



THE GARFIELD GARDENER

THE NEWSLETTER OF GARFIELD PARK MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

June 2023 Next Meeting

June 14

Field Trip: Paramount
School of Excellence

Speaker: Danielle
Randles, GPMGA Member

July 12

GPMGA Annual Picnic

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2023 GPMGA Meeting Dates

August 9 Oct. 11
Sept. 13 Nov. 8
Dec. 13

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President's Letter

Greetings!

We're full on into summer now and many of you are enjoying some early returns from your vegetable gardens. Indianapolis is currently at a little over 1" rain deficit so here's hoping we get some soon to ease any burden on our water bills.

If you were able to attend or help out at the plant sale a couple weeks ago, I hope you were as pleased as I was to see so many of our community members out and about enjoying the gorgeous weather that day. There's nothing like talking plants and gardening with other like-minded folks and our Garfield Park Master Gardeners were at their best that day assisting customers with selections and answering questions. The sale was a success and any doubts regarding enough items to sell were eliminated by the large number of donations from our membership. All of your hard work paid off -- well done everyone!



As you continue to work and expand your own gardens, please consider supporting the vendors who graciously offer us discounts; the list can be found on our GPMGA website: <https://indygpmga.com/members-only/area-discounts/>.

And a reminder, our June meeting will take place onsite at the Paramount School of Excellence rather than the GP Conservatory. (More details on Page 2-3). I hope you can join us on the 14th!

- Teresa McCurry, GPMGA President

GPMGA Annual Plant Sale A Huge Success

I would like to thank everyone who contributed plants to and/or volunteered at the Garfield Park Plant sale this year. It was a huge success. We couldn't have done it without all of our Garfield Park Master Gardeners.

We raised over \$3,750.

Thank you for all of the donated plants. Oren Cooley, Danielle Randles, Lane Judkins, Charla Ireland and Cynthia St. John donated a lot of the plants for the plant sale. We truly would not have such successful plant sales without all of Master Gardeners' plant donations.



I would especially like to thank Marti Icenogle. She is a truly dedicated Garfield Park Master Gardener volunteer. She stepped up and really took care of our plants outside during the winter/springtime. She also worked several hours on Friday and Saturday as well.

A huge shout out to Kay Martin-Pence and Bill Bernstein for staying with me late on Friday night during all of the rain. Also, Bill and Kay were a huge help in getting customers checked out.

I also want to thank Cindy Maude for getting our pizza on Friday and handling all of the petty cash and deposits regarding our GPMGA Plant Sale.

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Conservatory Tours

June 10 (11:00 a.m.)

Arlene Bow
Oren Cooley

June 24 (11:00 a.m.)

Judy Martin

At the Conservatory

July 22 (2:00 —3:00 p.m.)

Cultivating Minds Garden Series:
Pollinator & Wildlife Gardening
Garfield Park Conservatory
2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis

Visit the Garfield Park Conservatory's Children's Garden to learn about gardening to attract pollinators and other wildlife—and the benefits of those pollinators.

The conservatory's naturalist will lead visitors through a brief presentation on pollinator host plants and native plants for wildlife, and then explore the gardens to look for pollinators and other wildlife. Participants will get native wild-life and pollinator seed packets and informational handouts to take home.

For more information, contact
www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org.



GPMGA's Next Meeting: June 14

Now that our Plant Sale is over, it's time to enjoy some field trips!

On June 14, the GPMGA's meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with member Danielle Randles leading a tour of Paramount Schools of Excellence (PSOE) Farm, Brookside location. If time allows, members then will travel 5 minutes away to PSOE's Cottage Home location—where Danielle is the Farm Manager.



The Brookside location began as a round garden with a "slice of the pie" designated for each classroom teacher. Over the years, a storage shed was built which later became the chicken coop; the garden changed into a row-type layout with raised beds; a shipping container was brought in to use as a barn; and an outdoor classroom was constructed. In 2014, the school created Environmental Education Staff positions which led to the addition of beekeeping and a goat program. The STEAM program allows middle school students the opportunity to spend summers working on the farm.

The farm at Cottage Home began in 2021 with a goat program and a native rain garden built inside the production garden. This year will be the first year of fully planting the production garden.

Students interact with the farm on a daily basis at both locations as it is part of the playground and backyard spaces. Farm lessons happen throughout the school year based on ties to academic standards. Fun events like goat birthday parties are sprinkled into the year too.

Danielle completed her Master Gardener training in Spring 2022 while working as the Environmental Education Assistant at both PSOE Farm locations. Last fall, she became the Farm Manager at Cottage Home. At that location, there are 60+ raised beds planted with flowers and herbs and a dairy goat operation with cheesemaking. She lives in the Holy Cross neighborhood (just south of the school) and is a licensed engineer with a degree in Agricultural Engineering and a certificate in Urban Agriculture.

