

March 2023 Next Meeting

March 8

Program: *Tea & Chocolate*
Speaker: Debra Boyer,
GPMGA Program Chair

April 12

Program:
The Life of the Honeybees
Speaker:
Eileen Van Kavelaar,
GPMGA Member

*Programs are being planned
on a month-to-month basis
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2023 GPMGA Meeting Dates

May 10	Sept. 13
June 14	Oct. 11
July 12	Nov. 8
August 9	Dec. 13

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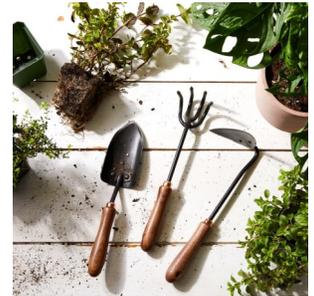
www.IndyGPMGA.com
www.IndyMG.org
www.IndyHorticulture.org

President's Letter

Greetings and happy nearly-spring!

Only a couple more weeks till the official arrival of spring but we've been blessed with some lovely warmer days of late. It's so exciting to see our spring flowers opening up around the yard while we know here in Indiana there's always another cold snap or two possible before we all get out in our gardens.

Tempted as I am on the sunny days, I'm holding myself back from cleaning out my flower beds in the hope that I'm helping the ground-nesting pollinators sleep in a little while longer. In the meantime, I enjoy reading some favorite newsletters from local gardening friends. If you're not familiar with *The Hoosier Gardener* monthly newsletter, you can read Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp's wonderful writings here: <https://hoosiergardener.com/>. If you've read much of the Indiana Native Plant Society's pages, you may also be familiar with Wendy Ford's *HortusScope*, also published each month: <https://hortusscope.info/>.



Another resource I discovered while working from home during the pandemic are the various gardening webinars presented by the National Garden Bureau. You can find links for their upcoming sessions here: [7 webinars for a great garden](#) 🌸 (mailchi.mp). I find these to be very helpful and interesting – and a great way to earn MG educational hours.

If you were at our February meeting, you may recall I mentioned that I would love to see everyone's favorite gardening tools. So for our March meeting, I'll ask if you would please bring in your favorite tool(s) for a little show and tell.

Best to all,

- Teresa McCurry, GPMGA President

INPS Presents 'Botanical Time Bombs'

The Indiana Native Plant Society Central Chapter will present *Botanical Time Bombs: A Historical Look at the Accidental and Intentional Introductions of Indiana's Invasive Plants* at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, through Zoom.

Gardeners may recognize many of the 126 plants currently listed as "officially invasive" in Indiana but may not know the history of their arrival. In this program, Steve Sass and Amanda Smith of Indiana Nature LLC will take a historical journey from European settlement to the current day, tracing how these species found their way to the United States. The program will reflect upon the historical factors that contributed to their arrival and examine the lessons learned and unlearned.



Steve Sass and Amanda Smith are the co-founders of Indiana Nature LLC, which includes the educational initiative indiananature.net, and its corresponding social media outreach. Their popular Facebook Group "IN Nature" contains the Great American Indiana Nature (GAIN) projects, which have engaged thousands of Hoosiers to collaboratively build a database of moth, butterfly, tree and wildflower populations in the state.

Presentation open to the public; Registration required: <https://bit.ly/3DnqwwM>. For more information, please visit <https://indiananativeplants.org/>.

Conservatory Tours

March 11 (11:00 a.m.)
Judy Martin

March 25 (11:00 a.m.)
Arlene Bow
Oren Cooley
John Montgomery

At the Conservatory

Until April 1
Gnomes Away from Home
Garfield Park Conservatory
2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis

This spring, garden gnomes from far and wide have gathered at the Garfield Park Conservatory again!



Come explore this whimsical display of garden gnomes and try to spot them all. This year's theme is *Superheros*.

For more information, contact www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org.



