



## HortusScope | What's Up in the

Central Indiana Gardening Community | Photo by Wendy Ford

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**Thursday, August 2 Hancock County Herb Society (Greenfield)** Discussion will center on upcoming activities for the new business year. Refreshments will be served. Meetings are free and open to the public. Arrive any time after 6:45 p.m., meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Pat Elmore Center, 280 Apple Street, Greenfield. To learn more about HCHS or the meeting, call Carolyn at 317-326-2274.

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**Monday, August 6 Herb Society of Central Indiana Back Yard Life** Brian MacGowan, Extension Wildlife Specialist, will talk about how we can attract different species to our yards. Public welcome. 7:00 p.m., John Hensel Government Center, 10701 North College Avenue, Indianapolis. Contact 317-319-2946 or visit [www.herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org](http://www.herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org).

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**Thursday, August 9 KIB Workshop Greening Your Home** Learn about where energy loss in your home truly occurs and how trees really can impact your pocket book. Guest Speaker Ron Zmyslo, owner of Preserve Restore Maintain Indy, shares updated blower pressure door technology and energy efficiency technology and research. The Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership will show how their programs can help you plan home improvement projects and save money. Fee \$10. Discounts for SOLAR, Adopt-A-Block, or green team members; contact Ashlee at [afujawa@kibi.org](mailto:afujawa@kibi.org) to register for the workshop at a discounted price. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, 1029 Fletcher Ave., Indianapolis. <http://www.kibi.org>

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**Saturday, August 11 Fall Creek Gardens Workshop Gardening with Native Plants** Everyone wants a beautiful garden, but not everyone wants a lot of maintenance and hard work! One solution is to fill your yard with native species. Tom Hohman of the Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society (INPAWS) will teach us how--and why--to garden with plants native to our region. He will show us slides and living examples of the varieties most popular in home gardens, and suggest substitutes for common landscaping plants that are actually invasive in our area. After the workshop, all who are interested can join us in a walk to Fall Creek to identify invasive plants along the waterway. Free to the public, and there will be door prizes. 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Unleavened Bread Cafe, 3001 Central Avenue, Indianapolis. Register at [www.fallcreekgardens.org/events](http://www.fallcreekgardens.org/events).

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**Saturday, August 11 INPAWS Hike Shrubs and Mosses of Fall Creek Gorge (Warren County)** Hike with the Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society, led by Sally Weeks, an authority on Indiana shrubs. Fall Creek Gorge is one of the most scenic areas in west central Indiana. Its steep walled canyons, tumbling waters, and potholes — large, circular openings in the sandrock that form the bed of the canyon — provide a picturesque home for unusual flora and thriving fauna. Details and directions on the INPAWS blog at [www.inpaws.org](http://www.inpaws.org).

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**Bag a Credit at Whole Foods Market!** For each reuseable bag you use when shopping at Whole Foods, you get a 10 cent credit. You can pocket the credit or donate it to a local non-profit at check-out. The chosen non-profit for August-September 2012 is the **Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society!** INPAWS works to create healthy ecosystems and save the wild beauty of

Indiana through education and preservation. You can support INPAWS when you bring your own bag to Whole Foods Markets at 86<sup>th</sup> Street or Clay Terrace. For more about INPAWS, visit [www.inpaws.org](http://www.inpaws.org).

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**Monday, August 13 Indianapolis Hosta Society The Future of Hosta Through the Eyes of the Registrar** Kevin Walek serves as Registrar for The American Hosta Society and also for The American Hemerocallis Society. Kevin will discuss the trends in hosta registration and what hosta growers will be marketing in a few years. Free and open to the public. 6:30 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. [www.indianapolishostasociety.org](http://www.indianapolishostasociety.org)

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**Saturday, August 18 Fall Creek Gardens Workshop Planting the Fall Garden** Do you dream of having fresh food from your garden all year? Believe it or not, now is the time to plant your garden to last through the winter. If you provide an established fall garden with a bit of cold-weather protection, you can still be harvesting in January. Master Gardener Ginny Roberts will teach us how to plan and plant a bountiful fall garden. Free and open to the public. 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Unleavened Bread Cafe, 3001 Central Avenue, Indianapolis. Register at [www.fallcreekgardens.org/events](http://www.fallcreekgardens.org/events).

