



THE GARFIELD GARDENER

THE NEWSLETTER OF GARFIELD PARK MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

June 2019 Next Meeting

June 12 (6:30 p.m.)

Topic: Soil Health Practices

Speaker:

Kevin Allison,
Marion County SWCD

July 10 (6:30 p.m.)

Event: GPMGA Annual Picnic

Speaker: Reports from
Statewide MG Tours

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

Future Meetings:

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

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President's Letter

Well, May sure was a whirlwind month with all the plant sales and spring garden maintenance, and now we are trying to incorporate our new plants into our gardens.

Are you creating something new? Or, are your new plants going to fit right in to the existing layout? There are many garden styles and designs, and I imagine most of us use a combination of them in our own gardens.

Some things happen by default due to the contours of the land. It wouldn't make sense to put a rain garden at the highest point. Of course, for best results you would want to put shade-loving plants in the shady areas, and sun-loving plants in the sunny areas. I do have a small rock garden, which is strategically sited where the gutter overflows when the downspout is clogged. I learned this the hard way by having my plants and mulch washed down the driveway more than once! Everything on my deck is a container garden. And, I am planning on creating a small water garden in a container. Who doesn't love an herb garden, with its delightful array of scents, colors and textures? Oh, and when you put them in the food . . . Yum!!!



You can combine garden styles, such as planting your herbs into a formal garden. I also garden for wildlife, with bunnies, dragonflies, tree frogs, birds, bats and bees in my garden. Fox, deer, groundhog and quail have occasionally visited as well. Obviously, they saw the welcome sign . . . my garden is a Certified Wildlife Habitat! Flower beds can be square, rectangular, oblong or that pleasing "S" curve. I unknowingly at the time created a perimeter garden in my backyard. This was because I am a lazy gardener and don't like to trim along the chain-link fence every time I mow. So, I mulched right up to the fence and created an edge that is contoured to "flow with the mow"!

You can plant whatever you want in your garden, such as annuals, perennials, vegetables, tropicals or any combination thereof. I do have a lot of shade, therefore I have planted lots of hostas. One section is full of ephemeral natives, such as Dutchman's breeches, Trout lily and Spring beauties. I even have a secret garden, right outside of my office window between the house and a Norway spruce. In it, I planted several types of ferns, and I have seeded Jack-in-the-pulpit.

Create a focal point off in the distance from inside your house by planting trees and shrubs where they are the most visible from, say, your favorite seat at the dining room table or straight out from the patio door. They add color, texture, height and depth, and are the backbone of any garden. You know what you like, so make your garden pleasing to you. Create a theme. It's ever changing. We're always coming up with new ideas. So I ask, "What is your garden style?"

—Lane Judkins, GPMGA President

Garfield Park Conservatory Tours

June 8 (2:30 p.m.)
Judy Martin

June 22 (2:30 p.m.)
Arlene Bow
Oren Cooley
John Montgomery

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

At the Conservatory

Garfield Park—while being an urban park—is also a sanctuary for wildlife. Join a park naturalist on Garfield Park's Urban Bird Walk from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, in search of those birds common to the area.

Registration is required; the cost is \$5 per person. Comfortable walking shoes recommended. For information, visit www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org.

Upcoming Hospitality Help

If you wish to help with a future meeting, please contact Jayne Queck at jaqueck@aol.com.

If you wish to help with the July or December pitch-ins, please contact Carrie Alumbaugh at carriesalumbaugh@gmail.com.

Next GPMGA Meeting: June 12

Kevin Allison, Soil Health Specialist with the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District, will present a visual guide on using cover crops, mulching and no-till gardening practices that improve soil health and plant productivity at the next GPMGA meeting on Wednesday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

As Master Gardeners, we know how soil health can make or break our gardening efforts. Kevin's focus is providing technical support in soil health and conservation techniques to small farmers and gardeners through direct technical assistance and workshops.

He has 9 seasons of experience in vegetable systems in Indiana and the Dominican Republic, where he served with the Peace Corps. Kevin currently maintains a demonstration garden at Eagle Creek.

