

CENTRAL REGION GARDEN CLUBS, INC.



“BEE A PETAL PUSHER – PLANT AMERICA”

FALL 2020 ISSUE



CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR JODI MEYER’S MESSAGE



Seasons have come and gone too quickly, the beautiful fall leaves are falling all around my house, what about yours?

Spending more days and hours at the computer, I have enjoyed the breaks here and there to read all the States newsletters/magazines and activities that have continued during this difficult time/year.

Please check out the many projects and programs that NGC has on their website. Check out the Central Region website as well. Gloria Notaro has done a fine job on the newsletter and the website.

Every club should be using these resources to help plan on a better 2021.

I want to congratulate all the clubs that won awards and certificates from the NGC/CR this year. A special congratulation to the CR Member Award of Honor Winner Shirley Burns from Michigan.

Veterans Day is just around the corner. I hope the Blue Star Gardens are spruced up throughout the Central Region.

October would have been my last convention for CR as your director. Since that was canceled, I want to take this time to Thank all the officers, and chairman of the CR.

Carol Yee of Illinois will be the next CR Director for 2021-2023, she will do a great job and represent our Region well. Thank you!

Happy Fall!

Jodi Meyer
Central Region Director

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Dates to Remember

Deadline for the March Newsletter is:
February 1, 2021

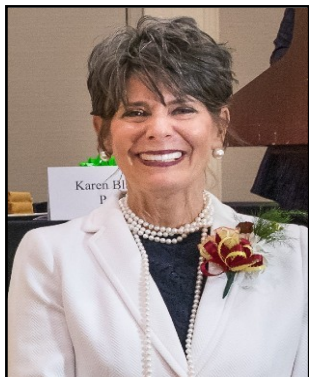
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The NGC Convention is scheduled for
May 17-20 in East Rutherford, NJ.

Due to COVID-19, more information will be
put on this page as it is received.

www.ngccentralregion.org

Theme: "Plant America - Keep Missouri Blooming"



So many clubs in Missouri budget each year for giving to a local charity. One such club was featured in the Fall Issue of our state publication, ***The Garden Forum***.

St. Louis County Garden Club is one of many who have a heart to help others in need. The idea for this project actually came from another club in their district. It is a very unique project specially geared toward homeless women. Club members collect purses and tote bags and fill them with personal hygiene, first aid and other necessities and give them to a local charity.

This year 40 purses and tote bags were filled with the items and donated to the St. Patrick's Center and St. Vincent de Paul to be distributed to homeless or nearly homeless women.

Mary Officer of the St. Louis County Garden Club chaired the event this year. I can only imagine how blessed these women were to receive a new-to-them purse full of things that will make their lives a little better. Not only do Missouri garden clubs beautify their communities with plants, they also bring hope by giving to those less fortunate.

Nan McCabe
Missouri President

PUMPKIN CRISP

Ingredients:

1 can 15 oz solid pumpkin	1 can 12 oz evaporated milk
3 eggs	1 ½ cups sugar
1 tsp cinnamon	½ tsp salt
1 box yellow cake mix	½ cup chopped pecans
1 cup melted butter	

Directions:

Mix pumpkin, eggs, cinnamon, milk, sugar and salt
Pour into 9" x 13" greased pan
Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly on top (do not push down)
Sprinkle pecans on top
Drizzle butter over the top of everything
Bake at 350 for 50-55 min until set



MARILYN KRUEGER, PRESIDENT OF THE GARDEN CLUBS OF ILLINOIS 2019-2021

Theme: “Plant America While Encouraging New Gardeners”

Again, I begin my report with the word, “Hopefully...”

Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, all of our clubs will be allowed to meet and our members will feel safe getting back to the friends, projects and activities that we love.

In spite of the mandated restrictions, our clubs have continued their devotion to civic gardening projects while following the rules. Our Blue/Gold Star Memorial Markers are receiving the care that they deserve. We anticipate the 150th marker to be ordered soon! Our clubs have found creative ways to honor our first responders and show them much gratitude for all that they do to help us in these trying times. Ever aware of the struggles that some of our neighbors are having to feed their families, we have supported our local food pantries with donations of groceries, and produce from our community gardens and financial support.



