



# THE GARFIELD GARDENER

THE NEWSLETTER OF GARFIELD PARK MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

## March 2020 Next Meeting

March 11 (6:30 p.m.)

Topic: *Where Are All the Butterflies?*

Speaker: John Thieme,  
Retired Entomologist

April 8 (6:30 p.m.)

Topic: *Growing Wildflowers in a Traditional Garden*

Speaker: Myrene Brown,  
Myrene's Garden

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

## Future Meetings

May 13

June 10

July 8

Aug. 12

Sept. 9

Oct. 14

Nov. 18 (Third Wednesday)

Dec. 9

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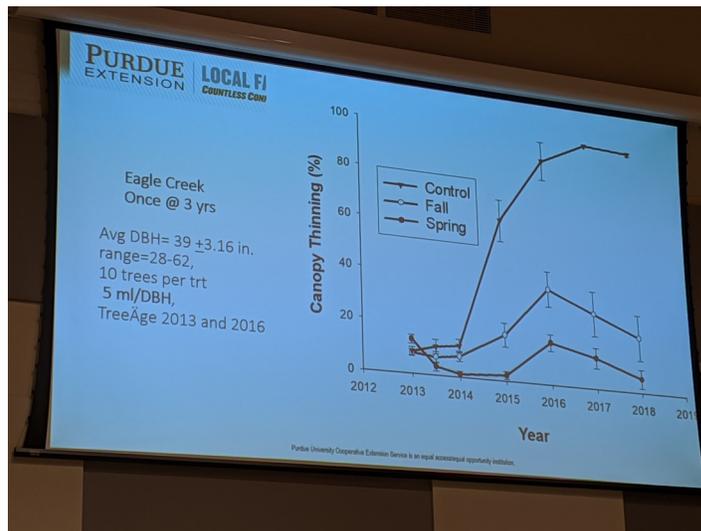
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## President's Letter

I look forward every year to the Spring Garden Clinic. The Extension Office works hard to pull this event together, and I think they have "mastered" it! On Saturday, February 29th, a group of avid gardeners hankering for some like companionship gathered at St. Luke's Church on W. 86th St. It is always great to see who shows up, meet new people, and further cement a connection made. The lunch is always delicious and nobody walks away hungry—for food or knowledge.

The first session I attended was *Internet Methods of Gardening* by Carol Michel. She was delightfully amusing, as usual, and enlightened us as to how we can ensure we are selecting and obtaining the most reputable and reliable sources of information online. Simply rephrasing your Google search query could bring drastically different results. And, there are a lot of gardening myths out there that many people believe. I had never heard of male and female peppers and, while there was a fair amount of legitimate-looking information about it, this is a myth we wasted no time in busting. Mushroom seeds, tomatoes in all colors of the rainbow on one plant, and that trees grow better in square holes are further examples of busted myths. Basically, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is!

The second session I attended was *Worst Pests of 2019 - What to Expect in 2020 and the New Shrub Doctor App* by Cliff Sadof. Cliff reviewed caterpillar defoliation on shade trees and the ability of the trees to recover, discussed both soft- and hard-bodied scale insects and the appropriate treatments for each and, of course, he



talked about Japanese beetles. What interested me the most was the results we are now seeing from treatment for Emerald Ash Borer. Cliff had good hard data on the effectiveness of treatments, which he recommends now can be done every 3 years vs. every 1-2 years. The attached chart shows the best results were obtained with a spring application (made in 2013 and 2016). He showed pictures of trees located side-by-side where one was treated and one was not. The one that was not treated is dead, and the other . . . well it looks great! Check out [www.purdueplantdoctor.com](http://www.purdueplantdoctor.com) for apps you can download to your phone to research plant issues and share with other plant geeks.

After a delicious lunch, I listened to Jamie Gibbs discuss *Using Trees and Shrubs to Create the Bones of an Attractive Garden*. Jamie has an impressive list of credentials and he made lots of recommendations. Starting with the big trees, he discussed the right tree in the right place. Consider border trees and shrubs for privacy screening. Include medium-sized ornamental and/or specimen trees in your landscape. Be

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## Garfield Park Conservatory Tours

**March 14 (2:30 p.m.)**  
Tour Guide Needed

**March 28 (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](mailto:vmethx@comcast.net).

### At the Conservatory

Join instructors from the Indianapolis Bonsai Club as they discuss the basics of this unique form of art in *Bonsai 101*, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 28 at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

Registration required. Cost: \$25. (\$5 due at registration; \$20 due day of program.) 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).

