



Tuesday, June 1 Shamrock Garden Club (Fishers) The Club will meet to tour Rita's Backyard and enjoy refreshments from Rita's Café for \$7.00 per person. Guests are welcome. 7:00 p.m., 12244 East 116th St., Fishers. Leave a message at 317-577-1128 if you plan to attend.

Saturday, June 5 INPAWS Invasives SWAT Team Work Day Help members of Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society eradicate bush honeysuckle in a 9-acre floodplain forest that is home to a variety of wildlife including muskrat, beaver, great blue heron, mallard ducks, and songbirds. 10:00 a.m. to noon, Gene B. Glick Nature Preserve. Contact Linda at lcfreund@cctc.com for details and directions. www.inpaws.org

Saturday, June 5 Second Annual Chocolate Fest at Garden Thyme (Noblesville) Come check out chocolate-colored shrubs, trees, chocolate-scented plants, and all things chocolate. Chocolate food tastings will be offered throughout the day. Hamilton County 4-H kids will show a few of their Llamas and Wayne Township Lions Club will sell hotdogs. Also check out the new roof that owner Kim Porter put on the quaint 1898 schoolhouse this year with the proceeds of her plant sales. Admission is free. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Garden Thyme @ The Old Schoolhouse, 14520 SR 38 East, Noblesville. www.pinkpeppercorn.com

Saturday, June 5 Green Congregations Workshop Open to people of all faiths, this workshop offers tools and inspiration for green ministries. Featured speakers are Scott Russell Sanders, author of *A Conservationist Manifesto*, and Luke Gascho, Goshen College, chair of Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light. Registration (\$15) includes lunch. Full agenda available at www.ikecoalition.org. 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis. To register or for more information, contact Joyce at LifeEd@cts.edu or 317-931-4224.

Sunday, June 6 Garden Tea at Indiana Medical History Museum Master Gardener volunteers and the Herb Society of Central Indiana co-host this special event in the Medicinal Plant Garden at the Museum. Enjoy a variety of teas and other refreshments while you watch plein air artists, learn to make an herbal salve, hear a mini-lecture on medicinal plants, listen to harpist Judith Eudaly, and tour Museum exhibits. Feel free to wear your favorite garden party hat! Fee \$10. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Indiana Medical History Museum, 3045 West Vermont Street, Indianapolis. Register ASAP at www.imhm.org or 317-635-7329.

Wednesday, June 9 Indianapolis Garden Club 15th Annual Garden Walk Proceeds are returned to the community to support worthwhile projects. Tickets are \$35 (\$60 including luncheon at Woodstock Club) and are available thru June 2 at Charles Mayer & Company, 5629 North Illinois St., Indianapolis, or Kogan Antiques & Lighting, 195 S. Main, Zionsville. Addresses of gardens, located north of the city, will be sent to all who purchase tickets. Gardens are open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Direct ticket purchase option at www.igcgardenwalk.com.

Saturday, June 12 Indianapolis Hosta Society Show Sponsored by a non-profit gardening organization with more than a twenty-year history in the Indianapolis community, the sale helps fund community service and educational projects at Holliday Park and other areas in Central Indiana. The Hosta Show will bring entrants from Indiana and surrounding states with hosta leaves that demonstrate the best characteristics of many registered and unregistered cultivars. Open to the public. Society members will answer questions and provide shopping assistance. Show 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., sale noon to 4:00 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. Contact Pat at 317-251-6465 or pwbrummer@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Saturday, June 12 KIB Community Greening Workshop This is a workshop for groups and individuals who have had little to no experience working with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Inc. Attendees will learn about all that KIB has to offer, and how to access our resources. If you are a long-time KIB partner and are already aware of all we do, please tell someone who doesn't! This workshop will be half presentation about KIB and half questions and answers. Free. 9:00 a.m. to noon, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Headquarters, 1029 Fletcher Avenue, Indianapolis. [Click here](#) to register for the workshop.

