



THE GARFIELD GARDENER

THE NEWSLETTER OF GARFIELD PARK MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

July 2017 Next Meetings

July 12
6:30 p.m.

Topic: Japanese Gardens
Speaker: Boynton Robson;
GPMGA Annual Picnic

August 9
6:30 p.m.

Topic: TBD
Speaker: Myrene Brown,
Owner, Myrene's Garden

Future Meetings
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

*Meetings occur the second
Wednesday of each month at
6:30 p.m. at Garfield Park
unless otherwise noted*

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President's Letter

Greetings all,

I hope that you are enjoying produce from your gardens! Thus far, I've picked raspberries, lettuce, radishes and one tomato.

I am sad that some critter ate my three cucumber plants and beets down to the roots, but am relieved that nothing else has been disturbed since I put plastic ware around the plants (copying last month's speaker's method). The second generation of garlic from Sue H. will soon be ready to harvest and I should have a decent crop of grapes as long as I get the bird nets up in time.



The Japanese beetles have been devouring my roses and my rain barrel has become a breeding ground for mosquitos. I hope to discuss control of both and any garden issues you are facing at our next meeting.

Remember the upcoming changes to our schedule. Our annual picnic this month will be held in our usual space, and the September meeting—the same evening as the Marion County Master Gardener Association evening meeting—will not include our usual fall field trip.

At this writing, opportunities to volunteer at the Demonstration Garden remain. Contact Debra Schelske (dschelsk@purdue.edu) if you have any questions. Also, please do not wait until the end of the year to enter your volunteer hours.

Hope to see you on July 12.

—Nancy Boettner,
President, GPMGA



"[A] rhetorical question that comes to mind when you see a plant you love at the garden center is, 'Where will I plant it?' . . . Really, if you love the plant, there is room for it in your garden. Every gardener knows this."

—Carol Michel, author
May Dreams Gardens

Garfield Park Conservatory Tour Guide Schedule

July 8 (2:30 p.m.)

Arlene Bow
Oren Cooley
John Montgomery

July 22 (2:30 p.m.)

Boynton Robson

Anyone interested in becoming a tour guide should contact Victoria Metheaux at vmeth@comcast.net.

Upcoming Hospitality Help

The GPMGA Annual Picnic will occur on Wednesday, July 12, at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

The club will provide fried chicken and paper products.

If you plan to bring a salad, a side dish or a dessert, please let Sue Hoyt know at msue3@hotmail.com.

If you wish to help with a future meeting, please contact Jeanne Corder at corder99@aol.com.

Next GPMGA Meeting— July 12

The Garfield Park Master Gardener Association will have its monthly meeting and annual picnic at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, in the classroom at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

During the annual picnic, Boynton Robson, GPMGA member, will discuss Japanese gardens. (See story on Page 3.) Before and after the program, master gardeners will have an opportunity to stroll through the Children's Garden at the Garfield Park Conservatory,

The Children's Garden features an Alphabet Garden, where children can see plants whose names begin with one of the letters of the alphabet. When children visit, they often search for letters that spell out their names and learn about those plants associated with each letter.

Visiting children also enjoy the conservatory's Five Senses Gardens, the Salsa Garden and the Rainbow Garden. The latter garden contains plants that are arranged to allow their blooms to represent that color in the rainbow's spectrum.

The conservatory's parking lot will be reserved for the GPMGA since the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra will perform that same night in the park.

The club will provide fried chicken as an entree. If you did not sign up to bring food, consider bringing an appetizer, salad or drink since 7 individuals already have signed up to bring side dishes, 5 to bring desserts, 4 to bring salads, 2 to bring appetizers and 2 to bring drinks.

Thanks to everyone for helping make this a memorable evening. See you rain or shine!

—Sue Hoyt, Pitch-In Coordinator



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Please contact the officers and chairs of the Garfield Park Master Gardener Association if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about the organization.

