay Elder Thornton
President

2024–2025

Our Indianapolis Garden Club year was filled with achievement, purpose, and joy. Together, we embraced a full calendar of educational programming, engaging workshops, memorable travels, a GCA Zone X President's Council meeting, a Flower Show, and a Garden Walk—all while funding impactful projects throughout our community. Our dedicated Board of Directors worked tirelessly to make it all possible. We should be very proud of what was accomplished.

Endowment Chair Sally Lanham organized a memorable Endowment Luncheon and Workshop at Holiday Farms, featuring internationally recognized floral designer Bruno Duarte from Toronto, who both inspired and delighted us with his artistry.

Conservation Chair Sally Rowland kept us engaged throughout the year with conservation trivia, practical tips, and creative solutions that helped us become better stewards of the environment.

The Les Belles Fleurs "Swing into Spring" Flower Show, under the leadership of Amy Cooke and Michelle Rogers, held at The Woodstock Club was an extraordinary success. Many IGC members were recognized with GCA awards:

- **Horticulture:** "Best in Show" – Jan Sweeney; "Clarissa Willemsen Propagation" Award – Amy Cooke; "Novice" Award – Theresa Altemeyer
- **Photography:** "Novice" Award – Lynn Dimond
- **Floral Design:** "Best in Show" – Dede Wamberg; "Harriet Dewaele Puckett Creativity" Award – Lara Knitter & Sara Welsh; "Dorothy Vietor Munger" Award – Amy Cooke; "Sandra Baylor Novice" Award – Sally Perlstein

The 29th Annual Garden Walk drew over 700 enthusiastic visitors to four beautiful gardens in the Zionsville area. We generated $75,000 from ticket sales and sponsorships! Chairs Lynn Dimond, Carolyn Siderys, Molly Sturman, and Erin Baker led with grace, ensuring every detail was handled perfectly—and even seemed to keep the rain at bay!

1st Vice President and Community Projects Chair Marta Gross along with her committee, our club awarded an impressive $76,950 in community grants to the following organizations:

- Amazing Women Standing United in Motherhood – $2,500
- Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site – $1,500
- Butler University – $10,000
- Crown Hill Heritage Foundation – $4,000
- Eskenazi Health Foundation – $5,000
- Friends of Garfield Park – $10,000
- Holliday Park Foundation – $6,000
- Indiana Medical History Museum – $19,950
- James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home – $5,000
- Newfields – $8,000

- Parks Alliance of Indianapolis (Indy Urban Acres) – $2,500
- Random Acts of Flowers – $2,500

We closed the year with our June Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Meridian Hills, a fitting celebration of our many successes. We welcomed three new members Cami Huth O'Herren, Lisa Paunicka, and Shandon Whistler. The ABCD (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) Awards were presented to Lynn Dimond, Carolyn Siderys, Marita Tuohy, Katy McMurray, Marta Gross, Michelle Rogers, and Amy Cooke. The prestigious Carey Award was presented to Claudia Hapak. We also celebrated milestone memberships: Jan Sweeney and Ray Wilson (40 years), and Katie Betley, Ellen Lee, and Anne Pantzer (25 years). What an honor it has been to work along side our membership these last two years as your president. I am thrilled to leave you in excellent hands under the upcoming leadership of Marta Gross.

Lindsay Elder Thornton
President

INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND
2024 - 2025

In 2005, through the generosity of the family of CeCe Griffith, an Endowment Fund was created in her memory for the benefit of club members. Since then, the Club has directed all memorial gifts to this fund. However, funds from this Endowment could not be distributed until the value reached $75,000. At the beginning of the June 2017 fiscal year, the fund had a balance of about $45,000. The IGC Educational Endowment Fund Committee was formed with Mary Grein and Cathy Lawson serving as co-chairs and Katie Kruse, Sally Rowland, and Anne Shane serving as invaluable committee members. The Committee was charged with growing the Endowment Fund beyond $75,000. Through the generosity of our club members, we quickly exceeded that threshold. The value of the IGC Educational Endowment Fund continues to build each year through donations from our members and investment income. This Fund enables the Club to bring nationally and regionally known speakers in floral design, conservation, and horticulture to Indianapolis.

On Wednesday October 16, the club held its fifth Educational Endowment Luncheon at The Club at Holliday Farms, featuring acclaimed floral designer Bruno Duarte. The IGC also sponsored a hands-on floral design workshop with Bruno the day prior. The stunning arrangements created during the workshop were showcased as centerpieces for the luncheon.

Originally from the island of Madeira, Bruno refined his artistic talent in Toronto, where he now resides. Known for his innovative and sculptural style, his floral designs have been featured in art galleries, hotels, restaurants, corporate spaces, and private residences.

THE IGC EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO OUR MEMBERS AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT OUR FUND THROUGH DIRECT AND MEMORIAL GIFTS.