He holds a BS in Environmental Science from Indiana University and serves on the USDA-NRCS Southwest Regional Soil Health Team.

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District assists Marion County land users in conserving soil, water and related natural resources by providing technical, financial and educational services. For more information, please visit <http://marionswcd.org>.



Join us in June to learn about fun and helpful techniques that can boost soil regeneration and water conservation in the garden.

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

Origin of GPMGA's Quotation/Poem

You all remember during the 2018 programs that I commented about our little quotation/poem given with the presentation of pins to our generous and knowledgeable speakers. I always wondered where that quoted originated.

In doing a bit of digging, I called Vivian Lashbrook, a former GPMGA President, and asked her. Vivian is now in her mid-90s. We enjoyed a great conversation, but she had no memory of our little poem. Neither did Georgia or Ken Hottell, two other long-time GPMGA members.

All I really had to do was a Goggle search!!! That search resulted in not only the author of our poem but also the fact that we have been misquoting him for years!!!

Here is the actual quote by Herbert V. Prochnow (1897-1998):

"Old gardeners never die.
They just spade away and
then throw in the trowel."

Herbert V. Prochnow was actually a bank executive by trade. He was also a noted toastmaster and author during the middle 20th century. As Vice President of the First National Bank of Chicago, Prochnow wrote several popular books on public speaking. He also wrote epigrams and anecdotes that appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post* and *Reader's Digest*.



Just for fun, here are more of his enjoyable thoughts:

- "A visitor from Mars could easily pick out the civilized nations. They have the best implements of war."
- "The trouble with opportunity is that it always comes disguised as hard work."
- "'Company policy' means there's no understandable reason for this action."
- "A great many people mistake opinions for thoughts."



—Barbara Jablonski, GPMGA Member

GPMGA Meeting Minutes— May 8

Program

- Tour of Conservatory

Business Meeting (Board Business)

- President—Lane Judkins (absent): Meeting lead by Carrie, past president
- Secretary's Report-Nancy Boettner: Minutes accepted as printed in newsletter
- Treasurer's Report-Cindy Maude (absent): Checking balance \$4,703.37
- Hospitality-Carrie Alumsbaugh, Bill Bernstein, Jayne Queck: Snack providers needed for June; Sign-up sheets for July picnic available at June meeting, barbecue to be provided
- Newsletter/Publicity- Oren Cooley: Thanks for submissions; Working on June newsletter
- Programs-Carrie Alumsbaugh, Debra Boyer: Working on programs; Mushroom speaker in August; Field trip to Indy Urban Acres in September
- Plant Sale (May 18)--Kay Martin-Pence: Volunteers needed to move tables before 5:00 p.m. and start set up and plant tagging/distribution on May 17; Finalize set up and support sale on May 18; Need wagons, boxes, trays; Plants provided by Sullivan's at the end of last season and new donations will be available; Now is the time to put out signs

Other Business

- The Garfield Park Farmers Market started on May 4
- Several members will attend MG State tour
- Bernheim Arboretum Bus Trip planned by Marion County MGs on June 10; Some seats available.

—Nancy Boettner, GPMGA Secretary

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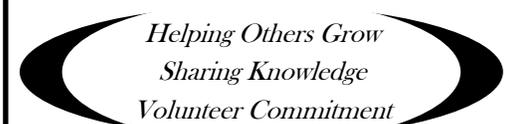
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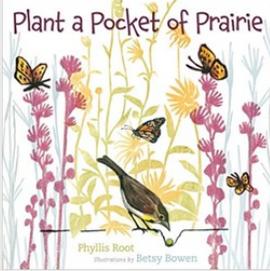
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From the Bookshelf . . .

Plant a Pocket of Prairie
by Phyllis Root
Illustrated by Betsy Bowen

Author Phyllis Root and illustrator Betsy Bowen last explored vast, boggy peatlands in their book, *Big Belching Bog*. Now, in *Plant a Pocket of Prairie*, Root and Bowen take young readers on a trip to another important ecosystem: the prairie.



