



THE GARFIELD GARDENER

THE NEWSLETTER OF GARFIELD PARK MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

June 2021 Next Meeting

June 9 (6:30 p.m.)

Program: *Worrisome,
Wayward Weeds*

Speaker: John Thieme,
Retired Entomologist

**Virtual Meeting Only:
No In-Person Meeting**

July 14 (6:30 p.m.)

Program: *TBD*

Speaker: *TBD*

GPMGA Annual Picnic

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on a month-to-month basis
according to Purdue University
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Aug. 11 Oct. 13
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Dec. 8

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President's Letter

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners,

By now, most of our gardens are planted, flowers are blooming and vegetables are growing. The rain has certainly helped my lawn and the weeds grow!

We had a very successful plant sale. We raised about \$2,100! Thanks to Carrie and all the members who contributed, volunteered and turned out to make it a great day. It also was great to be able to see our members in person.

As COVID restrictions start to ease, I look forward to more in-person contact. At this time, we are planning for the July picnic but still need to work out details. The Indiana State Fair will be held again this year. I am looking forward to enjoying the demonstration garden again.

We are expecting the cicada invasion at any time. There is potential for damage to trees and their fruit and flower production, but vegetable and flower gardens should not be at risk for damage. Older established trees should be fine but younger trees with trunk diameters less than 2 inches may be at risk. Covering trees with netting secured at the bottom should be considered rather than the use of insecticides.

The hummingbirds and bees are back in the yard. Hopefully, we will have a good season for monarchs as well.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events both online and in person.

Happy gardening!

—Bill Bernstein
President, GPMGA



At the Conservatory

Garfield Park Conservatory this summer offers several workshops for children of all ages.

Liven up this summer with all things frogs!

Fabulous Frogs will occur from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16. Children can enjoy learning about frog lifecycles as well as local and tropical frogs—while making a fun frog craft.

Registration is required. Cost is \$5 per participant.

Then, join Garfield Park again as they explore Blake's Garden to learn about *Beautiful Butterflies* from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8.

For this workshop, each child will create a butterfly craft to take home. Registration is required. Cost is \$5 per participant.

Garfield Park has designed both workshops to minimize any sharing of items and to clean any shared items before and after each program. At present, any visitors more than 2 years of age are required to wear face masks throughout their visit.

For more information or to register, visit www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org or call 317.327.7183.

Next GPMGA Meeting: June 9

Retired Entomologist John Thieme returns at the June 9 meeting to present *Worrisome, Wayward Weeds*, during which he will offer an interesting perspective about those weeds commonly encountered in central Indiana.

The presentation will establish a basic understanding of weeds and highlight the many negative aspects associated with them. It also will focus on key weeds—how they impact gardening activities and how we can deal with them.

Thieme received his degree from Purdue's School of Agriculture where he worked doing field research studies after graduation. Later, John was employed by a large pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical manufacturer for 31 years. His responsibilities there included the field testing of selective crop herbicides and the training of individuals on how to judiciously apply them. John became certified and licensed to apply field trials in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and California in many different agricultural crops.

John also considers himself "addicted" to working in flower and vegetable beds since retiring in 2005. Ultimately, he has gained a keener understanding and working knowledge of weeds which he plans to share at our June meeting.

Carey Grable Joins Extension Team

Carey Grable is excited to join the Marion County Extension Team and eager to begin serving the horticulture community of Marion County. Carey hopes that he can help the Master Gardener and home horticulture programs continue to flourish and grow.

Originally from Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Carey was raised as an avid gardener. He was graduated from Murray State University in 2012 with a MS in Horticulture and worked as an Extension Associate with the University of Kentucky, serving as an advisor to Kentucky's nursery and landscape industry from 2010 to 2018.

Carey and his family relocated to Indiana in October 2018 when his wife Julianne accepted a position with Butler University. Carey has spent the last few years working as a section grower at a local production greenhouse where he was responsible for overall plant health.

Carey and Julianne have two children: Henry (8 years old), Elanor (1 year old).



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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

Retired Entomologist John Thieme returns to present *Worrisome, Wayward Weeds* at the GPMGA's next virtual meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9.

Just copy the link below into your search engine or click on the link provided in the Purdue University— Extension Office's meeting notification. After you "Open Zoom", you will need to enter the password when prompted.