Saturday, June 12 Central Indiana Land Trust Unveiling This special event celebrates 20 years of land conservation and the protection of the Land Trust's newest property, Oliver's Woods Nature Preserve, a 53-acre nature preserve located in the midst of Keystone at the Crossing and with a half-mile of White River frontage. The Land Trust will unveil what will become its most highly-visible property and its future headquarters. Walking tours will be available. 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., The Daugherty House at Oliver's Woods, 8825 River Road, Indianapolis. Please RSVP **by June 7** to info@conservingindiana.org or 317-631-5263. Park on the 2nd and 3rd levels of the parking garage located at 3925 River Crossing Parkway (the office building immediately south of the I-465 bridge); a shuttle will run back and forth to transport guests to the property. www.conservingindiana.org

Saturday & Sunday, June 12 & 13 Open Garden & Photocards by Judy In an annual tradition, Judy Butz opens her backyard garden in Broad Ripple and sells her photocards and magnets featuring many of the plants she grows. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. both days, 6304 Central Avenue, Indianapolis. Questions or groups contact butzgarten@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday, June 13 IMA Horticultural Society Benefit: A Garden Affair Enjoy an evening of fine dining, socializing, and auction opportunities at this biennial gala which supports the gardens and grounds of Indianapolis Museum of Art. Proceeds will fund plantings and site amenities at the new Visitors Pavilion in the IMA's 100 Acres: The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park. Event includes reception and silent auction, dinner by executive chef Ty Hunt of Nourish Events, and live auction featuring rare and choice plants and garden artifacts. Open to the public. 5:00 p.m., Deer Zink Pavilion, Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis. **RSVP by June 4**. Details and reservation form at www.imahortsoc.org.

Thursday, June 17 Blue-Green Algal Blooms and Nutrients that Cause Them IUPUI's Center for Earth and Environmental Science and Veolia Water Indianapolis, LLC are

teaming up to offer a comprehensive overview of blue-green algal bloom issues, including environmental factors, innovative research, policy implications, and outreach solutions. The symposium concludes with a panel discussion on limiting phosphorus in Indiana waterways, with expert panelists representing elected officials, government agencies, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and universities. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Rathskeller at the Athenaeum, Indianapolis. Space is limited; register **by June 3** at www.cees.iupui.edu.

Saturday, June 19 Gathering at the Garden (Fishers) The Historic Ambassador House & Heritage Gardens presents a full day of garden delights. **Garden Tour:** This self-guided tour features a heritage planting of cultivars of the 1890 period, a hosta glen of plants from Indiana hybridizers, and entrance to three other private gardens: a garden in Zionsville on a lake lot setting renowned for its collection of hosta and rare perennials; a large garden in Westfield featuring conifers, sedum, and insular beds; and a garden in Fishers featuring hosta, hydrangea, boxwood, and unusual woodies arranged in highly structured settings. Tickets (\$10) can be purchased by cash or check at The Historic Ambassador House & Heritage Gardens from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; all tour gardens close at 4:00 p.m. **Plant Sale:** A variety of plants will be for sale including daylilies, hostas, conifers, and woodies provided by Carolee's Herb Farm, New Vision Orchids, Soules Gardens, Joan's Backyard Treasures, and Lazy Cat Garden. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Hosta Garden Grand Opening:** A ribbon cutting to open the new hosta garden will occur at 4:00 p.m. A new hosta hybrid, "Hosta the Ambassador," will be unveiled, donated by noted Indiana hosta hybridizer Randy Goodwin. Guided tours of the interior of the Ambassador House will be available throughout the day. The Historic Ambassador House & Heritage Gardens sits on the grounds of Heritage Park and White River, just west of Eller Road and 106th Street in Fishers. Additional event details can be found at www.ambassadorhouse.org or by calling 317-845-4265.

Saturday, June 19 INPAWS Hike Clark and Pine Nature Preserve (Lake County) Take a moderate hike with members of Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society, led by Derek Nimetz of IDNR Division of Nature Preserves. Located near the southern tip of Lake Michigan, this high quality natural area consists of globally rare dune and swale topography and holds a mix of species from western prairies, eastern deciduous forests, and plants more typical of northern climates. More than 200 vascular plant species have been reported there; more than 30 are state-listed (rare). Free. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time. Register **by June 17** at dnimetz@dnr.IN.gov or 219-928-3997. Details at www.inpaws.org.

