



Indianapolis Garden Club



Next General Meeting:

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 –
4:00PM MEETING START
AT WOODSTOCK CLUB
FLORAL DESIGN IN FLOWER SHOWS**

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June President's Letter

Dear Members

The year went by in the blink of an eye. The ending was lovely with the 30th Garden Walk and Reception on what one member said was “the best weather day we have ever had for a Garden Walk.” Our Garden Walk co-chairs, **Erin Baker, Molly Struman, Mary Quinn, and Debbie Falk** delivered a PEARL of a day!

I enjoyed seeing so many of you under the tent at Meridian Hills last Friday for the Annual Meeting Luncheon. It was fun (for me at least) to review all that the members accomplished this past year – 37 activities. For those of you who missed the luncheon, you will have to read about it in the history section on the IGC website **after it gets posted**. **Kim Purucker** introduced us to our three new members: **Jill Clark, Darcy Griffin, and Paige Miller**. Welcome Jill, Darcy, and Paige! See pages 6-8 for their bios. Several members received awards and recognition. See the next page for the awards that were presented.

And now it's time to put the IGC 2025-26 year into the history books ... er ... rather on the IGC website in the History section! And speaking of the IGC website, don't forget to answer the questions in the survey, which you should have received last Saturday, related to the IGC website, as well as all the other questions 😊.

Sarah Welsh and I appreciate the feedback as we work to redesign certain aspects of the members page. If you did not receive the survey, please reach out to **Pam Mahoney** or me and we will make sure you get one. **Please submit your survey responses by Friday, June 19th**.

Looking forward – next year will be a busy one as well. We have the **Zone Flower Show and Meeting on April 27-29, 2027**. And we have a fantastic **Educational Endowment Speaker on October 30, 2026 – Fergus Garrett**. And of course, there will be several excellent programs sponsored by club committees. See page 9 for the General Meeting schedule.

I hope you all have a fun and relaxing summer, and I look forward to seeing you at Woodstock on Wednesday **afternoon @ 4:00 pm**, September 23, 2026, for the first general meeting of IGC's 2026-27 year!

My best, Marta

Awards

MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY (ABCD) AWARDS

This year's seven ABCD awards all had a common theme "teamwork."

The first two award recipients are impressive teammates and leaders. They each had specific areas they were responsible for and had to coordinate with the whole team to make it a smooth-running operation. What is the "it" – Garden Walk of course. The ABCDs were awarded to **Erin Baker** for "masterfully managing logistics on nine stellar garden sites resulting in two successful Garden Walks" and to **Molly Sturman** for "preparing excellent branding materials and planning exceptional receptions for two successful garden walks."



The next two recipients are an impressive team. This past year, they sponsored a general meeting program and five (5) events for members and the last one was a first for the club – The Plant Swap. Our Horticulture co-chairs **Susie McClain** and **Elizabeth Rudolph** received ABCD awards for "providing outstanding educational horticultural programs for members, especially the plant swap."



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The next two recipients are also an impressive team. This past year, they too sponsored a general meeting and three (3) workshops and one fabulous trip to NYC. Our Floral Design / Petal Pusher co-chairs **Kim Dickman** and **Sally Perlstein** received ABCD awards for "providing outstanding educational floral design programs for members, especially the NYC trip."



Our last recipient is a fantastic team player. So fantastic in fact that in her first year as chair, she made her own team in lieu of having a co-chair. She entertained us at our General Meetings, enlisting her team of committee members to help with quizzes and giveaways, and all the while educating us on how to be better stewards for the planet. This past year she showed us how to face adversity with grace and humor, and she continued to entertain us with her wit and intellect. She too gave us a club first – The EV show. Our Conservation chair **Sally Rowland** received an ABCD award for "making a difference by showing members how to make easy changes to routines that are better for our planet."