## Next GPMGA Meeting: March 11

At the March 11 program, retired entomologist John Thieme will provide an overview of the role butterflies serve, what has negatively impacted their populations over the years, and what positive actions we can take to help them. His presentation is titled *Where Are All the Butterflies?*

John's knowledge and appreciation for these beloved creatures spans over 50 years. He has collected hundreds of specimens from many parts of the country plus Canada in his quest to better understand them. John also has conducted many butterfly surveys over the years and shared some of those findings with the lepidopterist organization Butterflies and Moths of North America as well as other interested groups.

John believes that Master Gardeners can be an important part in bringing back our butterfly populations. It is never too late for any of us to contribute something in making a positive difference for them. Come learn about these beloved and beautiful insects!

The GPMGA's meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

## Gnome Away From Home Mar. 21—Apr. 5

*Lights! Camera! Action!*

*Gnomes on the Big Screen* is the theme for this year's Gnome Away from Home—March 21 to April 5 at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

Once again, garden gnomes from far and wide will gather—this time to depict various movie scenes. Catch a glimpse of some famous gnome stars in this whimsical garden display.

If your gnome has that "certain something", contact the conservatory staff about auditioning your gnome for a starring role. For more information, visit [www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org](http://www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org).



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

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mindful of scale. (Personally, I like larger shrubs, but I have a big yard.) Understand what should be pruned and what should not be pruned, overall shapes, textures and colors. I enjoyed seeing the pictures of his garden, and he actually invited anyone and everyone to visit his garden at any time! No need to even knock on the door . . . just stop by and wander around.

Lastly, I attended Ginny Roberts' *How to Start a Community Garden*. There has definitely been a lot of attention in recent years about food deserts, using community gardens to teach people where food comes from, and how to grow their own food. It is rare to see a school, church or not-for-profit organization without one. Many community gardens donate their fresh produce to food pantries and other organizations who help feed the people. The Purdue Extension Demonstration Garden donates its produce. Ginny was great at engaging the small crowd by asking about their experiences, trials and tribulations. She provided some excellent materials about how to start a community garden and the factors to consider.



We are all eager to get this season going, and there's a whole season of gardening ahead of us before the next Spring Garden Clinic . . . 2021.

—Lane Judkins  
President, GPMGA President

## GPMGA Meeting Minutes—February 12

### Program

- Volunteer opportunities reviewed: Many opportunities available at the Indiana War Memorial, Newfields, helping with the GPMGA plant sale and with activities of the Irvington Garden Club as well as at local churches; Possible opportunities at Garfield Park later this year.

### Business Meeting (Board Business)

- President—Lane Judkins: Trying new format with snacks after brief officers' reports, followed by the program, a short break (if needed), and then other board reports; \$500 will be donated to the Master Gardener Conference; Officers for 2020 confirmed: President - Lane Judkins, VP - Bill Bernstein, Treasurer - Cindy Maude, Secretary - Nancy Boettner, Historian - Becky Walker
- Secretary's Report—Nancy Boettner: Minutes accepted as printed in newsletter
- Treasurer's Report—Cindy Maude: Checking balance: \$6,404.79 (before donation and grants); Grants of \$300 each will go to the President Benjamin Harrison Home gardens and the Indiana War Memorial gardens
- Hospitality—Bill Bernstein, Jayne Queck: Thanks to snack providers; Need providers for March
- Newsletter/Publicity—Oren Cooley: Newsletter full of information, thanks for input; Working on updates to Website
- Plant Sale—Kay Martin-Pence: May 16; May schedule pruning party for plants donated by Sullivan's; Short on "start-up" cash last year, will get more seed money this year; Will investigate borrowing credit card mechanism from another group and purchasing plants wholesale for resale
- MG Discounts—Barb Jablonski: 22 Garden Centers this year; See details in newsletter
- Opportunities: Garden Clinic on Feb. 29; Herb Symposium on April 11

—Nancy Boettner  
Secretary

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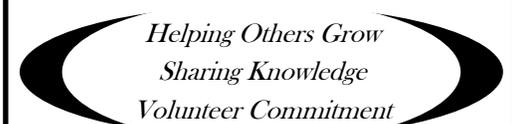
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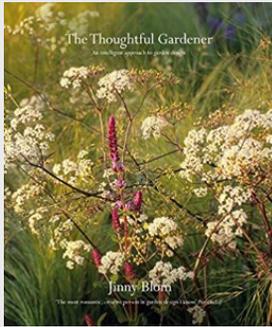
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**From the Bookshelf . . .**

***The Thoughtful Gardener:  
An Intelligent Approach to  
Garden Design***  
by Jinny Blom



Marrying a beautiful vision to the landscape into which it will fit, with extraordinary empathy, prolific designer Jinny Blom embraces a wide variety of styles, from large garden spaces to formal walled gardens and contemporary installations.

