April 2016

Next Meetings

April 13
6:30 p.m.
Topic: *Herbs—Our Plant Allies in the Garden: For the Health of the Soil, the People and the Earth*
Speaker: Constance Ferry, Hobbit Gardens

May 11
6:30 p.m.
Topic: TBD
Speaker: Carol Michel, author of the award-winning blog *May Dreams Gardens*

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GARFIELD PARK MASTER GARDENERS

Garfield Gardener

President's Letter

Hi Fellow Gardeners:

Crocus, daffodils, forsythia and hyacinth have popped open, a sure sign spring is here. Perhaps a little early. Most of the ground that I had looked at south of the city last week still was saturated. However, now, the fields may be drying out enough to get plowing started.

Last month at the Flower and Patio show, I spoke with a rose grower from the southside and he said it was too early to cut back his roses. I also met a Master Gardener from Delaware County who said the ground was too moist to plant potatoes or onions. Everyone seemed antsy to get started. For me, I can't wait to get my hands dirty.

I was wondering how many of you have visited another Master Gardener Club from the surrounding counties? I visited the Johnson County Master Gardeners Club a week ago. They had a good turn out. Their agenda is slightly different from ours; they serve the food first then have their speaker and then their meeting. The speakers were from the IMA and also a young lady who grows glads. Both very interesting. Sometime when you have the time, make it a point to visit another Master Gardeners Club. It's a good will gesture as well. Also, it counts as one educational hour.

April Meeting: Agenda

- Welcome
- Speaker: Constance Ferry
- Break
- Speaker: Garfield Park Farmers Market
- Board Reports
- Volunteer Opportunity
- Board Member: Treasurer
- Website
- The Good and The Welfare

Thanks to Barbara Jablonski for her work in getting so many local garden centers to honor Master Gardeners with discounts.

We are moving forward on a website. Oren Cooley and Nancy Boettner have been in contact with a person to get it started.

Due to a lack of member interest, I have decided not to pursue the tomato tasting event. Perhaps at a later date.

We are going to offer a new feature for everyone's benefit to learn more about volunteer opportunities. Starting with the April meeting, we would like each of our members to volunteer five minutes during a future club meeting to present a volunteer program. The presentation will be scheduled after the Board reports. Please tell us your name, give a brief description of the program, how long you have been involved, the scope of the organization, what your duties are and why you chose that program. To start this new feature, I will be first and then would like each of you to sign up for future monthly meetings. In addition, each Board member will make a brief presentation of their duties to help us understand what is required and, hopefully, increase more interest in members becoming involved in the club's leadership. Thanks for your consideration.

—Boynton Robson, Club President
Garfield Park Master Gardeners

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GPMGA Next Meeting: April 13

Topic: *Herbs—Our Plant Allies in the Garden: For the Health of the Soil, the People and the Earth*
Speaker: Constance Campbell Ferry, Hobbit Gardens Erth Gathering Center, Fillmore, IN

Constance organically grows herb, perennial and vegetable plants and produce at Hobbit Gardens (6213 East C.R. 300 North, in Fillmore; hobbitgardens.blogspot.com), an organic herb farm in Putnam County. Living and working on 27 1/2 acres of woods, ravines, pastures and gardens, she has been growing for 25 years and presently shares her passion through lectures, workshops, events, tours, apprenticeship programs and the Erth Gathering Center.

Constance is a Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, an herbalist, grower, and member and speaker for the Master Gardeners Association, the International Herb Association, the Herb Society of Central Indiana and American Herbalist Guild Indiana Chapter. She and her gardens and shop have been featured in local, Indiana and national newspapers and magazines.

GPMGA Meeting Minutes: March 9

Program

- Steve Mayer, Extension Educator-Horticulture, Purdue Extension-Marion County, presented on *New Varieties of Annual Flowers and Vegetables.* Grant recipients, Chuck Bulblitz, Baxter Y Garden, and Judy Martin, Perry Meridian 6th Grade Garden, presented updates on their projects.

