



THE GARFIELD GARDENER

THE NEWSLETTER OF GARFIELD PARK MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

July 2020 Next Meeting

July 8 (6:30 p.m.)

Topic: *Missouri Botanical Garden*

Speaker: Debra Boyer, GPMGA Program Co-Chair

Virtual Meeting Only:
No In-Person Meeting

August 12 (6:30 p.m.)

Topic/ Speaker: TBD

Programs are being planned on a month-to-month basis according to Purdue University Extension Office Guidelines

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

Future Meetings

Sept. 9

Oct. 14

Nov. 18 (Third Wednesday)

Dec. 9

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President's Letter

The Plight of the Pollinators

I don't know about you, but I am seeing very few pollinators in my garden this year.

There are still some, but way less than just last year. I can walk through the blooming clover in my bare feet without risking a sting and, if I do see a bee while mowing, give him time to move aside before I proceed. I am planning to manually pollinate my squash to ensure I get some kind of harvest. On the other hand, many other people are reporting lots of pollinators.



I know I am preaching to the choir here as we are all avid gardeners and understand the importance of pollinators. I am still captivated by the program we had in March (Remember March, when we last had an in-person meeting?), where John Thieme, a retired entomologist, gave us an hour's worth of lepidoptera study (and documented decline) based on his work of over 50 years. It didn't hurt that he also captivated me by his recumbent bicycle.

And, Doug Tallamy has a new book out, *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard* (Timber Press). I am lucky enough to have attended two programs where Doug was a speaker and readily drank the Kool-Aid. The premise of this book is for everyone to support pollinators in some way, creating a patchwork quilt, if you will, of native plants.

Tallamy's first piece of advice is to reduce lawn. I have way less lawn already than most of my neighbors and plan to reduce a little more as I expand my vegetable bed.

Second, plant an oak or a hickory tree. I do want some kind of nut tree, and plan to either find a little seedling to dig or else I'll plant some nuts. Trees grown from seed are unlikely to have girdled roots from being pot-bound. Remember, gardening teaches us patience. The pin oak squirrels planted for me 10+ years ago is already pushing 40 feet!



Third, plant native plants. I may be the only person in my neighborhood who purposefully grows goldenrod . . . and just the standard roadside stuff. I will be curious to see what kind of pollinators are on it this fall, because it is typically loaded.

Fourth, get rid of invasive species. A few years ago, I cut down at least 8 burning bushes that I'd planted (and they were just starting to look good).

Fifth, add a bubbling water feature. Last summer, I did finally get a small fountain set up. Potted plant placement around it hides the cord draped over the edge of the pot. Most of the mature birds opt for the bird baths (I have four) but the babies try their coordination drinking out of the fountain. Pollinators, as well as chipmunks and squirrels, also come for drinks. Prost!

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Garfield Park Conservatory

Garfield Park Conservatory re-opened to the public on June 15, with the provision that visitors must purchase time-specific tickets to enter.

People may visit the conservatory only during the time slot purchased. No walk-in admissions are allowed.

In addition, the conservatory paths are marked for one-way traffic and divided into zones. Visitors are asked to keep the number of people in each zone to six people as they progress through the conservatory.

At present, the conservatory is not providing group tours or operating the plant shop. No public restroom facilities are available.

To purchase an admission, visit www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org. Click on "Admission \$", then select the day one wishes to visit. The site redirects one to an ActiveNet page that lists all of that day's available admission time-slots. Click on the desired time-slot to verify availability and complete the purchase. Visitors also may purchase tickets by phone at 317-327-7183.



Next GPMGA Virtual Meeting: July 8

GPMGA Program Co-Chair Debra Boyer will explore the Missouri Botanical Garden during the GPMGA's next virtual meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8. Please see article on Page 3 & 5 for instructions on attending this meeting virtually.

While there are many excellent regional gardens, one that is not often mentioned is the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. Boyer's virtual presentation will introduce the group to this outstanding organization as both a special place to visit and an invaluable resource.

Founded in 1859, the 79-acre Missouri Botanical Garden is the nation's oldest botanical garden in continuous operation and an oasis in the city of St. Louis. Today, 161 years after opening, the garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display. Other campuses are the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in Faust Park in Chesterfield and the 2,400-acre Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray Summit.