Once covering almost 40 percent of the United States, native prairie is today one of the most endangered ecosystems in the world. *Plant a Pocket of Prairie* teaches children how changes in one part of the system affect every other part: when prairie plants are destroyed, the animals who eat those plants and live on or around them are harmed as well.

Root shows what happens when we work to restore the prairies, encouraging readers to “plant a pocket of prairie” in their own backyards. By growing native prairie plants, children can help re-create food and habitat for the birds, butterflies and other animals that depend on them.

“Plant cup plants,” Root suggests. “A thirsty chickadee might come to drink from a tiny leaf pool. Plant goldenrod. A Great Plains toad might flick its tongue at goldenrod soldier beetles.” An easy explanation of the history of the prairie, its endangered status, and how to go about growing prairie plants follows as well as brief descriptions of all the plants and animals mentioned in the story.

With Betsy Bowen’s beautiful, airy illustrations capturing the feel of an open prairie and all its inhabitants, readers of all ages will be inspired to start planting seeds and watching for the many fascinating animals their plants attract. What a marvelous transformation could take place if we all planted a pocket of prairie!



Many, Many Thanks! Plant Sale A Success!

The weather was perfect. The tables were lush. And, the plants looked wonderful

The Garfield Park Master Gardener Association’s annual plant sale on May 18 was an enormous success this year—raising \$3,286 during the sale’s three hours. The figure is almost double last year’s result of \$1,680.

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed plants, lent tables and other supplies, and helped to set up and tear down the plant sale. And, a special thank you to everyone who made time to talk about plants and plant care to the customers.

Among the many donations from Indianapolis area nurseries, Sullivan Hardware and Garden donated an extensive collection of plants—primarily shrubs—to the plant sale. GPMGA greatly appreciates their—and the other garden centers’ and nurseries’—support of the GPMGA plant sale.

It was a fun day that created many great memories. Thanks to Barb Jablonski and Oren Cooley for their photographs that capture some of the fun!





Shalom Garden Tour

Shalom House (304 W. Green St., Lebanon) will have its sixth annual Shalom Garden Tour from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15.



Come see six beautiful Boone County residential gardens ranging from a community butterfly garden, to a residential cottage garden, to farm gardens. The unique gardens are nearly all created and nurtured by the generous homeowners who will open their gardens for this showcase event.

Proceeds help feed Boone County residents through meals to hungry neighbors and the "Kid's Sack Lunch" program. Shalom House's mission is to provide sustenance for in-need people in the community.



Purchased tickets contain the locations of the included gardens. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 during the event. Children 12 and under are free. The Rain date is June 16.

Participants may purchase tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-shalom-garden-tour-tickets-60573112811>. Tickets also are available at Goodman Jewelers (106 N. Main St., Lebanon) or Zionville Eyecare (1375 Parkway Dr., Zionville).

For additional information, please visit www.theshalomhouse.org or call 1-765-891-9065.



EXTENSION HORTICULTURE HINTS—JUNE 2019

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.

June Garden Calendar Tips

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

- First Week: If you have a question about an insect or disease problem, use the search function on the Purdue Plant & Pest Diagnostic Lab website: <https://www.ppdl.purdue.edu/>.
- Second Week: Watch for squash bugs and their egg masses on squash and pumpkin plants from now through September. Protect plants with row covers until flowering. After that, collect egg clusters and crush them or place in soapy water. Otherwise, use a labeled insecticide if you find one or more egg masses per plant. Adults are more difficult to kill so target the young nymphs (E-30, E-21). <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/E-30/E-30.pdf>
<https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/E-21.pdf>
- Third Week: Begin weekly check for Japanese beetles. Pick off and destroy early arriving beetles and initial foliage damage to help reduce chances of further injury (E-75). <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/E-75.pdf>
- Fourth Week: Unless a slow-release fertilizer is used, annual flowers may need additional applications of fertilizer every 4-6 weeks for best growth (HO-99). <https://ag.purdue.edu/hla/pubs/HO/HO-99.pdf>

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Sudden Oak Death / Ramorum Blight in Indiana

Consult the Q&A page in the June 2019 Master Gardener newsletter and/or the links on our Invasive Species Resource Page: <https://extension.purdue.edu/Marion/article/32299>.