Our clubs continue to find ways to keep the spirit of The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. relevant as we navigate these uncertain, scary and ever-changing times. We are learning how to have virtual fund-raisers, garden walks and meetings. Keeping with the guidelines of social distancing, our clubs have enjoyed outdoor activities such as inviting the local tree expert to lead a tour around the park while giving the history of each tree. We continue to “Plant America” as we plant native trees in our home landscapes and our communities. “Each One, Plant One” is our goal.

We have improved our Facebook page, available to the public, to “encourage new gardeners,” as is the theme for this term. Our board members have also found this format useful to post information and reminders about various events and deadlines, which is an unexpected help promoting the projects of The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. Our members enjoy sharing their garden successes and floral design creativity, too.

Our Board of Directors recently elected Carol Yee to serve as Central Region Director and Laurel DeBoer to serve as Alternate Director for 2021-2023. We are so proud of Carol and Laurel!

Marilyn Krueger
Illinois President

The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.

Landscape Design School - March 30-31, 2021 in Glen Ellyn

GCI Annual Convention - April 18-19, 2021 in Lisle

Summer Meeting - July 19, 2021 in Champaign

**Please check our Website - gardenclubsofillinois.org for updates
and hopefully additions**

BETTY LEVERETT, PRESIDENT OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF INDIANA, INC. 2019-2021

“Plant America with More Members”



Our gardens and homes have never felt as important to us as they do at this time. We have spent a summer enjoying, and working more doing the things we love to do, garden, explore, and experiencing. We have appreciated how much these things provide, not only as a sanctuary but as a place to keep us safe and comfortable. We have turned to our environment, which many of us seek inspiration from, each and every day.

Our state officers remain diligent in working for our clubs to help maintain stability in all that we continue to accomplish. Even though state functions have been canceled this year, District Directors meet on a regular basis via Zoom video conferencing to make sure projects remain alive and well.

We have a great celebration to look forward to next year. A committee is working on The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.'s 90th active year as an organization. Fun and good times are in our future.

Many of our clubs have started meeting again under safe circumstances. I know it has been good to see friends and discuss the club's ongoing activities. Our clubs can apply for an award if they participated in the Woman's Suffrage Movement this year. The award is on the TGCI website.

I am so pleased to announce that The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. in 2019 gained 160 new members. In 2020 we gained 126 new members including a new club. Thank you so much for helping with this endeavor and supporting the President's Project, "Plant America With More Members."

The Hobart Garden Club, in the Northwest District, made an appearance in the summer issue of The National Gardener regarding their curbside plant sale to raise funds for club scholarships and planting native trees in our state. Congratulations Hobart. Congratulations to all clubs who participate in state and national projects!

The summer issue of The National Gardener also highlights the renewed interest in vegetable gardens. Yes, the "victory garden" has returned. Applause to clubs and club members who have renewed or started their interest in this environmentally friendly, and yummy, project.

Many thanks to our leaders and club members for their continued efforts in keeping our work alive. Your success is so greatly appreciated.

Betty Leverett
Indiana President



Check out the Central Region website at: www.ngccentralregion.org/

JANET HICKMAN, PRESIDENT MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC. 2019-2021

Theme: Plant America: Grow & Share



With southeastern Michigan being an early hotspot for the pandemic, virtually all group activities in the state came to a screeching halt in mid-March. Our spring District Meetings all had to be canceled; our Schools – Flower Show, Environmental, Landscape Design, scheduled for April and early May – canceled; our state Conference in early June - canceled. Even our local nurseries and greenhouses were closed to the public.

Gardeners in Michigan, like gardeners everywhere are a resilient group. In many respects, we were fortunate. Our “frost-free” date in much of the state isn’t until Memorial Day or after, so by the time the nurseries were back open, gardeners had planned and re-planned how they would plant and maintain their community gardening projects, socially distanced with masks, and in shifts if necessary. As the weather improved and as allowable group sizes for outdoor gatherings were expanded, many of our clubs began holding their meetings at parks, with everyone bringing their own lunch and their own chair.

Meanwhile, some of our state committees were meeting by teleconference before the pandemic, started using Zoom about the time the pandemic hit. We held our April and June Board Meetings by Zoom and Michigan hosted the FIRST-EVER Tri-Refresher by Zoom, in early June. We have since started offering Monday Morning Member Meetings by Zoom, open to all MGC members. Topics have included; Introduction to Zoom meetings; Photography tips; By-Law changes your club may need to consider because of the pandemic; Open mic – sharing ideas to keep your clubs connected; Youth Awards; General Awards; a session on how we will judge awards this year; socially distanced and by Zoom of course! And we have topics scheduled on Native Plants, More Photography tips and a Floral Design session.