Awards

THE CAREY AWARD

This last award is a very special award that our club bestows on a member who has embodied the best qualities of leadership, meritorious service, and always goes beyond what is expected. It is the Carey Award, and it is named for the Indianapolis Garden Club's Founder Mary Stewart Carey who assembled a group of friends on June 15, 1930, with the goal of starting a garden club.

The recipient's first roles in the club were in floral design, one of her passions. She graciously accepted the position of 1st vice president on a short notice and then continued on to be President for two years. After completing her term as President, she agreed to take on another big task of Flower Show Co-Chair – and not just any Flower Show but a Zone Flower show. She also is the current nominating chair. Her leadership skills have been recognized by GCA headquarters, and she was asked to take a GCA position as a co-chair of Zone X starting on July 1, 2026. This year's Carey Award goes to **Lindsay Thornton**.



Service Awards

Anne Shane and Cindy Eiteljorg were recognized for their 25 years of service with the IGC.

Special "Thank you" goes to:

Pam Hazelett – for created the lovely ABCD awards.

Tracy Holt – for hosting the club at her beautiful home, barn and grounds for the October 2026 General Meeting.

Two Executive Board members who are rotating off this year:

Mary Kay Leicht – for being a dedicated Recording Secretary and taking the minutes for 14 board meetings and 18 General Meetings.

Liz Brainard – for being a dedicated Treasurer and handling all the accounts, budgets, check disbursements, and all that goes along with the job, which only the former treasurers in the club can truly understand.

Membership

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us in extending a very warm welcome to **Julia Clark**, who is proposed by Jill Failey, and seconded by Sue Welch and Emily Macintosh. Professionally, Julia is a Project Administrator at Trane Technologies, a role that perfectly highlights her exceptional organizational strengths and outstanding people skills. She also has a big heart for community service, actively volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and donating her creative talents to the Indiana Historical Society's annual Festival of Trees. Julia's love for gardening began during her childhood when she spent hours gardening alongside her mother in their beautiful garden with unusual plants.. Today, she continues to cultivate this passion through hands-on gardening and a wonderful talent for flower arranging. Her natural, creative eye extends well beyond the garden bed; she enjoys painting, interior design, and antiquing for unique treasures. At home, Julia and her husband keep a busy and vibrant household raising their four children and supporting their academic and athletic pursuits. Julia enjoys golf, cooking, pickleball, tennis, youth hockey, entertaining and traveling. Her warmth, energy, and artistic eye will make her a fabulous addition to our Club. She is incredibly energetic and we look forward to her being a hands-on, active member of our club.

Paige Miller joins us with the enthusiastic sponsorship of Shele French, seconded by Lauren Hamilton, and Shandon Whistler, who were all eager to bring her incredible energy and talents to our group. To say Paige is active in the community is a massive understatement. Professionally, she lends her keen creative eye as a Retail Strategist and Consultant at Parkside Linen. Beyond her work, she is a true powerhouse of volunteerism—having served as a two-time chair of the Brebeuf Bistro, and dedicating her time to the Junior League of Indianapolis, the Women for Riley, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She has also previously channeled her natural leadership into serving as both the parish council president and school board president at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Paige is a gracious entertainer who loves hosting family and friends. She and her husband are the proud parents of three grown sons. Paige and her husband are active members in the Indiana Golf Association. Her

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beautiful home backs up to a scenic wooded wetlands area, which provides the perfect backdrop for her favorite : passion of gardening! Paige has a breathtaking, natural talent for design and is a wonderfully creative floral designer with an exceptional sense of style. Known by everyone who works with her as collaborative, highly organized, and exceptionally fun, she brings a radiant, positive attitude to everything she touches. We are absolutely thrilled to have Paige's warmth, style, and leadership in our club.

We are delighted to also welcome **Darcy Griffin!** Sponsored by Jill Hall and seconded by Lynn Dimond, and Cami O'Herren, Darcy brings an infectious enthusiasm, cheerfulness, and wonderful energy to our group.

