



# MILLER GARDEN CLUB MESSAGE

## OCTOBER 2002



**THE MILLER GARDEN CLUB WILL MEET ON THE THIRD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE AQUATORIUM.**

**There will be no speaker, just a business meeting and time to socialize. Discussion will center around club projects. If you have items to include on the agenda, give Budge Kloss a call at 939-8913.**

### Election coming up

The November meeting will feature the election of officers for the coming year. The nominating committee of Budge Kloss, Judy Ayers, and Corya Channing are looking for candidates to fill five offices:

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| President      | Presides over monthly meetings, March through November; provides direction for the club; spearheads the effort to keep up the Aquatorium grounds, sends out correspondence, and creates committees to further the goals of the club. |
| Vice-President | Recruits speakers or organizes programs for meetings 3 or 4 times a year. Stands in for the president if he is unavailable.  |
| Secretary      | Keeps minutes of the monthly meetings, helps with the newsletter, handles correspondence.  |
| Treasurer      | Keeps the books, and reports financial status; works with the membership chairman to keep the lists current. <i>P.S. Sarah Hensel would to pass on her membership list "Chair" job!</i>  |
| Archivist      | Keeps scrapbook of photos, publicity, etc. <i>she's been keeping the lists for 3 years. Thank you, Sarah!</i>  |

Current office holders are:

Budge Kloss, President  
 Ernie Oppman, Vice President  
 Judy Ayers, Secretary  
 Jack Tonk, Treasurer  
 Marco Benevidas, Archivist

### Want a job?

If you would like to be an officer next year, you know someone who does want to be (or who SHOULD be), call Judy (938-5911) or Corya (938-98532).

## Thanks

Many thanks to Deb Weiss for a wonderfully illuminating talk on Bonsai gardening at last month's meeting—informative, creative and fun! The talk took the guesswork out of what could be an intimidating art form. Deb's demonstration gave even his black-thumbed plantswoman hope for the future. (hey, I killed a twelve-year-old bonsai a few years ago and am still grieving).

## We support the Shirley Heinze Environmental Fund

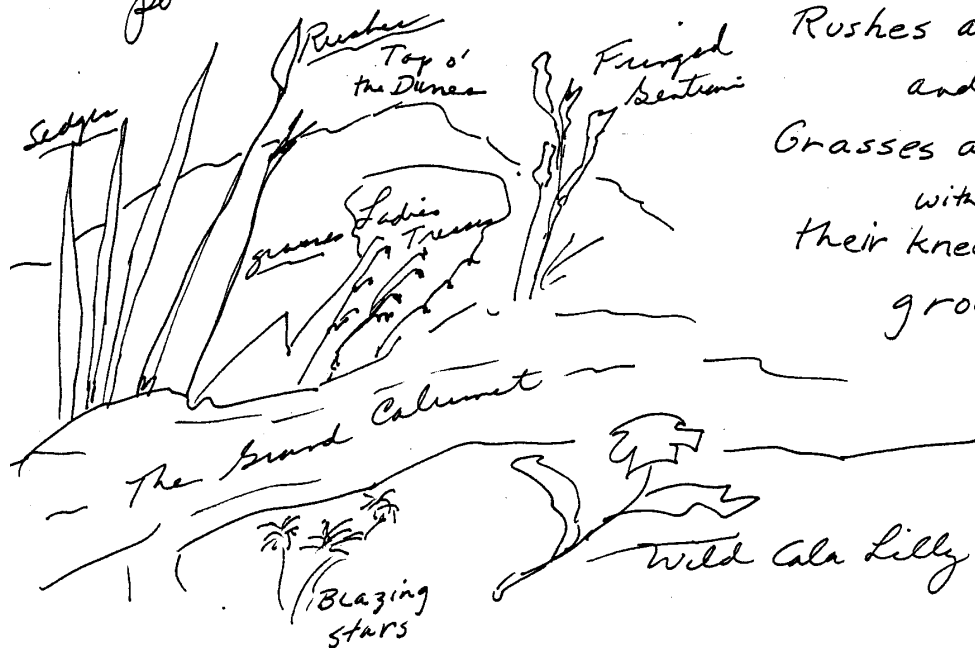
Some interesting news from Myrna Newgent, with the Shirley Heinze Environmental Fund: the Fund just purchased a 20-acre parcel of "boreal forest" in LaPorte County, next to a larger segment already in trust. This makes the preserve 168 acres total. This land is "nice and wet with ephemeral ponds in the spring", says Myrna. Did you know, our area of Indiana is some of the most unique land anywhere in the U.S.? When botanists come to this country from around the world in the early 1900's, they wanted to see the Smoky Mountains, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and the Indiana Dunes. Our club pays annual dues to the Fund, to help support the good work they do. (Hmmm, maybe we should have Myrna come to speak to us next year...?)

The Aquatorium landscaping looks beautiful – come and see for yourselves on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Cory  
Corya

my memories

of a pictorial and  
poetic "Gentian Walk" \*



"Sedges have edges  
and  
Rushes are round  
and  
Grasses are hollow  
with  
their knees on the  
ground."

— Chuck Hensel

\* since no one wanted to go on the ACTUAL walk last month!

## **Garden Club Minutes for September 21, 2002**

At 10:10am the meeting was called to order by President, Budge Kloss

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ways & Means Committee** - Bob Grenert represented the committee since Bob McAllister is still recovering. The planters at the Miller South Shore Station have either been vandalized or mistakenly used as benches. In either case, 2 of the planters are damaged beyond use. The consensus of the garden club was to continue decorating the station for fall and the upcoming holidays. It was moved, seconded and the motion passed that we authorize Froggy's to decorate for these occasions and we will provide funds not to exceed \$300 for both seasons.

Bob reported the Memorial Fund is temporarily stalled due to the problem of finding a permanent location. The committee suggests waiting until spring to put forth an effort to determine what space is available. Ideas were suggested of using space at one of the two new schools proposed for Miller or perhaps decorating a public area that needs attention such as the old Lach Funeral Home location. Also the idea was tossed around about obtaining space at the Douglas Center or buying a lot at a tax sale. Members also seemed to like the idea of a labyrinth and it was mentioned we could call on club member, Meg Wolfe, for advice since she is a landscape architect and has a labyrinth in her garden.

**Follow-up to Lack or Enforcement of Park Rules** - Club member Ernie Oppman reminded us we still need to bring this issue to the attention of the MCC. Ernie is willing to serve as our liaison. He provided us with grim information he gathered from the Park Department (they are no longer involved in policing parks) and the Police Department (there are 6 officers classified as legal auxiliary to watch over 57 parks). Ernie will speak at the next MCC meeting on behalf of the Garden Club and express our concern about Marquette Park.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Get well wishes were extended to Bob McAllister and Tom Eaton
2. Sign up sheets were passed around for volunteers for the Nominating Committee and Garden Selection Committee for next year's garden walk.
3. Welcome to new member, Tama Pickford.

**Guest Speaker** - Corya Channing introduced Miller resident, Deb Weiss who spoke to us about Bonsai. Deb is an art education associate and has trained at the Art Institute in Chicago. She provided us with handouts and demonstrated the process of taking a full sized plant, drawing it and designing the shape of the plant by wiring or weighting branches. Thanks to Deb for an interesting program.

Our next meeting will be November 16th.

Respectfully submitted - Judy Ayers, Garden Club Secretary

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