Japanese Gardens Focus of July 12 Meeting

Boynton Robson will discuss Japanese gardens at the next Garfield Park Master Gardener Association meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, in the classroom at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

Kokedama—a gardening form of Japan—dates back hundreds of years. It is a simplistic form of Japanese garden art in the true form of the Japanese tradition—spiritual and philosophical ideas in mind yet elegant in form. Kokedama—which translates as "Moss Ball"—is a rounded ball made by wrapping single plants roots in peat moss, sphagnum sheet moss and soil, and winding twine around the ball to help fortify the shape. It can be hung on a tree branch or other structure or placed on a level surface inside or outside as opposed to being planted in the ground. This creates a striking focal point drawing attention to the shape of flowers and foliage, especially in contrast to the smooth round moss covered ball.

The idea of Japanese gardening began during the Asuka period when gardens first appeared on the island of Honshu, Japan's largest island. They were influenced by the distinct characteristics of the landscape—rugged volcano peaks, narrow valleys, mountain streams with waterfalls, lakes and small stones. The rich variety of flowers and different species of trees, particularly evergreens, added to their aesthetic influence. Japanese gardens also were influenced by the Chinese philosophy of Daoism and Arnid Buddhism, imported from China (c. 552 A.D.),

The first authentic Japanese gardens were built in Nara (the Capitol City) and was the beginning of the successive gardening periods of Japan. There are seven recorded dates: 710 - 790, Nara; 794 - 1185, Haian; 1185 - 1513, Kamakura and Murmachi; 1568 - 1600, Momoyama; 1615 - 1867, Edo; 1668 - 1910, Meiji; and 1912 to Present, Modern.

—Boynton Robson, GPMGA

GPMGA Meeting Minutes — June 14

Program

- Carol Michel gave an very entertaining program on her favorite gardening tools

Business Meeting (Board Business)

- President-Nancy Boettner—Consider applying for a grant; Picnic on 7/12 will be in classroom with tours of the Children's Garden; MCMGA on 9/13 (from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.) at Riviera Club, Program Nancy Lawson - The Humane Gardener; Please enter your hours.
- Vice President-Carrie Alumbaugh: Introduced new members; One Visitor--"Bill"
- Secretary-Lane Judkins - Minutes from May meeting reviewed and approved
- Treasurer-Cindy Maude: Checking balance \$5,128.86 (not including \$1,600 from plant sale); Membership cards are available.
- Hospitality-Sue Hoyt, Jean Corder, Betty Hurn Johnson: July picnic on 7/12 in the classroom, Club to provide fried chicken, Sign up to bring a dish
- Newsletter/Communications-Oren Cooley: Website update: ETA Live in July!
- Programs-Kay Martin-Pence & Penny Place: July - Picnic; August - Myrene Brown; September - TBA; October - Adrian Orchard field trip; November - Jo Ellen Myers Sharp; December: Short program, holiday party
- Historian-Jayne Queck - No report
- Conservatory Tours - Victoria Metheaux - Tours are 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month; Schedule good thru September

Motion to accept Board reports made by Bill Bernstein, 2nd by Boynton Robson

Other Business

- Plant Sale Summary - Kay Martin-Pence
- Irvington Garden Tour on 6/25 (from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Nancy Boettner's garden is on the tour!!)
- Irvington Farmers Market on 6/12 (from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.) in Ellenberger Park
—Respectfully submitted,
Lane Judkins

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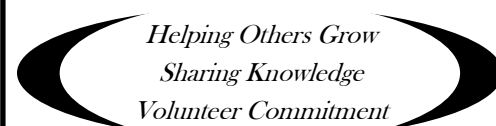
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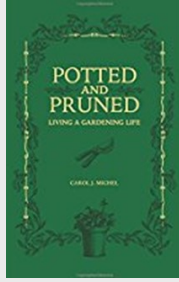
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From the Bookshelf . . .

***Potted and Pruned:
Living a Gardening Life***
by Carol J. Michel

Carol Michel, author of the award-winning blog May Dreams Gardens, has penned a delightful book of gardening stories recounting her years speed weeding, scolding plants for their poor manners, experiencing the magic of a clover lawn, avoiding tussles in the garden center and formally evicting drought from her garden.



Avid gardeners will find themselves nodding along and laughing out loud as they turn the pages of *Potted and Pruned: Living a Gardening Life*—recognizing their own quirks reflected back to them in Michel's words. Whether it's the chapter about the four phases of houseplant care or the gardener's unique interpretations of time, measurements and quantities, one can't help but point and say, "That's me!"