Darcy has perfected the art of resilient gardening. She is a passionate shade gardener with a diverse collection of hostas—carefully curated to endure both the antics of her busy family and her large energetic dog. Proactive in plant conservation, Darcy even runs her own backyard "Hosta Hospital" where she rescues and revives struggling plants. Alongside her hostas, Darcy loves herb gardening and practicing floral design, frequently sharing fresh-cut bouquets from her yard to spread joy and foster close connections with her neighbors.

Professionally, Darcy's background is rooted in finance and banking, giving her a highly organized, reliable, and goal-oriented approach. She is equally active in her community and personal life. In Greenfield, she generously volunteers her time as a horse handler at Agape Therapeutic Riding East. To stay physically active as an empty nester, Darcy and her husband love hiking, biking, skiing, playing pickleball, and traveling with friends.

Above all, Darcy finds her greatest joy in nature, gardening, and building meaningful connections. She is incredibly excited to expand her friendships with the like-minded women of our club who share her love for the natural world. Please join us in giving Darcy a very warm welcome when she returns from a long planned trip to Alaska!

Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome these new members to IGC.

Kim Purucker - chair membership

Membership

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Paige and Julia



Darcy

IGC General Meetings 2026-2027

JUNE, 2026

all **Wednesdays**, except if noted otherwise

- ✚ September 23, 2026 – 3:45pm arrival at Woodstock Club
Floral Design in Flower Shows

- ✚ October 30, 2026, **FRIDAY** – arrival time TBA – at Newfields & Woodstock Club
Educational Endowment Luncheon with Fergus Garrett

- ✚ November 18, 2026 – 9:45am arrival at location TBA
Photography in Flower Shows

- ✚ December 9**, 2026 – 11:30am arrival at Woodstock Club
Holiday Luncheon Meeting
** Please note the date listed in the June Annual Meeting Agenda is **INCORRECT**.
The **CORRECT** date for the luncheon is **December 9, 2026**.

- ✚ February 17, 2027 – 10am meeting start via Zoom – Zoom will open at 9:50am
GCA Scholarship Speaker

- ✚ March 17, 2027 – 9:45am arrival at Broad Ripple Park Family Center
Conservation program with Jeremy Kranowitz of Keep Indiana Beautiful

- ✚ April 14, 2027 – 9:45am arrival at location TBA
Flower Show Nuts & Bolts

- ✚ May 19, 2027 – 9:45am arrival at location TBA
Garden History & Design program with Mark Zelonis

- ✚ June 11, 2027, **FRIDAY** – 11:30am arrival at Meridian Hills Country Club
Annual Meeting Luncheon

2026-2027 meetings

It's time to sign up to be a hostess for next year's 2026-27 General Meetings!



Click on the link below and it will take you to the Evite sheet where you can sign up for a spot:

Click here to sign up to hostess

If you have trouble accessing the Evite sign-up sheet, please contact Claudia Hapak claudiahapak@gmail.com with your requested spot.

Thank you!



THE INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB

Board of Directors for 2026-2027

President	Marta Gross
First Vice President/Community Projects	Lara Knitter
Second Vice President/Membership	Kim Purucker
Treasurer	Liz Krimendahl
Recording Secretary	Sarah Carter
Corresponding Secretary	Melinda Fisher

Awards	Mary Grein
Club Administrator	Melinda Fisher
Civic Improvement	Kim Dickman
Communications & Social Media	Sue Welch
Conservation	Sally Rowland
	Lynn Dimond
	Jennifer Sanner
	Gini Hupfer
Directory	Pam Baxter
Endowment	Sally Perlstein
Floral Design/Petal Pushers	Sarah Clark
	Lindsay Thornton
2027 Flower Show	Mary Watson
	Sue Combs
Garden History and Design	Mary Quinn
Garden Walk - Sponsors	Michele Marxer
Garden Walk – Garden Management	Elizabeth Rudolph
Horticulture	Gretchen Witt
	Jan Sweeney
Judging	Claudia Hapak
Meetings/Program	Kim Marsh
	Pam Mahoney
Member Engagement/Placement	Katy McMurray
Newsletter	Lindsay Thornton
Nominating	Carolyn Siderys
Photography	Erin Baker
Scholarship	Cindy Newcomer
Visiting Gardens	Sarah Nevin Welsh
Website - Tech	Betsy Cronin
Website – Content	Sally Lanham
2027 Zone X Meeting	Pat Jacoby