PE-MC Demonstration Garden Update



We have another new type of raised bed in the Purdue Extension demonstration garden (Photo: Steve Mayer).

Construction was completed this spring of another new type of raised bed along the inside of the three-foot fence in the Purdue demo garden. It is fairly easy to build, depending on the site. Three materials were used: 2x6-inch cedar lumber, Oldcastle 7.5 in. x 7.5 in. x 5.5 in. Tan Brown Planter Wall Block, and half-inch rebar. Notches on the blocks allow for placement of the lumber.

The project was made possible by the very generous donation from Carter-Lee ProBuild Indianapolis. They donated all of the 2x6 cedar lumber. The blocks were purchased from The Home Depot. MG Sue Draheim was the master builder.

Training Required for Youth Volunteers

If you work with youth as a Master Gardener volunteer, additional online training is required. Watch your e-mail for more details.

The Question Box June 2019

Steve Mayer, Extension Educator-Horticulture
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Sudden oak death (SOD) (*Phytophthora ramorum*): *P. ramorum* symptoms on *Rhododendron*. Upper leaf was confirmed as infected by Jenny Davidson. Photo: Joseph OBrien, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org.

Q. I purchased plants that were infected by the Sudden Oak Death pathogen. What should I do?

A. Sudden Oak Death (SOD), or Ramorum Blight, is caused by the fungus-like pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum* (pronounced Fī-toff-thor-ă ră-mor-ŭm). It was first identified in 1993 in Germany and the Netherlands. In the United States, the disease was detected first in 1995 in California on tanoak. In 2004 it was noted on a wide range of hosts. Ramorum blight was found for the first time in Indiana in 2006 at a nursery. The host was a viburnum shipped from Oregon to the nursery. The disease was quickly eradicated before it could become established in the landscape.

However, on May 22, 2019, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) confirmed the pathogen on several different rhododendron varieties in garden centers at five different locations in Indiana. On May 29, it was announced that the threat was state-wide. The DNR confirmed that more than 70 Walmart stores and 18 Rural King stores in the state received rhododendron plants infected with sudden oak death (SOD). Shipments containing infested material were sent to nine other states as well.

SOD has killed large tracts of oaks on the West Coast, but as of May 22, it still had not been established in the Midwest. SOD is capable of killing standing oak trees if SOD-positive rhododendrons are planted within about six feet of a standing oak. The pathogen can be found in more than a hundred host species. Sometimes it causes browning of the leaves but does not kill the plant. For a list of those plants, go to: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/pram/downloads/pdf_files/usdaprlist.pdf.

The DNR has been destroying all rhododendrons from the source nursery, Park Hill Plants (Oklahoma) and any other host plants that were co-mingled with them. In addition, the DNR is quarantining the sale of four other common SOD host plants (viburnum, azalea, Camelia, and Pieris) for further testing to determine if they contain SOD. Testing will determine if other species are infested and require destruction.

This is an ongoing investigation, and guidance could change as more information is gathered. **Here are the current recommendations of disposal from the Indiana DNR**, as of May 31, 2019.

If someone believes they have an infected plant and they purchased it from Walmart or Rural King in the last few months, they should double bag the plant and throw it in the garbage (include the pot if still available). Burning is also acceptable where legal. Limit any potential movement of the infected plants. People should also sanitize any of their garden tools and boots that they were using to make sure they have cleaned the area appropriately. It is best to avoid replanting susceptible plant species in the infested location.

If the material came from a store that is not listed above OR was bought any time before February 2019, then it is not part of the infested shipment. According to the current level of knowledge, it should be clean of the pathogen.

If a person believes they have an oak tree that is infected with sudden oak death, call this IDNR number: 1-866-NO-EXOTIC (663-9684).