Debra has a B.A. in Biological Sciences from Indiana University, completed her Master Gardener training in 1999 and will achieve Gold Level 1000 status this year. She joined GPMGA in 2005, is in her 12th year chairing the GPMGA programs and enjoys making connections with potential presenters at farmers' markets. In addition to her day job, she has worked as a personal gardener from 2005 to 2017 and chaired the SE Neighborhood Urban Garden Task Force from 2011 to 2013. Today, she continues to neglect her own landscape to chat it up with neighbors who have gardening questions and share plants with them.

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Sixth, coordinate with your neighbors. Tremendous opportunity here to educate others about native species and the plight of the pollinators. While I think most of them like my garden, my neighbors want their yards to be much more manicured. Just a native tree though is enough to be a bridge through the 'quilt' for the pollinators, and there are plenty of those in my neighborhood. Do all you can for the pollinators, and let's compare notes at our meeting next week.

—Lane Judkins
President, GPMGA

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

Zoom Guidelines for GPMGA Meeting

The link below will allow you to join the GPMGA's virtual meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8. Debra Boyer will be the presenter. Please see the article on Page 2 for details.

It is very easy to join virtually either via your home computer, Apple device or non-Apple device. Just copy the link below into your search engine or click on the link provided in the Purdue University— Extension Office's meeting notification. Either way, Zoom will start up and, if you have never done a Zoom meeting previously, it will install a small amount of software on your device so that, next time, it is much easier to join. Then, when prompted to "Open Zoom", do so and enter the password. You then will join our meeting.



Link Needed to Join the Zoom Meeting by Computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81316063307?pwd=NmloUHFGQ3I1VXRPWHFjQTVhQ2VnQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 1606 3307

Password: 501760

You also may join by telephone. You may dial +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) or you may find your local number at <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kuwkVaouP>.

You also may join by one tap mobile. Enter +19292056099,,81316063307#,,,,0#,,501760# US (New York)

Practice Session Available

To see how to join a Zoom meeting (if you have never done so before), the following link takes you to a quick video explaining how to join a Zoom meeting: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>. Please enter this link in your search engine to watch.

During the Zoom Meeting

Zoom allows for video display and audio, thus the meeting has been setup for both. If you do not have video on your computer, tablet or phone OR do not want to be shown on video, that is OK. You may be as comfortable as you like when joining our meeting.

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GPMGA Meeting Minutes: June 10

Executive Reports

- President—Lane Judkins: Welcome to 2nd virtual GPMGA meeting via Zoom
- Secretary's Report-Nancy Boettner: Minutes accepted as printed in the newsletter
- Treasurer's Report-Cindy Maude: \$500 refund received from State Conference plus money from Plant Sale brings balance to \$6,338.45

Program

- Steve Mayer on *Tree & Shrub Identification: A Look at Opposite-Leaved Plants*

Committee Reports

- Plant Sale-Kay Martin-Pence: Expect over \$800 after additional sales in the next few days; About 90 plants left, mostly lilies, roses, wisteria and weigela; Cindy may take more plants for the St. Vincent De Paul/Mission 27 landscape project; Seeking homes for left-overs
- Programs-Debra Boyer: No picnic due to restrictions, Will work on program or virtual tour for virtual meeting
- Hospitality-Teresa McCurry, Jayne Queck: No activity
- Demonstration Garden-Steve Mayer: Will be open to public with signage; Plan to give vegetables to food pantry

—Nancy Boettner, Secretary

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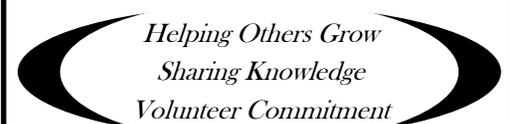
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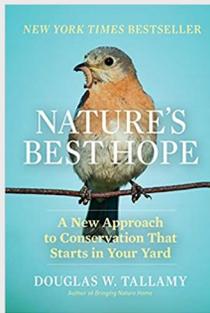


From the Bookshelf . . .

Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard

by Douglas W. Tallamy

Douglas W. Tallamy's first book, *Bringing Nature Home*, awakened thousands of readers to an urgent situation: wildlife populations are in decline because the native plants they depend on are fast disappearing. His solution? Plant more natives.



In this new book, Tallamy takes the next step and outlines his vision for a grassroots approach to conservation. *Nature's Best Hope* shows how homeowners everywhere can turn their yards into conservation corridors that provide wildlife habitats. Since this approach relies on the initiatives of private individuals, the book provides practical, effective and easy suggestions gardeners may incorporate into their own yards.

If people have concerns about doing something good for the environment, *Nature's Best Hope* provides the blueprint people need. By acting now, people may preserve precious wildlife—and the planet—for future generations.

On the Web . . .

Discovering Lewis and Clark

<https://www.lewis-clark.org/channel/156>

This website allows visitors to learn about the plants, animals and the geography encountered by Lewis and Clark on their travels west during the Corps of Discovery Expedition between 1804-1806. Botanical descriptions, journal entries, drawings and other material help illuminate this fascinating exploration. The site also provides several historical videos and essays, a day-by-day timeline and many other interactive features that provide a comprehensive account of this important historical event.

Do you know a great website? E-mail Oren Cooley at pastpfct@aol.com.

KIBI's Volunteer Safety Procedures

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc., (KIBI) recently adopted several procedures to protect volunteers as KIBI prepares to offer volunteer opportunities again.

Those steps include requiring participants to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) during activities, limiting group sizes, practicing social distancing and sanitizing all tools before projects begin. If safety protocols are followed, volunteers can expect a safe and fun volunteer experience.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful is following guidance from Mayor Joe Hogsett and the Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD) regarding recommendations, restrictions and workplace adjustments due to the current pandemic. Thus, the various procedures are subject to change based on their guidance.



The organization at present does not have a set date to resume volunteer projects. However, KIBI has set the following guidelines in place in anticipation of that date:

SAFETY BEFORE THE DAY OF THE PROJECT

- **Registration:** All volunteers must pre-register. If bringing additional volunteers (e.g. colleagues or spouse), volunteers must register as a group. This requirement ensures group size will remain small on the day of the project.
- **Transportation:** Volunteers must provide their own transportation (as in the past).
- **Tools:** KIBI staff members will sterilize all necessary tools for a project. Tools from the KIBI tool trailer will be assigned to individual volunteers/staff members to limit spread of any bacterial or viral infections.

SAFETY ON THE DAY OF THE PROJECT

- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** All staff and volunteers will be required to bring and to wear a mask or cloth face covering that covers both the nose and the mouth and to wear the mask for the project's entirety.
- **Gloves:** All participants are strongly encouraged to wear gloves. KIBI will provide a set of cloth gloves for project participants. The cloth work gloves are primarily to prevent scrapes and cuts from occurring. If participants bring a personal set of single-use plastic gloves, they may wear those underneath the cloth gloves.
- **Physical Distance:** Volunteers and staff will be asked to maintain a social distance of 6 feet throughout the project. At the start, to receive instructions, participants will loosely congregate while maintaining adequate distance from each other.
- **Group Size:** After check-in, participants will be split into smaller teams with disparate tasks and tools. No smaller team will exceed ten (10) persons. If participants complete their tasks ahead of schedule, they should not join another small group but instead should ask the project leader for additional small group activities.
- **Medical Screening:** At this time, KIBI will not be medically screening participants on the day of the project. However, participants who have exhibited symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within fourteen days of the project will be asked to stay home.
- **Water:** In the past, KIBI has provided water for participants with a water jug and disposable water bottles. To ensure better safety, KIBI project participants will be asked to bring their own drinking water.

SAFETY AFTER THE DAY OF THE PROJECT

- **Tool Sterilization:** Immediately after the project, volunteers will bring their tools to lean against the KIBI tool trailer. When volunteers have left, staff will bring those tools into the trailer and sterilize the tools for the next project.
- **Gloves:** The cloth gloves will be collected in a bucket immediately after the project and will be washed at the KIBI headquarters. Volunteers should safely remove their gloves and place them in the designated bucket located by the tool trailer. If also wearing personal single-use plastic gloves, those gloves should be removed safely and placed in a trash bag for disposal at the KIBI headquarters.
- **Communication:** Questions regarding safety or other logistics should be directed to the event organizer, Esmé Barniskis, at ebarniskis@kibi.org.