GCA National Leadership Positions

Scholarship – Vice Chair	Amy MacDonell Shepard
Zone X – Judging Representative	Amy Cooke
Zone X – Zone Co-chair (ZCP)	Lindsay Thornton

Garden Walk 2026

On June 3rd, the 30th Annual Garden Walk delighted attendees by showcasing four spectacular "gardeners' gardens" alongside a historic return to Newfields—the very location featured on the Indianapolis Garden Club's inaugural Walk thirty years ago. Guests spent a beautiful day exploring the scenic landscapes of the Crow's Nest area, Forest Hills, Meridian-Kessler, and Newfields. To honor the milestone anniversary, IGC volunteers donned festive floral decorated hats and pearls, while the event's signature flower, the delphinium, took center stage at the plant sale sponsored by Holeman.

At Crow's Nest, IGC members **Hilary Salatich** and **Emily Salatich McIntosh** delighted visitors with the estate's magical history dating from 1902, showcasing a beautifully restored original gazebo alongside unique flora like hybridized rhododendrons and purple beauty berry. Monon Oasis, located in Forest Hills, dazzled visitors with a hand-painted potting shed, a hydroponic garden, a serene Zen garden, and thriving raised vegetable and herb beds. Nearby, Garden Melodies provided a unique sensory experience as the owner performed original musical compositions inspired by her plants, guiding guests past a hyacinth arbor, pollinator-friendly moon flowers, and a historic redbud tree. The Boulevard in Bloom stop showcased a gorgeous, historic Washington Boulevard home that paired floral displays with a backyard designed for modern living, complete with a unique swimming pool and sauna. Last but certainly not least, the Newfields horticultural team created a memorable experience as guests were able to learn horticultural tips from them and received a sneak peek into the Madeleine Elder Flower and Vegetable Garden.

The celebration culminated in a vibrant Garden Owner and Sponsor Reception held on the Newfields patio in front of the Lilly Playhouse. Sponsored by OEG, the reception delighted guests with spectacular floral table décor, unique giveaways, and a raffle. Attendees enjoyed a scrumptious charcuterie spread by Newfields catering, a signature cocktail from St. George's Spirits, and rosé wine provided by B-Side, all while taking home custom candles from Linnea and enjoying ambient live music by guitarist and composer Austin Johnson.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the community, sponsors, and volunteers, the 30th Annual Garden Walk was a smashing success raising \$70,000. The IGC Garden Walk proudly continues to be a treasured Indianapolis tradition celebrating a shared love of gardening, history, and friendship.

Community Projects

Community Projects Committee

The IGC members have been invited to attend a Garden Party at the Indiana Medical History Museum on June 28, 2026, 2-4pm – see details in the flyer below.



You're invited
to a special garden party

Sunday, June 28, 2026
2 to 4 pm

Join us as we thank the generous volunteers and donors who support the IMHM Gardens and Grounds. Refreshments will be served.

Enjoy:

- a 30-minute program in the Amphitheater at 2pm
- refreshments in the garden beginning at 2:30pm
- the newly completed hardscapes in the IMHM Medicinal Plant Garden, partially funded by a generous grant from the Indianapolis Garden Club
- the Native Tree Arboretum, Prairie Patch, and NEW Pollinator Garden
- the limestone Council Circle

RSVP to Sarah Halter at shalter@imhm.org or 317-635-7329 by Monday, June 22nd

Special thanks for the loyal support of the Marion County Master Gardener Association and the Indianapolis Garden Club.