GPMGA's Next Meeting: March 8

The next meeting of the Garfield Park Master Gardener Association (GPMGA) membership will occur at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

We'll learn about Maui's history, microclimates and agriculture when GPMGA Program Chair Debra Boyer presents *Tea & Chocolate*. She traveled to Maui in December and toured the Maui Tea Farm and Maui Ku'ia Estate chocolate farm, both of which will be featured in the program.



Most of us think of Hawaii as a tropical paradise with endless beaches but what we see today has been developed for the tourist industry beginning in the 1970s. Maui has surprisingly diverse microclimates which lend themselves to a variety of experiences. Its many beaches feature different types of sand depending on where you are on the island. Debra will provide background about Maui's history of development and its diverse ecosystems as well as explore the two farms she visited that are part of a new generation of agriculture there.

Although she has a BA in Biological Sciences from Indiana University, Debra took no botany courses and developed her love of plants after college. As a research assistant to an IU professor, she learned to hand-pollinate and harvest corn for genetic studies. Over the years, Debra has pursued gardening of houseplants, vegetables, herbs, perennials and native plants. She was the personal gardener for a residential and commercial client for 11 years and managed her own community garden in Fountain Square.



Debra completed her Master Gardener training in 1999, has been a member of GPMGA since 2004, and has served as Program Chair for 15 years. She looks forward to "officially" attaining Gold Level status.

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

GPMGA Meeting Minutes: Feb. 8

The Garfield Park Master Gardener Association (GPMGA) met at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

Announcements:

- Welcome to new members
- Members asked to check the master list to ensure correct e-mail addresses
- Recycling now available at meetings
- Ice breakers at the beginning of meetings
- Introduced the GPMGA Board members

Presentations: Focused on volunteer opportunities as well as navigating the GPMGA and Purdue websites, recording MG hours

- Volunteer opportunities, how to enter hours, how to navigate website
- Most information is on the slides, additional info below
- Debra Boyer will e-mail presentation
- Contact Oren Cooley if interested in creating video content
- Oren can look into additional passwords/security for site and updating password
- Barbara Jablonski spoke on Answerline info (Contact Carey Grable)
- Conservatory tours are also an option

Committee Reports:

- Cindy Maude (Treasurer): Current balance is \$6,615.59; No grant requests submitted yet; Please turn in membership dues soon
- Jayne Queck (Hospitality): Sign up for March or April
- Oren (Newsletter/Publicity): Reminder to send in content ideas; Free t-shirts available
- Teresa McCurry (President): Must change logo to remove 'Purdue'; Options to create our own, use the arch design, have a design contest, or use the graphic designer Purdue Extension uses
- Carrie Alumbaugh (Plant Sale): New signs, Looking into options to easily change date; Will need help 5/19 for set-up; Bring containers in March, Begin to bring plants in April
- Barb (Spring Garden Clinic): Submit feedback and suggestions
- Debra (Upcoming Programs): March-Tea/chocolate farms in Hawaii; April-Honeybees

Reminder that you can receive credit for board duties, bringing snacks, attending meetings, putting in your hours or helping others to put in their hours.

—Danielle Randles

GP Conservatory's Madagascar Palm

The exotic Madagascar palm (*Pachypodium lamerei*) is technically a succulent instead of a true palm.

A species of flowering plant in the family *Apocynaceae*, the plant is a stem succulent, photosynthesizing mainly through its trunk. It features a thick, silver stem covered in sharp spines and long, leathery green leaves that grow mostly on its top. Its trunk can reach up to 6 feet tall indoors and 20 feet tall outdoors.

When grown outside, the Madagascar palm also may produce white, fragrant trumpet-like flowers. Mature plants tend to branch out after flowering. While the Madagascar palm thrives in full sunlight, it is suitable as an indoor houseplant provided the plant receives adequate lighting. However, it rarely blooms when kept inside.

As its name suggests, the Madagascar palm is native to southern Madagascar, an island off the east coast of Africa.