Our fall schools all had to be canceled, because of indoor meeting size restrictions. BUT we are scheduling our 20th Gardening School Series and we plan to do it ALL by Zoom and all in one year! We could NEVER do that before – all in one year – simply because of weather and daylight-for-traveling safely logistics!

We have combined and replaced our seven Fall District meetings with a Fall ‘All District Zoom Meeting’, complete with breakout session for each of the districts. Cool weather and winter is coming, and we recognize our ability to hold club meetings inside will be questionable and realistically probably not attended. We have expanded our Zoom Account. Now ALL of our District Directors have a Zoom account, and they can use it to help their clubs hold club meetings by Zoom. Zoom is proving to be a great value-added benefit to our members.

We created several private, Special Interest Groups through our Facebook Page – Photography, Garden Arts and Crafts, Gardening with Native Plants in Michigan, and Floral Design... These days, what better way to connect with other people across the state who have similar interests!

Are we all going to be thrilled when we can gather again face-to-face? Of course! But the connections and friendships we are making will continue, even after we can meet again. There is no doubt, Zoom will be part of our future.

Janet Hickman
Michigan President

Check out the CR website:
www.ngccentralregion.org

Greetings to all Central Region members. Below you will find the results for the Central Region 2019-2020 awards. If there is no one listed with a place - we did not have the applicants. I am so amazed and in "Awe" of the wonderful programs and projects CR clubs have done - "Through a Pandemic." Everyone has been so creative/inventive in carrying out the programs "social distancing." There were not as many applications as in the past but the Quality is Phenomenal. I wish I could give everyone an award. So sorry we cannot hand the awards to you personally - maybe next year. Thanks to all for what you are doing to make our world a better, more beautiful, healthier place to live.

Healthy Garden Hugs,
Diane Neterer

Diane Neterer
FGCM Recording Secretary
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NGC Central Region 2019-2020 Award Winners

CR Award #1 – Partnering with Youth in Planting America, sponsor: Fran Stueck

- 1st Place –Lake Bloomers, MO \$50.00
- 2nd Place – West Side Garden Club, WI
- 3rd Place – Darien Garden Club, IL

CR Award #2 – Planting Community Gardens, sponsor: Sue Fuhrman

- 1st Place – Darien Garden Club, IL \$25.00
- 2nd Place –Spirit of the Woods Garden Club, MI
- 3rd Place –Lake Bloomers Garden Club, MO

CR Award #3 – Sharing Gardens, sponsor: Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa

- 1st Place –Brighton MI Garden Club, MI \$50.00
- 2nd Place – Lake Bloomers Garden Club, MO
- 3rd Place – Hill and Dale Garden Club, WI

CR Award #4 – Healing Gardens, sponsor: Linda Dingee, CR Garden Therapy Chair, personal sponsor

- 1st Place – Darien Garden Club, IL \$50.00
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

CR Award #5 – Caring Through Garden Therapy, sponsor: The Garden Clubs of Illinois

- 1st Place – Darien Garden Club, IL \$50.00
- 2nd Place – Cress Creek Garden Club, Trinity Project, IL
- 3rd Place – Shamrock Garden Club, IN

CR Award #6 – Preserving Our Land, sponsor: Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri

- 1st Place – Lake Bloomers Garden Club, MO \$50.00
- 2nd Place – Darien Garden Club, IL
- 3rd Place

CR Award #7 – Protecting our Butterflies

7a - Monarch Waystation, sponsor: Bonnie Schwichtenberg, personal sponsor

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

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#7b – Youth Garden Club, sponsor: Bonnie Schwichtenberg, personal sponsor

1st Place – Lake Bloomers Garden Club, MO \$25.00

2nd Place

3rd Place

CR Award #8 – Promoting National Garden Week, sponsor: The Garden Clubs of Indiana, Inc.