Business Meeting (Board Reports)

- President's Report-Boynton Robson: Members welcomed; Certificate of appreciation presented to Ed Myers, Historian
- Secretary-Nancy Boettner: Minutes accepted as printed in newsletter
- Treasurer's Report-James Scherschel: Checking balance today is $5,106.25; Membership dues of $15 are due; 50 have renewed thus far
- Programs-Cira Coates, Kay Roland: Program for April set
- Newsletter/Communications-Oren Cooley: Thanks for all of the input for newsletter; Updated membership roster available for review; Membership brochure being updated; Group thanked Oren for his wonderful work
- Plant Sale–Kay Martin-Pence: Sale May 14; Bring pots to share; Updated stickers for yard signs available; Post signs in late April; Template for plant labels to be provided; Will present GP Farmers Market info next month
- Hospitality-Cira Coates, Sue Hoyt: Thanks to snack providers for March, especially the Fountain Square Subway; One provider still needed for April
- Conservatory Tours-Boynton Robson: Have guides for March and April; Conservatory ever changing

Other Business

- Garden Center Discounts-Barb Jablonski: List of centers in newsletter; All members asked to support centers and thank them for their participation
- Review of Officer Responsibilities: Nancy Boettner reviewed duties of Secretary
- Survey-Boynton Robson: Working on implementation of new items based on results
- Tomato Tasting Event-Boynton Robson: Interest shown for event to be held after the fair; Seeking leadership
- Club's Historical Documents-Boynton Robson: Need cart with wheels for many binders; Binders currently in storage

Miscellaneous

- Raised Beds-Debra Boyer: Seeking new owner for beds and soil

—Nancy Boettner

Earth Day2016

On Saturday, April 23, thousands of Hoosiers will head to downtown Indianapolis to attend what the national Earth Day Network calls one of the most successful annual Earth Day events in the country.

The Earth Day Indiana Festival—which will occur from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Military Park—combines more than 100 environmental and conservation exhibits, live music, special activities for kids and good food. With the theme *Earth Day Begins at Home*, the festival features exhibits on environmental protection, conservation of natural resources and sustainable living. The Earth Day Indiana Festival is the state's largest one-day environmental event, and is the first free, outdoor festival in Indianapolis each year.

In 1970, U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson organized the first Earth Day to bring national attention to conservation issues. Twenty million people joined in peaceful demonstrations—including 10,000 grade and high schools, and 2,000 colleges in approximately 1,000 communities. In 1995, Nelson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Through the 1970s, Indiana's Earth Day celebrations were held primarily at colleges. However, in the late 1980s, a particularly hot summer produced serious air pollution problems, record-setting heat waves and drought with devastating fires. Soon, the nation's agricultural belt began to take a greater interest in environmental concerns.

By the 20th anniversary of Earth Day in 1990, interest in environmental issues had spread across the globe.

Spring Forward 2016: A Review

In March, I had the opportunity to attend Spring Forward 2016, an event to celebrate the gardening community. This day was well planned by Mark Cramer of the St. John Indiana Gardening Club in Northern Indiana.

This little garden club of only 14 members approached Joe Lamp'l of *Growing a Greener World* two years ago. They secured him as a speaker in hopes that they could sell tickets to provide the seed money to put on such an event. I was very impressed by the work done by such a small group of people.

Speakers Joe Lamp'l of *Growing a Greener World* and Roger Swain of PBS *The Victory Garden* offered unique views of our communities. Their words of wisdom and humor were well received by the group of over 200 gardening enthusiasts.

As for my interest, when I heard that Roger Swain was going to be in Indiana I purchased a ticket and waited for almost a year to attend. You could say I have a bit of a crush on this gardening man in the red suspenders. I gathered knowledge from *The Victory Garden* over the years and from articles written by Roger in *Horticulture Magazine*. One article in particular about pruning wisteria was a favorite. Swain was a great speaker whose focus was that "people need plants and plants need people".