Garfield Park Master Gardener Association

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Sharing Knowledge

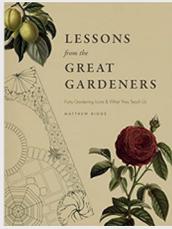
Volunteer Commitment

From the Bookshelf . . .

Lessons from the Great Gardeners: Forty Gardening Icons and What They Teach Us

by Matthew Biggs

Like heirloom seeds and grafts from trees, advice from great gardeners handed down through the centuries has shaped the science and art of gardens across the globe.



Spanning gardeners from fifteenth-century Japan to the contemporary United States, *Lessons from the Great Gardeners* profiles forty groundbreaking botanists, nurserymen and tillers of earth—men and women whose passion, innovation and green thumbs endure in formal landscapes and vegetable patches today.

Each gardening great's iconic plants and garden designs are explored, revealing both the gardeners' own influences and the seeds that they sowed for gardens "yet to sprout". From André Le Nôtre in seventeenth-century France, who drew on his training as an architect and hydraulic engineer to bring the topiary form to Versailles, to the work of High Line and Lurie Garden designer Piet Oudolf, *Lessons from the Great Gardeners* is a resource as rich as the soil from which it springs.

VOLUNTEER



Volunteer Opportunity:

Indiana War Memorials Foundation
and The 777 N. Meridian St.
Veterans Services Center

Alane Judkins needs volunteers this spring to help install and maintain the new Homeless Veterans Garden as well as to maintain the flower beds at the Indiana War Memorials and The 777 N. Meridian St. Veterans Services Center. Opened in 2022, the center provides many health services under one roof which were previously offered in multiple locations.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Alane Judkins at alane.judkins@gmail.com.

2023 Master Gardener Discounts

by Barbara Jablonski, GPMGA Member

A very special "Thank You" to local garden centers who generously give members of our Master Gardener Associations a 10% discount on regularly priced plants and garden merchandise or sell items to us at wholesale.

As Master Gardeners, let's give local garden centers our support and keep them in business. Let them know how much we appreciate them, their plants and their expertise. Remember this is a mutually beneficial relationship!

For 2023 the list stands at **TWENTY-THREE** garden centers, **four of which have two locations**. Butler's Flowers & Plants has sold to the hardscape company, Heath Outdoors, and is no longer on the list.



Here are the names of participating donors. **Please pay close attention to specific restrictions at various locations.**

- Allisonville Home & Garden by Sullivan—on green items, not gift shop: <https://www.allisonvillegarden.com>
- Altum's Garden & Landscape: www.altums.com; **BIG CHANGE—NO RETAIL STORE; Online Only. Use code: mastergardener10**
- Avon Perennial Gardens: www.avongardens.com
- Cool Ponds: <http://coolpondsonline.net>
- Country Harmony (Brownsburg): <https://www.countryharmonyhomeandgarden.com> (**Punch Card Loyalty Program**)
- Courts Yard and Greenhouse: <https://www.facebook.com/CourtsYard-Greenhouse-150766741648819/>
- Cox's Plant Farm: www.coxsplantfarm.com
- Eagle Creek Nursery Co., Inc.: www.eaglecreeknursery.com
- Gary Greenhouse: <https://www.garygreenhouse.com>
- Greendell Landscape Solutions: <http://greendelllandscape.com>
- Habig Garden Shops - **2 locations – Carmel & Nora**: Offer applies to single, everyday regular priced hard-goods at our Garden Shop. Currently, the offer does not apply to special buys, discounted items, fresh produce, gift certificates, plants or gift shop items & custom orders. Some items may be restricted throughout the season TBD by supply & availability; <http://habiggardenshop.weebly.com>
- Heartland Growers: (wholesale prices, but \$200 minimum purchase—to be used for Master Gardener non-profit projects; e-mail orders ahead to kholden@heartlandgrowers.com); ideally, call ahead; <http://www.heartlandgrowers.com>
- Heidenreich Greenhouse & Garden Center: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Heidenreich-Greenhouse-Garden-Center/139051142809530/>
- Indiana Mulch and Stone: <https://www.indianamulch.com>
- Jones' Greenhouse: www.jonesgreenhouse.com
- McCarty Mulch & Stone, LLC (up to \$500 in sales only): <https://www.landscapemulch.com>
- McCammon's Irish Market: **2 locations—Greenwood & Brownsburg**; note a 15% discount for military members/retirees with valid military ID; <https://mccammonsirishmarket.com>
- Soules Garden: <https://soulesgarden.com>
- Sullivan's Garden Center: <http://sullivanhardware.com/pages/garden-center>
- Sundown Gardens: **2 locations** <http://www.sundowngardens.com> **NEW LOCATION: Opening in Bargersville in spring 2023**
- The Forest Flower-71st St.: <https://www.theforestflower.com>
- Tiffany Lawn & Garden Supply, Inc.: **2 locations—north & south** (wholesale prices given to MGs; discount % varies per item); <http://www.tiffanylawnandgarden.com>
- Wanamaker Feed (does not include seed corn, farm-grade fertilizers & bagged soils and mulches); <https://www.facebook.com/wanamakerfeedandseed>

