



HortusScope | What's Up in the Central Indiana Gardening Community | Photo by Wendy Ford

Friday, July 2 Villa Dell'Artista Reopens for First Friday Art Tour Magic luminarias light the way into Rosannah Hall's unique downtown garden. At the red door, entrance to the villa, come in for a glass of wine and leisurely walk-about while viewing four galleries of oil paintings of magnificent Renaissance gardens in Europe and scenes of Woodruff Place. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., rear garden of 700 Middle Drive, Woodruff Place, Indianapolis. www.rosannahall.net

Tuesday, July 6 Shamrock Garden Club Program on Slow Food Guests are welcome. 7:00 p.m., Lawrence Library, 7898 N. Hague Road, Indianapolis. Leave message at 317-577-1128 if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, July 7 Four Seasons of the Magic Garden Larry Caplan's award-winning program melds the worlds of gardening and magic and will leave all ages simultaneously mesmerized and educated. Larry is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians as well as a Horticulture Educator at the Evansville Cooperative Extension.

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.,
Zion Nature Center, 690 Beech Street, Zionsville. Register at
317-873-8950 or znaturecenter@aol.com. For more
information and directions, visit www.ZionNatureCenter.org.

Saturday, July 10 INPAWS Garden Tour Landscaping with Native Plants Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society hosts its first-ever public tour of gardens created with plants native to Indiana and the Eastern U.S. Six Indianapolis gardens are featured—ranging from an artist’s tapestry, to a hilltop haven, to a lakeside wonderland, to a highly structured landscape for a “type A” native plant enthusiast—plus two gardens in the Anderson area. Admission is free but registration is required. Email gardentour@inpaws.org to register and receive addresses of tour gardens. Find detailed garden descriptions at www.inpaws.org.

Saturday, July 10 Hamilton County Master Gardener Daylily Sale More than 90 varieties of daylilies for sale, at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$20.00. The annual daylily sale has been a fundraiser for the HCMGA since the 1980s. Proceeds provide scholarships, place Grow Labs in Hamilton County schools, and support HCMGA committee activities and other community projects. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 E. Pleasant Street, Noblesville. Daylily beds are located at the southwest corner of the fairgrounds; signs will be posted.

Saturday, July 10 Monarch Larva Monitoring Project Training (Tippecanoe County) Learn how to monitor monarch butterfly larvae and milkweed habitat with trainer Reni Winter at Winterhaven Wildflowers & Monarch Preserve. The session is free but registration is necessary. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes, and bring a camera, notebook, and

pen. To learn more about the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project, visit www.mlmp.org. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., 5724 S 900 West, West Point, IN. RSVP on Facebook or email reni@winterhavenfarm.us. (In case of rain, the event will be held at the same time on Sunday, July 11.)

Monday, July 12 Herb Society of Indiana Local chef and herbalist Joan Morris will prepare and share recipes for yummy herbal treats. Come and taste. Free and open to the public. 7:00 p.m., Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 3500 W.106th St., Carmel. Call 317-714-3273 or visit www.herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org.

Sunday, July 18 Volunteer Work Day Urban Composting Basics Help transform 6,000 square feet at the White River State Park into an urban vegetable farm. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful provides materials, tools, and gloves. Snacks are furnished, and you can sign up to bring a snack to help feed volunteers. Please bring a reusable water bottle with you. Sponsored by Growing Places Indy which is committed to cultivating the culture of food and urban agriculture. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., White River State Park, Indianapolis.

Saturday, July 31 Ridgefield Subdivision Nature Park Tour See how one suburban subdivision is saving money and creating natural areas for neighbors to enjoy by converting mowed lawn to native prairie. This joint program of Hamilton County Urban Conservation Association and Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District includes a walking tour of the common area prairie and a pond shoreline enhancement installation demonstration. Speakers will discuss native plants, invasives control, and backyard habitats. Free. 9:00 a.m. to noon, southwest corner of 131st Street and Promise Road, Fishers. Please register with dan.mccord@comcast.net to be

certain we have enough handouts.
www.hamiltoncountyuca.org

Saturdays thru September Medicinal Plant Garden Tours

Indiana Medical History Museum offers free public tours of their Medicinal Plant Garden, led by a Purdue Master Gardener. 11:00 a.m., 3045 West Vermont Street, Indianapolis. More info at www.imhm.org or call 317-635-7329.

Summer Camps at the EcoLab Exploring Our Natural

World July 12-16, grades K-2; students will participate in hands-on activities in the Nature Center, Marian University EcoLab wetlands, in the classroom, and in the lab as they explore their living environment and discover the math, biology, chemistry, and physics behind their daily lives. **Making A Difference for Our Environment** July 19- 23, grades 6-8; students will learn about the dangers that threaten the well-being of the environment and how they can become actively involved in sustaining the environment. The registration form is available on Marian University's website. For more information, contact Janice Hicks Slaughter, director of K-12 programming and outreach for the Marian University EcoLab at 317-524-7701 or jhslaughter@marian.edu.