1st Place – Darien Garden Club, IL \$50.00

2nd Place

3rd Place

CR Award #9 – Sharing Creativity

#9a – Best Flower Show Schedule, sponsor: Illinois Judges Council

1st Place –Twin City Garden Club, IL \$25.00

2nd Place

3rd Place

#9b - Best Standard Flower Show Horticulture Division, sponsor: Nancy Bahn, personal sponsor

1st Place –Twin City Garden Club, IL \$25.00

2nd Place

3rd Place

#9c - Highest scoring Flower Show Educational Exhibit, sponsor: Edie Dyer-Wilson, personal sponsor

1st Place - Twin City Garden Club, IL \$25.00

2nd Place

3rd Place

CR Award #10b – Sharing CR Talents in Vision of Beauty Calendar, sponsor: Michigan Garden Clubs

1st Place - Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, MO, \$25.00

2nd Place – The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. IN

3rd Place

CR Award #11 – Honoring Veterans-Blue & Gold Star Memorials, sponsor: Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota

1st Place – Cress Creek Garden Club, IL \$50.00

2nd Place – Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, WI

3rd Place

CR Award #12 – Celebrating Life Memberships, sponsor: Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

1st Place – BuAnCo Garden Club, MO \$25.00

"I will not be continuing as Central Region Awards Chairman for the next Central Region Directors term. The position has been very rewarding and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the wonderful things happening in Central Region. Thank you all for your support during the last 2 years."

Thank you,
Diane

Diane Neterer
FGCM Recording Secretary
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The Little Sioux Federated Garden Club

This NW Iowa Garden Club has been busy working in the town park areas. We're planting perennials around a gazebo, in two triangle areas, and in front of the school sign. We'll add more perennials and annuals in the spring, and are planning on a celebration for National Garden Week, the first full week in June 2021 for the public.

We're labeling all of our plants so when people visit they know what we've planted for their enjoyment. We've applied for two grants, one from Central Region and one from National. If we are chosen it'll help us with the plantings.

We're holding our meetings once a month, in the summer and fall we met at the town park. Now we'll be meeting at the town hall with distancing.

We're planning a Halloween party for the youth in Linn Grove the night before Halloween. They'll be decorating their own pumpkins using stick-on-faces, and will make their own caramel apples using caramel wraps.

Marian McNabb
Club President

Bird and Butterflies

We had a lot of Monarchs in the spring so I ordered tags for the fall. It was an interesting fall as we only saw one Monarch, it was flying too high to catch. Not sure where the Monarchs were this fall as we usually have a lot of them. The butterflies are gone now, and we have snow. They'll return in the spring, the winter will be the perfect time for you to plan your butterfly area for next spring. Don't forget to plant host plants for the kind of butterflies you want to attract.

With the snow, many birds have been hovering around the feeders. We have Chickadees, our Central Region Bird, Nuthatches, Woodpeckers, Finches, Blue Jays, and plenty of Sparrows. We had a pair of Cardinals but haven't seen them lately.

I feed them sunflower seeds, and suet. I also plant sunflowers and leave them until next spring, the birds eat the seeds out of them. I leave most of my flowers standing for the birds to eat their seeds during the winter. Feed our feathered friends so they'll be around in the spring.

Winter is a good time to make bird houses for spring. You can make them out of gourds or use a pattern for a wood bird house; either bird house will work and they'll be ready to hang in the spring.

Marian M. McNabb
Birds & Butterflies Chairman

Paper Valley Garden Club - Appleton, WI

COVID-19 virus has been evident in the lives of all of the members of the Paper Valley Garden Club. Members chose to attend the meetings which are held outdoors. One meeting was held at a Nursery where the staff set chairs 6 feet apart. The staff gave lectures about peonies and hydrangeas and showed examples of the plants.

The club toured the Green Bay Botanical Garden's new butterfly house. Social distancing and wearing masks kept members comfortable. The club also spent an enjoyable evening touring 3 members' gardens and enjoying snacks at each garden.

Another outdoor event brought a few more members to weed a public garden. As the weather cools and the COVID-19 continues, officers are trying new things. Members were able to make hypertufa containers in a member's shop. The times were staggered so only 3-4 members would be in attendance at a time.

The next meeting will focus on making holiday wreaths and swags with a twist. Members must add some recycled materials to their designs. Officers are considering making a video for members. Members talk about how great it is to get together.

Carol Catlin
Life Membership Chairman



Life Memberships

There is a very lovely way to support scholarships in the seven States of Central Region and remember a loved one. Yes, you can purchase a Life Membership for \$50 and give a gift to a family member, a friend, or a garden club member at the same time. Purchase the Life Membership in honor of your friend, relative, or other people and you will support education at the same time.

The \$50 Life Membership goes to the Central Region Scholarship Fund. Central Region would like to give out many \$500 scholarships. When you buy a Life Membership, you are contributing to the scholarship fund. In addition, you can purchase the Life Membership pin for \$10. If you already have a Life Membership, consider buying a Gold Star for \$25!