Through 36 light-hearted essays, readers are treated to a glimpse behind the gate at May Dreams Gardens and the philosophies and musings of its caretaker. There's take-home wisdom for gardeners new and experienced between these pages.

On the Web . . .

Gardening Know How
www.gardeningknowhow.com

Starting a vegetable garden? Needing pest control tips? Seeking information about lawn care? Gardening Know How provides a friendly, non-intimidating website for a gardener to visit to get information. Founder Heather Rhoades created the site to provide one place on the Internet where anyone could ask *any* gardening question and they would get a easy-to-understand answer. The website has answered more than 50,000 direct questions about gardening and more than 70 million people have visited the site.

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Applications for GPMGA Grants Encouraged

Any organization wishing to apply for a grant from the Garfield Park Master Gardener Association should submit their proposal by November 1.

Applications should be submitted to Treasurer Cindy Maude at cmaude@sbcglobal.net. Requests should not exceed \$300 per application.

A committee of GPMGA officers will review all submitted applications to ensure projects will meet the GPMGA's desire to advance gardening and beautification. Recommendations from the committee will be announced at the November meeting for approval by the general membership. Checks typically are sent by year's end.

Members of GPMGA are encouraged to nominate organizations. Volunteer garden activities headed by GPMGA members are given priority. Also, projects affecting Garfield Park are considered a high priority in this process.

To apply, individuals should submit the following items:

Cover Sheet, including:

- Organization benefiting (not-for-profit organizations only please)
- Name, location and brief history of project
- Applicant/contact person (name, address, telephone, e-mail)
- Amount requested (not to exceed \$300)
- New or existing project
- Prior Garfield Park Master Gardener Association funding

Text of Proposal (Not to exceed 2 pages)

- Summary of project (50 words)
- Clear, concise description of project, including:
 1. How the project furthers the GPMGA's mission
 2. Why is the project needed?
 3. Objectives to be achieved
 4. Detailed list of plants, seeds & materials needed (Itemization of funds needed; drawings/graphs may be included)
- List names of Master Gardeners and/or Extension Staff working on this project as well as others benefiting
- Anticipated start and completion dates of project
- Additional donors to your project (if applicable)

Budget Sheet, including:

- Materials, labor and program costs
- Sources and amounts of any funds already raised
- Total cost of project

Project Summary and comments on the expected results to be achieved by September 1, 2018. Photos may be included if applicable.

Garfield Park Program: 'All About Bees'

Garfield Park Conservatory will offer *All About Bees* from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, at the conservatory (2505 Conservatory Drive).

Meet the park's beekeeper and learn about bee biology and why they are important to gardens and the world. Experience first-hand how honey is harvested and taste a sample. Registration encouraged.



For more information, visit www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org.



Indiana State Fair August 4-20

The Indiana State Fair and Dow AgroSciences are celebrating the farmers who grow food enjoyed by Hoosier families—in line with this year's Indiana State Fair theme, "Wonderful World of Food". One Featured Farm family will be highlighted on each of the 17 days of this year's fair which runs August 4-20.

In its third year, this program celebrates Hoosier agriculture. The 17 farm operations represent all regions of the state and were chosen to align with the 17 different foods being showcased throughout the fair. Each Featured Farmer grows a component of the featured food for their respective day.

"Food is something that connects all Hoosiers, and fairgoers will experience food in new, fun and interactive ways as well as learn about how Hoosier farmers help feed the world," said Susanne Wasson, U.S. Crop Protection Leader, Dow AgroSciences. "We're pleased to again present the Featured Farmers to help consumers connect with the people producing what ultimately ends up on their dinner plates."

"Food is the number one reason people attend the State Fair, so what better way to celebrate than by honoring the Hoosier farmers who produce the food we eat," said Cindy Hoye, Executive Director, Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center.

