



# THE GARFIELD GARDENER

THE NEWSLETTER OF GARFIELD PARK MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

## January 2020 Next Meeting

### January

No Member Meeting;  
GPMGA Board Meeting

### February 12 (6:30 p.m.)

Topic: Volunteer  
Opportunities

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

### Future Meetings

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

Aug. 12

Sept. 9

Oct. 14

Nov. 18 (Third Wednesday)

Dec. 9

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## President's Letter

### MY 2020 RESOLUTIONS

*Per Wikipedia, a New Year's resolution is a tradition, most common in the Western Hemisphere but also found in the Eastern Hemisphere, in which a person resolves to change an undesired trait or behavior, to accomplish a personal goal or otherwise improve their life.*

Plant a tree, transplant a tree, let a volunteer tree grow where it wants to, weed the Creeping Charlie out of my garden (*I try to keep this guy to the lawn area but, as aptly named, he creeps quickly to the richest soils. Fortunately??, I have kept him to the backyard garden*), expand the garden by eliminating some turfgrass (*I have been saving cardboard and have at least 6 bags of leaves pilfered from the neighbors*), dig and use some of the horseradish I have been growing for several years (*best time to dig horseradish is in any month that contains the letter 'R'*), complete a garden project (*I have two old benches needing paint and new wood, an old window to repaint and hang, various metal and ceramic smalls to be painted and hung*), redesign a flower bed (*the ones on either side of my driveway at the street come to mind. I have mostly eliminated the chameleon flower and need to prevent erosion*), buy quality plants from our preferred garden centers (*those who have offered discounts to Master Gardeners*), attend a guided nature walk, talk to the plants, feed the birds . . . and the squirrels . . . and the rabbits . . . and the possums . . . and the raccoons . . . and any other critter who frequents my yard . . .

**GARDENING**  
HELPS YOU KEEP  
YOUR NEW YEAR'S  
RESOLUTION

Buy better pruning tools, improve tree and shrub pruning skills, exercise more (*like every day - this is easy if you are an avid gardener*), stretch before gardening, don't overdo it (*increments of anywhere from 15 to 60 minutes per day is ideal - it is amazing how much you can get done over a week's time by performing gardening tasks in small doses*), smile more, laugh more, always be kind, appreciate nature, spend time outdoors every day, educate others about the benefits of native plantings and the downsides of invasive plants, clarify the difference between aggressive and invasive (*some native plants can be aggressive if planted in the wrong place, such as Virginia Creeper*), spend more time with friends (*this includes you - we are bound by our love of gardening*), learn something new, take a class related to gardening and nature, do extensive research on a plant family (*a future newsletter article I have in mind is on the Ginkgo tree*), buy local honey, eat well (*our body is our temple*), clean my gardening gloves regularly, clean my gardening tools regularly, sharpen my shovels and pruners (*I never do this!*), clear out clutter (*in the home, . . . in the garage, . . . in the car, . . . in the shed, . . . even in the garden*), and last of all, enjoy life.

This is the only one we have, so make the best of it! Here's to a year filled with health, happiness and goodness all around.

—Lane Judkins, GPMGA President

## Garfield Park Conservatory Tours

**January 11 (2:30 p.m.)**

Arlene Bow  
Oren Cooley  
John Montgomery

**January 25 (2:30 p.m.)**

Tour Guide Needed

Anyone interested in becoming a tour guide should contact Victoria Metheaux at [vmethx@comcast.net](mailto:vmethx@comcast.net).

### At the Conservatory

Get your gardening fix this winter at *Tea Cup Planters*, a workshop from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

Bring an old cup or bowl and learn how to make a succulent planter to brighten up the indoors! Registration required; Fee: \$10 per adult.

For more information, visit [www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org](http://www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org).

### Upcoming Hospitality Help

If you wish to help with a future meeting, please contact Jayne Queck at [jaqueck@aol.com](mailto:jaqueck@aol.com).

If you wish to help with the July 4 or the December pitch-ins, please contact Carrie Alumbaugh at [carriesalumbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:carriesalumbaugh@gmail.com).

## Snow is Good for Gardens

by Rosie Lerner

Though your aching back may not agree, . . . heavy snows actually [can] be good for your garden and landscape. Snow provides moisture as well as protection from cold and wind.