Saturday, June 19 Native & Invasive Plant Conference (Evansville) Douglas Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens*, is making another trip to Indiana to speak at this conference, following three previous local appearances to rave reviews. Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society is one of several supporters of the event. 1:00 to 5:30 p.m., University of Evansville. Tickets (\$12) can be reserved by calling 812-867-0729. www.inpaws.org

Saturday, June 19 Garden Club Tour: Herons, Habitats & Happy Places (Greensburg) Visit seven fabulous gardens in the beautiful Lake Santee community, plus the Nature Habitat, an 8.3-acre preserve. Garden related vendors, objects, refreshments also available. Advance tickets \$8; day of sale \$10; children under 12, \$5. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Lake Santee, located just north of Greensburg. Tickets available in Greensburg at Art Gallery, Lake Santee office, Paul R Nahmias office, First Federal Savings Branch Bank, or from Sarah at 812-663-2825 or nahmiasmud@verizon.net.

Saturday & Sunday, June 19 & 20 100 Acres Grand Opening Weekend On the grounds of the Indianapolis Museum of Art and located on 100 acres that include woodlands, wetlands, meadows, and a 35-acre lake, 100 Acres: The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park will be one of the largest museum art parks in the United States, and the only one to feature ongoing commissions of temporary, site-specific artworks. Music for the weekend

programmed by The Kinetic Project. *Saturday*: Afternoon panel discussions with inaugural artists, architects, museum curators, and director. Festive evening celebration with live music, hors d'oeuvres, and libations. *Sunday*: Afternoon picnic with walking tours, music, and more. More Information...

Tuesday, June 22 Pleasant Run Watershed Planning Efforts are underway to protect Pleasant Run, a small but important stream that runs through Indy's eastside. Wastewater runoff has caused the watershed to become highly polluted. Rain and melting snow are carrying trash, dirt, oil, lawn fertilizer, bacteria, and other pollutants into the stream. In response, volunteers are gathering to help write a state-approved watershed management plan. 7:00 p.m., Lutheran Child and Family Services, 1525 N. Ritter Ave., Indianapolis. Address questions to Sky at pleasantrunwatershed@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 26 "Art in Bloom" Garden Tour (West Lafayette) This second annual event highlights New Chauncey Neighborhood gardens and local artists. Winners of West Lafayette's Beautification Awards program will be honored during the summer and identified with big yellow bows, the city's homes and businesses will be asked to plant yellow annuals for the city's "Hello Yellow!" campaign, and the festivities will culminate in the garden tour. Free. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., maps available at Lincoln Park on Lincoln Street, West Lafayette. For more information, contact Lynn at 765-463-2242 or visit www.westlafayette.in.gov.

Sunday, June 27 Annual Irvington Garden Tour Includes 8 beautiful gardens in the Irvington area and the historic Benton House gardens. Many of the gardens will have an artist painting in the garden, and the finished paintings will be sold shortly after the tour. All tickets purchased will receive a free plant as long as supplies last. Advance tickets (\$8) available two weeks prior to the tour at Habig's Garden Shop, 1105 N. Arlington Ave.; Antique Mall of Irvington, 5502 E. Washington St.; and Bona Thompson Conservatory, 5350 University Ave. Tickets can be purchased day of the tour (\$10) at The Benton House, 312 S. Downey Ave., and Irvington United Methodist Church, 30 N. Audubon Ave. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Any questions please call Melany at 317-356-5717. <http://irvingtongardenclub.com/index.htm>

Save the Date INPAWS Native Plant Garden Tour On Saturday, July 10, Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society will host its first-ever public tour of members' gardens created with plants native to Indiana and the Eastern U.S. Six 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. Watch for details in July HortusScope and at www.inpaws.org.

Farmers Markets Irvington Farmers Market open second Sundays, noon to 3:00 p.m. from June to October, featuring close to 70 vendors ...everything from fresh produce, meat, cheeses, honey, fresh baked goods, freshly made guacamole, plants, herbs, and handmade items. Located at the northwest corner of Ellenberger Park under the trees. **Indianapolis City Market, Wednesdays and (NEW!) Saturdays** About 50 Indiana producers selling meats, eggs, cheese, poultry, honey, syrups, plants, produce, fresh-cut flowers, flax seed, baked goods, street foods, etc. Objective: connect local farmers to urban dwellers, preserve Indiana farmland, and promote local food sourcing and sustainable agriculture. 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 Traders Point Creamery, Fridays** Visit vendors on the front lawn (in the Red Barn when it rains) and enjoy dinner on the deck (see website for the week's menu). 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Moore Road between 86th and 96th Streets. Tours start in the Farm Store at 5:00 p.m. rain or shine. More info

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: Creek Critters, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 5; 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.

