



THE GARFIELD GARDENER

THE NEWSLETTER OF GARFIELD PARK MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

May 2018

Next Meeting

May 9 (6:30 p.m.)

Topic: *Natives For Your Garden*

Speaker:

Amy Mullen,
Spotts Garden Service

June 13 (6:30 p.m.)

Field Trip: Cool Ponds

Topic: Tour,
Demonstration of
Creating a Container
Water Garden

Future Meetings:

July 11
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12

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President's Letter

Greetings Fellow Gardeners,

I attended the 33rd Brown County Wildflower Foray on Friday, April 27. This is a three-day event held every year in Brown County. Foray founders hit on a winning combination by pairing enjoyable hikes and programs with serious work gathering wildflower data. Knowledgeable guides lead wildflower and bird hikes, boat trips and hikes exploring local natural areas. Each year, Foray veterans and newcomers share their wisdom and challenge each other to find new species in bloom. Together, they monitor habitat change over time. What doesn't change is the fun! Experienced hike leaders and enthusiastic participants keep on finding flowers and ways to enjoy springtime's abundant beauty.

I registered for the *Butterflies at Allen's Creek in Hoosier National Forest*. Our Leader was Jeff Belth, author of *Butterflies of Indiana, A Field Guide* and a Monroe County Parks & Recreation Naturalist. We identified butterflies and larval host plants important to these "flying flowers". It was about a 2-hour hike and I really enjoyed it. The weather was perfect—it was around 60 degrees out. Some of the species we saw were an

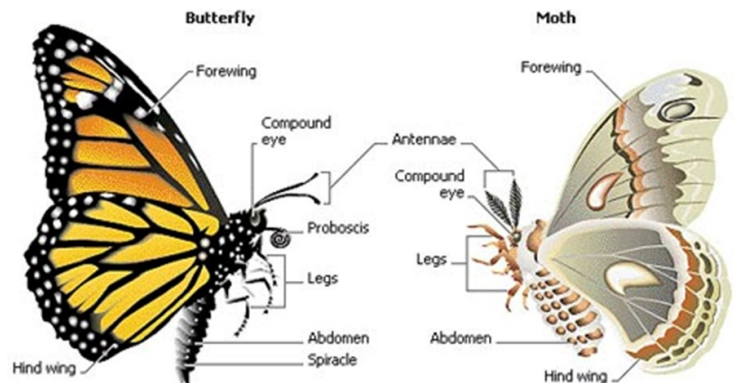
Eastern Tail Butterfly, a Sphinx Moth and a Sleeping Dusky Wing. These insects were truly a work of art and great to see live out in action in the forest. I also learned the difference between a butterfly and moth. One of the easiest ways to tell the difference between a butterfly and a moth is to look at the antennae. A butterfly's antennae are club-shaped with a long shaft and a bulb at the end. A moth's antennae are feathery or saw-edged.

I hope everyone had a chance to get to the Indianapolis Museum of Art (now called Newfields) to see all of the spring bulbs finally in bloom this spring. It was an amazing site. Just to remind everyone the museum gives free garden tours to museum members on the last Thursday of every month starting at 6:00 p.m. Stroll The Garden with Newfields' Director of Horticulture Chad Franer and learn about what's in bloom.

Hope to see everyone at our May meeting and I can't wait to see what advice and tips Amy Mullen from Spotts Nursery has regarding *Natives for Your Garden*.

Happy Planting!

—Carrie Alumbaugh, GPMGA President



"One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides."

—W. E. Johns (1893-1968)
Author, *The Passing Show* (1937)

Garfield Park Conservatory Tours

May 12 (2:30 p.m.)
Judy Martin

May 26 (2:30 p.m.)
Arlene Bow
Oren Cooley
John Montgomery

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

At the Conservatory

Join the Indianapolis Bonsai Club as they showcase their unique bonsai specimens during Garfield Park's Bonsai Show on June 2 (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and June 3 (1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.). Club members will be available to answer questions and vendors will have plants and supplies available for sale. Cost: \$4 per person or \$10 per family (2 adults maximum.)

Upcoming Hospitality Help

If you wish to help with a future meeting, please contact Jeanne Corder at corder99@aol.com. If you wish to help with the July pitch-in, contact Sue Hoyt at msue3@hotmail.com.

Next GPMGA Meeting: May 9

The Garfield Park Master Gardeners will next meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at the Garfield Park Conservatory. Amy Mullen, Lead Designer and Urban Farmgirl for Spotts Garden Service, will speak on *Natives for Your Garden*.