Snow is an excellent insulator against low temperatures and excessive winds. The extent of protection depends on the depth of snow. In addition, the soil gives off some heat so that the temperature at the soil surface can be much warmer than the air temperature. One study found that the soil surface temperature was 28°F with a 9-inch snow depth and an air temperature of -14°F!



Snow brings welcome moisture to many landscape plants, which will in turn help prevent desiccation injury. Even dormant plants continue to lose moisture from twigs (as water vapor) in the process known as transpiration. Evergreen plants, which keep their leaves through the winter, are at even greater risk of injury.

On the other hand, it is possible to have too much of a good thing. Some evergreens will suffer from too much snow load. The weight of snow and ice can bend or even break branches, particularly on multi-stemmed shrubs, such as arborvitae. If needed, snow should be gently removed by brushing away with a broom or rake. Do not try to remove ice, since it is more than likely that you will break the stems. Multi-stemmed shrubs that are known to be susceptible to breakage can be bound with twine to hold branches together to prevent . . . splitting apart.

Of course, there's still more winter to come before we'll know how well our plants fare. In the meantime, rest assured that there really is a silver lining . . .

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

# 2020 Postage Stamps Feature Gardens

The U.S. Postal Service in 2020 will release Forever postage stamps that celebrate the splendor of American gardens, the exotic beauty of orchids and the magnificence of fruits and vegetables.

## American Gardens

The Postal Service will celebrate the beauty of American gardens with a pane of 20 stamps that feature 10 different photographs of botanic, country estate and municipal gardens taken between 1996 and 2014. The gardens include: Biltmore Estate Gardens (North Carolina); Brooklyn Botanic Garden (New York); Chicago Botanic Garden (Illinois); Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens (Maine); Dumbarton Oaks Garden (District of Columbia); The Huntington Botanical Gardens (California); Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park (Florida); Norfolk Botanical Garden (Virginia); Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens (Ohio); and Winterthur Garden (Delaware). Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps with existing photographs by Allen Rokach.



## Wild Orchids

The Wild Orchids stamps will feature the plants' exotic beauty on 10 new stamps available in booklets of 20 and coils of 1,000. Each stamp features a photograph of one of nine species that grow wild in the United States: *Cypripedium californicum*, *Hexalectris spicata*, *Cypripedium reginae*, *Spiranthes odorata*, *Triphora trianthophoros*, *Platanthera grandiflora*, *Cyrtopodium polyphyllum*, *Calopogon tuberosus* and *Platanthera leucophaea*. Orchids also have common names, with some plants having several different names in popular use. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps with existing photographs by Jim Fowler.



## Fruits & Vegetables

The Postal Service captures the classic beauty of fruits and vegetables in a booklet of 20 stamps featuring 10 different still-life plant portraits. Each stamp features a collection of one kind of fruit or vegetable: red and black plums, heirloom and cherry tomatoes, carrots, lemons, blueberries, red and green grapes, lettuces, strawberries, eggplants and figs. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamps with existing art by Robert Papp.

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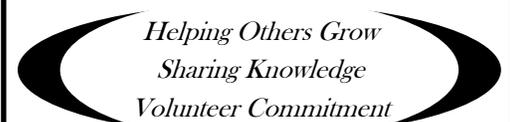
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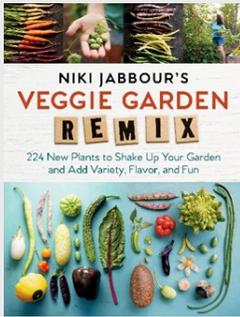
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## From the Bookshelf . . .

***Veggie Garden Remix: 224 New Plants to Shake Up Your Garden and Add Variety, Flavor, and Fun*** by Niki Jabbour

Best-selling author Niki Jabbour invites gardeners to shake up their vegetable gardens with an intriguing array of 224 plants from around the world.



With her lively “Like this? Then try this!” approach, Jabbour encourages gardeners to start with what they know and expand their repertoire to try related plants, many of which are delicacies in other cultures. Jabbour presents detailed growing information for each plant, along with fun facts and plant history.

Praised for its inviting presentation, beautiful photography and fresh approach to vegetable gardening, this book will inspire anyone to experiment and to have some fun with off-the-wall but rewarding veggies.