—Susan Micks, Interior Horticulturist
Garfield Park Conservatory

Service & Training Opportunities

April 23 (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)
Gardening for All Ages
Hendricks County MG Association
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
1900 East Main St., Danville
www.hendricksgardeners.com

Volunteers Needed at Indiana World War Memorial
Volunteers are needed to help with plantings and weeding at the Indiana World War Memorial in downtown Indianapolis. Participants need to bring own tools and refreshments. Meter parking. Restrooms available. Lunchtimes / Evenings / Half-days available. For info, contact Alane Judkins at 317-684-3126 or at Alane.P.Judkins@jpmorgan.com or at apj44@sbcglobal.net.

Garfield Park Conservatory Tour Guide Schedule

April 9 (2:30 p.m.)
Sue Hoyt
Judy Martin

April 23 (2:30 p.m.)
Arlene Bow
Oren Cooley
John Montgomery

Anyone interested in becoming a tour guide should contact Boynton Robson at roby2931@gmail.com.

Future Hospitality Help

GPMGA extends a big thank you to Piyush Patel of the Fountain Square Subway (1156 S. Shelby St., Indianapolis) for donating Subway sandwiches for our March meeting.

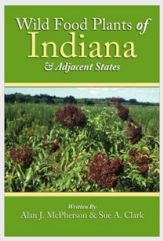
The following GPMGA Board Members will supply snacks at April meeting:

- Judy Beninger
- Sue Hoyt
- Dawn Keller-Doll
- Becky Nowlin

If you wish to help with a future meeting, please contact Sue Hoyt at msue3@hotmail.com.

From the Bookshelf . . .

Wild Food Plants of Indiana and Adjacent States
by Alan McPherson



This delightful field guide to wild foods describes more than eighty edible plants that grow in Indiana and adjacent states and gives directions for delicious ways of preparing them.

The guide provides a plant perspective of Indiana and a seasonal guide to foraging, which tells what plants to look for at each season of the year. A detailed description and a drawing are given for each plant or plant family, along with its preferred habitats, its distribution within the state, and information on the edible parts.

What makes *Wild Food Plants of Indiana* special are the dozens of tempting recipes. The pleasure of spring include wild asparagus soup, evening primrose roots in sweet and sour sauce, and wild onion broth with cornmeal dumplings. Early summer brings rose butter sandwiches, wild strawberry roly-poly, and steamed cattail. In July and August, one can relish chokecherry cornbread, daylily fritters, and juneberry shortcake. Among the riches of fall are creamy hickory nut soup, hazelnut bread, and pawpaw ice cream.

Another MG Discount

Cool Ponds, 901 East Hanna Ave. (on the city's near southside), is the newest addition to local family-owned garden centers giving a 10% discount to Master Gardeners showing their membership card preceding purchase.

If one needs high quality plants for a water garden or fairy garden, Cool Ponds is the perfect place to shop. Visit Staci and Steve Wicker, their children (and their fish & koi) and Master Gardener Billy at Cool Ponds. For more information, visit http://coolpondsonline.net.

GPMG Annual Plant Sale May 14

Time is almost here for the Garfield Park Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale! This year, the plant sale will occur from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 14.

We are looking for plants to sell. They can be divisions from your perennial garden, plants grown from seed, bulbs, vegetables, herbs, annuals, houseplants, trees (small enough to pot up) or shrubs.

Plants will need to be potted and ready for sale when you bring them in. No plants with mildew or other problems. And, please, no invasives.

Some pots will be available at the April meeting. If you have any clean, empty pots, please bring them to the meeting as well. We need 3" and 4" plastic pots as well as 1-5 gallon size.

We don't accept plants until May 13 (from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.)—the night before the plant sale. However, if you need help preparing plant labels in advance, please let us know.

Of course, we also need help the day before and the day of the sale—setting up, tearing down, assisting customers—as well as needing shoppers! If you would like to help, please contact me at guitargirl929@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to another successful plant sale this year. Thanks in advance for your support!