Amy graduated from DePauw University with a degree in physics, a life-long love of theatre and a problem-solving style that combines the approaches from both those fields. A Master Gardener and long-time communications professional, Amy also blogs and presents on gardening topics.

Amy designed her front-yard food garden to integrate permaculture principles with a traditional potager style. (A potager is a cook whose specialties are soup, broth and bouillon.) Her small urban garden serves as a combination mini-farm and ongoing experiment.

As a professional garden designer, she creates organic gardens that reflect the people who live and play in them. These earth-friendly gardens are individually crafted to suit the site, making use of sustainable strategies to solve design dilemmas.

With twenty years of communications experience across a range of not-for-profits and creative enterprises, she crafts stories that encourage people to get in touch with old-fashioned skills. She teaches sustainable skills with humor and style in one-on-one garden coaching, in seminars and in a blog at www.spottsgardens.com.



Established in 2002 by life-long gardener Terry Spotts, Spotts Garden Service works to create "a greener shade of garden". Their staff bring a wide range of experience and talents to every garden. They specialize in urban gardens, kitchen gardens and edible landscapes, and ecological design and maintenance.

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

2018 MG State Conference June 7-9

The Hendricks County Master Gardener Association will host the 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds (1900 E. Main St., Danville) from June 7-9. This year's theme is *Gardening Outside and In: Beauty, Relaxation, Tomatoes and Shorts*.

The keynote speaker is C. L. Fornari, a self-described "plant geek" who fell into garden communications in 1995. She is the author of seven books including *A Garden Lover's Martha's Vineyard*, *Coffee for Roses* and *The Cocktail Hour Garden*. C. L. also has been a monthly columnist for *Angie's List Magazine* and *Prime Time Magazine*, and contributed articles to other publications including *Fine Gardening*, *Coastal Home*, *Country Gardens*, *Cape Cod Life* and *American Nurseryman*.



GardenLine, C. L.'s two-hour live radio program is heard on Saturday mornings on WXTK (Cape Cod). For two years, she was also the host of *The Garden Lady* on WRKO (Boston), and was a regular contributor to *The Cultivated Gardener*, heard on NPR stations nationwide.

C.L. Fornari will speak on the following topics:

Start Where You Are: Garden Design and Established Landscapes

This talk will focus on design principles and specific suggestions for people who already have a yard and garden and want to learn how to best make improvements. Beautifully illustrated (think "before and after"), the presentation acknowledges that most people do not start with a blank slate and that assorted changes – some simple, some more extensive – can enhance a garden's appearance.

The Cocktail Hour Garden

This talk will explore how people can all benefit from a garden created for the senses. Whether people sit in such a space with a cup of coffee in the morning, an iced tea in the afternoon or a cocktail at the end of the day, *The Cocktail Hour Garden* will be a refuge where one can relax, recharge and reconnect with the natural world.

For more information or to register for the 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference, visit www.purduemgconference.com.

Minutes of April 11 Meeting

Program

- Master Gardener Shirley Ulicni presented on *Growing and Using Fresh Herbs*.

Business Meeting (Board Business)

- President-Carrie Alumbaugh: Thanks for coming; KIBI Happy Hour Weeding Friday, April 20 (3:00-5:00 p.m.); Garfield Park Orchid Show, April 21-22 (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.); Earth Day at White River State Park, April 21, Volunteers and empty soda bottles needed; 2018 Purdue MG State Conference at Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds and Conference Center (June 7-9), Will consider donation after reviewing plant sale profits
- Treasurer's Report-Cindy Maude: Checking balance is \$6,063.93; Reminder to pay dues; Received thank-you notes from the Purdue Extension office and grant recipient President Benjamin Harrison Home for the support for their gardens
- Hospitality-Sue Hoyt, Jean Corder, Bill Bernstein: Sufficient snack providers for next meeting
- Newsletter/Publicity-Oren Cooley: Thanks to all who submitted newsletter input
- Programs-Barb Jablonski: Amy Mullen on *Natives for Your Garden* in May
- Plant Sale-Kay Martin-Pence: Sale—May 19; Sign-up sheets available; Bring pots to share; Sullivan's donated many plants including shrubs

Other Business

- Garfield Park Farmers Market opens May 5

—Nancy Boettner, GPMGA Secretary

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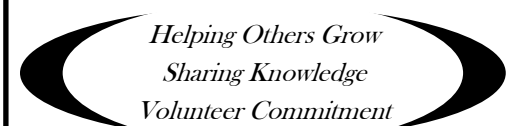
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From the Bookshelf . . .

Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden: Grow, Harvest and Arrange Stunning Seasonal Blooms

by Erin Benzakein

From Erin Benzakein, a leader in the local farm-to-centerpiece movement and owner of internationally renowned Floret Flower Farm, *Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden* is equal parts instruction and inspiration—a book overflowing with lush photography of magnificent flowers and breathtaking arrangements organized by season. An American Horticultural Society Book Award winner (2018), this beautiful guide to growing, harvesting and arranging gorgeous blooms year-round gives readers vital tools to nurture a stunning flower garden and use their blossoms to create show-stopping arrangements. With irresistible photos of exquisite blooms, tips for growing in a variety of spaces and climates as well as step-by-step instructions for lavish garlands, airy centerpieces and romantic floral décor for every season, *Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden* informs and entices gardeners of all skill levels.



On the Web . . .

Grow Indiana Natives

www.growindiananatives.org

The Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society promotes the use of native plants in landscaping instead of invasive plants through the Grow Indiana Natives program.

An estimated 86% of invasive woody species, species like Asian Bush Honeysuckle, Privet and Burning Bush, come from landscape plantings. This program rewards businesses who sell native plants by providing marketing materials which highlight the native plants they sell. If businesses agree to stop selling invasive plants, they become Invasive-Free Members of Grow Indiana Natives and are featured in the Buy Natives Directory.

Do you know a great website? Please send to pastpfct@aol.com.

Garfield Park Plant Sale May 19

The Garfield Park Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale will occur from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 19.

The GPMGA appreciates the donations of plants members will make—divisions from members' perennial gardens, plants grown from seed, bulbs, vegetables, herbs, annuals, houseplants, trees (small) or shrubs. Members may drop off those plants either May 18 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) OR May 19 (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.).

Members must have plants potted and ready for sale when they drop them off. **REMEMBER:** No plants with mildew or other problems; no invasives.

Among the donations from Indianapolis area nurseries, Sullivan Hardware and Garden has donated an extensive collection of plants—including shrubs—to the plant sale. Started in the early 1960s, the company began with a commitment to selling locally grown plants. Sullivan still supports a number of independent family-owned growers who produce top quality plants that are hard to find at large production growers.



In addition to plants, the GPMGA asks members to check if they have tents, wagons, trays or other items needed for use during the plant sale. Members also are needed to set up, tear down, provide plant care information the day of the sale and, of course, assist customers.

This sale offers the opportunity for both beginners and advanced gardeners to purchase outstanding plants at reasonable prices. Proceeds from the sale will fund the gardening needs of local community

organizations as well as neighborhood educational activities.

For more information or to offer help, please contact Kay Martin-Pence at guitargirl929@gmail.com. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Perennial of the Year: Allium 'Millenium'

The Perennial Plant Association has awarded the title Perennial Plant of the Year® 2018 to Allium 'Millenium'. 'Millenium' is spelled with one "n", as registered.

This herbaceous perennial, relative to the common onion, is a workhorse of the late summer garden. Bred by Mark McDonough, horticulture researcher from Massachusetts, 'Millenium' was introduced through Plant Delights Nursery in 2000 where it has proven itself year after year earning rave reviews.

Growing best in full sun, each plant typically produces an upright foliage clump of grass-like, glossy deep green leaves reaching 10-15" tall in spring. In midsummer, two to three flower scapes rise above the foliage with each scape producing two or three showy two-inch spherical umbels of rose-purple florets that last as long as four weeks. The flower umbels are completely round (spherical), not domed or hemispherical.



The genus Allium contains more than 900 species in the northern hemisphere, but is perhaps best known for a dozen or so species of culinary vegetables and herbs: onion, garlic, leeks, shallots, scallions and chives. The genus is also known for a few dozen ornamentals that grow from bulbs and sport tall stems with big globe-shaped blooms in spring.

INPAWS Native Plant Sale May 12

The Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society Plant Sale and Auction will occur on Saturday, May 12, in the Upper Gymnasium at Park Tudor School (7200 N. College Ave., Indianapolis).