## On the Web . . .

**EarthEasy**  
[www.eartheasy.com](http://www.eartheasy.com)

EarthEasy strives to help people improve their quality of life by offering information and products for sustainable living.

The website advocates for sustainable living that respects the limits of the earth's capacity to provide. They look for solutions that lead to a simpler, more self-sufficient way of living.

EarthEasy promotes a higher quality of life through more time with family and friends, a lower cost of living, a toxin-free home and yard, access to wholesome food and safe drinking water, and more time spent in nature.



Do you know a great website? Please send information to Oren Cooley at [pastpfct@aol.com](mailto:pastpfct@aol.com).

## AAS Announces More Winners

All-America Selections recently announced seven more AAS Winners for this year, which join the initial seven winners the organization had already announced for 2020.

AAS Winners are trialed throughout North America by professional, independent, volunteer judges who grow them next to comparisons that are considered best-in-class. Only those entries that perform better than the comparisons are granted the AAS award designation. The new 2020 AAS winners are:

### **Coleus Main Street Beale Street (Ornamental Winner)**

is an outstanding variety exhibiting deep red foliage that holds its color extremely well in the garden. The rich color does not fade, bleach or get spotty as the season moves into late summer. The lush, bushy plant grows uniformly and does not flower until very late in the season (upwards of 6 weeks later).



### **Nasturtium Tip Top Rose (Flower Winner)**

is a strong yet compact nasturtium with unique and showy rose-colored flowers showcased above medium green foliage. These plants were more floriferous than the comparison varieties in the AAS trials, producing a bigger and better garden show. The uniquely colored flowers do not fade as they age. Also, this nasturtium is great for pollinator gardens and both the leaves and flowers are edible.



### **Pumpkin Blue Prince (Edible – Vegetable Winner)**

scored high in the areas of maturity (earlier), yield, fruit size, uniformity, color, taste and texture. Vigorous trailing vines produce 7-9 pound beautiful blue flattened pumpkins with non-stringy, deep orange flesh with savory sweetness. Blue Prince was first to flower and fruit which is beneficial for gardeners with a shorter growing season.



### **Tomato Apple Yellow (Edible – Vegetable Winner)**

offers incredible garden performance, a uniquely dimpled apple-shaped fruit with a deliciously sweet citrusy taste and firm, meaty texture. Indeterminate 5' tall vines produce abundantly in clusters, resulting in up to 1,000 fruits per plant. The fruits are an eye-catching, bright, lemon yellow color reminiscent of “Big Apple” taxi-cab colors.



### **Tomato Chef's Choice Bicolor (Edible-Vegetable Winner)**

produces large 7-8 ounce flattened beefsteak fruits with beautiful pinkish red internal stripes within a yellow flesh. The lovely stripes extend to the base of the outer fruit skins. These heirloom looking tomatoes are as sweet as they are beautiful with a better flavor and texture than the comparisons. Each plant can produce about 30 fruits per season.



### **Tomato Buffalosun (Edible – Vegetable Winner)**

shone in the trials with fruit that had a better texture than the comparisons (Margold and Striped German), a higher yield and less cracking. The unique yellow with red/orange flame coloration is beautiful on the outside and results in a nicely marbled interior. Good tasting sweet, tender flesh gives the look of an heirloom without the mushiness often associated with heirlooms.



### **Tomato Crokini (Edible – Vegetable Winner)**

has a very sweet, light acidic taste giving it the perfect sweet/acid balance. Pronounced like “rock” not “crook”, Crokini's round fruits are small and firm with a crunchy texture and good flavor. This winner gets high marks for durability because fruits do not crack on the vine, yielding up to 10-12 fruits per cluster.



The first seven AAS Winners initially announced for the 2020 garden season were Cucumber Green Light, Tomato Celano, Tomato Early Resilience, Tomato Galahad, Watermelon Mambo and Rudbeckia American Gold Rush and Echinacea Sombrero® Baja Burgundy.

# Indianapolis Home Show January 17-26

The Indianapolis Home Show will devote more than 25,000 sq. ft. to landscaping and gardening January 17-26 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, with lavish, landscaped feature gardens—by the area's top landscape professionals—nestled in the center of the West Pavilion and sprinkled throughout the entire show space.