Indiana Medical History Museum
3270 Kirkbride Way
Indianapolis, IN 46222



The club provided a community projects grant to the museum in December 2024 to fund the last phase of the work on the outdoor space where the medicinal plant gardens are located.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP directly to Sarah Halter, Director of the museum at shalter@imhm.org or 317-635-7329, by Monday June 22nd.

Please indicate that you are a member of the Indianapolis Garden Club in your RSVP.

If you do go to the party, **please take pictures** and send them to Katy McMurray for the September newsletter!

Visiting Gardens

**NEWPORT RHODE ISLAND
FLOWER SHOW
JUNE 18-20 2027**

**DETAILS ARE STILL IN THE WORKS BUT IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING, PLEASE EMAIL AT CINDYNEWCOMER@GMAIL.COM.
THANKS!**

**CINDY NEWCOMER, CHAIR
VISITING GARDENS COMMITTEE**



Garden History and Design

GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN- JUNE 2026 GARFIELD PARK

For our newer members, Garfield Park is the oldest Indianapolis Park established in 1876 on the south side of the city. Initially named Southern Park, the name was changed to Garfield Park in 1881 post the assassination of the president. The Conservatory and Sunken Gardens, designed by George Kessler to be part of the Indianapolis Park and Boulevard System, are a special feature of the park which is listed on the National List of Historic Places. The sunken garden and fountains have gone through extensive restoration over the last few years. IGC has contributed to these efforts.

Saturday, June 6, 2026 was the official ribbon cutting day to open the gardens and the fountains. Libby Hiple from Friends of Garfield Park (FOGP) and the mayor's assistant were there to do the honors. Indianapolis Garden Club received a special thank you for our contributions to the restoration. The three fountains are fantastic and the surrounding plants are well thought out. I would encourage all to visit the park which covers 128 acres and also includes a Conservatory probably best known for its poinsettia display, Pagoda, outdoor amphitheater, family center, and outdoor pool along with open space.

Sue Combs - Chair - Garden History and Design



Celebrating a Century of GCA Scholarships

This year marks a remarkable milestone: 100 years of scholarship support by The Garden Club of America. What began in 1926 with the establishment of the Rome Prize Fellowship has grown into one of the organization's most enduring and impactful contributions to education, research, and environmental stewardship.

From our founding, education has been fundamental to The Garden Club of America's leadership. GCA members recognized that advancing knowledge was essential to preserving and improving the natural world. By investing in scholars, researchers, and future leaders, the organization created opportunities that would extend far beyond individual recipients, enriching communities and strengthening the fields of horticulture, conservation, landscape architecture, and environmental studies.

The first scholarship initiative, the Rome Prize Fellowship, opened doors for promising scholars to pursue advanced study and creative work abroad. Over the decades, GCA expanded its scholarship program to include a diverse portfolio of fellowships and awards, supporting students and professionals whose work addresses some of the most important environmental and horticultural challenges of our time.

Today, GCA scholarships continue to nurture emerging leaders and inspire groundbreaking research. Recipients have gone on to make significant contributions in academia, public gardens, conservation organizations, landscape design, ecological restoration, and countless other fields. Their achievements reflect the vision of the GCA members who understood that education is one of the most powerful tools for creating lasting change.

A century after the first scholarship was awarded, The Garden Club of America's belief in the transformative power of education remains as strong as ever.