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 horticulturist Chris Turner will begin the work session with a discussion of a popular gardening topic. Other sessions are open for questions and answers, and all sessions include time working in the garden. Tools and refreshments provided. Free. June 4 and 18, 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. June 9, 19, and 23, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. More info at 317-327-7180 or www.hollidaypark.org.

Events at Garfield Park Junior Master Gardeners: Through this 9-week program, kids can grow their own food while learning about plant basics, composting, soil, and more. Each child will plant their own garden space and enjoy the bounty of their labor. Wednesdays, June 9 to August 4. Ages 6-8, 10:00 a.m. to noon; ages 9-13, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Fee \$35. Register by June 4 by calling 317-327-7580. **Bonsai Show:** Presented by the Indianapolis Bonsai Club. Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$1 admission. **Rose Show:** Presented by the Indianapolis Rose Society. Saturday, June 12, Noon to 5:00 p.m. \$1 admission. **Container Gardens:** Bring your favorite pot or planter and fill it with colorful annuals. Learn different design techniques and how to care for your plants. Saturday, June 19, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ages 18+. Fee \$3. Register by calling 317-327-7580. **Backyard Butterflies and Bugs Exhibit:** Fun for the whole family! Enjoy a display of live native bugs and butterflies and see how to attract these beneficial creatures to your backyard. June 26 thru July 11, Mon-Sat, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sun 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Admission \$2 for adults, \$1 for youth / seniors, \$5 for families. **Conservatory Guided Tours:** Every Saturday throughout the summer, led by Garfield Park Master Gardeners. 2:30 p.m. Free with \$1 admission. Garfield Park Conservatory and Gardens, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org

Gardening Series at T.C. Steele State Historic Site (Brown County) Artist in the Garden & The Garden in the Artist: June 10, 6:30 p.m., fee \$5 (registration required). Program & book signing with award-winning garden writer Sharon Lovejoy. For more information contact tcsteeleshs@dnr.in.gov or call 812-988-2785. T.C. Steele State Historic Site 4220 T.C. Steele Rd. Nashville, IN 47448. www.tcsteele.org www.indianamuseum.org/tc_steele

Opportunity Help Start an Indiana Seed Bank Nature's Crossroads seeks a small group of gardeners to jumpstart its Backyard Seed Saver Program with the hope of getting a seed bank started in Indiana that is sustainable economically, environmentally, and with the community. Local, sustainable seeds are hard to find, but backyard gardeners out there growing with organic methods are likely saving lots of cool seeds. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Art at art@naturecrossroads.com or 812-824-3727.

Just Desserts? Apply for a Backyard Conservation Award 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 utilizing Backyard Conservation Practices to improve soil and water quality and create or enhance wildlife habitat. Winners will be commended in press releases and the SWCD's newsletter and website, be recognized at the SWCD's Annual Meeting next March, and

receive one of several prizes: a rain barrel from Automatic Irrigation Supply Company, a flat of native plants from Native Plants Unlimited, or bird nest boxes or feeders or Cool Creek Concert tickets from the Hamilton County Parks Department. 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. Winners will be notified in December.

Good Idea Ready for Less Lawn? Each weekend about 54 million Americans mow their lawns, using 800 million gallons of gas per year and producing tons of air pollutants. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a traditional gas powered lawn mower produces as much air pollution as 43 new cars each being driven 12,000 miles. Smaller lawns and more green space with trees and shrubs would help control pollution, save energy, and save money. Indiana Wildlife Federation reports that a Lawn Reform Coalition has formed to create awareness of the value of fewer lawn-only landscapes. To learn more about the benefits of less lawn and about the new coalition, visit www.lawnreform.org.

Photo Notes I snuck in this photo of my granddaughter Victoria and husband David just so you could appreciate one of my favorite roses--Rosa 'Zephirine Drouhin', a climber that tolerates shade, lacks thorns, and has a raspberry scent. I bought mine from from Jung Seed years ago and still recommend it for my garden design clients. Victoria is now seven and can ride a bike!

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