What defines her work is her skill with plants and her ability to create a garden that responds to the history of the site and the wider landscape. The gardens Jinny creates are as different as their owners and their locations. In this book, Jinny shares her insight into the creative process she has developed while designing more than 250 gardens around the world.

Reflecting her highly individual character, there is plenty of wit and quirkiness alongside the expert knowledge. Thoughtful and beautiful, practical and informative, this book marries artistry with functionality.

**On the Web . . .**

**Indy Urban Hardwood Company**  
[www.indyurbanhardwood.com](http://www.indyurbanhardwood.com)

Every day, trees across our city and state are cut down and then chopped, chipped or burned.

Instead of squandering this resource, Indy Urban Hardwood strives to extend its life through creating unique handmade furniture or kiln-drying the wood for use as building materials. "My goal is to bring a small portion of this otherwise wasted resource back into our everyday lives," says owner Brian Presnell.

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

**Indiana Flower and Patio Show March 14-22**

The Indiana Flower and Patio Show will feature gardens bursting with color as never before from March 14 to March 22 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Experience the "wow factor" throughout both the West Pavilion and Expo Hall as some of the area's top landscape professionals display their creativity and design skills in the various Showcase Gardens. The show's organizers challenged the landscapers to feature personal spaces—outdoor living areas that echo who a person might be, that stress what is important to a person and that reflect how a person might enjoy living their life.



This year, the contributing landscapers include the following companies:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Above and Beyond Companies     | Grok Landscapes by Design       |
| All Pro Landscaping            | Heath Outdoor                   |
| BLC Outdoor Services           | JMT Landscape Group             |
| BPI Outdoor                    | Lakeshore Hardscapes            |
| Budde Landscaping              | McNamara Florist                |
| Calvin Landscape               | Precision Outdoors              |
| Country Gardens Lawn/Landscape | Pro Care Horticultural Services |
| Divine Outdoor Services        | TTB Design Group                |
| Elsie's Flower Shoppe          |                                 |

Among the show's many other offerings:

**The Plant Market** again will provide the best place to get a sneak peek at all the sights and scents of the upcoming spring season. One of the most popular features at the Flower and Patio Show, the Plant Market has everything from fresh flowers and plants to gardening supplies located at the entrances of West Pavilion and Expo Hall.



**Emily's Backyard Blooms** is a micro-flower farm in Fortville, Indiana. With a focus on harvesting locally-grown, Emily creates gorgeous floral designs for everyday moments and special events. In addition to cut flowers, she sells a variety of indoor houseplants and offers garden and plant classes throughout the growing season.

The Great Lakes Floral Association will offer **You Make It, You Take It!** Visitors may pick the blooms they like, work with one of the floral professionals to create a one-of-a-kind arrangement, and then take it with them. A handful of florists will have a contest to see who can create the best bouquet with the show attendees picking the winner.

Local designer Liz Henderson shows Flower and Patio Show attendees how to throw a tea party in the garden! With unique tablescapes concepts from at-home tea to high tea, Liz shows off the traditional tea with added garden garnishes that will be a sweet treat to the eyes. Visit this feature at the back of West Pavilion.

## KIBI Needs Volunteers for Pollinator Count

The #KIBees Pollinator Count is a way to engage community members as scientists in the important work of counting pollinators, like birds, bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects as well as to educate Hoosiers on the need to plant native to help people and nature thrive!

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIBI) needs volunteers for its pollinator count, which typically occurs in June. KIBI has events for participants to attend, counting kits to use and articles to share in order to achieve a goal to increase wild pollinators and biodiversity in the city's neighborhoods and communities.

The information gathered will raise awareness of how vital pollinators are to city's urban ecosystem, get kids and adults to observe and connect with their environment and learn how to identify pollinators and plants. KIBI hopes the pollinator count will inspire Indianapolis residents to take actions that will help increase wild pollinators and biodiversity in the city's neighborhoods and communities.