P. ramorum affects different species in different ways. Identification must be confirmed in the laboratory and cannot be identified on field symptoms alone. Many common landscape shrubs are also infected by other endemic *Phytophthora* species or other root rots. The Purdue Plant & Pest Diagnostic Lab (<https://ag.purdue.edu/btny/ppdl/>) tests samples.

If someone wants a refund, they need to contact the store where they purchased the material. A receipt might be required.

Landscapers and nursery industry people can contact the DNR directly at: 317-232-4189.

References for this info on *Phytophthora ramorum* is on our local invasive species page: <https://extension.purdue.edu/marion/article/32299>.

Show / Event Calendar

June 15 (10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)
Sixth Annual Shalom Garden Tour
Various Boone County Gardens
Shalom House—Lebanon
www.theshalomhouse.org

June 16 (2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)
Invasive Plants—Bad for Our Parks and Woodlands
Presenter: Tom Hohman
Indiana Native Plant Society
Nora Library
8625 N. Guilford, Indianapolis
www.indiananativeplants.org

June 20 (9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.)
Growing Grassroots in Indiana
Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasive Management (SICIM) Annual Meeting
Hendricks County Fairgrounds,
1900 E. Main St., Danville
<http://www.sicim.info/news/2019/5/1/sicims-2019-annual-meeting>

June 21-30
Marion County Fair
Marion County Fairgrounds
7300 E. Troy Ave., Indianapolis
www.marioncountyfair.org

June 22-23
Gardens in Bloom:
Plainfield's 11th Annual Garden Tour
Plainfield Friends of the Library
www.plainfieldgardentour.com

June 25 (6:00– 7:30 p.m.)
Why Native Plants for the Home Garden?
Presenter: Tom Hohman
Pecar Park Nature Center
5203 E. County Rd. 150 North, Avon
www.washingtontwpparks.org/nature-center.html

June 29 (1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.)
Indiana Iris & Daylily Society Daylily Show
Sullivan Hardware and Garden
6955 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis
www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org

July 1 (6:30 p.m.)
Native Herbs: Not Your Mother's Marjoram
Presenter: Sue Arnold
Clay Township Center
10701 N. College Ave., Indianapolis
<http://herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org/event/july-mtng/>



August 2-18
Indiana State Fair
Indiana State Fairgrounds
1202 E. 38th St.
Indianapolis
www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Volunteer Opportunity

June 22 (9:00 a.m.-noon)
Brookside Park Habitat Restoration
Brookside Park — Indianapolis
3500 Brookside Parkway, S. Dr.
Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) Event

Help KIB continue habitat restoration along Pogue's Run in beautiful Brookside Park with an educational and high-impact invasive plant removal project. Participants will eradicate non-native and invasive plant species like honeysuckle and grapevine from the shoreline.

Urban landscapes free of invasive species provide native plants and wildlife the space they need to grow and thrive.

For more information or to register, contact Cathy Mangan Jackson, KIBI's Event Coordinator, at 317-520-8263 or cmangan@kibi.org.



Marion County Fair June 21-30

The Starfire Cloggers, the Elite Performance K-9s, the DinoROAR interactive tour and the 4-H Horse Show are among the entertainment in store for visitors to the 89th annual Marion County Fair from June 21 to June 30 at the Marion County Fairgrounds (7300 East Troy Avenue, Indianapolis).

Throughout the 10-day run, fairgoers will discover all sorts of fun and fabulous events to explore on the 123-acre grounds—delicious fair foods to savor; popular displays in the 4-H, Family Arts and Marketplace Buildings; thrilling competitions at the Grandstand, Horse Arena and Coliseum; continuous free entertainment on the Park Stage; one of Indiana's best midways, and much more.

Gates open Monday through Friday at 5:00 p.m., and weekends at noon. General admission is \$5 per person, with children five and under and military with valid ID admitted for free. Plentiful free parking is available in the fairgrounds lots.

For more information, visit www.marioncountyfair.org.