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

Meeting (continued from Page 2)

Directions and Details:

Brookside Location: 3020 Nowland Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46201

The school parking lot can only be entered on Nowland Avenue. The school is just east of the intersection of Rural Street and Brookside Parkway South Drive. Visitors should turn right at the Paramount sign on Brookside (Parker Avenue), then left on Nowland to go up the hill to the parking lot entrance.

Cottage Home Location: 1203 E. St. Clair Street, Indianapolis IN 46202

Directions will be given at previous location

While there is ample parking at both locations, carpooling is always encouraged. If you need help with navigation, please call Debra Boyer at 317.694.9595.

GPMGA Meeting Minutes: May 10

The Garfield Park Master Gardener Association (GPMGA) met at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

Teresa McCurry (President): Ice breaker: *Where is your favorite botanical garden?*; Meeting minutes from 4/12/23 were approved; Welcomed guest Dayna Thompson of Serendipity Plants

Presentation

Tips to Enhance Your Gardening Speed by Myrene K. Brown, Zionsville-based garden designer and coach; Has presented to the GPMGA 14 times

Committee Reports

- Teresa McCurry on behalf of Cindy Maude (Treasurer): Current balance of \$4,380.69 after spending \$674 on yard signs and stickers for Plant Sale
- Debra Boyer (Program Director): June—Field trip to Paramount Schools of Excellence Farm; July—Annual picnic at Garfield Park; September—Field trip to Dollie's Farm in Franklin
- Jayne Queck (Hospitality - Snack Coordinator): Please sign up to bring snacks for June's outdoor meeting/field trip
- Oren Cooley (Newsletter/Publicity Director): Continue sending suggestions for the newsletter; Distributed t-shirts to wear to the plant sale
- Victoria Metheaux (Conservatory Tour Coordinator): Training for tours will be the 2nd or 4th Saturday in July at 10:00 a.m. with tour to follow at 11:00 a.m.
- Carrie Alumbaugh (Plant Sale Chair): Sign up to water or prune plants from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday, or 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday; Will accept Venmo again this year; Take a dead-looking plant home and care for it; If nothing appears, use the container to pot up your donation to the sale; May 19—Drop off plants, help label and price, help general set-up from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., pizza will be provided; May 20—Set-up begins at 7:00 a.m., sale from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and clean-up done by 1:00 p.m. or earlier; Bring canopies, wagons, boxes/trays, wheelbarrows; Promote with flyers and on Facebook
- Barbara Jablonski (Master Gardener Discounts): New garden center just east of downtown, Digs, has been added to the discount list

—Danielle Randles

GP Conservatory' King's Crown

King's Crown (*Justicia Carne*) is an upright, evergreen shrub, reaching between 3 to 7 feet tall, with large, 6-inch-long, dark green leaves.

The plant has upwardly facing plumes of tubular, slightly fragrant flower clusters and comes in rose-purple, red, yellow, orange, apricot or white. The blooms appear from early summer until fall—usually cycling through two to four major flowering periods during the year. The plant attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.



Also known as the Brazilian plume flower, flamingo flower or jacobinia, King's Crown is in the family *Acanthaceae*. The perennial plant is native to the Atlantic forest ecoregions of eastern Brazil.

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From the Bookshelf . . .

Wild Plant Culture: A Guide to Restoring Edible and Medicinal Native Plant Communities

by Jared Rosenbaum

Integrating restoration practices, foraging, herbalism, rewilding and permaculture, *Wild Plant Culture* is a comprehensive guide to the ecological restoration of native edible and medicinal plant communities in North America.



Blending science, practice and traditional knowledge, it makes bold connections that are actionable, innovative and ecologically imperative for repairing both degraded landscapes and man's broken cultural relationship with nature. The content includes:

- Understanding and engaging in mutually beneficial human-plant connections
- Techniques for observing the land's existing and potential plant communities
- Baseline monitoring, site preparation, seeding, planting and maintaining restored areas
- Botanical fieldwork restoration stories and examples
- Detailed profiles of 209 native plants and their uses.

Both a practical guide and an evocative read that will transport the reader deep into the natural landscape, *Wild Plant Culture* is an essential toolkit for gardeners, farmers and ecological restoration practitioners.

GPMGA Remembers Rosalie Fletcher

We are sad to report that former GPMGA member Rosalie Fletcher, 78, passed on June 2.



She and her husband David, who survives, owned Fletch's Apple Lane on the county's far southeast side. The GPMGA toured their orchard for its September 2009 meeting. Rosalie enjoyed volunteering at the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site.

For more information: <https://www.shirleybrothers.com/obituaries/Rosalie-Fletcher/#!/Obituary>

GP Annual Plant Sale *(continued from Page 1)*

Thanks to Lane Judkins for bringing the kolaches on Saturday morning. They were delicious!

I also would like to thank Cindy Maude, Nancy Boettner, Barbara Jablonski, Oren Cooley, Sue Draheim, Cira Coates, Amanda Anez, Beckie Nowlin and Victoria Metheaux.