This year, memorial and honor gifts were made as follows:

In Memory of:

Dorothy Titsworth - mother of Katy McMurray

John Carter - husband of Sarah Carter

In Honor of:

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INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB
2025-2026 General Meetings

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 9:45 AM
Location: Newfields, 4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis
Program: Bioretention Rain Garden Tour in Virginia B. Fairbanks Art Park
Speaker: Lisa Milton, Newfields' Director of Natural Resources
Hostess: Sarah Clark, Mary Grein, Gretchen Witt, Michelle Rogers

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2025 - *4:00 PM*
Location: Tracy Holt's Home – 9371 Hunt Club Road, Zionsville
Program: Fall Tablescape – Floral Design
Hostess: Mary Watson, Amy Cooke, Lauren Hamilton

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – 9:45 AM
Location: Indiana Historical Society, 450 West Ohio St., Indianapolis
Program: Latest Trends in Garden Design
Speaker: David Gorden, IGC Honorary Member
Hostess: Kim Dickman, Katie Kruse, Pam Baxter

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 – 11:30 AM
Location: Woodstock Club, 1301 West 38th St., Indianapolis
Program: Holiday Luncheon Meeting and Garden Walk Garden Reveal
Hostess: Anne Shane, Lindsay Thornton, Sally Perlstein

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – Time TBA
Location: Virtual Meeting on Zoom
Program: TBA
Speaker: GCA Scholarship Recipient

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – 9:45 AM
Location: Highland Country Club, 1050 52nd St., Indianapolis
Program: Floral Design Demonstration for Flower Show
Speaker: Weezie Monroe and Molly Stephan
Hostess: Nancy Mahany, Mary Bennett

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – 11:00 AM
Location: Ritz Charles, 12156 North Meridian St., Carmel
Program: Endowment Program and Luncheon
Speaker: TBA at the November General Meeting
Hostess: Mary DeVoe, Mary Bennett

Date:	Wednesday, May 13, 2026 – 8:30 AM Nature Walk 9:45 AM Meeting
Location:	Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Rd., Indianapolis
Program:	Conservation Meeting and Nature Walk
Speaker:	Ken Keffer, Author "Knowing the Trees" & "Earth Almanac"
Hostess:	Becky Cleveland, Brook Johnson, Gini Hupfer, Betsy Bosway

Date:	Friday, June 5, 2026 – 11:30 AM
Location:	Meridian Hills Country Club, 7099 Spring Mill Rd., Indianapolis
Program:	Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Hostess:	Shele French, Tracy Holt, Jennifer Morris, Katie Steele

If you are unable to work, please find a replacement and notify Meeting Arrangements/Program Chair Claudia Hapak aware of this change.

INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB
2025-2026 Special Events

Date: September 17 – October 10, 2025
Bulb Sale live on the IGC website
Delivery of Bulbs will be by end of October
Committee - Horticulture

Date: October 9, 2025 – 10AM
Private Guided Tour of "Promised Land" Exhibit
Conner Prairie
13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers
Committee – Community Projects

Date: October 21, 2025. 11AM – 7PM
Shopping Event to Support the IGC
Marigold Clothing
6512 Cornell Avenue, Indianapolis
Committee – Garden Walk

Date: October 29, 2025 – 8:45 AM meet at St. Luke's, 100 W. 86th St.
Flora and Fauna Walk at Spring Mill State Park
(Moderately Challenging)
Hosted by Central Indiana Land Trust
Bus and Lunch Provided
Committee – Conservation

Date: December 2, 2025 – 10 AM–12 PM
Holiday Lunch Centerpiece Workshop
McNamara Headquarters, 1853 Ludlow Street, Indianapolis
Committee – Floral Design

Date: March 19, 2026 – 10 AM
Floral Design Workshop led by
Weezie Monroe and Molly Stephan
Highland Country Club, 1050 52nd St., Indianapolis
Committee – Flower Show

Date: April 9, 2026 – 10 AM
Private Guided Tour of "Wake Up Woods" Story Walk
Virginia B. Fairbank Art & Nature Park
Committees – Community Projects & Horticulture

Date: April 14, 2026 – Details TBA
Centerpiece Workshop for Endowment Luncheon
Committee – Floral Design

Date: May 1, 2026 – Details TBA
Straw Hat Workshop for Garden Walk
Committees – Floral Design & Garden Walk

Date:	May 7, 2026 – Details TBA Day Trip to The Garden Club of Dayton Flower Show “Rooted in Innovation” Miami Valley Hunt and Polo Club, 2465 Keystone Club Dr., Dayton, Ohio Committees – Floral Design & Flower Show
Date:	June 3, 2026, 9AM - 3PM 30th Annual Garden Walk Committee – Garden Walk

INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB
2025-2026 Board of Director’s Meetings

(Arrival at 9:15 AM. Meetings start promptly at 9:30 AM, except for the May meeting)

Date:	September 10, 2025
Time:	9:15 AM
Location:	Sally Perlstein
Date:	October 8, 2025
Time:	9:15 AM
Location:	Amy Cooke
Date:	November 5, 2025
Time:	9:15 AM
Location:	Debbie Falk
Date:	January 14, 2026
Time:	9:15 AM
Location:	Marta Gross and Zoom
Date:	March 11, 2026
Time:	9:15 AM
Location:	Mary Kay Leicht at Highland Country Club
Date:	April 8, 2026
Time:	9:15 AM
Location:	Melinda Fisher
Date:	May 6, 2026
Time:	4 PM
Location:	Claudia Hapak