—Kay Martin-Pence
Chair, Plant Sale Committee

IMA's Perennial Premiere April 23-24

Perennial Premiere, the Indianapolis Museum of Art's annual salute to spring, will take place on Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for museum members and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the general public, and Sunday, April 24, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

This year, Perennial Premiere will move to a new location on the IMA's grounds. The sale will occur at Newfield—near the museum's surface parking lot—to provide convenient parking and plant pick-up for all guests. Visitors may purchase plants from more than 600 varieties including hard-to-find perennials, and native trees and shrubs. In addition, visitors can explore booths of various regional vendors who will sell nature and gardening-related merchandise.

IMA horticulturists will be available all weekend to answer any questions, and visitors are invited to take a guided garden walk and view a Bonsai exhibition.

Additional parking is available at the Indiana Interchurch Center located at the corner of Michigan Road and 42nd Street. Free shuttle service is provided.

For questions, please contact greenhouse@imamuseum.org.or 317-923-1331, ext. 491.

Other Regional Plant Sales: A Guide

The following sampling is of some of central Indiana's upcoming plant sales:

April 16 (9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.)
Parks Foundation of Hendricks County (www.pfohc.org)
Native Plant and Tree Sale
Sodalis Nature Park, 7700 South County Road 975 East, Plainfield

April 16-17 (10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.)
Central Indiana Orchid Society Annual Spring Show/Sale
(http://centralios.org)
Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis

April 23 (9:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m., members; 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m., public)
April 24 (Noon –4:00 p.m.)
Perennial Premiere
Indianapolis Museum of Art (www.imamuseum.org)
4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis

April 29 (4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
Hendricks County MG Plant Annual Plant Sale (www.hendricksgardeners.com)
Avon Outdoor Learning Center, 7237 East US Highway 36, Avon

May 7 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Johnson County Garden Club and JCMGA Garden Celebration
(www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyGardenClubandGardenCelebration)
Scott Hall, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 100 Fairgrounds Street, Franklin

May 7 (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society (www.inpaws.org)
Native Plant Sale and Auction
Park Tudor School, Upper Gymnasium
7200 North College Avenue, Indianapolis

Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society

May 9 (9:15 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.)
MCMGA Annual Plant Sale—Members Only
(www.indymcmga.org)
Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis

May 21 (8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.)
Hamilton County MG Association Annual Plant Sale (www.hcmga.org)
Exhibition Hall, Hamilton County 4-H Grounds, 2003 E. Pleasant St., Noblesville.

June 4 (Sale: Noon—4:00 p.m.; Leaf Show: 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)
Indianapolis Hosta Society (www.indianapolishostasociety.org)
Hosta Sale and Leaf Show
Holliday Park Nature Center: 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis

June 4-5 (Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 1:00 -5:00 p.m.)
Indianapolis Bonsai Club (www.indybonsai.org)
Garfield Park Spring Bonsai Show
Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis

June 25-26 (Saturday: 10:00 a.m. -- 2:00 p.m.; Sunday: Noon -- 4:00 pm)
Bloomington Garden Club's Annual Summer Garden Walk and Flower Show
(bloomingtongardenclub.com)
Monroe County History Center, 202 E. 6th Street, Bloomington

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August 13 (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
Indiana Daylily and Iris Society (www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org)
Combined Daylily and Iris Sale
Sullivan Hardware Do It Center, 6955 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis

Do you know a great plant sale? Please send information to pastpfct@aol.com.

Hellebores: Sign of Spring

On early spring days, the warming rays of the sun will slowly entice the flowers of the hellebores (Lenten Rose) into bloom.

Due to the work of ardent hybridizers, their drooping, bell-shaped flowers are available in a wide range of colors—including from slate grey (nearly black), deep purple and plum through rich reds and pinks to yellow, white and green.

Their flowers have five petal-like sepals and cup-like nectarines. Hellebores prefer deep moist, humus, and dappled shade.

The genus originated in Europe and Asia and a great number of the 22 species of this plant can be found growing in the Balkans. A few are native to western China and one to the border lands between Turkey and war-torn Syria.