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Indiana Flower + Patio Show March 11-19

The Indiana Flower + Patio Show will occur March 11-19 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds (1202 East 38th Street).

This year, Master Gardeners will help staff the Marion County Master Gardener Program booth that will operate for the show's duration as well as the State Master Gardener Plant Info To-Go booth on two dates—Wednesday, March 15, and Friday, March 17.

Both the fairgrounds' West Pavilion and Expo Hall will burst with color like never before since the show organizers challenged landscapers to showcase the best ideas for personal spaces. Outdoor living spaces should reflect who the homeowners are, represent what is important to them and show how they enjoy living their lives.



With more than 300 booths to explore and several unique feature displays to enjoy, the Indiana Flower + Patio Show serves as a valuable resource for all Indiana homeowners. Some of the exhibitors include Above and Beyond Companies, Franklin Brothers Landscape LLC, Indianapolis Landscape Association, JMT Landscape Group, Livin' Green Lawn and Landscape and Precision Outdoors.

For more information, visit www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com.

Master Gardener Discounts *(continued from Page 4)*

Brehob Nursery (sold in 2016 to Kansas City based DCA Outdoors) will retain 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. <http://www.brehobnursery.com>

Perennials Plus: <https://www.perennials-plus.com> will extend wholesale prices to Master Gardeners who have a Landscape Business or a Nursery Dealers License. Be sure to take and file your documentation with Perennials Plus. Or, Master Gardeners are welcome to join their loyalty program which currently offers a percentage back on purchases in the form of store credit. This store credit can then be used toward future purchases. This is a great deal for gardeners who have big renovation projects or like to add to their garden all season long! Sign up for the loyalty program can be done on their website.

What do you need to do for a 10% discount or wholesale pricing on regularly priced plants and garden supplies?

- First, join your Master Gardener Association
- **ALWAYS present your 2023 membership card BEFORE the purchase (Cards for paid members are already made!!!)**
- The 10% discount applies to regularly priced garden plants and merchandise only, NOT SALE products, dog food, etc.
- **BE SURE to thank the managers/owners of the garden centers and let them know how much you appreciate their great support of Master Gardeners!**
- **Remember, your membership card is NOT transferrable**
- Happy Gardening!!!

If you would like to share your e-mail address with many of the garden centers to receive information and sales notifications from them, please contact them directly. Some offer preferred customer status or loyalty programs. Websites and/or Facebook pages are noted for you. Those include addresses, maps and phone numbers, too.

My Plant Sale Checklist

REMINDER: *The Garfield Park Master Gardener Association's Annual Plant Sale is Saturday, May 20 (9:00 am to noon) outside the Garfield Park Conservatory.*

The GPMGA needs plants to sell—divisions from my perennial garden, plants grown from seed, vegetables, herbs, annuals or houseplants.

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

Notify Carrie Alumbaugh if I have any unused pots other members could use. They usually need 3" and 4" plastic pots AND 1-5 gallon size.