The plant sale was a challenge this year especially since I broke my foot. I am truly grateful for all of our Master Gardeners who volunteered their time and/or donated plants.

Again, this year's Master Gardener Plant Sale was another successful year!

Hope to see everyone at the June meeting.

—Carrie Alumbaugh





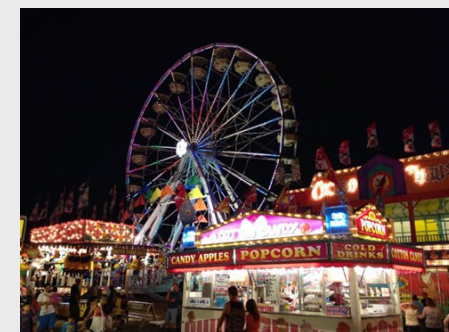
Marion County Fair

The 93rd Marion County Fair will occur from June 30 to July 9 at the Marion County Fairgrounds (7300 East Troy Avenue).

Each year, the Marion County Fair works in partnership with the Marion



County 4-H program to create 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.



The centerpiece of the Marion County Fair is its midway! With the urbanization of Marion County and Indianapolis, the farmland and livestock that used to reside in Marion county has dwindled. However, the midway continues to expand its thrilling experience through the work of North American Midway Entertainment, the world's largest traveling outdoor amusement park.

The Marion County Fair Grandstands—now called the Circle City Raceway—is home to the fair's horse-power-related events and the fair's special features, events, acts and/or performers.

This year, Dino-ROAR returns with its eight, life-like, animatronic dinosaurs! The dinosaurs and their puppeteer handlers will roam the Admin Plaza area multiple times each day of the fair. This educational and interactive show teaches kids fun facts about dinosaurs in a captivating manner.

For more information, visit <https://marioncountyfair.org>.

Calendar/Events

Saturday, June 17 (9:30—noon)

Stream Stewardship Workshop

Learn to become a more responsible riparian property owner at this workshop held at a beautiful location adjacent to the White River. Staff from the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District and Friends of the White River and neighborhood representatives from Spirit Lake Homeowner Association will highlight several facets of streambank management, including keeping trash out of the waterways, invasive plant identification and treatment options, sediment and erosion control strategies, stream ecosystems and the macroinvertebrates, native plant options, and tree and shrub planting activities. Free.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-2023-stream-stewardworkshop-tickets-634734918227>

Saturday, June 24 (9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.)

Delaware County Master Gardener Association Annual Garden Walk (Muncie)

Guests will have the opportunity to tour seven beautiful private residential and community gardens in the greater Muncie area. This year's tour will feature a faerie garden, a cottage garden planted for pollinators, an urban bog garden filled with koi aquatic plants, a backyard landscape adorned with a fire pit and comfortable break-fast nook and pesticide-free landscaping. Free black gum and bald cypress tree seedlings from the IDNR state nursery given away while supplies last. Members of the Muncie Artists Guild will be painting en plein air within the gardens.

Purchase tickets (\$7 each) on June 24 from the Ross Community Center (1110 W. 10th St., Muncie) or the Royerton G & M Pet and Garden Center (101 W. Royerton Rd., Muncie). Tickets will include addresses and a map of each garden.

<https://delcomastergardener.org/portfolio/garden-walk/>

Sunday, June 25 (1:00—5:00 p.m.)

The Irvington Garden Tour

For this self-guided tour, participants may visit the gardens in any order they choose and at any time during the tour. The back of the ticket includes a map of garden sites. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance or the day of the tour. On the tour day, tickets are available at Irvington United Methodist Church (30 N. Audubon Rd.) and The Benton House (312 S. Downey Ave.); Two weeks prior to the tour day, tickets are available from: Ace Hardware (1025 N. Arlington Ave.); Black Sheep Gifts (5626 E. Washington St.) and the Bona Thompson Center (5350 E. University Ave.).

<https://www.irvingtongardenclub.com>



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.

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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

Indy Public Library Gardening Classes

The Indianapolis Public Library will offer the following classes (at the indicated branch) this year:

June 16 (1:00 - 2:00 p.m.)

Nora Branch

Ask-A-Gardener: Tomatoes

It's almost summer, and you may have some questions about how to help your tomatoes be juicy, tasty and healthy. Join Dr. Jarrod Dortch of Sol-ful Gardens to get answers to all of your tomato-ey questions!



July 8 (11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

West Perry Branch

Dealing with Garden Pests

UGH! Your plants were going along all healthy, but then some critter came along and now they're looking sad. Or maybe instead of a critter, it's weird, white film that seems to be growing on your plant. What to do? Join GPMGA Members JoAnn Klooz and Danielle Randles in this workshop to find out!

For more information and to register for the above programs, visit <https://www.indypl.org/blog/for-adults/gardening>.