Interested participants should complete the following steps to join the Pollinator Count Project:

- 1) Log in at [www.kibi.org/kibees](http://www.kibi.org/kibees) and create an iNaturalist account.
- 2) Join the KIB Pollinator Count project.
- 3) Fill out information gathered during observation and submit.
- 4) Share pollinator pictures online with the hashtag #KIBees

To do a pollinator count, participants need to set aside four minutes each day to spend outside. To record the observation successfully, enter one pollinator species per observation. If a volunteer sees more than one type of pollinator during the four-minute observation, enter each one separately.

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

## Daffodil Days at Link Observatory

Each year, the Indiana Daffodil Society and the Morgan County Master Gardeners Club staff the grounds at the Link Observatory (8403 Observatory Road, Martinsville) on weekends in April to enable visitors to experience an extraordinary sight.

The nearly twenty acres surrounding the observatory include more than a thousand varieties of daffodils, planted by botanist Helen Link. Her husband, Dr. Goethe Link, an avid stargazer, built the observatory in 1939 for his 5,000-pound telescope and later operated the Link Observatory Space Science Institute at that site.

Trained as a nurse, Helen Link returned to school at age 60 to study botany. She planted thousands of daffodils at the observatory, in naturalized gardens. Through the years, she began to experiment, eventually developing many of her own unique hybrids. More than a dozen registered cultivars were developed by Helen Link, including Towhee (winner of a national best-of-show), Lucy Jane (named for a stepdaughter), Tutu (a flaring, all-white variety) and Rainbow (a pink-cupped variety).



## Remember MG Discounts

The 22 local garden centers who agreed this year to give members of the Master Gardener Associations a 10% discount on regularly priced plants and garden merchandise, or to sell items to Master Gardeners at wholesale, include:

- Allisonville Nursery: On green items (Not gift shop)
- Altum's Garden & Landscape
- Avon Perennial Gardens
- Butler's Flowers & Plants
- Cool Ponds
- Courts Yard and Greenhouse
- Cox's Plant Farm
- Eagle Creek Nursery Co., Inc.
- Gary Greenhouse
- Greendell Landscape Solutions
- Habig's: Does not include gift shop items, fresh produce, special/custom orders, any sale items
- Heartland Growers: Wholesale prices, but \$200 minimum purchase and order ahead of pick-up, for MG Community Projects
- Heidenreich Greenhouse & Garden Center
- Indiana Mulch and Stone
- Jones' Greenhouse
- McCarty Mulch & Stone, LLC: Up to \$500 in sales only
- Soules Garden
- Sullivan's Garden Center
- Sundown Gardens
- The Forest Flower-71st St.
- Tiffany Lawn & Garden Supply, Inc.: Wholesale prices given to MGs, discount % varies per item
- Wanamaker Feed: Does not include seed corn, farm-grade fertilizers, bagged soils and mulches

In addition, Brehob Nursery which was sold in 2016 to Kansas City based DCA Outdoors—has retained the Brehob Nursery name and will extend wholesale prices to Master Gardeners who have a Nursery Dealers License. Be sure to take and file appropriate documentation.

Also, Perennials Plus will extend wholesale prices to Master Gardeners who have a landscape business or a Nursery Dealers License. Again, be sure to take and file your documentation with Perennials Plus.

To receive the above discounts, remember to present your 2020 membership card before the purchase.

## EXTENSION HORTICULTURE HINTS—MARCH 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.



Valentine Tomato is one of the many different types of tomato varieties available today. Valentine was a 2018 All-America Selections National Award Winner. More info is at: <https://all-americaelections.org/product/tomato-valentine/>. (Photo: Steve Mayer, 7-22-2019).

### Factors to Consider When Selecting a Tomato

Many home gardeners consider taste as the most critical factor in tomato selection. However, there is a lot more to consider than that.

First, choose one or more of the basic tomato types. People typically like the common globe-shaped tomatoes but some desire the extra-large, beefsteak-types. Small fruited tomato varieties are called cherry tomatoes. They may be the size of a nickel, quarter or larger than one-inch in diameter.

Some tomatoes grow in clusters like grapes. Harvesting can be done by clipping the entire cluster rather than picking each tomato individually. There are also pear tomatoes (small tomatoes shaped like a pear) and paste tomatoes (oval Roma-types).

