

# Owen County Garden Club



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Early Summer 2011

## Next Meeting: Monday, June 13

Our June meeting will take place at Angie Fender's shelter house at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13. Please bring a dish to share. The club will provide tableware and beverages. This will be a full "business" meeting, with much discussion, I'm sure, about our display for the Fair. Start thinking how we can tie our display to the Open Class building's theme: Sports Spectacular. Also, we'll talk about a possible trip in August (see page 3).

**Date:** Monday, June 13

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Angie & Louis Fender's home

1494 Rocky Hill Road

[up driveway; left past pond; then right to shelter house]

**Contact:** Angie, 829-2679

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## The Triangle

The Triangle is already thriving! Those little evergreens and daylilies we put in four and five years ago are really filling out. And that's just what they're supposed to do. And the roses have out-performed our wildest dreams. Of course, the weeds like it out there, too. And we just added some soil enhancements, so won't the weeds be happy now!

Summer work sessions are scheduled for the following Saturday mornings:

**May 21: 7 a.m.** Plant annuals.

**June 25: 7 a.m.** Weed and clean up.

**July 30: 7 a.m.** Weed and clean up.

**Aug. 27: 7 a.m.** Weed and clean up.

**Sept. 24: 7 a.m.** Weed and clean up.

**November 5: 8 a.m.** Fall clean-up.

Please join us, if you are able, whether for an hour or for a work session or two. It's trite but true: Many hands make light work. And besides, it's fun and satisfying.

## Plant Sale: Report

Our plant sale on May 7<sup>th</sup>, the opening day of the Farmer's Market, was a success by all accounts. The weather did no more than drizzle on us. We had tables full of a stunning variety of plants. And customers came and bought them. And *some* of the customers weren't even Garden Club members!

We took in just more than \$500, after expenses. This has been the norm in recent years. It's our only real fundraiser every year, and it keeps our account pretty healthy.

There were, however, some leftovers. Please scan this list and contact Julie Coffin if you have a home for any of these plants. They're free for the taking.

lamb's ear	feverfew
dwarf yellow iris	money plant
some other iris—no color ID	maiden grass—several big pots
orange (hybrid) daylilies	pampas grass—several big pots
goldenrod	

Call Julie; she's at home all day and most evenings: 829-2493

Note from Julie: I'll keep them alive in these pots as long as I can! I took just a quick inventory, and these are the specimens that jumped out at me. There are three or four dozen pots here. Don't be shy. Just consider it "sharing" and speak up and...don't leave them here to languish in these pots.

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## Owen County Fair

The Fair runs from **Sunday, July 17, through Saturday, July 23**. As always, Open Class flowers are to be entered the day *before* the Fair opens—so, Saturday, July 16. Also, Tuesday, July 19, is the day for the specialty flower contest that the club sponsors. To tie in with the Open Class building's theme of "Sports Spectacular," the specialty contest revolves around sports-oriented arrangements.

Our annual display in the Open Class building is always something to behold. Whether it's a re-created front porch, an outhouse, or a bank of blooming plants, it always draws comments. Start cranking out those ideas for a "Sports Spectacular"-themed display....bring yourself and your ideas to the meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Trip to Quilt Gardens Along the Heritage Trail

The northern Indiana area around Nappanee, Elkhart, and Shipshewana is famous for its Amish communities and for the quilt gardens. Yes, huge gardens planted in quilt patterns. The club officers propose a trip for interested Garden Club members.

**Dates:** August 13 and 14

Depart around 6 a.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Tour gardens in Nappanee, Wakarusa, and Elkhart. Stay at a motel in or near Elkhart. Then tour gardens in Middlebury, Shipshewana, and Goshen before returning to Spencer on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Details:** Club members carpool, sharing gas expenses with drivers. Hotels run in the range of \$85–\$100 per night for a room with two queen beds. It would be your choice as to whether you would want to foot the bill for a room by yourself, or double up and split the cost. All meals at members' expense.

**Reservations:** Please indicate your desire to participate in this trip on or by June 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Faye Ure at 828-0565 or at fayeken@comcast.net. Or, you can let Faye know you want to go at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. It's a busy tourist area, so hotel reservations need to be made early.

To get a preview of the quilt gardens, visit this site: [www.amishcountry.org/events/](http://www.amishcountry.org/events/). Scroll down until you get to the Quilt Gardens entry.

