



## HortusScope | What's Up in the Central

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**Tuesday, September 4 Herb Society of Central Indiana** Kathy Hull will share "Growing Miracles: Modern Wonder Drugs from the Medicinal Garden." The public is welcome. 7:00 p.m., John Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Indianapolis. Contact 317-319-2946 or visit [www.herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org](http://www.herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org)

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**Thursday, September 6 Perennial Plant Exchange** Bring six labeled plants to exchange. Plant expert Colletta Kosiba will give plant tips and conduct the exchange. Free. 6:30 p.m., Plainfield Library, 1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield. To register call 317-839-6602.

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**Thursday, September 6 Women in the Dirt: Landscape Architects Shaping Our World** Celebrate landscape architecture with this award-winning documentary film featuring the works of seven inspirational landscape architects. Recognition will be given to the various landscape architects who have helped shape the IMA into one of the most significant landscaped art museums in the country. Following the film, several prominent local women landscape architects will share their reactions and describe their view of the profession. Presented by the IMA Horticultural Society and the Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Free. 6:00 p.m., The Toby, Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis. [www.imamuseum.org](http://www.imamuseum.org)

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**Saturday, September 8 4th Annual Harvest Wine Tasting** The serene setting of the Historic Ambassador House is perfect for sampling an array of white and red wines from featured sponsor, Cooper's Hawk Restaurant & Winery. Enjoy appetizers, the music of local jazz singer Brenda Williams, artisan wares, and a silent auction along with the company of friends or family at what is becoming known as "Fishers' Finest Evening." Advance tickets are \$35 (through September 7); day-of-event \$40. Sponsored tables are available for \$400. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., Historic Ambassador House & Heritage Gardens, 10595 Eller Road, Fishers. <http://harvestwinetasting2012.eventbrite.com/>

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**Saturday, September 8 INPAWS Hike Mushrooms of Shades State Park (Montgomery, Parke, and Fountain Counties)** Join members of the Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society for a mushroom hunting expedition led by Dr. Andrew Methven of Eastern Illinois University. The beautiful sandstone cliffs overlooking Sugar Creek and numerous shady ravines provide the backdrop for a journey through a nature lover's (and, when wet, a mushroom hunter's) paradise. Free. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Find details and directions at <http://www.inpaws.org/2012/inpaws-hike-mushrooms-of-shades-state-park/>

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**Saturday, September 8 Nature Daze (Brown County)** Whether you own one acre or 500, if managing your land has ever made you dazed and confused, come out and join us for an enlightening, family friendly day. Resource professionals will be on hand to present information on identifying and controlling invasive plants, conservation options for landowners, gardening with native plants, and nature photography. Nature Daze is an outreach of the Brown County Native

Woodlands Project, helping landowners manage their property to create resilient native habitat free of invasive plants. 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m., Camp Rancho Framasa, 2230 Clay Lick Road, Nashville. Details and registration information at <http://bcnwp.org/nature-daze.html>

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**Thursday, September 13 & 20 Stream Management Workshop (Carmel)** Two sessions for property owners who want to learn more about taking care of their stream, creek, or ditch. Sponsored by Hamilton and Marion County Soil & Water Conservation Districts and Hoosier Heartland Resource Conservation & Development. Fee \$20 per household for both sessions. Register by September 7. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000 East 151st Street, Carmel. Download registration form at <http://www.hamiltonswcd.org/id35.html>

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**Friday, September 14 Wildflower Workshop at McCormick's Creek** "Our Native Bounty" is the theme of this day-long workshop. Indiana Master Naturalist Colletta Kosiba will speak on "How to Use Native Plants in the Home Garden." Sponsored by West District Garden Club of Indiana. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Canyon Inn, McCormick's Creek State Park. For information, call 317-996-2147 or email [laurakearby@hotmail.com](mailto:laurakearby@hotmail.com).

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**Saturday, September 15 Garden Walk at Daubenspeck Amazing Archeology** Get to know fascinating facts, other nature fans, and this precious community nature park a little better at this free eco-walk. 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. 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Daubenspeck Community Nature Park. Details at <http://www.daubpark.org/events.html>.

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**Saturday, September 15 Central Indiana Land Trust Family Fun Day (Fishers)** A unique opportunity to see one of the Land Trust's newest properties that is not open to the public. Writer Kevin McKelvey will share his nature poetry and guide participants in making a family field guide – including nature art, poetry, outdoor observations and other ways to enjoy family outings through art and writing. Participants will also have an opportunity to explore this beautiful property near 116th and Eller Road. Bring a picnic lunch and blanket and plan for a fun day in nature! 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For details and to reserve your spot contact Stacy at [stacyc@conservingindiana.org](mailto:stacyc@conservingindiana.org) or 317-631-5263. Find a full schedule of Land Trust workdays and events at <http://www.conservingindiana.org/events.html>

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**This Just In!** The Central Indiana Land Trust has achieved national recognition by becoming the first accredited land trust in Indiana. It is one of only 181 land trusts across the country to become accredited since the program began 5 years ago. Congratulations!