Davis Homes is again the builder of this year's Centerpiece Home, designed to attract multiple generations with its "bohemian chic" design and a Flex Suite geared toward grandparents. Featuring a Modern Prairie exterior design and a Woodford floor interior plan, the impressive structure will be built entirely inside fairgrounds' Exposition Hall.



The one-story, 3,325-square-foot home will include three bedrooms, a study, 2½ baths, spacious master suite with a fireplace and private outdoor porch area, and a three-car garage. The home also will feature a Flex Suite attached to the main living area, with a private—and separate—living area, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom designed to accommodate older family members.

Davis Homes, a locally/family-owned builder, is currently building in more than 20 Davis communities and custom communities in Marion County, along with building On Your Lot Custom Homes throughout Central Indiana.

The Centerpiece Home interior is designed by Shelby Rouse for Luxe Home Interiors, a locally-owned, full-service furniture showroom and interior design boutique specializing in affordable interior design, custom furniture, rugs, art and window treatments. Landscaping comes courtesy of Calvin Landscape (Indianapolis).

Vive Exterior Design will take center stage this year to create the Ultimate Backyard. Located in the middle of West Pavilion, Vive will show off all the hottest trends in outdoor backyard design, from greens to water features.



In addition to the Centerpiece Home, the Indianapolis Home Show will feature another of Landscape Coordinator Bill Brown's many creations—a glass house with a stained glass conservatory made from both refurbished and new pieces. Copper Canyon Landscape Design will work with Brown on this feature.



Among the many landscape firms that will participate in the show are:

- BGW Construction ([www.bgwconstruction.com](http://www.bgwconstruction.com))
- Copper Canyon Landscape Design ([www.coppercanyondesign.net](http://www.coppercanyondesign.net))
- Hoosier Landscape Group ([www.hoosierlandscapegroup.com](http://www.hoosierlandscapegroup.com))
- Mosier Landscape ([www.mosierlawns.com](http://www.mosierlawns.com))
- North Indy Fence, Deck & Rail ([www.northindyfence.com](http://www.northindyfence.com))
- Vive Exterior Design ([www.viveexterior.com](http://www.viveexterior.com))

In addition to the feature gardens in the West Pavilion, the 2020 Indianapolis Home Show also will showcase a green touch at the Pub Garden by Unilock and the Outdoor Living Stage areas in the South Pavilion.

For more information, visit [www.indianapolishomeshow.com](http://www.indianapolishomeshow.com).



## Tree Planting Seminar

The Indiana Native Plant Society Central Chapter will sponsor *Tree Planting and Maintenance Techniques* at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23, at the Pike Branch Library (6525 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis).



Placing a new tree in a homeowner's landscape seems easy. However, getting it to survive and thrive into maturity takes planning, proper planting and after care.

This talk will focus on different types of planting stock (balled and burlapped, containerized and bare root trees), choosing good trees at the nursery, and planting each type of stock correctly. Participants will learn how much water it takes for a new tree, types of mulch, how to mulch, fertilization do's and don'ts, and post planting care.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.indiananativeplants.org](http://www.indiananativeplants.org).

## CISMA Conference Date

Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM) and the Indiana Invasives Initiative (III) plan to host the inaugural state-wide Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) conference in Indiana on Thursday, March 26.

Experience a full day of learning about invasive species' impact on watershed health, forest health and native species. The conference will occur from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hamilton County, Indiana 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center (2003 Pleasant St, Noblesville).

For more information, visit [www.sicim.info/cismaconference](http://www.sicim.info/cismaconference).



## EXTENSION HORTICULTURE HINTS—JANUARY 2020

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.



*Pumpkin Blue Prince is a new AAS Winner that scored high in maturity (earlier), yield, fruit size and uniformity, color, taste and texture (Photo: All-America Selections).*

### More New AAS Award Winning Plants

Previously, I wrote about these new 2020 All-America Selections (AAS) edible winners: Green Light Cucumber, Mambo Watermelon, Early Resilience Tomato, Celano Tomato and Galahad Tomato. I also provided info on the first new AAS perennial flower winners: *Rudbeckia* American Gold Rush and *Echinacea* Sombrero® Baja Burgundy.