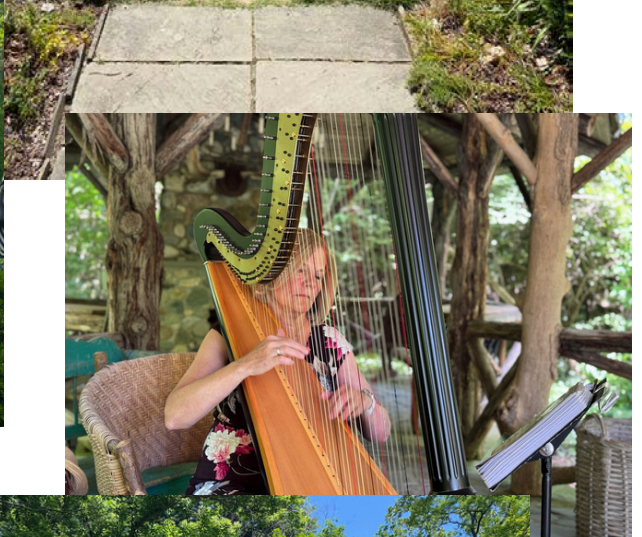
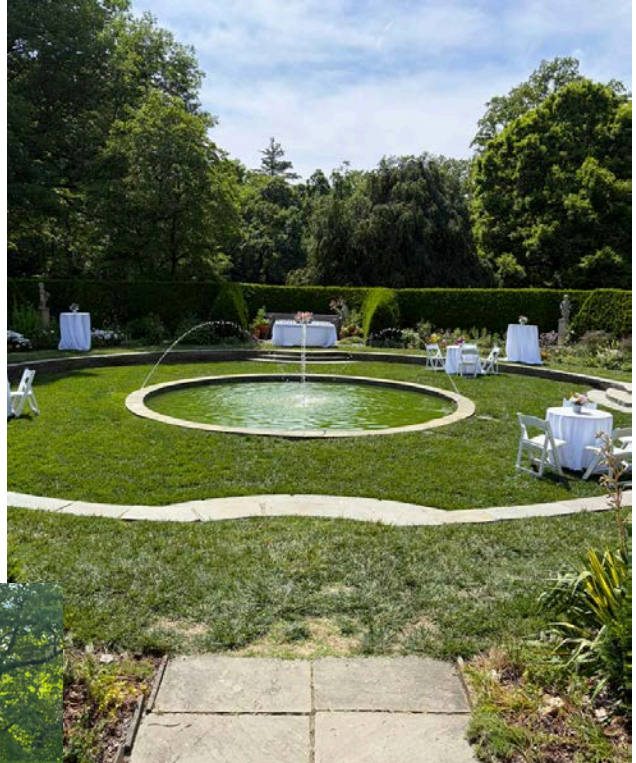
While celebrating a century of scholarship support, we can also take pride in the program's continued impact today. During the past year, The Garden Club of America awarded 130 scholarships totaling more than \$600,000. Scholarship recipients represented 70 institutions across the country, reflecting the breadth of academic disciplines and geographic regions supported through GCA's educational mission.

Zone X played a significant role in this year's scholarship program, with 18 scholarships awarded to students affiliated with institutions in our region. Of those recipients, five were from Indiana. These scholars represent the next generation of leaders in horticulture, conservation, environmental studies, and related fields.

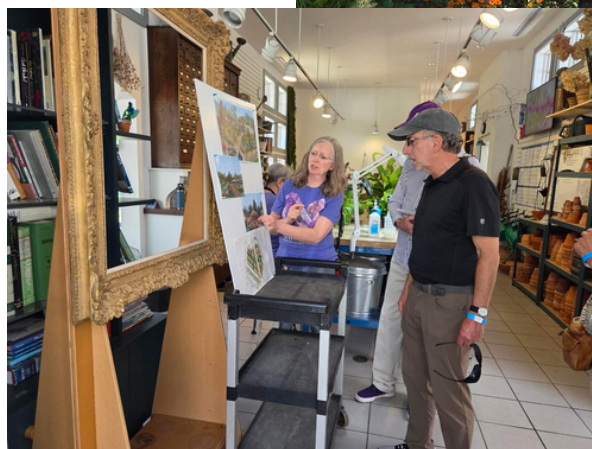
Six Midwestern institutions were represented among this year's scholarship recipients: University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Purdue University, the University of Notre Dame, Northwestern University, and the University of Wisconsin. Their inclusion highlights the strength of the Midwest's academic programs and the region's continued contributions to environmental research, conservation, and horticultural excellence.

As we commemorate 100 years of GCA scholarships, these recent accomplishments remind us that the program's impact continues to grow. Each scholarship represents an investment in knowledge, innovation, and leadership—an investment that benefits not only the recipients themselves, but also the communities and environments they will serve throughout their careers.