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**Saturday, August 18 Garden Talks at the Library (Anderson) Rain Garden Basics** You've heard about them, maybe even seen some, but you might not know how to get started in planting a rain garden. Learn the basics from site selection to planting to maintenance in this crash course from master gardener Tami Coleman. Sponsored by the Madison County Master Gardener Association & Madison County Purdue Extension. Free. 10:30 a.m. to noon, Anderson Public Library, Delaware Room B, 125 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Anderson. For more information, contact Purdue Extension at 765-641-9514 or [orick@purdue.edu](mailto:orick@purdue.edu) or visit [www.madisoncountymastergardener.org/upcoming\\_events.htm](http://www.madisoncountymastergardener.org/upcoming_events.htm).

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**Tuesday, August 21 Garfield Park Natural History Series Natural History of Central Indiana** Time to learn about nature! This class will be taught by Tom Swinford, regional ecologist for DNR, and will focus on interesting aspects of the natural history of Marion County. Free. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Garfield Park Conservatory & Sunken Garden, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. <http://www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org>

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**Thursday, August 23 Heritage Gardens Lecture Series Growing and Cooking with Garlic** Indiana's soil and rainy spring weather are perfect for growing garlic in your home garden. Jim Walker of Garlic Gardeners presents garlic growing tips and shares how to cook with garlic to get the flavor you want, sharing which varieties are best for roasting, best for eating raw in a salad, and which have the longest shelf life. Linda Williams will cook some favorite garlic recipes for you to sample, and Jim will have a wide assortment of garlicks available for purchase. Open to the public. Free to members of the Friends of the Heritage Gardens garden club, \$5 for non-members. 7:00 p.m., Historic Ambassador House, Fishers Heritage Park at White River, 10595 Eller Road, Fishers. Limited to 35 participants. Reserve your place at [ppowers\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ppowers_2000@yahoo.com) or 317-596-2866.

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**Saturday, August 25 Hummingbird Banding at the IMA** See these remarkable birds up close and learn how to attract them to your garden at this family friendly event. Tim Tolford from the Hummer/Bird Banding Research Collaborative (HBRC) will be catching, banding and releasing hummingbirds. Tim will discuss the migration and feeding patterns of the birds and how his research is important to protecting the birds and their habitat. At the Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse, purchase plants and products that attract wildlife to your home. A garden tour will follow at 1:00 pm (departing from the Greenhouse), highlighting plants that provide nectar to the birds. Kids can create a hummingbird ornament to take home. Sponsored by the IMA Horticultural Society. 9:00 a.m. to noon, Garden for Everyone, Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis. [www.imamuseum.org](http://www.imamuseum.org)

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**Monday, August 27 Irvington Garden Club Canning and Preserving the Harvest**

Presentation by Terry Procopio, master gardener and food preserver. 7:00 p.m., Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Avenue (one block south of Washington and one block east of Ritter Avenue) in Historic Irvington. <http://www.irvingtongardenclub.com/>

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**Events at Cold Spring Environmental Studies Magnet School** Did you know that Indianapolis Public Schools has an environmental studies magnet? It's Cold Spring School, and we have loads of opportunities for you to share your love of nature with the kids and teachers. This month we have two prime opportunities to learn more about the school. **Spruce Up Work Day:** Saturday, August 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The school has just undergone a year of renovation. Now help us tidy up the campus for our rededication celebration. Bring your own gloves and tools or use ours. **Rededication Celebration:** Saturday, August 25, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tour our renovated school and visit some points of pride on the 39-acre campus, which serves as our outdoor classroom. Highlights include a rain garden, chimney swift tower, greenhouse, vegetable garden, the historic Somers mansion, and part of a Jens Jensen designed landscape. Refreshments will be served. Cold Spring School, 3650 Cold Spring Road (just north of Marian University), Indianapolis. Email [friendsofcoldspring@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcoldspring@gmail.com) to RSVP for either event.