Here are the featured foods, farm operations and counties:

- Deep Fried Food (August 4): Gillis family, Blackford County
- Melon (August 5): Horrall family, Knox County
- Popcorn (August 6): Scott family, White County
- Salsa/Ketchup (August 7): Eck family, Shelby County
- Eggs (August 8): Krouse family, Kosciusko County
- Pork Burger (August 9): Foster family, Hancock County
- Funnel cake/wheat (August 10): Campbell family, Johnson County
- Cheese (August 11): Kuehnert family, Allen County
- Beef (August 12): Mahan family, Rush County
- Ice Cream (August 13): van de Laar family, Adams County
- Apples (August 14): Kercher family, Elkhart County
- Mint (August 15): Lambert family, Starke County
- Corn Dog (August 16): Evans Burbrink family, Vigo County
- On-A-Stick Day/Hardwood (August 17): Leibering family, Spencer County
- Turkey Leg (August 18): Humphrey family, Washington County
- Pickles (August 19): Lawler family, Hancock County
- Honey (August 20): Graham family, Morgan County

Visitors to the fair can attend a live chat at the Glass Barn with the Featured Farmer every day of the Fair. For more information, visit www.IndianaStateFair.com or follow the Indiana State Fair on social media (@IndyStateFair).



INDIANA
STATE FAIR



Right:
Indiana State Fair
(circa 1900)

State Fair's History

Indiana was the sixth state to begin holding an annual statewide agricultural fair.

In February 1851, at the urging of agricultural promoter Governor Joseph Wright, the Indiana General Assembly passed an act intended "to encourage agriculture" growth in the state, which also included the formation of a State Board of Agriculture. A primary goal of the Board was to organize an Indiana State Fair.

On October 20–22, 1852, Indiana's first state fair was held on the grounds of what became known as Military Park, on the west side of downtown Indianapolis. The state fair remained in this location except for 1853, 1854 and 1859 when Lafayette, Madison and New Albany respectively hosted the fair.

In 1860, a new location for the fairgrounds was established on approximately 38 acres then known as Otis Grove. (Today, this parcel would be bounded by 19th, Talbot and 22nd streets and Central Avenue.) During the Civil War, however, the fairgrounds were converted into Camp Morton, a prison camp for captured Confederate soldiers.

During the war years, the state fair when held occurred in Military Park. After Fort Wayne hosted the fair in 1865, the fair returned to the Otis Grove location in Indianapolis—which continued to host the fair except in 1867 (when Terre Haute served as host).

The gates opened at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on East 38th Street for the first time on September 19, 1892.

Since then, the fair has continually been held in Indianapolis.



EXTENSION HORTICULTURE HINTS—JULY 2017

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

Steve Mayer, Extension Educator-Horticulture, for Purdue Extension-Marion County, serves as coordinator and instructor for the Purdue Master Gardener program in Marion County.

tures slightly earlier and has excellent germination. Plants grow 6-7 feet tall and the corn is ready in 77 days.

June Garden Calendar Tips

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

- First Week: White patches of powdery mildew may be seen on the leaves of garden phlox. To control, plant resistant cultivars, thin emerging shoots in the spring or use a fungicide (BP-5). <<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/bp/bp-5-w.pdf>>
- Second Week: This is often the toughest time of the year to establish a lawn. Wait until mid-August to seed (AY-3). <<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/ay/ay-3-w.pdf>>
- Third Week: Continue to provide roses with proper water, fertilizer and pest control management as needed (HO-128). <https://edustore.purdue.edu/item.asp?item_number=ho-128-w>
- Fourth Week: Continue harvesting raspberries. Remove raspberry canes that fruited after harvest is complete (HO-44). <https://edustore.purdue.edu/item.asp?item_number=ho-44-w>

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.

AAS Announces 3 National Winners for 2018

All-America Selections (AAS) has recently announced their first batch of 2018 national award winners: Ornamental Pepper Onyx Red, Sweet Corn American Dream and Cocktail Tomato Red Racer. We will grow all three national winners in the Purdue Extension-Marion County Demonstration Garden in 2018.

Onyx Red Ornamental Pepper has black foliage similar to the 2006 AAS showstopper Black Pearl. However, Onyx Red is a compact, well-branched plant growing only about 6 inches tall in a pot or 8-10 inches tall in the garden. Recommended garden spacing is 6-8 inches. Onyx Red produces beautiful three-eighths inch black fruit that eventually turn red. The plant grows best in full sun and no deadheading or staking is required.