Garden Walk 2026



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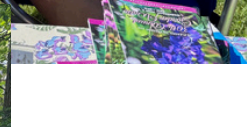
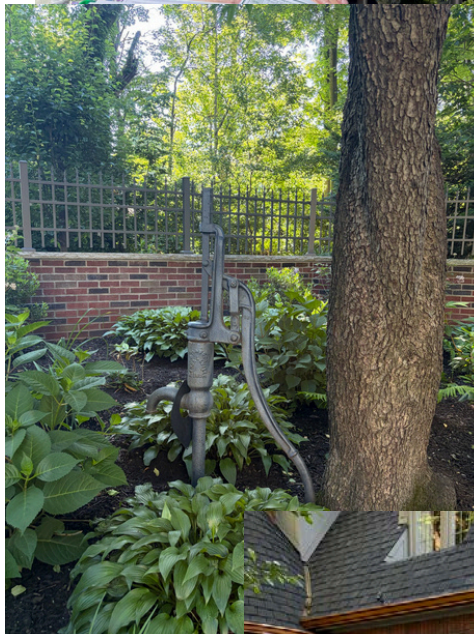
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Garden Walk Reception at Newfields



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May General Meeting Minutes

THE INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB
MAY 13, 2026 GENERAL MEETING
AT HOLLIDAY PARK NATURE CENTER

Before the meeting, members were entertained with a walk in the woods at Holliday Park, led by Ken Keffer, our program speaker, and I for one, was happy to find the Merlin Birds app which recognizes bird calls and will identify the bird!

President's Remark – Marta Gross

The meeting was called to order at 10:06am. The business meeting will follow our program speaker, Ken Keffer.

Sally Rowland, Co-Chair Conservation Committee, introduced our speaker, Ken Keffer. Ken is a graduate of University of Wyoming with a degree in wildlife biology and is an award-winning environmental author and educator. Ken is the current president of the Outdoor Writers Association of America. He now lives in Bloomington, Indiana where he and his wife, Heather Ray (a Purdue grad) own a backyard bird feeding nature shop. Did you know? Along with many other interesting facts, Ken taught us: Certain weasels turn white in the winter when in snowy climates Spring peeper frogs can freeze solid in winter and come back in spring About 35,000,000 birds will cross Marion County this spring.

How to be a Nature Mentor

- ☒ An enthusiasm for everyday nature
- ☒ Be a generalist not a specialist in your own neighborhood
- ☒ Nature is not a museum, it is an immersion experience
- ☒ Encourage lifelong learning
- ☒ Provide ongoing mentorship.

Executive Committee –

Recording Secretary – Mary Kay Leicht

Minutes from March and April meetings were approved as printed in the April and May newsletters

May General Meeting Minutes

1st VP – Lara Knitter – community projects

Lara shared that Helen Link at 60 years old went back to school to study Botany. She established a daodil farm between Martinsville and Mooresville. Helen, a gardener and dafodil breeder, is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery. There will be 56 hybrids at her grave site at Crown Hill.

Committee Announcements –

Garden Walk – Erin Baker, Molly Sturman, Mary Quinn and Debbie Falk

We are ready for Garden Walk! Members are asked to make sure you are signed up for a shift! 250 tickets have been sold! The reception will follow in the Beer Garden at Newfields from 4-6:30. There are 75 sponsors and special thanks to Casey Cronin for photography, Claudia Ryan for selling tickets, and Teresa Altemeyer for her paintings.

Closing remarks – Marta

GCA Founders Fund \$40,000 award was given to the Flowering tree planting Project in WV that IGC also chose to be awarded the \$40,000. The Hull Award was presented to Amanda Smith at Hamilton County Parks and Recreation.

June GCA eNews photo submissions due May 15.