To Join the Zoom Meeting by Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4393722451?pwd=b3RHZ1RMYVFRNHVwL0JRSHpVTkdMUT09>

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GPMGA Monthly Meeting

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short business meeting. When the presentation starts, all members will be muted to allow the speaker to present. After the Q&A session, the meeting will be opened up again.

GPMGA Meeting Minutes: May 12

Business Reports

- Bill Bernstein, President: Bylaws updates being considered; Planning for in-person GPMGA meetings, possibly in July for outside pitch-in and in August
- Kay Martin-Pence on behalf of Cindy Maude, Treasurer: Bank balance is \$5,682.46
- Teresa McCurry on behalf of Jayne Queck, Hospitality: No opportunities or updates this month
- Carrie Alumbaugh & Kay Martin-Pence, Plant Sale: This Saturday, May 15; Plant donations can be dropped off Friday between 4:00-7:00 p.m.; Carrie will provide iPad, masks, hand sanitizer, bottled water and equipment for taking credit card payments; Garfield Park reminds no more than 40 people at one time in sale area in compliance with COVID precautions
- Oren Cooley—Newsletter/Publicity: Plant sale publicity sent to local media; members received e-mail with plant sale flyer and plant labels; Thank you for all the newsletter articles and story suggestions.

Program

- Myrene Brown of Myrene's Garden, presented *Quote Your Way to a Garden* (Power Point); Presentation notable because it was Myrene's 12th presentation to the GPMGA!
- Debra Boyer, Program Director: Next month: *Worrisome, Wayward Weeds*

No Other Reports

—Teresa McCurry, GPMGA Secretary

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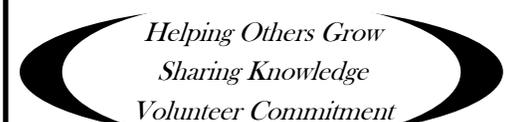
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From the Bookshelf . . .

The Complete Book of Ferns: Indoors • Outdoors • Growing • Crafting • History & Lore
by Mobee Weinstein



Mobee Weinstein, foreman of gardeners for outdoor gardens at the New York Botanical Garden, offers readers an in-depth, yet not overwhelming, ode to the fern in *The Complete Book of Ferns*.

Houseplants in general are in ascendance but no category is hotter than ferns. From the otherworldly Stag-horns—mounted like antler trophies in homes throughout the world—to the classic Boston ferns and newer varieties like Crispy Wave, ferns are definitely back in fashion.

This comprehensive reference starts its examination of ferns 400 million years ago, when the first species of this group of spore-reproducing plants appeared on Earth, then explores their evolution and eventual incorporation into human culture, including their practical and ornamental uses. After an exploration of fern botany—its parts, how it grows, its variability in size and form, habitats, propagation, etc.—readers will learn how to green their indoor and outdoor environments with ferns. Every aspect of fern care is covered: potting/planting, watering, fertilizing, pest and disease control and more.

On the Web . . .

Park Seed
www.parkseed.com

"Your success and pleasure are more to Park than your money."

It was the motto of George W. Park, who at age 15, founded in 1868 what became one of America's oldest and largest mail-order seed and plant companies—the Geo. W. Park Seed Company originally in Libonia, Pennsylvania. Park Seed today remains committed to offering the best for the garden and continues to maintain the highest standards in products and service. More than 150 years later, Park Seed still upholds its original motto:

"Your success and pleasure are more to Park than your money."

GPMGA's Annual Plant Sale A Success

The Garfield Park Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale raised \$2,098.18 last May, as a steady stream of customers, curious onlookers and iris enthusiasts contributed to the fun-filled atmosphere present during the sale.

This sale offered 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.



Many thanks to everyone who contributed plants, lent tables and other supplies, and helped to set up and tear down the plant sale. And, a special thank you to everyone who made time to talk about plants and plant care to the customers.

In addition, GPMGA greatly appreciates the many donations from Indianapolis area garden centers and nurseries in an effort to support the GPMGA plant sale.



Many, Many Thanks!

I want to thank everyone for helping out on the GPMGA plant sale. We couldn't have done it without your help!

I especially want to thank Kay for training me and Bill for helping me out as well with the plant sale. You guys are amazing.

All of the donations from members were greatly appreciated. Oren your donations from local nurseries were amazing as always. Also, thank you to all of the members that worked the sale, and helped with set-up or break down as well.

We were also blessed with a beautiful day. Thank you, Mother Nature!

Hope to see everyone soon at our next Zoom meeting!

Carrie Alumbaugh
Chair, GPMGA Plant Sale Committee

More Thanks!