American Dream Sweet Corn edged out 1988 AAS award winner Honey 'N Pearl. The bicolor kernels on the 7-inch ears are very tender and super sweet with excellent bite depth. American Dream ma-



Ornamental Pepper Onyx Red (photo: All-America Selections)

Red Racer Cocktail Tomato is a small uniform round red tomato with classic tomato flavor. They grow in clusters but are larger than cherry or grape tomatoes – the two-ounce fruit are 1.5 inches in diameter. Tomatoes are ready to eat in only about 57 days from transplanting. The compact determinate plants are suitable for containers or plant about 2 feet apart in the garden. Plant height is about 3 feet so training is optional. Plants can produce 68 tomatoes per plant. Red Racer has the following disease resistance: Verticillium wilt, Fusarium wilt (1 and 2), nematode, tobacco mosaic virus, and gray leaf spot.

2016 Master Gardener Growth Awards

Many thanks and congratulations to the 55 Marion County Master Gardeners who received a MG Growth Award for 2016! They are: Sue Arnold, Nancy Boettner, Mauvane Borton, Colette Bracken, Pat Brummer, Steve Cline, Cira Coates, Carole Cole, Carolyn Curry, Jim Curry, Vickie Davis, Sue Draheim, Mary Durkin, Janet Eigenbrod, Les Eigenbrod, Linda Foster, Barb Garing, Deanne Heidrich, Nancy Herrin, Carol Hooker, Connie Hudson, Kathleen Hull, Meredith Hull, Rita Hupp, Julie Iverson, Barbara Jablonski, Phil M. Johnson, Alane Judkins, Karen Kennedy, Chris Lawson, Mike Logan, Dale Luchsinger, Deb May, Ann McCullough, Carolyn McMahon, Dan Millar, John Montgomery, Ruth J. Nelson, Beckie Nowlin, Wayne Porter, Peg Powers, Jayne Queck, Paul Ransberger, Boynton Robson, Carol Ryan, Phyllis Schmidt, Nancy Snively, Jackie Sundboom, Judy Turner, Shirley Ulicni, Pat Warrick, John Westermeier, Debbie Whitman, Gail Wiseman, and Susan Zordan. Individuals completed at least 100 approved volunteer hours and 15 advanced training hours last year. They are recognized online: <https://extension.purdue.edu/marion/pages/article.aspx?intItemID=18940>.

The Question Box

July 2017

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



I documented Japanese beetle damage on June 20 this year in Indianapolis (photo: Steve Mayer, 6/20/17).

Q. How do I control Japanese beetles?

A. Japanese beetles were found damaging strawberry and canna leaves in the Purdue Extension-Marion County Demonstration Garden in June. The damage was more severe than last year, but as of the end of June, only scattered plants showed injury. For established healthy ornamental plants, control is usually based on aesthetic considerations. For light populations, hand pick adults from the plants, if practical, and toss in a container of soapy water.

A large population was reported on raspberries at the Purdue Meigs Farm on June 19. Although this pest isn't usually as severe as it was years ago, it can still cause problems. Purdue specialists in the June 22, 2017, issue of the Facts for Fancy Fruit newsletter give the following advice: "Small fruit growers should monitor their crops and control the beetles if necessary. Japanese beetle feeding can stunt young fruit trees that are not yet in production (and not receiving regular insecticide treatments). Fortunately, Japanese beetles are fairly easy to manage. Sevin or any of the pyrethroid insecticides will provide good control. Organic growers can spray neem, which acts as a repellent. Several applications may be required." You can view issues of this Purdue fruit newsletter online at: <https://fff.hort.purdue.edu/>.

Q. My oak tree leaves have blisters. What's wrong?

A. This sounds like oak leaf blister, a fungal disease that attacks oak trees, especially during cool, wet spring conditions. To confirm this disease, look for raised blistered, greenish-yellow spots on the upper leaf surface and darker sunken spots on the lower leaf surface. It is too late for control now, and control measures are generally not necessary. The Ohio State Buckeye Yard & Garden OnLine (BYGL) has excellent photos at: <http://bygl.osu.edu/index.php/node/805>.



We grew Konan kohlrabi in the demonstration garden this year (photo: Steve Mayer, 6/28/17).

Q. Is kohlrabi easy to grow?

A. Yes, it is easier to grow than cabbage. We grew Konan kohlrabi in the demo garden this year. It produced a good crop without cabbage worm control (only a small amount of leaf damage).