Carol Catlin
Life Membership Chairman
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Gardening School

NGC Schools Students and Consultants:

Please check your records to make sure your credentials are not expiring! With the COVID-19 situation, it's easy to lose track of the courses or refreshers you've taken as well as when they were taken.

Students have 7 years to complete the four courses required to become a consultant (courses can be taken in any order). Refreshers must be taken every 5 years. Students should keep track of their own records, but states should have records of courses taken.

The Central Region Gardening School State Chairmen (or student record keepers) are:

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The School Directories are located on the updated NGC website: gardenclub.org

There are tabs for "School Resources and Forms" when you click on the individual schools. There is also a tab for Course offerings. Directories are listed under the Home Page bottom: "Forms Library."

The 2020 schools have been affected by the COVID-19 environment. Many of the courses planned for early 2020 had to be postponed:

Iowa postponed the in-person class it was planning for September: COVID-19 cases increased greatly and the Arboretum venue was closed after damage caused by the derecho. Future classes are TBA.

Michigan is planning a Zoom class March 31-April 1, 2021

Missouri is planning an in-person class in June, 2021

Please refer to the NGC website for updates and contact information as they become available.

Please be aware that you may take any courses (Zoom or otherwise) outside your state. Zoom courses, though may give first preference to residents of the host state.

Carol Yee

Central Region Gardening School Chairman

NGC Gardening School Accrediting Chairman for Central Region

SAVING SEEDS

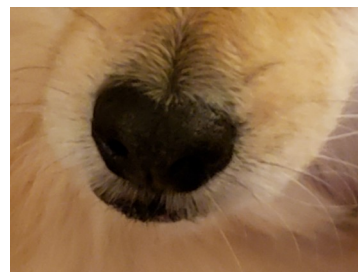
Hi from Minnesota. Do you have Free Library Book Boxes in your neighborhood? Some Minnesota Garden Clubs have started to put their saved seeds in the Library boxes to share with their friends. Try putting the seeds, labeled with directions this spring to encourage new gardeners.

Betty Beck

Seeds/Saved

Dogs Join the Invasive Plant Battle

We have heard how dogs are used to sniff for bombs and drugs, also to locate missing people, smuggled contraband, and fugitives. Since they have such amazing noses, why not use them to sniff out invasive plants and insects?



In the state of New York, a yellow Labrador retriever named Dia has been taught to do just that. Dia assists conservationists in tracking down a flowering yellow shrub that's found in New York recreational areas. The shrub, which is very pretty, displaces native plants by growing thickets that wildlife has a tough time getting through. It is widespread in the Pacific Northwest, but is new to New York State.

Joshua Beese, Dia's handler, said the job would be overwhelming without Dia's help. Dia has shown him hundreds of Scotch broom shoots hidden in a field of tall grass and sweet fern which probably would have been missed by him and the Invasive Strike Force volunteers.

Pete Coppolillo is the executive director of the nonprofit Working Dogs for Conservation based in Bozeman, Montana. Coppolillo said, "Our field in the last 15 years has just exploded." Working Dogs partners with government agencies, researchers and nonprofits on five continents to provide trained dogs and handlers for conservation projects. One of the Working Dogs for Conservation handlers mentored Beese in training Dia. The nonprofit has trained dogs to find spotted knapweed in Montana, Chinese bush clover in Iowa, yellow star thistle in Colorado, rosy wolf snails in Hawaii and brown tree snakes in Guam. A feasibility study is currently running in Minnesota to use dogs to identify trees that have been invaded by the emerald ash borer.

Dogs have also been employed in five Western states to detect invasive zebra and quagga mussels on boats. "We've trained over 200 dog and handler teams to help in global wildlife trafficking, and now we're doing a lot of invasive species work," Coppolillo said. "It's really exciting. As ecologists we've always talked of invasive as something we manage, but now we may actually be able to eradicate them in some places."

An example of a successful canine conservation effort is the near-eradication of Dyer's woad, a knee-high weed from Russia, which has spread its unwanted golden blossoms to western-state roadsides.

Weed-pulling teams tried for years to get rid of it at Mount Sentinel in Missoula, Montana, but failed to make much headway. Enter a border collie and a golden retriever trained by WDC, and within a few years the plants were almost completely gone.