One species, H. foetidus, can be seen at the Benton House Historic Garden (312 South Downey, Irvington). This species has succulent stems and glossy evergreen leaves with yellowish-green flowers. Common names for this specimen include "stinking hellebore", "dung wort", "setter wort", and "bear's foot".

Unlike other species in the hellebores genus, the nectarines of H. foetidus are colonized by yeasts which raise the temperatures of the flowers which, in turn, attracts pollinators.

—Ed Myers, GPMGA Member

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Extension Horticulture Hints—April 2016

Steve Mayer, Extension Educator-Horticulture, Purdue Extension-Marion County

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April Garden Calendar Tips

Note: Letters and numbers following the tip refer to Purdue publications on the topic. Other reference links also may be supplied.

- **First Week:** After flowering, keep your Easter lily growing in a sunny window until after the danger of frost has passed. Then, **plant it outside for summer blooms in the <**http://www.ipm.iastate.edu/ipm/hortnews/1992/4-29-1992/lily.html>). **A mulch applied in the fall will help increase the likelihood of winter survival** (https://hort.purdue.edu/ext/easterlily.html).
- **Second Week**: Transplant 1-year old asparagus crowns this spring to enjoy many years of harvest. **Choose one of the productive all-male asparagus cultivars** (cultivated varieties) in the Jersey series. They can out-yield the old Mary Washington cultivars by 3 to 1. (<https://hort.purdue.edu/hort/ext/Pubs/HO/HO_096.pdf>).
- **Third Week**: **Keep the foliage of spring flowering bulbs after bloom**. Wait until the foliage dies naturally or at least 4 to 6 weeks after blooming (HO-86) (https://hort.purdue.edu/ext/cleanupbulbs.html).
- **Fourth Week**: **Plant strawberries** this month. Setting the plants early will help obtain the best growth and plant development during the first year (<http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/HO-46.pdf>).

Follow me on Twitter @purduehortindy (or view at: <http://twitter.com/purduehortindy>) for more tips. You don't have to be on Twitter to simply view my comments.

Purdue Extension Demo Garden Update

Photo: Steve Mayer, 4/2/16

One reason for the success of the Purdue demonstration garden is continued soil improvement. **Another 16 cubic yards of compost were delivered this year**, and Master Gardeners have begun applying it to the garden beds. The compost consisted of horse and cow manure mixed with straw and sawdust and aged over 18 months. It retails for $30/ cubic yard but we received it for $26.50/cubic yard plus a $100 delivery fee so the total cost was $524.

The cover crop planting started to vigorously grow in March. The photo below shows the density of the stand of hairy vetch and winter rye at the end of March. This season, we will compare this bed with another bed that received compost but had no cover crop.

Photo: Steve Mayer, 3/30/16

Extension Horticulture Hints—April 2016

Steve Mayer, Extension Educator-Horticulture, Purdue Extension Marion-County

The Question Box
April 2016

Steve Mayer, Extension Educator-Horticulture
Purdue Extension-Marion County

Q. Are Easter lilies toxic?
A. According to the ASPCA, the Easter lily is toxic only to cats (<http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants/easter-lily>). Clemson University Extension states: "**Easter lilies are highly toxic to cats**. All parts of the plant are poisonous, even the pollen. Cats that eat as few as one or two leaves or even ingested a small amount of pollen while grooming their fur, can suffer severe kidney failure. Poisoning symptoms include vomiting, loss of appetite, lethargy, and dehydration and will occur within 6 to 12 hours of ingestion. They may also experience disorientation, staggering and seizures. If a cat has eaten or licked any part of an Easter lily, contact your veterinarian immediately" (<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/plants/indoor/flowering/hgic1555.html>). The Pet Poison Helpline also indicates moderate to severe toxicity for cats (http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poison/easter-lily/).

It has been reported that some types of lily bulbs have caused skin rashes to the hands of plant workers handling them. According to the Botanical Dermatology Database, *Lilium longiflorum* (Easter lily) and *Lilium superbum* L. (Turk's cap lily) have been listed as an "irritant (Weber 1937)" but it also states that "fully authenticated accounts of undesirable effects on the skin are rare" among 80 species of *Lilium*.