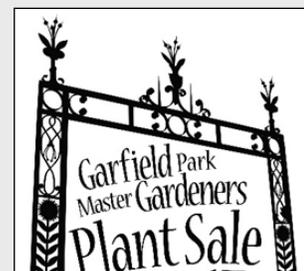
Must print out plant labels and attach to pots.

Check to see if I have a canopy, wagon, trays or other items for use during the plant sale.

Drop off plants and supplies either . . .

*May 19 in the evening OR
May 20 in the morning*

E-mail Carrie Alumbaugh, Plant Sale Chair, at carriesalumbaugh@gmail.com to tell her how I will help. Choices include setting up, tearing down, assisting



customers, etc.

*Buy plants on
May 20!*

Calendar/Events

Tuesday, March 7 (6:30 p.m.)

Attracting Pollinators

Indiana Daylily-Iris Society

First Friends Church, 3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

Hamilton County Master Gardeners Elaine Whitfield, Teresa Bowlby and Kacy Skomp will explain how to make a garden a habitat for bees, butterflies, bats and birds. They will cover different aspects of the pollination process, a few key pollinators and the habitats that attract them.

<http://www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org/>

Saturday, March 25 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Morgan County Master Gardeners' Gardenfest

Hoosier Harvest Church, 4085 Leonard Rd., Martinsville, 252 east of I-69

The Gardenfest will include the 27th Annual Pansy Sale, free tree and seed giveaways, 39 yard and garden vendors and presentations on these gardening topics: *Spring Ephemerals, Composting, Cover Crops for Home Gardens* and *Container Demonstrations*. (Eligible for Master Gardener education hours)

<https://mcmastergardeners.org/>

March 27 (7:00 p.m.) (Zoom)

Remediation of a Gravel Pit at Newfields

Indiana Native Plant Society, Central Chapter

The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park at Newfields has a unique history of land management. As former agricultural land used as a gravel pit in the 1960s and 1970s, the land was left alone for decades with no development or rehabilitation. Join Lisa Milton, Manager of Natural Resources, as she plots the successes and failures of land management remediation efforts at the park since 2004.

To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/3j9Tvxv>

Saturday, April 1 (9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.)

Boone County Master Gardeners' Gardenfest

Farm Bureau Community Building at the Fairgrounds, 1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon

More than 22 garden-related vendors will sell unique garden art, gifts, flowers, herbs, succulents, native plant seeds and other garden items. Gardenfest highlights include a used tool and garden item sale, free soil testing throughout the day and expert speakers, including: Chuck Dailey (*All about Bees*); John Chapin (*Great Hydrangeas for Midwest Gardens*); and Tom Setster (*Removal of Nuisance Animals*). Free native tree seedlings will be given to the first 300 participants.

www.mastergardenersboonecounty.org or www.facebook.com/Master-Gardeners-of-Boone-CountyIndiana-596354453716188/

GPMGA Membership

Become a member of 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 either virtually or 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 2023 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

Indianapolis Hosta Society Program

Sunday, March 26 (2:00-4:00 p.m.)

Wildflowers in the Midwest

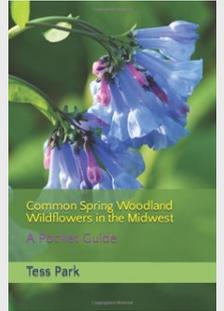
Tess Park, Speaker

Coxhall Mansion and Gardens
11669 Towne Road, Carmel

Tess Park, a long-time Indianapolis Hosta Society member, is a DVM who graduated in 1977 from Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine where she studied wildflowers in Toxicology class.

In 1978, Tess and her husband purchased property which included one acre of woods that had many wildflowers. They began to photograph and identify them and add to their collection.

This hobby eventually led to Tess compiling and publishing a unique pocket guide on wildflowers, *Common Spring Woodland Wildflowers in the Midwest*.



The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, visit www.indianapolishostasociety.org