Groundwork Indy Reaches Youth

Groundwork Indy provides two programs—the Green Team and GroundCorp—to help youth understand the importance of the environment and its impact on revitalizing local neighborhoods.

The organization's mission is to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships which empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well-being. Besides its youth development programs, Groundwork Indy also has initiatives on greenways and parks, brownfields and vacant land, and healthy communities in order to address those goals.



Green Team members (ages 14-18) participate in the program during the school year and the summer, taking part in hands-on improvement projects, helping to lead local environmental initiatives, learning more about local food and nutrition through gardening, conducting outreach to their peers and various service projects. The program develops leadership and environmental stewardship, has both a training and service component, and includes visits to local, state and national parks to participate in service learning opportunities.

By engaging teens in advocacy and service-learning efforts aimed at waterways, parks and open spaces, the Green Team program fosters an awareness and understanding of the natural environment, local food systems and the need for the protection and restoration of critical ecological systems and natural resources in the city.

GroundCorp is an environmental stewardship, landscape design-build, and maintenance service. GroundCorp members (ages 16-24) work part time, receiving valuable, paid, hands-on experience, while also participating in structured life-skills and job preparedness training provided by program partners. GroundCorp projects demonstrate urban landscape restoration and stormwater management best practices, contributing to the health and vitality of Indianapolis.

For more information, visit www.groundworkindy.org/.



Changing Places
Changing Lives

Zoom Meeting Guidelines *(Continued from Page 3)*

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short business meeting. This approach will allow people to join if running late. You will be able to talk to people and can even "text chat" to the whole group or to a single person.



When Debra begins her presentation, all members will be muted to allow Debra to present and talk. The chat at this time will be limited to chat with the host only. If you have a question during the presentation, you will be able to ask our host, Kay Martin-Pence, and she will let Debra know there is a question. This way, Debra can address any questions as they come up. There also will be a Q&A session with Debra at the end of the presentation.

After the presentation, the meeting will be opened up again to complete the remainder of the business meeting and to chat with each other.

If you have never used Zoom before, this is a chance to try something new and to see how the world is getting along with everyone staying home—yet still being able to work together and talk to each other. We hope that you will join us!

If you have questions about the Zoom meeting, please contact Kay Martin-Pence at guitargirl929@gmail.com.

Indiana Botanic Gardens

The Indiana Botanic Gardens was founded in 1910 by horticulturalist/herbalist Joseph Meyer (1878–1950) behind his small cottage in Hammond, Indiana.

Initially called the Indiana Herb Gardens, the business barely made living expenses for the large Meyer family—which eventually consisted of seven sons and one daughter. Joseph Meyer's elder sons helped their father to grow the business by gathering herbs from the nearby fields.

The family diligently and untiringly packed boxes, filled orders, fed the printing press and folded circulars during the day. The daily workload for the Meyer's often bled into their evenings when they put catalogs together by binding them with needles and thread.

Once the company became established successfully, Joseph Meyer published a 400-page book in 1918 entitled, *The Herbalist*. Seven years later, he began publishing *The Herbalist Almanac*, an annual publication.



The Herbalist Almanac was an eclectic booklet that contained everything from listings of the herbs and roots the company sold, recipes and treatments for common ailments to weather forecasts and advice on farming. In 1979, after fifty-four years, *The Herbalist Almanac* ceased publication. Today, the University of Florida has the largest collection of those almanacs (from 1929 to 1971) in their rare books collection.

Later in 1925, Meyer purchased a wild tract of land on the Little Calumet River. The land held a profusion of medicinal plants, shrubbery and virgin forest. One year later, this site became the home of the newly re-named Indiana Botanic Gardens.

In 1990, the company moved into a more modern facility near Hobart. Although no longer a grower of herbs, the Indiana Botanic Gardens now sells vitamins, teas, beauty care products and various nutritional supplements.

EXTENSION HORTICULTURE HINTS—JULY 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.