The Mequon Nature Preserve in Wisconsin has an invasive species sniffing dog named Tilla. Tilla is a chocolate, English field Labrador and she assists them in monitoring animal species and eradicating invasive plants. She has been trained to sniff out Garlic Mustard and Wild Parsnips and over time may learn over 20 target scents.

The secret to the dogs' success is that they can smell the target plants hidden among other species. Unlike humans, they don't need to see the flowers to ID them. "The great thing about dogs is that they're charismatic and people love them," said Arden Blumenthal, a conservation intern working with Beese. "It's a great way to draw attention to the invasive issue."

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Jane Buck
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Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest



The 2021 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest rules have been distributed to the Youth Chairman of each state. This year is Woodsy Owl's 50th Birthday so the contest is only showcasing him in the posters.

Fun facts on Woodsy – he is a 13-year-old male and his birthday is September 15th. He lives in a tree in a National Forest and teaches kids to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot (composting).



Each CR State will judge all of the state entries and send the top one for each grade (1st – 5th) to the CR Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman. Central Region then judges these and picks one from each grade to send to the National Chairman. The National Chairman along with representatives from the National Forestry Department judge all of the winners from the Regions and choose the top winner from each grade.

But it doesn't stop there – next they will choose one from these finalists to be the National Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Winner. That student will be honored with a Recognition Ceremony in Washington, D.C. and receive round-trip transportation and accommodations for four persons for a 4 days/3 nights stay.

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. will award a \$50.00 check to each of the first-place national winners. I know it has been crazy for kids and school this year but this does not have to be done through school, though many do. The posters do have to be sponsored by a state garden club but is open to virtual students, homeschooled students and in-person students. Please contact your State Youth Chairman for more details. Posters must be received by them in January so you still have plenty of time to get the information out to the students in your area.

Cynthia Wright
Chairman

Bald Eagles Sighting

Today I saw 4 Bald Eagles. We had a Bald Eagle release here in 2011 after it was sick from lead poisoning.

A few things I'd like to pass on about Bald Eagles, because they are our National Bird, it's illegal to possess them or their feathers. The only people that can have them are Raptor Rehabilitators, Native Americans, and people with Special permits, like the DNR.



If they eat dead deer parts, or fish parts containing lead, it will poison and sometimes kill them. Ask your hunters and fishermen to use non-lead bullets and sinkers, or purchase non-lead bullets for them to save our Bald Eagles.

Bald Eagles are now off of the Endangered Species list. They'll hunt for food along the open waters in our areas during the winter. You might also see a nest, just stay your distance and use binoculars to watch them, you don't want them to abandon a nest that might have eggs. Depending on where you live, there are live cams for you to watch the progress of eggs and young. Enjoy our Wild Areas.

Marian McNabb
Birds & Butterflies Chairman

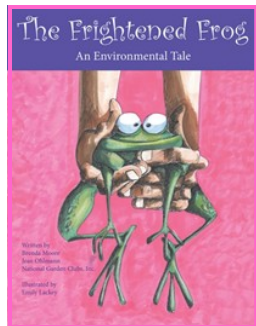
National Garden Clubs - Member Services

Do some Online shopping on the shopping site: <http://shopgardenclub.org/shop/>

Buy children a book or read it to them.

The Frightened Frog, a K-4 Children's Book

Item# 1342 Price/ea \$10.00



How much do you know about frogs and amphibians? About the world they live in? Come with us on a journey of learning about frogs, amphibians and their habitat! "The Frightened Frog" is an early reader book written to educate elementary children about the environmental issues affecting amphibians.



Buy an early Christmas present.

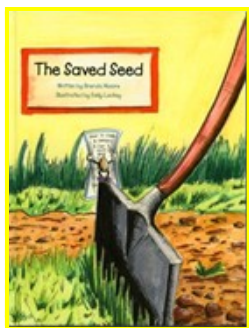
Blue Star Holiday Ornament

Item #5437 Price/ea: \$10.00

3" ornament with 4" gold string

The Saved Seed a K-4 Children's Book

Item #1345 Price/ea: \$10.00



There are dozens of varieties of pumpkins ranging from tiny ornamental varieties, to those weighing in at over 100 pounds each! The Saved Seed follows the journey of a smiling pumping seed from Halloween pumpkin through the year becoming a seedling, a vine and then a new Pumpkin! Along the way, children learn through beautiful illustrations how to care for their own pumpkin seeds and become successful pumpkin gardeners!



Wilma Conley
Member Services