Q. Why do squirrels strip bark on trees?

A. Bark stripping by squirrels occurs most often from April through early July. The exact reasons may vary from location to location, and more research is needed to help determine the actual cause(s). However, the Ohio State BYGL recently cited these reasonable hypotheses: feeding on the sugar-rich phloem, searching for a water source, or gnawing on trees to wear down ever-growing incisors. A "calcium hypothesis" also initially looked promising. Weird speculations include pregnant female squirrels gnawing bark in response to their pain. The BYGL has photos of the damage and additional information at: <http://bygl.osu.edu/>.

Show / Event Calendar

July 8 (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

Daylily Show

Indiana Daylily-Iris Society
Sullivan Hardware
6955 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis
www.indianadaylilyirisociety.org

July 9 (2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)

100 Acres: An Exploration

Indianapolis Museum of Art
4000 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis
www.imamuseum.org

July 12 (7:00 p.m.)

Native Garden Tour

St. Peter's United Church of Christ
3106 E. Carmel Dr., Carmel
www.stpeterscarmel.org

July 22 (9:00 a.m.—noon)

Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret

Unity of Indy EarthCare Eco-Film
Unity Church of Indianapolis
907 N. Delaware, Indianapolis
www.unityofindy.com

July 23 (11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

Annual Iris Growers of

Eastern Indiana Iris Sale

Minnetrista Cultural Center
1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie
www.minnestra.net

July 29 (9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.)

Wildflower Hike

Nonie Werbe Krauss Nature Preserve
10910 Eller Road, Fishers
www.conservingindiana.org

August 1 (6:30 p.m.)

Hook, Line and Sinker: An Iris Seed Survival Strategy

Indiana Daylily-Iris Society
First Friends Church
3030 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., Indianapolis
www.indianadaylilyirisociety.org

August 4-20

Indiana State Fair

Indiana State Fairgrounds
1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis
www.indianastatefair.com

August 19 (8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Day of Flight

Indianapolis Museum of Art
4000 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis
www.imamuseum.org

September 13 (6:00—9:00 p.m.)

The Humane Gardener

Presentation by Nancy Lawson

MCMGA Evening Meeting
Riviera Club
5640 N. Illinois, Indianapolis
www.indymcmga.org

Educational and Volunteer Opportunities

July 29 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

Fall Creek & Boulevard Place Habitat Restoration 2250 Boulevard Place

Please join Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and Fall Creek Place neighbors in their efforts to remove invasive plant species along Fall Creek. Urban landscapes free of invasive species provide native plants and wildlife much-needed space to live, grow and thrive.

KIB will provide all of the tools and training required to rid pesky plants like a non-native honeysuckle and more from the area. Be a part of the team to make quick work of opening up and transforming a beautiful section of Fall Creek just north of downtown!

To register, contact Abby Dennis at 317-264-7555, ext.123, or at adenis@kibi.org.



Guided Wildflower Hike at Krauss Nature Preserve

Enjoy a guided prairie hike at the Nonie Werbe Krauss Nature Preserve (10910 Eller Road, Fishers) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 29.

Sponsored by the Central Indiana Land Trust, the hike will explore this prairie restoration and view some summer wildflowers that should be in bloom. Participants should dress for the weather and bring a bottle of water.

The Nonie Werbe Krauss Nature Preserve (formerly the Wapihani Preserve) includes 77 acres located along the White River in the town of Fishers. The preserve has recently been renamed to honor the contributions of Nonie (pronounced NO-nee) Krauss, who served as a member of the Board of Directors and Advisory Board for eight non-consecutive years. During that time, her contributions included securing the White River Restoration Trust funds to help get the property protected as a nature preserve in 2006. Krauss also is credited with driving trust's growth and evolution from an all-volunteer, informal organization to one with a professional staff and more than 4,000 acres under its stewardship.

In spring of 2008, 19,000 tree seedlings were planted on a portion of the preserve property. The other portion was planted with a mix of prairie grasses and forbs with islands of tree seedlings.

Riverside Middle School is located immediately south of the trust's property. Thus, the property is available for students to utilize as an outdoor educational laboratory and to learn about the natural features and history of the Krauss Nature Preserve.

For more information, visit www.conservingindiana.org.



Butterfly weed at Krauss Nature Preserve