Purdue Extension Update for Master Gardeners

The following is now in place, as of July 1, 2020 (guidelines may be subject to change):

- Face-to-face Extension Master Gardener (EMG) meetings and events where Purdue Extension is the sponsor and/or the registration and budget are administered through a Purdue account require a COVID Safety Plan approved by State Extension Director Jason Henderson.
- If EMG associations decide to have face-to-face meetings/events, they will be required to follow the Back on Track Indiana guidelines (<https://backontrack.in.gov/>) for Marion County's stage at the time of the meeting/event.
- Some venues and/or local governments may have more stringent requirements than Back on Track Indiana (either now or in the future). EMG associations will need to follow those more specific requirements.
- Purdue COVID-19 online resources are at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/label/44>.
- No date is set to open the Purdue Extension-Marion County office. All meeting spaces and classrooms in our building will remain closed until further notice and no sooner than August 17. Staff will continue to work remotely at least until August 17.
- The 2020 Purdue Extension Master Gardener classes will be conducted virtually.
- Work in the Purdue demonstration garden is taking a different approach this year.

2020 Extension Master Gardener Basic Training

The 2020 Purdue Master Gardener basic training classes in Marion County will be 100% virtual (no face-to-face meetings). They will consist of statewide live webinars and a local live county connection through Zoom. Both are required.

The statewide live webinars will be held on Tuesdays from August 25-December 1, 2020 (no meeting on November 24), at 6:30-8:30 PM (ET). Local connection sessions via Zoom are scheduled for Thursdays during the same time period from 1:30-2:30 PM OR 6:30-7:30 PM (ET).

REGISTRATION: To register for this program later this summer, tell people to APPLY NOW to be accepted into the Purdue Extension Master Gardener

Program. Send an e-mail to: dschelsk@purdue.edu. Participation may be limited.

VOLUNTEERING: Local Master Gardener "class assistants" will be needed. However, interested volunteers must have confidence using Zoom. **Volunteers are needed for 1) moderators for monitoring chat for questions or for 2) taking attendance and other Zoom operations.** Volunteers need to be available on Thursdays for at least several sessions between August 27-December 3, 2020, for the 1:30-2:30 PM sessions OR 6:30-7:30 PM sessions (ET). To help, please contact Debbie (dschelsk@purdue.edu) now. Thanks.



Master Gardeners work in the demonstration garden in smaller groups this year (Steve Mayer, 7/1/2020).

Demonstration Garden Update for 2020

We needed to take a different approach this year in the Purdue Extension-Marion County Demonstration Garden. To help maintain proper social distancing, we have limited volunteering to smaller groups of people working in the garden on different days. Although the planting has been completed, we may need additional people to help with harvesting and other maintenance practices. During the heat of summer we plan to limit much of the volunteering to morning sessions. If you are still interested in helping in the demonstration garden on a regular basis, please contact Steve by e-mail (MayerSL@purdue.edu) and let him know which day(s) of the week and times you are available (Sunday through Saturday). Thanks.

July Garden Calendar Tips

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

- First Week: Finalize your plan for a fall vegetable garden. Some planting begins this month (HO-66). <<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/HO/HO-66-W.pdf>>
- Second Week: Begin eliminating patches of perennial grassy weeds like zoysia and nimblewill in lawns. This allows time for retreatment before later planting (AY-11). <<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/AY/AY-11-W.pdf>>
- Third Week: Do not use a postemergence herbicide on crabgrass in the lawn after mid-July. It is too large to control. Let it die from frost and fertilize this fall (AY-10). <<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/AY/AY-10-W.pdf>>
- Fourth Week: Continue harvesting raspberries. Remove raspberry canes that fruited after harvest is complete (HO-44). <<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/10/HO-44.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 July 2020