This year, the pre-sale speaker is biologist/botanist Dawn Slack, who will speak on *Planting an Invasive-Free Landscape*—explaining the effect of invasive plants in our environment and the importance of replacing them with Indiana native plants. Slack works as a land steward for The Nature Conservancy and chairs the Invasive Plant Advisory Committee for the Indiana Invasive Species Council.



Indiana Native Plant
& Wildflower Society

The pre-sale talk (which costs \$10 per person) will begin at 9:30 a.m. The \$10 fee for the talk entitles ticket holders to start shopping 15 minutes before the general public and to get a discount off an auction purchase.

The plant and book sale (for which no admission fee is charged) will begin and 10:15 a.m. and the live auction will begin at 11:15 a.m. and will continue until every plant is sold (approximately until 12:30 p.m.). Attendees should use the 71st Street entrance to access Park Tudor.



INPAWS Native Plant Sale offers a different selection every year of native plants for shady, sunny and wetland settings. Many native plant sale items are donated by individuals and local nurseries specializing in native plants. Others have been rescued by INPAWS volunteers from natural areas that are undergoing development. The choicest, rarest plants are set aside for the plant auction, an entertaining and informative opportunity to learn about Indiana natives.

Alongside the plant sale, INPAWS will sell select books on plant families, naturalistic gardening, conservation and related topics. For more information, visit www.inpaws.org.

War Memorial Offers Day Lilies, Phlox

The Indiana War Memorial has an assortment of beautiful day lilies and white creeping phlox which the organization wishes to give away.

Lane Judkins, GPMG and War Memorial Volunteer, explained that the War Memorial no longer has a need for the plants and has made them available—for a plant sale, for a volunteer project or for someone's yard. Instead, the War Memorial plans to plant these beds with wave petunias in the form of an American flag and the American Red Cross symbol, which is historically how they were planted.

The plants are on the south side of the War Memorial in the raised beds along Vermont St. The beds have 8-10' rings of day lilies which are a beautiful velvety scarlet red. There are an additional 30 clumps of day lilies that are red or yellow and some Stellas as well.



Lane does not need to be present. Interested parties should provide the War Memorial staff with her name or mention they are Master Gardeners if someone asks.

People will need to bring their own shovels, containers and muscle. For more information or if you want Lane to meet you there, please contact Lane Judkins at APJ44@sbcglobal.net.

Indiana's Invasive Plants

An invasive plant is a non-native plant that infests natural areas and causes environmental or economic harm, or harm to human health.

Of the roughly 2,900 plant species growing outside of cultivation in Indiana, approximately 33% are non-native—but only a small fraction of those non-native species are invasive. Invasive plants degrade and destroy thousands of acres of natural plant communities in Indiana.

Each year, millions of dollars are spent to control them. A 2012 survey of 120 agencies and landowners in Indiana found they spent \$5.7 million to manage these species and protect natural areas.

Nationally, agricultural and control costs due to invasive plants are estimated at \$15 billion per year. Each year the cost grows.

Invasive plants hurt wildlife by crowding out the plants native animals need for food and cover. Invasive plants destroy habitat for rare animals and wildflowers, threatening two-thirds of all endangered species.

Most invasive shrubs and trees are little used by native insects. This reduces habitat for beneficial pollinators and predatory insects as well as reduces the amount of food available for birds to feed their nestlings.

Instead of invasive plants, people are encouraged to use native plants—species that have occurred naturally in an area for a very long time. More specifically for Indiana, a native plant species is one that occurred in natural communities—natural plant associations and habitats—within the state's boundaries prior to European contact.

The emphasis on plant communities helps people focus on ecosystems, where native plants play an essential role in the web of life. That approach also helps people incorporate native plants into their home landscapes since it encourages people to look at plant communities and how those could translate into companion plantings in their gardens.

EXTENSION HORTICULTURE HINTS—MAY 2018

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.

May 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:** May is a key month for planting for many gardeners. If you are interested in planting Indiana-native plants for attracting pollinators, consult Purdue publication POL-6. It contains the following plant lists: Wildflowers, Trees and Shrubs, and Grasses and Sedges (POL-6). <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/POL-6/POL-6.html>
- **Second Week:** Plant warm season annual flowers after danger of frost (HO-80, HO-99). <https://ag.purdue.edu/hla/pubs/HO/HO-80.pdf>; <https://ag.purdue.edu/hla/pubs/HO/HO-99.pdf>
- **Third Week:** Fertilize the lawn in mid- to late May with a slow release high nitrogen fertilizer if no fertilizer was applied in April. This is especially true if you tend to encounter diseases such as dollar spot, red thread or rust this time of year. They tend to occur on lawns that are growing slowly due to nitrogen deficiency or other stressful conditions. Additional nitrogen can help lawns recover from infection by these diseases. However, most lawn fertilizer should be applied in the fall (AY-22). <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/AY/AY-22-W.pdf>
- **Fourth Week:** Canada geese can be a nuisance around suburban ponds. Do not make the problem worse by feeding them. (FNR-FAQ-8). Additional info is found at: <https://www.purdue.edu/fnr/extension/blog/2016/02/08/dealing-with-nuisance-geese-this-spring/> <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/FNR/FNR-FAQ-8-W.pdf>