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## Garden Club Urns: Summer Watering

The task of watering our “pots” is nearly upon us. The May rain is helping, but there will come a day when we'll be hauling our milk jugs out. Several local businesses are helping us out this year. Plus, new club member Jenny Madden is stepping in where John and Nancy Fuhs so tirelessly trod for the previous couple of years. She is watering—on week days—a number of pots around the Square.

So, what's left? Only a few pots need to be watered *during the week* by the assigned weekly waterer (see watering schedule on next page). Then, on the weekends, if it's very dry and hot, some additional pots will need attention. Here's hoping that the accompanying map and key will help us all keep this straight! For those of you receiving this in the mail, the map is included. For electronic readers, please click the additional link to download the map.

At the end of your assigned week, please give a courtesy call to the next person with a reminder that it is his or her turn during the coming week.

But first, the list of urn “owners” for 2011. Note that the numbers in this list correspond to the pot numbers on the accompanying map.

1.	Peoples' Bank	Emily Redenbarger
2.	McKay's Pharmacy	Anton Neff
3.	Owen Community Bank	Angie Fender
4.	Heinmiller residence (NE Main/Morgan)	Jo Ann Ligon
5.	Dr. Dotterer	Karen Fulk
6.	video store	Brinsons
7.	Pete's Mufflers	Joe O'Connor
8.	Languell Abstract	Linda Hancock
9.	former Flea Market (NE Main/Franklin)	Sue Ciresi
10.	Hickam law office	Karen Crosby
11.	FedEx Box (NW Main/Market)	Jill Brush
12./13.	Veteran's Memorial (2 small)	Julie Coffin
14.	Raventos law office	Nancy Knapp
15.	former Chambers (SE Main/Market)	Mary Ann Dunfee
16.	Water Company	Faye Ure
17.	OC Heritage & Culture Center	Tony Neff
18.	old fire station/Norman law office	Tony Neff
19.	Extension Office	Jonathan & Jacob Balash
20./21.	Post Office (2 small)	Faye Ure
22.	<i>Evening World</i> office	Jenny Madden
23.	Moose Lodge	John Fuhs
24.	VFW	Lois Ohler
25./26.	NE Court House Square	Jo Ann Ligon

Next, the watering schedule:

May 15–21	Emily Redenbarger	829-4786
May 22--28	JoAnn Ligon	829-4300
May 29--June 4	Joe O'Conner	876-3045
June 5–11	Sue Ciresi	829-2731
June 12–18	Nancy Knapp	829-2128
June 19–25	Faye Ure	828-0565
June 26–July 2	Barb Winders	829-6282
July 3–9	Julie Coffin	829-2493
July 10–16	Floyd Richards	876-8731
July 17–23	Sue Ciresi	829-2731
July 24–30	Berta Moore	876-1100
July 31–Aug 6	Jacob & Jonathan Balash	829-4948
Aug 7–13	Angie Fender	829-2679
Aug 14–20	Emily Redenbarger	829-4786
Aug 21–27	Karen Crosby	829-5681
Aug 28–Sept 3	Faye Ure	828-0565
Sept 4–10	JoAnn Ligon	829-4300
Sept 11–17	Julie Coffin	829-2493
Sept 18–24	Nancy Knapp	829-2128
Sept 25–Oct 1	Barb Winders	829-6282

To emphasize a couple of important points about the pots:

- During the week, only pots 1, 3, 4, and 7 need attention from the assigned waterer.
- *If* the weather is very hot/dry, these additional pots would need weekend attention from the assigned waterer: 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.
- If you are unable to water during your assigned week, please call someone else on the list and swap weeks. If you simply can't find a sub, then call Faye Ure.

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## Summary of Dates for Your Calendar

Here's an easy list of our own events as well as some other area events of interest:

**Every Saturday morning: Owen County Farmer's Market**

**June 13: Garden Club meeting at Fenders**

**June 18 and 19: Bloomington Garden Club Summer Garden Walk; Saturday 10–2, Sunday 12–4, rain or shine. (\$10 fee, I think)**

**July 16: Owen County Fair—Open Class exhibit entry day**

**July 17–23: Owen County Fair**

**August 5–12: Indiana State Fair**

**August 13 and 14: Proposed Garden Club trip to Quilt Gardens**

**September 17 and 18: Apple Butter Festival**

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<http://birdsbybent.com/gardenclub>