Growth habit affects how big the plants will grow. There are two basic types: indeterminate and determinate. Indeterminate tomato plants continue to grow through the season. They will generally produce the largest plants. They are often used for trellising or staking systems.

Determinate plants eventually are self-limiting in height. At some point, they end in a flower cluster. Common garden types, like Celebrity, do not produce all their tomatoes at once; they will continue to generate tomatoes

through the season. Determinate plants often are grown in cages and are popular choices for smaller urban gardens.

Even within the two different growth habits, there are differences in size. Consider this when determining your use: container plant, raised bed subject or in-ground planting.

Disease resistance is another important factor to consider when selecting your tomatoes. Different tomato varieties will have various levels of tolerance or resistance to specific diseases. Choosing plants with disease resistance is one of the easiest, environmentally-friendly pest control practices for the home gardener.

Some diseases, like Verticillium Wilt and Fusarium Wilt, cannot be controlled once the plants are infected in the garden so be sure to select at least some tomato varieties each year that are resistant to these two diseases. Tomato varieties with resistance to these diseases have the letters V and F following the tomato variety name.

Another important consideration is the days to harvest. Each tomato variety gives an estimate of the number of days it will take to produce the first ripe tomato from the transplanting date. To enjoy fresh tomatoes sooner, consider planting 1 or 2 plants with an early-maturing date. Some plants can be harvested in 60 days or less from transplanting.

Tomato size (weight) and color (red, yellow, orange, pink and other novelty types) are two additional factors to consider. Some tomato varieties crack more than others. If this is always a problem for you, consider some tomato varieties that have crack resistance.

Some gardeners prefer to plant heirlooms while others like to try the newest vegetable varieties on the market. Heirlooms are old, often open-pollinated varieties that were handed down from previous generations by saving and sharing seed. If not readily available each year, you could save seed from your own plants to start transplants for the following year.

Many new varieties are hybrids. They may offer better disease resistance, increased production, more compact plant size or other characteristics. However, do not save seed from hybrid plants. The resulting plants will be different than the parent.

## March 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:** Use a dormant fungicide spray on peach trees to prevent peach leaf curl disease. Apply prior to bud swell when the temperature is above 40 degrees F (ID-146). <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/id/id-146-w.pdf>
- **Second Week:** Visit the two Purdue information booths at the Indiana Flower and Patio Show (located in Expo Hall, not the West Pavilion) on March 14-22, 2020. Purdue Extension-Marion County and the Purdue Master Gardener "Plant Info to Go" booth are both in the 500 aisle. <http://www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com>
- **Third Week:** If soil preparation is done, start seeding cold tolerant vegetables such as peas, radishes, spinach and leaf lettuce (HO-32). <https://ag.purdue.edu/hla/pubs/HO/HO-32.pdf>
- **Fourth Week:** Sow seeds of many warm season vegetables and flowers indoors during mid-March to early April to produce your own transplants for spring planting (HO-14). <https://ag.purdue.edu/hla/pubs/HO/HO-14.pdf>

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## The Question Box March 2020

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

### Q. Have there been changes to the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program Policy Guide?

A. Yes, some of the revisions made to the policy guide late last year are found here: <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/purdue-emg-policy-guide-2019-revision/>. You can view the updated policy guide here: [https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?item\\_number=MG-5-W](https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?item_number=MG-5-W)

### Q. What are the minimum volunteer and training requirements for the Purdue Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program?

A. To remain active each year, a Purdue EMG must: 1) Volunteer for a minimum of 12 hours each year and report that activity to the EMG county coordinator, and 2)

Complete and report a minimum of six hours of educational training.

### Q. What if I was an active Master Gardener volunteer but did not report volunteer hours or training hours in 2019?

A. You can still report your hours for 2019 but they will not be counted in our county total. If you did not do any hours, just fulfill your hours for 2020. If there is a lapse in service of more than four years from the last active reporting year, the volunteer will be required to retake the Purdue EMG Basic Training, purchase any updated Purdue EMG manuals or materials, and retake and pass the Purdue EMG Basic Training exam.

### Q. Can I count out-of-state activities when I record MG hours?

A. You can count attending educational conferences, workshops and meetings out-of-state as training hours. However, volunteer hours performed out-of-state do not count.