June 11 Allerton Garden Trip sponsored by VG and GH&D

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am

After the meeting, two firsts for the club, an EV & Hybrid show and Plant Swap took place in the parking lot.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kay Leicht
Recording secretary

June General Meeting Minutes

THE INDIANAPOLIS GARDEN CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON
MERIDIAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
JUNE 5, 2026

President's Welcome and Remarks – Marta Gross

IGC members were greeted with a glass of "good cheer" on arrival to our annual meeting. Marta welcomed us to MHCC and encouraged members to start their lunches when served. Marta presented the IGC 2025-26 year in review of 37 activities in 10 minutes. Well done, Marta! Floral centerpieces are available for purchase at \$45, cash or check please.

Executive Committee Reports –

Recording secretary – Mary Kay Leicht

May 2026 General Meeting minutes as sent with the June Agenda were approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Melinda Fisher

Please send Melinda any changes of address, phone number, and email.

2nd VP – Kim Purucker

Introduced the new members: Julia Clark, Paige Miller, and Darcy Griffin.

Treasurer – Liz Brainard

Reimbursement requests are due before June 30.

Nominating – Lindsay Thornton

Lindsay called for a vote on the Executive Committee slate for 2026-27:

President - Marta Gross

1st VP – Lara Knitter

2nd VP – Kim Purucker

Treasurer – Liz Krimendahl

Recording Secretary –ra Clark

Corresponding Secretary – Melinda Fisher

This slate was passed unanimously by the members.

June General Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports –

Garden Walk – Erin Baker, Molly Sturman, Mary Quinn, and Debbie Falk

Erin thanked the many members and sponsors who once again made this year's 30th Garden Walk a success. With 15 new sponsors, our community benefit will be about \$70,000. As Erin explained, "it takes the entire club" to be successful. Starting next year there will be two co-chairs who will sit on the IGC board for garden walk instead of four, with several new non-board positions to lighten the load.

Member Engagement – Pam Mahoney

Feedback requests and committee interest surveys will be going out later today or tomorrow morning and will be due Friday, June 19.

Programs – Claudia Hapak

2026-27 General Meeting hostess sign-up is now live on evite.

Newsletter – Katy McMurray

Deadline for submissions for the June newsletter is Monday, June 8.

IGC Awards: Mary Grein and Marta Gross presented the following:

Years of Service: 25 years awarded to Anne Shane and Cindy Eiteljorg.

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty (ABCD) Award: Erin Baker and Molly Sturman from Garden Walk, Susie McClain and Liz Rudolph as Horticulture chairs, Kim Dickman and Sally Perlstein as Floral Design Chairs, and Sally Rowland as Conservation chair.

Carey Award: to Lindsay Thornton

Marta gave special thanks to the members who have given their time and support this year.

Members are reminded that the IGC hosts the Zone X Meeting and the Flower Show next April 27-29, 2027. Pat Jacoby and Sally Lanham will be needing many helpers!

Next year there will be 9 general meetings, 7 board meetings, and many special events, including a trip to the Louisville Zone Flower Show on Sept. 16. Don't forget our special Educational Endowment speaker, Fergus Garrett, will be with us on October 30. The Garden walk will be held next year on June 9, 2027.

June General Meeting Minutes

There is a special ribbon cutting ceremony tomorrow, at Garfield Park for the opening of the refurbished fountain. The IGC provided funding for gardens around the fountain.

General Meeting Dates for 2026-2027 all on Wednesdays unless noted.

September 23, 2026, 3:45pm arrival at Woodstock

October 30, 2026, Endowment Luncheon with Fergus Garrett – FRIDAY

November 18, 2026, 9:45am arrival

December 9, 2026, 11:30am arrival Holiday Luncheon at Woodstock

February 17, 2027, 10 am meeting start via zoom

March 17, 2027, 9:45am arrival

April 14, 2027, 9:45am arrival

May 19, 2027, 9:45am arrival

June 11, 2027, 11:30am arrival Annual meeting luncheon at Meridian Hills – Friday

Have a wonderful summer to all!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Leicht

Recording Secretary