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**Events at Holliday Park Daylily Plant Sale:** Saturday, August 25, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the Indiana Daylily/Iris Society. Wonderful daylily plants of many colors, varieties, and sizes will be for sale. Photos for viewing. Open to the public. **Daffodil Bulb Sale:** Saturday, August 25, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., sponsored by the Indiana Daffodil Society. **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. August 10 and 24, 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. August 1, 11, 15, 25, and 29, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. Info at 317-327-7180 or [www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org).

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**Saturdays through September Medicinal Plant Garden Tours** Enjoy free public tours of medicinal plants guided by Purdue Master Gardeners. 11:00 a.m., Indiana Medical History Museum. For more information, contact [www.imhm.org](http://www.imhm.org) or [hullk@ccrtc.com](mailto:hullk@ccrtc.com) 317-996-4380.

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**Garden Walks at Daubenspeck** Get to know fascinating facts, other nature fans, and this precious community nature park a little better at this series of free eco-walks. Limited to 18 participants; you must RSVP to reserve a spot by writing to [daubpark@hotmail.com](mailto:daubpark@hotmail.com). Please include the first and last name of each attendee, with the ages of those under 18 (minors must bring an adult.), and include contact info for any last minute changes. **Eek! Bats!** Saturday, August 25, 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. (sunset is 9:00 p.m.). **Amazing Archeology:** Saturday, September 15, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Get full descriptions of these eco-walks at <http://www.daubpark.org/events.html>.

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**Appalachian Forest School** Intensive field courses presented on behalf of Eastern America's educators, conservation workers, naturalists and wilderness seekers who are life-long learners. **Trees of the Eastern Forest:** August 20 to 24, led by naturalist Nancy Stranahan, director of the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System. With the knowledge and skills gained in this course, you will be able to go anywhere from New York to Tennessee and be able to accurately identify 95% of the trees. Hosted at the Highlands Nature Sanctuary in Southern Ohio. Sponsored by the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System. For fee and registration information, visit [www.arcofappalachia.org](http://www.arcofappalachia.org). **Eastern Wilderness: The Adirondacks,** September 30 to October 7, information at

<http://www.appalachianforestschool.org/adirondacks/Adirondacks-Course.shtml>. To subscribe to the Forest School mailing list, write to [forestschool@arcofappalachia.org](mailto:forestschool@arcofappalachia.org).

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**Web Find Why We Should Choose Native Plants** INPAWS Invasives Education chair Ellen Jacquart put us on to this compelling article about the science behind the drive to add native plants to our landscapes. You'll find lots of interesting stuff on this website.  
<http://nativeplantwildlifegarden.com/the-science-behind-our-passion-for-native-plants/>

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**Fun Freebie Nature Calls on Your Ringtone** Want your cell phone to ring like the cries of a bald eagle or the song of our state bird? Listen to samples as you browse the calls of howler monkeys, crickets, coyotes, and more. Learn intriguing facts about the species whose sounds are available for download. When you find one you can't resist, just click and follow the instructions.  
<http://wild.enature.com/ringtones/>

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**Farmers Markets Traders Point Creamery Summer Market** Fridays 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., 9101 Moore Road, Zionsville, through October. [www.tpfororganics.com](http://www.tpfororganics.com) **15th Annual Original Farmers Market** Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Market Street in front of Indianapolis City Market, through October. [www.indycm.com](http://www.indycm.com)

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**Photo Notes** God bless my little brown-eyed susan (*Rudbeckia triloba*), which welcomed me home from my vacation with a full head of blooms despite the heat and drought. On the ground below were cracks in the soil an inch wide. Love those native plants!

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