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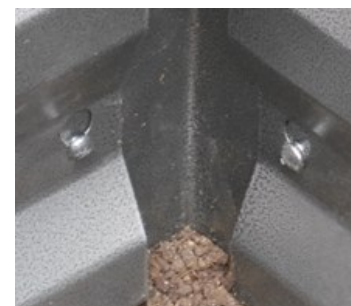


Photos: Steve Mayer, 5/5/2018

PE-MC Demonstration Garden Update

This spring, we purchased and installed four new metal raised garden beds in the demonstration garden along part of the fence.

The product is made from 1.5mm thick sheet metal panels with a patent-pending no-tool construction that features corners and panels that interlock with a keyhole locking mechanism.



An antique iron powder-coated finish on pre-galvanized metal reportedly inhibits rust. Each planter holds 12 cubic feet of soil and measures 12 inches high, 48 inches wide and 36 inches deep (there is no bottom to the bed). If the product is used on a deck or patio surface, it is recommended that it be lined with ground cloth or plastic to prevent soil from leaking under the planter.

Each bed normally sells for \$39.99 but we got them on sale from Menards for \$29.99. The beds are very reasonably priced but they are not as sturdy as many of our other raised beds. They will not tolerate sitting, standing or even placing your weight on them when leaning on the metal sides. As with any bed, it is important that the surface is level.

The Question Box

May 2018

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



This boxwood leafminer injury is sometimes confused with boxwood leaf blight. (Photo: Steve Mayer, 4/29/2018)

Q. My boxwood leaves have spots on them and are falling. Do I have boxwood blight?

A. This was a concern of a local homeowner last month. She was directed to bring a sample to the Extension office to help answer the question.

Three characteristic symptoms of boxwood blight are leaf spots, stem cankers, and defoliation. Photos of these symptoms are found in the Illinois fact sheet, Boxwood Blight Detection, located at: <https://uofi.app.box.com/v/plantclinicfactsheets/>. Boxwood Blight has not been detected yet in Indiana landscapes. However, infected plant material was found in Christmas tree wreaths being sold by a group in Evansville late last year. For more information, go to: <https://ag.purdue.edu/btny/ppdl/Pages/HOT2017/HOT12152017.aspx>.

Some other pests and abiotic problems can cause leaf and/or stem discoloration or defoliation. One of them is boxwood leafminer that causes damage to leaves and defoliation. This was the primary problem seen on the local sample.

Leaves damaged by boxwood leafminer appear blistered. When the leaves are gently torn, the upper and lower leaf surfaces readily separate. Then, the yellow larvae (maggots) or yellow to orange pupae can be seen during the proper stage of its lifecycle. Sometimes the larvae or pupae can be seen inside the leaf if held up to the sun. For severe infestations, boxwood

leafminer can be managed through applications of labeled neonicotinoids. However, to avoid negative impacts on pollinators, the insecticide applications must be delayed until after the boxwoods bloom. A better long term solution is plant selection (some boxwood are more resistant than others). Winter injury has also been seen on boxwoods this year so also consider that. For more information and photos on boxwood leafminer and other boxwood insects, winter injury, and an evaluation of boxwood species/varieties with resistance to boxwood leafminer, go to:

<https://bygl.osu.edu/index.php/node/1013>

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/boxwood_insect_pests

Q. When is the best time to control dandelions?

A. Fall is the best time to control dandelions. However, spring provides another good opportunity to reduce broadleaf weeds. Amine formulations of broadleaf herbicides are less effective than ester formulations during cool spring weather. However, amine formulations are preferred during warmer, late spring weather because they are effective and have less potential volatility (are safer to use around desirable garden and landscape plants). Based on weather data as of April 28, 2018, it was too cool for amine formulations; however, ester formulations were recommended for broadleaf control. However, as of May 5, amine formulations are now suggested. To determine when amine and ester formulations should be applied, go to the "Spring Broadleaf" link at the following website: <http://www.gddtracker.net/?model=8&offset=0&zip=46205>. *Note: To determine if your product is an "amine" or "ester" formulation, consult the active ingredient section on the herbicide label.*

Q. What is the current status of fruit crops and their damage from the winter?

A. Consult the 18-03 issue (April 27) of the Purdue Extension newsletter, Facts for Fancy Fruit: <https://fff.hort.purdue.edu/current-issue/>.