### Q. Can I transfer my hours if I move to another county in Indiana?

A. Yes, hours are transferable.

### Q. Can I transfer my Purdue MG certification to another state Master Gardener program?

A. Purdue Master Gardeners who wish to transfer to another state Master Gardener program must follow the transfer policies of that state's program.

### Q. Can I transfer my certification from another state to the Purdue Master Gardener program?

A. Certification can be transferred (see policy guide for details), but hours will not be transferred here.



## Show / Event Calendar

**March 14 (1:30 p.m.)**

*Indoor Seed Starting*  
Purdue Extension MCMG  
Indianapolis Public Library,  
Glendale Branch  
6101 N. Keystone, Indianapolis  
www.indypl.org/locations/glendale

**March 14 (10:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.)**

*Madison County MG Spring Gardening Workshop*  
Anderson Public Library, 3rd Floor  
111 E. 12th St., Anderson  
www.madisoncountymastergardener.org

**March 14-22**

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

**March 21 (9:00 a.m.—noon)**

*Newfields Garden Guide Training*  
Newfields  
4000 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis  
www.discovernewfields.org

**March 22 (2:00 p.m.)**

*Topiaries of the World to Your Garden*  
Indianapolis Hosta Society  
Holliday Park Nature Center  
6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis  
www.indianapolishostasociety.org

**March 26 (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)**

*Invasive Species and Watersheds CISMA Conference*  
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center  
2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville  
www.sicim.info/cismaconference

**March 28 (9:30 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.)**

*Introduction to Nature Observation*  
Indiana Phenology  
Holliday Park Nature Center  
6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis  
www.indianaphenology.org

**March 28 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)**

*Gardenfest 2020*  
Morgan County Master Gardeners  
Hoosier Harvest Church  
4085 Leonard Road, Martinsville  
www.mcmastergardeners.org

**March 29 (2:00 p.m.)**

*The Impact and Significance of Invasive Plant Species in Indiana*  
Indiana Native Plant Society,  
Central Chapter  
Pike Branch Library  
6525 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis  
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## Topiaries of the World to Your Garden

Kevin Collard (Owner of Pine View Nursery, Leitchfield, KY) and Ron and Linda Williams (Owners of Garden Travelers) team up to present *Topiaries of the World to Your Garden* at the Holliday Park Nature Center (6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis) at 2:00 p.m. on March 22.

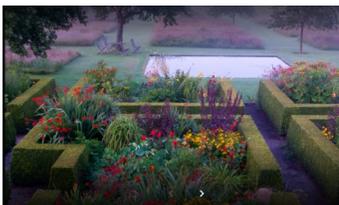
Ron and Linda will present an overview of topiaries they have visited around the world including very large public gardens like Levens Hall in England and Le Jardin Plume in France. They also will include topiary—both simple and elaborate—from private gardens both within and outside of the United States.

Then, Kevin will give an interactive demonstration on how to begin a topiary project. Plenty of time will occur for how-to questions.

Located in Cumbria, England, Levens Hall (built c1250-1300) is home to the world's oldest topiary gardens and is the center of a thriving 9,500-acre agricultural estate. Ten acres of the gardens date to the 1690s and retain many original features—including a collection of ancient box and yew trees, in abstract or geometric shape, rising up to form a beautiful display.



Le Jardin Plume is a beautiful contemporary garden near Rouen in the north of France. The garden specializes in grasses and perennials and uses parterres of clipped hedges to give the garden structure. Each 'box' is then filled with a very natural planting of grasses and perennials with superb colors.



## My Plant Sale Checklist

**REMINDER:** The Garfield Park Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale is **Saturday, May 16 (9:00 am to noon)**.

The GPMGA needs plants to sell—divisions from my perennial garden, plants grown from seed, bulbs, vegetables, herbs, annuals, houseplants, trees (small) or shrubs.

Must have plants potted and ready for sale when I drop them off. **REMEMBER: No plants with mildew or other problems, no invasives.**

Bring unused pots to future MG meetings to share. They need 3" and 4" plastic pots AND 1-5 gallon size.

Must print out plant labels and attach to pots.

Check to see if I have a tent, wagon, trays or other items needed for the plant sale.

Drop off plants either . . .

**May 15 (5:30 pm to 8:00 pm) OR May 16 (7:00 am to 8:30 am).**

E-mail Kay Martin-Pence (guitargirl929@gmail.com) to tell her how I will help. Choices include setting up, tearing down, assisting customers, etc.

**Buy plants on May 16!!**