Late last year, AAS announced another batch of 2020 AAS Winners. Two additional award-winning flowers were chosen. **Coleus Main Street Beale Street** is a new national winner available via cuttings or plants rather than seed. This variety is the first coleus to be named an AAS Winner. It produces deep red foliage through the season and grows well in full sun or full shade. Main Street Beale Street grows 24-36 inches high and is spaced 12-16 inches apart. It does not flower until very late in the season.

**Nasturtium Tip Top Rose** is a new AAS regional winner (Mountain/Southwest and the West/Northwest). It has rose-colored blooms up to two inches in diameter. The flowers are produced on smaller plants growing to 15 inches tall. Sow seed directly in the garden 3-4 inches apart or place plants up to 20 inches apart. Locate plants in full to part sun. Use as a low edging plant or plant in containers.

There are also two more national AAS award-winning vegetables. Each national winner did well at testing sites across North America. One of them is **Pumpkin Blue Prince**. As with all edible AAS Winners, it outperformed the comparisons. Blue Prince scored high in maturity (earlier), yield, fruit size and uniformity, color, taste and texture. It produces 7-9 pound beautiful light blue flattened pumpkins in 110 days from seed. It has non-stringy, deep orange flesh that is sweet and savory. Blue Prince is also more tolerant to powdery mildew.

**Tomato Apple Yellow** is the other new AAS national winner. It produces unique, small apple-shaped tomatoes that are “taxi-cab” yellow in color. Individual tomatoes are 1-1.5 inches in diameter and weigh less than an ounce. However, the large indeterminate plants can produce up to 1,000 tomatoes per plant. The tomatoes have a sweet citrusy taste and a firm, meaty texture. AAS judges were impressed that a non-splitting, long-holding, uniformly shaped tomato had such good eating quality – just the right balance of sugar and acid. Apple Yellow has resistance/tolerance to 5 diseases.

Three more AAS regional award-winning tomatoes were selected. None were selected for our Great Lakes region, but they may be worth a try. **Tomato Chef’s Choice Bicolor** is the first bicolor tomato in the Chef’s Choice series. Each plant produced about 30 large 7-8 ounce flattened beefsteak tomatoes with pinkish red internal stripes in a yellow flesh.

**Tomato Buffalosun** is an improved hybrid with heirloom qualities. The beefsteak tomatoes are yellow with orange to red coloration on the outside and a marbled yellow flesh with red flames.

**Tomato Crokini** produces large clusters of small, round tomatoes (0.6-0.8 inches in diameter and 0.5-0.6 oz.). This winner got high marks for its sweet flavor and for its durability because of its resistance to cracking.

More information and photos of these new AAS winners are at: [https://all-americanselections.org/winners/?product\\_count=24](https://all-americanselections.org/winners/?product_count=24).

## January Garden Calendar Tips

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

- **First Week:** Mark your calendar on Saturday, February 29 – this year's date for the Purdue Extension-Marion County Spring Garden Clinic. Pre-registration is required (no onsite registration). More information will be available soon at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/marion/pages/article.aspx?intItemID=23987>.
- **Second Week:** One of the keys to successful landscaping is advance planning on paper. Consider the entire landscape design process (HO-204).
- **Third Week:** If large trees need pruning or other tree care, choose an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). Certification requires testing of tree knowledge (<http://www.treesaregood.org/>).
- **Fourth Week:** Plan the home orchard. Be sure to choose fruit varieties that resist disease (HO-190) (ID-146). <https://ag.purdue.edu/hla/pubs/HO/HO-190.pdf>

Follow me on Twitter @purduehortindy (or view at: <http://twitter.com/purduehortindy>) for more tips. You can also see my tweets on each Master Gardener association website: <http://indymcmga.org/> and <http://indygpmga.com/>.

## The Question Box January 2020

Steve Mayer, Extension Educator-Horticulture  
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### Q. What are the changes in the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program Policy Guide?

A. The changes and the revised policy guide are now available on the state Master Gardener website: <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/purdue-emg-policy-guide-2019-revision/>.

### Q. Where can I find more advanced training?

A. Web-based and In-person opportunities are online: <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/education-hours-opportunities/>.



### Q. Is additional training required for Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Interns who work with youth?