Now Open 100 Acres: The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park Explore winding nature trails through woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. Stand on the banks of a 35-acre lake, and discover captivating works by artists from around the world. Free. Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis. www.ima-museum.org

Plan Now to Learn Soil Basics Learn the dirty facts about soils at IUPUI's "Soils Geography" Course. Classes will meet Thursday evenings at 6:00 to 8:40 p.m. starting August 26 in

Cavanaugh Hall Room 203 on the IUPUI campus. Three options are available: G123 Soil Survey (1 credit) ends on September 23; G404 Soils Geography (3 credits) and G704 (3 graduate credits) Geography of Soils continue on through December 16. Students will learn the soils development processes, how to use a soil survey, and what common soil related problems we have in central Indiana. Field trips will give students an opportunity to get their hands dirty and see the differences in soil types and soil characteristics. For further course information contact Dr. Rick Bein at 317-274-1100 or rbein@iupui.edu. To register, contact the Admissions Center or phone 317-274-4591.

Events at Holliday Park Labor and Learn Garden

Workshops Join the volunteer effort that has transformed the historic rock garden at Holliday Park. The first Friday of every month, skilled horticulturalist Chris Turner will begin the work session with a discussion of a popular gardening topic. Other sessions are open for questions and answers, all sessions include time working in the garden. Tools and refreshments provided. Free. July 2, 16, and 30, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. **Garden Work Days** The diverse landscaping and gardens of Holliday Park provide visitors beauty no matter what the season. Here's your chance to become a steward of these beautiful grounds. Whether you are looking to fulfill master gardener requirements or just want to give something back to the park, everyone is welcome. Tools and refreshments provided. Free. July 7, 17, 21, and 31, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Daylily Show** Sponsored by Indiana Daylily/Iris Society. Free. July 10, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. **Iris Sale** Sponsored by Indiana Daylily/Iris Society. July 24, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 25, noon to 4:00 p.m. **Daffodil Sale** Sponsored by Indiana Daffodil Society. July 24, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and July 25, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. More info at 317-327-7180 or www.hollidaypark.org.

Eco-Walks Daubenspeck Community Nature Park An expanded set of Eco-Walks is scheduled based on the overwhelming response to our first year of workshops: Wild Facts About Our Wild Flowers, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 10; The Sweet Life of Daubenspeck's Bees, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 24; Owl Prowl, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Friday, October 1. Visit www.daubpark.org/events for more details and email us to sign up today.

The Lawn/Clean Water Connection With all the recent heavy rains, it's prime time to ask how your lawn relates to clean water. A new campaign, "Clear Choices for Clean Water," is working to increase awareness of the impact of lawn care on our streams and lakes. Water quality friendly lawn care includes using phosphorus-free fertilizer, landscaping with native plants, managing yard and pet wastes, and overall lawn reform. Protecting water supplies takes the partnership of individual residents, businesses, local governments, civic groups, and educators at all levels. Learn more about this campaign at www.ClearChoicesCleanWater.org.

Hot Off the Press Homeowner Guide to Yard Care Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service has just released a new booklet, "Taking Care of Your Yard: The Homeowner's Essential Guide to Lawns, Trees, Shrubs, and Garden Flowers." The 37-page guide, written by Purdue Extension consumer horticulture specialist Mary Welch-Keesey, provides tips on mowing, watering, fertilization, planting flowers, adding trees and shrubs, controlling weeds and pests, pruning, climate, soils, and troubleshooting common lawn problems. Ideal for new homeowners who want to have a nice, healthy yard but don't know where to begin and don't have the time to read hundreds of pages on the topic.

Available for \$8 from Purdue Extension Education Store.

Gurus of Green Green Piece Indy Sign up to receive eco-conscious tips twice a week from Renee & Meghan. You'll enjoy the sense of connectedness to other greenies in the community. www.greenpieceindy.com

Got Produce to Share?? A new website helps local food pantries connect with local gardeners who have excess produce to share. Our thanks to Victoria Wesseler of www.goinglocal-info.com for letting us know about this site.

Build Now, Win Later Backyard Conservation Awards
The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) wants to recognize homeowners, homeowner associations, non-profit groups, small businesses, and commercial/industrial companies who are using Backyard Conservation Practices to improve soil and water quality and create or enhance wildlife habitat. Applications are **due October 15**, so you have the entire summer to plan and install your ideal backyard conservation area. Visit www.hamiltonswcd.org or call the SWCD office at 317-773-2181 for an award program description and application.

Farmers Markets There's a farmers market near you! Help Indiana's economy by buying local.

Indianapolis City Market Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Parking available at street-level metered spaces. Gravel lot at NE corner of Alabama and Market streets is a pre-pay of \$5.00; ask vendor for "Park It Pass" and pay only \$1 for up to two hours. [More Info](#)

Geist Market Thursday, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., 8115 Oaklandon Rd (at intersection with Fox Rd).

Abundant Life Church Thursday, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., 7606 East 82nd Street (at intersection with Hague Rd).

38th & Meridian Market Thursday, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., 3808 North Meridian Street (at intersection with 38th).

Traders Point Creamery Friday, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Moore Road between 86th and 96th Streets. [More info](#)

Irvington Farmers Market Second Sunday, noon to 3:00 p.m., northwest corner of Ellenberger Park.

Photo Notes Not a flower often seen in the home landscape, but a pleasant surprise when it blooms. It's buttonbush, a shrub native to Indiana that makes a nice addition to a rain garden. Discover other natives that would fit into your backyard or garden at the Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society Garden Tour on July 10. Details at www.inpaws.org.

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