Steve Mayer, Extension Educator-Horticulture
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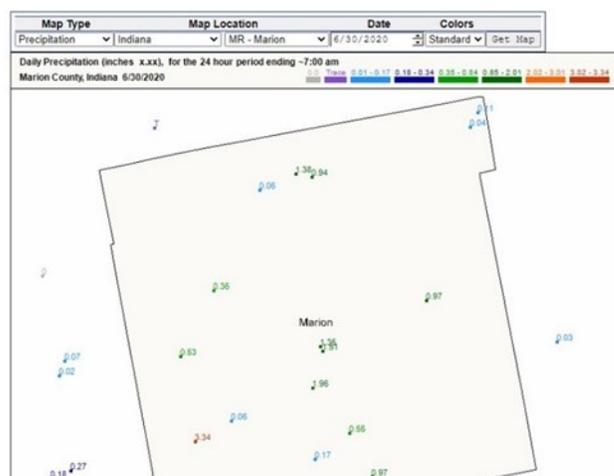
Red maple is susceptible to manganese chlorosis. (Steve Mayer, 6/26/2020)

Q. My trees are yellow. What's wrong?

A. Although there are other reasons why tree leaves turn yellow, chlorosis is one of the most common symptoms on pin oak, red maple and river birch. It shows up first on newer leaves. Veins are a darker green than the rest of the leaf. It is often due to alkaline (high pH) soil but root injury or other factors may be involved. Don't plant these trees in alkaline soil. For management of this problem, refer to newly revised Purdue publication BP-27, *Iron Chlorosis of Trees and Shrubs*: <<https://extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/BP/BP-27-W.pdf>>.



Pin oak (left) and river birch (right) are susceptible to iron chlorosis (Steve Mayer, 6/26-28/2020).



Precipitation received in Marion County on 6/30/20. (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network, (<https://cocorahs.org>), ©1998-2020, Colorado Climate Center)

Q. Do gardeners need their own rain gauge?

A. Yes. Every garden should have a rain gauge. If you don't, check the nearest CoCoRaHS precipitation monitoring station. Look at the differences recorded on June 30 for Marion County: from .04 to 1.51 to 1.96 to 3.34 inches of rain! For more info, go to the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network: <https://cocorahs.org>.

Pandemic Prompts State Fair Cancellation

The Indiana State Fair will not take place in 2020 due to the current pandemic, the Indiana State Fair Commission and Indiana State Fair Board announced last June.

Plans are in place to hold a modified 4-H Livestock Show and additional activities in August instead. The event will focus on the human and animal connections, development and youth education.



Fairgoers who have already purchased tickets for 2020 have two options:

- Do nothing and allow tickets to rollover for the 2021 Indiana State Fair.
- Pursue a refund at accounting@indianastatefair.com. Ticketholders must provide the full name of the purchaser, number of tickets and parking passes purchased and amount of the original purchase. Ticketholders must declare if a full refund is being requested or part will be used as a donation to the Indiana State Fair Foundation. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process.

This occurrence is not the first time the Indiana State Fair was modified or did not take place. During the Civil War and WWII, the state fair did not take place because the fairgrounds was needed to support the war effort.

The Indiana State Fair is an annual celebration of all things Indiana, showcasing youth and agriculture along with great food, animals, entertainment and exhibits. In 2019, nearly 879,000 people attended the Indiana State Fair.

For more information on this year's modified State Fair 4-H Livestock Show and 4-H projects, visit www.IndianaStateFair.com. The 2021 Indiana State Fair is slated for Aug. 6-22.



Fairground Activities

The Indiana State Fair has been called off this year, but the fairgrounds will still feature dozens of rides and vendors selling fair food this summer.

Farmland, Indiana-based North American Midway Entertainment (NAME) recently announced that it will bring a summer carnival to the Indiana State Fairgrounds from July 31 to Sept. 7.

The Fairgrounds Fun Park will feature more than 50 thrill and family rides and 40 different food vendors. Rides will include the Star Dancer, the Skyrise, the Crazy Mouse Roller Coaster and the Giant Ferris Wheel.

The carnival will be open daily (except Mondays and Tuesdays) starting at noon. No admissions will be allowed after 9 p.m. The only exception to the closed-Mondays rule will be Labor Day.

NAME, founded in 2004, provides rides, games and food to fairs and festivals in 140 communities in 20 states and four Canadian provinces. The company plans to implement pandemic safety procedures for guests and staff at the carnival.

Garfield Park MG Association Membership Form

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 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 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

Membership Questions

If you have any issues with your membership or have still not received your membership card, please contact Cindy Maude at 317-908-3795 or cmaude@sbcglobal.net.