A. Yes. Volunteers who have direct contact with minors as a part of their volunteer responsibilities must complete the online Minors Safety Training for Purdue Extension Programs. The average completion time is about 15 minutes. If volunteers are unable to complete the online training and certification, then they may complete the certification using printed materials. Contact Steve ([MayerSL@purdue.edu](mailto:MayerSL@purdue.edu)) if you need the printed training materials. The certification is valid for two years before it must be repeated.

**If you plan to work with youth this year and did NOT complete the Minors Safety Training last year, plan to complete the training this month. Watch for the e-mail in January from our office for more information on how to complete the online Minors Safety Training.**

### Q. Is Purdue Extension Master Gardener merchandise available?

A. Yes, a link is available on the state Master Gardener website: [https://shop.frecklesgraphics.com/purdue\\_master\\_gardener/shop/home](https://shop.frecklesgraphics.com/purdue_master_gardener/shop/home).

### Q. Can I count travel time when reporting Master Gardener hours?

A. Travel time to and from the activity counts for volunteer hours. However, it does NOT count for any training hours. Do not enter the travel time separately. Include it with your volunteer activity.

### Q. How do I know if a Master Gardener activity should be recorded under education (training) hours or volunteer hours?

A. We still receive some incorrect entries in this area. Consider the following questions. 1) Was the activity primarily for your benefit? (I learned something.) If yes, enter the activity in the section: Report (or Enter) **Education Hours**. 2) Was the activity primarily for others benefit? (I taught something or I provided information or I helped with...) If yes, enter the activity in the section: Report (or Enter) **Volunteer Hours**.

# Show / Event Calendar

## January 17-26

*Indianapolis Home Show*  
Indiana State Fairgrounds  
1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis  
www.indianapolishomeshow.com

## January 18

*Indiana Wildlife Conference*  
Indiana Wildlife Federation  
The Garrison, Ft. Harrison State Park  
6002 N. Post Road, Indianapolis  
www.indianawildlife.org

## January 18

**(Pitch-in Lunch: 11:00 a.m.;**  
**Presentation: 1:10 p.m.)**  
*Carol Michel's Gardening Tools:*  
*Beyond the Hoe*  
Indiana Organic Gardeners Association  
Indianapolis Public Library,  
Franklin Road Branch  
5550 S. Franklin Road, Indianapolis  
www.gardeningnaturally.org

## January 25 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

*Central Indiana Seed Swap*  
Hamilton County Master Gardeners  
Hamilton County Fairgrounds  
2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville  
seedcommittee@hcmga.org

## February 23 (2:00 p.m.)

*Tree Planting and Maintenance Techniques*  
Indiana Native Plant Society  
6525 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis  
www.indiananativeplants.org

## February 29

*Purdue Extension-Marion County's Spring Garden Clinic*  
More information soon

## March 14-22

*Indiana Flower and Patio Show*  
Indiana State Fairgrounds  
1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis  
www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com



## May 16 (9:00 a.m.—Noon)

*GPMGA Annual Plant Sale*  
Garfield Park Conservatory  
2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis  
www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org

## Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Volunteer Opportunities

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc., offers many programs and volunteer-led projects that have a positive impact on the community—including projects centered on habitat restoration.

KIBI is a leader in community-based habitat restoration, with projects to enrich habitat along the major waterways in Indianapolis (the White River, Fall Creek, Pogues Run, Pleasant Run, and Little Eagle Creek). KIBI plans to restore 100 acres of landscape by the end of 2020 to improve water quality, reestablish life-sustaining native plants for wildlife, and make significant visual improvements along our waterways.

Also, their Urban Naturalist team helps educated volunteers about the importance of biodiversity, helping connect communities to their greenspaces, and creating functional habitat for urban wildlife. To become a volunteer, contact KIBI at 317-763-3353.

## Renew Your GPMGA Membership This January

Renew your membership in the Garfield Park Master Gardener Association. Dues are \$15.00 per year and help pay for special activities, speakers, the newsletter and donations to community projects.

Monthly meetings occur on the second Wednesday of the month and begin at 6:30 p.m. Unless otherwise noted at the prior meeting or in the newsletter, meetings are held at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Completion date of Master Gardener Training Class \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I volunteer with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to be included in the 2020 GPMGA Member Directory.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to receive future newsletters by e-mail only.

**Submit this form and your \$15.00 annual membership fee to:**

**Cindy Maude 7416 Rooses Drive Indianapolis, IN 46217**