Q. When does crabgrass germinate?
A. This is highly dependent on the weather, but typically crabgrass begins to sprout on April 18 in Bloomington, April 21 in Indianapolis and April 26 in Lafayette. To allow for variability in the site and seasonal differences, apply the herbicides at least two weeks before the above dates. **At the date of this writing, however, it appears we are about 2 weeks ahead of schedule** because of the warmer temperatures. The following website will provide information on whether crabgrass is germinating now in this area: <http://www.gddtracker.net/?model=10&offset=0&zip=46205>.

Select a crabgrass preventer without fertilizer to help avoid overstimulating the grass that requires more frequent mowing. Homeowner products containing one of the following ingredients usually work the best: dithiopyr, prodiamine, or pendimethalin. If crabgrass has already started germinating, select a product containing dithiopyr since it provides early post-emergence control as well as pre-emergence control. Moisture is needed to activate these products to form an effective weed barrier.

Most crabgrass preventers cannot be used when seeding new lawns. However, a few fertilizer/crabgrass preventer products may be labeled for that purpose. Always read the label before applying any pesticide products.

Q. What are neonicotinoids and are they always harmful to bees?
A. This is a class of chemicals. The neonics include: Acetamiprid, Clothianidin, Dinotefuran, Imidacloprid, and Thiamethoxam. There can be a danger to bees when flowering plants are treated and bees visit the blossoms. This link describes active ingredients involved and alternative insect controls: <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/neonicotinoids/>.

They are not always a problem for bees. Ash trees are wind-pollinated and are not a nectar source for bees. Ash flowers are produced early in the growing season and present for only a limited number of days. It is highly unlikely that bees would be exposed to systemic insecticides applied to ash. See: <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/EAB/PDF/PotentialSideEffectsofEABInsecticidesFAQ.pdf>.

Show / Event Calendar

April 23 (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
Earth Day Indiana
Military Park
601 W. New York St., Indianapolis
www.earthdayindiana.org

April 23 (Members: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Public: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)
April 24 (Noon-4:00 p.m.)
IMA's Perennial Premiere
Indianapolis Museum of Art
4000 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis
www.imamuseum.org

April 29 (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)
IPL's Free Tree Day
IPL, Monument Circle, Indianapolis
www.iplpower.com

May 2 (6:30 p.m.)
Hosta 101
Indianapolis Hosta Society
Holliday Park Nature Center
6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis
www.indianapolishostasociety.org

May 14 (9:00 a.m.-Noon)
GPMGA Plant Sale
Garfield Park Conservatory
2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis
www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org

June 16-18 (Registration Now Open)
2016 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference
Host: Tippecanoe MG Association
Four Points by Sheraton
1600 Cumberland Ave, West Lafayette
www.tippecanoemastergardener.org/2016-mg-conference.

Garfield Park Farmers Market to Open in May

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
May through October

The Farmers Market will be located in Garfield Park next to the tennis courts near the corner of Shelby St. and E. Southern Ave.

Exhibit to Feature Indiana Parks

The Richmond Art Museum will present an exhibit by artist Rick Wilson titled *The Nature of Art: Painted Parks*, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Indiana Parks system and in celebration of the Indiana Bicentennial.

The exhibit, which will open May 22, will feature 70 paintings by Wilson who has documented Indiana's 24 state parks and 8 reservoirs. This exhibit will feature multiple educational opportunities and, after the exhibit closes July 16, will be available for travel throughout the state.

Wilson was born in 1955 in Edinburgh, Indiana, and discovered very early he had an interest in art. After high school, he worked 29 years in the architectural aluminum industry and pursued art as a hobby. Upon retirement in 2003, Wilson made fine art his new vocation and sought instruction from Indiana artists Ronald Mack and C. W. Mundy as well as attended art business workshops with Bill Bush of the Fredericksburg Artists School. As a professional artist, he has since won numerous awards including "Best of Show".

For more information, visit www.richmondartmuseum.org.

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