First, Carrie you did a wonderful job with the plant sale and organizing things and set-up—and all that goes with it!

I know things were "a little manic" at times—especially not knowing exactly where we were going to be until the last moment. In spite of the crazy 2020 (and a year without a sale), we did really well this year. Total sales: \$2,098.18.

Congratulations to our club members for a job well done!!

Happy Gardening!!!

Kay Martin-Pence
Former Chair, GPMGA Plant Sale Committee



Annual Marion County Fair June 25 – July 4

The 91st Annual Marion County Fair will occur from June 25 to July 4 at the Marion County Fairgrounds (7300 E. Troy Ave., Indianapolis).

With its theme *Straight Outta Quarantine*, the Marion County Fair returns with fair favorites as well as many additional activities. Among the features and special attractions:

- Midway rides, delicious fair food, 4-H exhibits, concerts, kids activities, Queen contest, baby contest
- DinoRoar, dog shows, July 4th special fireworks display
- Greater variety in concerts: The Band Perry, Yelawolf, Three 6 Mafia, Neal McCoy, Shenandoah and much more!



The \$5 per person admission price covers many free events, attractions and entertainment options. Kids 5 years and under are free; Military (with ID) are free. Parking is free as well.

The Marion County Fair works in partnership with the Marion County 4-H program. The fairgrounds and fair serve as a venue where youth in Marion County who participate in 4-H can display their work and compete against others to earn trophies, ribbons and entries into the Indiana State Fair competitions. The fair provides a platform to display the work of these youth and helps them gain valuable experience in presentation skills and competition-based learning opportunities.

For more information, visit www.marioncountyfair.org.

Marion County Fair's History

. . . [For] years, the Marion County Fair has showcased the county's best in animals and produce, crafts and wares, along with entertainment, rides, and "fair food." . . . The current fair had its simple beginnings in a carnival organized by the New Bethel [Wanamaker] Civic & Welfare Association to pay off the debt of the New Bethel Baptist Church.

It expanded to a harvest festival in the following years, and by 1935 the leaders of the Franklin Township community established the Marion County Fair Association. By July 31 of that year, big tents had been "pitched on the fairground at the outskirts of the little village...and all the attractions that go to make a successful county fair...cattle, swine, and chickens...vegetables, 4-H Club handiwork, quilts, cakes and other things representative of Marion County agricultural life," together with automobiles and farm equipment, were in place. A midway of carnival attractions completed the scene.

The four-day event featured horse riding and jumping events, a pie eating contest, a bicycle race, and a horse pulling contest. Musical entertainment was provided by the American Legion Junior Band, the Sahara Grotto Drum and Bugle Corps, The Indianapolis News Newsboys Band, and the Boy Scout German Band. Ribbons, cash, and merchandise prizes were given to winning exhibitors.

While today's Marion County Fair has [more than] ninety continuous years to its credit and long ago moved to more spacious grounds along Troy Avenue at Five Points Road and Southeastern Avenue, it is heir to a tradition that began in 1835 when the Marion County Agricultural Society was organized and sponsored the first fair which was held on the court house grounds on the last day of October 1835. The fair continued as an annual two-day event through the end of the decade.

In 1851, the Marion County Agricultural Society was revived with Indianapolis attorney and civic leader Calvin Fletcher as president and directors from each of the county's nine townships. The following year, two weeks before the state fair, a Marion County Fair was held at the state fairgrounds (today's Military Park) from Monday thru Wednesday, October 5-7, with a "good exhibition of stock, farming implements, and products of the farm and orchard."

The above excerpts are from an article by Steven R. Barnett, Executive Director, Irvington Historical Society. To read the complete article, visit www.marioncountyfair.org/about-us.

Fair Capital Campaign

The Marion County Fair is in the early stages of a capital improvement campaign to perform major renovations throughout the fairgrounds.

Renovations are planned that will benefit the 4-H youth programs, annual fairgoers and year-round patrons of the fairgrounds and its facilities. The brick campaign, in conjunction with memorial benches and picnic tables, allows community members to have a lasting presence.

Donors have the option to have their bricks placed in front of the cattle barn in a garden area to be dedicated to Past, Present and Future Marion County Agriculturalists, in the Veterans Memorial Garden or elsewhere on the fairgrounds pending project completion.

The funds from donor bricks will be used to create and enhance the two gardens, perform a complete renovation of the historic cattle barn, and allow for upgrades to other infrastructure throughout the facility.