Q. When is the best time to apply insecticides for the control of bagworms?

A. The best answer to questions like this depends on your current awareness of plant and pest development. For proper timing, consider growing degree-days (GGD), a more reliable method of predicting plant and insect development, rather than using a calendar. For more information, consult issue 5 of the Purdue Landscape Report: <https://www.purduelandscape.org/article/growing-degree-days-another-tool-for-plant-health-care/>.

Show / Event Calendar

May 10-11 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
Blossoms Garden Club Plant Sale
Fort Benjamin Harrison YMCA
5736 Lee Road, Indianapolis
317-547-9622

May 12 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
Madison County MG Annual Plant Sale
Madison County 4-H Fairgrounds
Exhibition Hall
512 E. Fourth St., Alexandria
www.madisoncountymg.org

May 12
(Pre-sale Talk: 9:30 a.m.,
Plant/Book Sale: 10:15 a.m.,
Auction: 11:15 a.m.)
INPAWS Native Plant Sale and Auction
Park Tudor School, Upper Gymnasium
7200 N. College, Indianapolis
www.inpaws.org/gatherings/native-plant-sale-auction

May 14 (6:30 p.m.)
Gardens of France
Indianapolis Hosta Society
Holliday Park Nature Center
6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis
www.indianapolishostasociety.org

May 19 (8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
Hamilton County MG Plant Sale
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds
Exhibition Hall
2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville
www.hcmga.org

May 19 (9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.)
GPMGA Plant Sale
Garfield Park Conservatory
2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis
www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org

May 19 (1:00—4:00 p.m.)
Daylily-Iris Society Annual Iris Show
Sullivan Hardware & Garden
6955 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis
www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org

May 20 (1:00 to 3:30 p.m.)
Eastern Indiana Iris Growers Iris Show
Delaware County Fairgrounds
Memorial Building
1210 N. Wheeling Ave., Muncie
trtomlinson@aol.com

June 7-9
Purdue MG State Conference
Hendricks Power Expo Hall
Hendricks County Fairgrounds
1900 E. Main St., Danville
www.purduemgconference.com

Volunteer Opportunities

May 18 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
*Fall Creek Community Orchard
Greenspace Habitat Restoration*
200 E. Fall Creek Parkway S. Dr.,
Indianapolis

Join Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and Fall Creek neighbors in restoring natural habitat by removing invasive plant species along the planned Fall Creek Orchard Greenspace. Urban landscapes free of invasive species provide native plants and wildlife much-needed space to live, grow and thrive.

KIB will provide the tools and training required to rid pesky plants like non-native honeysuckle. To register, contact Cathy Mangan at 317-520-8263 or cmangan@kibi.org.



Celebrate National Public Gardens Day May 11

This year, National Public Gardens Day will occur on Friday, May 11.

This annual tradition of celebrating public gardens historically takes place on the Friday preceding Mother's Day weekend each year. The intent is to raise awareness of public gardens and the important role they play in their communities and on a global scale. Many of the nation's public gardens mark the day with special events and activities for schools, families and thousands of visitors who explore and support their local public gardens.



National Public Gardens Day was created in 2009 by the American Public Gardens Association to drive local and national exposure to the importance of building vibrant, relevant gardens committed to community enrichment and environmental responsibility through community engagement, sustainable practices and conversation.

The American Public Gardens Association also helps connect the many professionals in the field of public horticulture in order to strengthen collaboration and to enhance its impact. The organization has more than 75 years of success in convening and educating the public horticulture community.

The American Public Gardens Association protects natural heritage and ensures the future of public horticulture through pioneering programs and advocacy. Their programs protect and recognize plant collections (Plant Collections Network; formerly NAPCC), respond to the threats posed by invasive species (Plant Protection Program) and address the challenges of limited natural resources and climate change (Climate & Sustainability Alliance).