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**Saturday, September 15 6th Annual Indiana Bat Festival at ISU (Terre Haute)** Live bat demonstrations and talks by leading bat biologists. A great forum with plenty of activities to educate young and old in a fun environment. Free. Presentations 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Science Building, Indiana State University. Followed by Bat Science Night, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at Dobbs Park, Terre Haute. <http://www.isubatcenter.org/batfest>  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/337388323013293/>

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**Saturday, September 15 Garden Talks at the Library (Anderson) Habitat Gardening: Going Native in Suburbia** Serving on his neighborhood's homeowners board, Dan McCord was disturbed by the huge sums he and his neighbors paid to maintain the mown grassy areas around their subdivision. He had an idea there was a better way . . . and he found it! Learn about his quest to convert sterile lawns into vibrant meadows teeming with life and color. 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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**Saturday & Sunday, September 15 & 16 Hoosier Outdoor Experience** A supersized family friendly event designed to get Hoosiers outdoors and enjoying the beautiful natural areas and activities available throughout Indiana. A wonderful way to help children get excited about being outside. Organized by the Department of Natural Resources, the event features more than 50 activities and 120 grassroots partners. Free. Information and registration at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5009.htm>. If you're already an outdoor enthusiast and want to share your passion, please volunteer (<http://www.inpaws.org/2012/inpaws-volunteers-needed-hoosier-outdoor-experience-on-sept-15-16/>).

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**Saturday & Sunday, September 15 & 16 "Erth Songs" Body & Soul Retreat at Hobbit Gardens (Fillmore)** Come gather together among the woods, ravines, fields and gardens to honor the connection between ourselves and the Earth. Fee of \$175 includes all workshop and class materials, vegetarian meals, herb teas, laughter, fun and sharing. Camping in the fields and gardens. 9:00 a.m. Saturday thru 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Send name, phone, email and address with your check to Hobbit Gardens Erth Gatherings Center, 6213 E. C. R. 300 N Fillmore, IN 46128-9316. Email Constance with any questions at [hobbitgardens@tds.net](mailto:hobbitgardens@tds.net) and go to [hobbitgardens.blogspot.com](http://hobbitgardens.blogspot.com) for more information.

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**Sunday, September 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tour de Coops** Nap Town Chickens presents this self-guided bicycle ride (cars welcome too) to visit local urban chicken coops and meet the owners who love them. Twelve "show coops" will be on display throughout the Broad Ripple, Meridian-Kessler, Rocky Ripple, and Butler-Tarkington neighborhoods. Fee \$8 presale, \$10 the day of. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Nap Town Chickens' Project Poultry program: one local school will receive a donated, furnished and stocked chicken coop so that kids and teachers can have fun learning where an egg comes from. 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.; check in at Center for Inquiry #84, 440 E. 57th Street, Indianapolis, to register and receive a Tour Map, which will serve as your ticket at each coop location. Details at <http://www.naptownchickens.org/feedstore/viewitem.php?pid=3>

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**Thursday, September 20 Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Bike Bucket Workshop** Did you ever want to ride your bike to the market but have too little room in your backpack to carry your items home? We'll re-use 4-gallon square buckets (better known for holding kitty litter) to make "bike buckets" that attach to the rack on your bicycle. All material, hardware, tools and instructions will be provided (or bring your own buckets if you have them). Fee \$35 (discounts available). 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., KIB Headquarters, 1029 Fletcher Avenue, Indianapolis. Register at <http://www.kibi.org/shop/events/bike-bucket-workshop-registration>

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**Saturday, September 22 INPAWS Invasives SWAT Team Honeysuckle Removal at Cold Spring School** Join members of the Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society in removing Asian honeysuckle and other invasive plants at the 39-acre campus of Indianapolis Public Schools' environmental studies magnet school. Besides invasives removal, Cold Spring School offers loads of opportunities to share your love of nature with the kids and teachers (visit [www.friendsofcoldspringsschool.org](http://www.friendsofcoldspringsschool.org) to learn more). 9:00 to noon, Cold Spring Environmental Studies Magnet, 3650 Cold Spring Road (just north of Marian University), Indianapolis. More INPAWS SWAT Team opportunities at <http://www.inpaws.org/category/invasives-removal/>.

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**Saturday, September 22 Indiana Urban Forest Council 2012 Tree-Cycle** This family friendly bicycling event features three rides: 6k, 14k, and 23k. Proceeds support IUFC in its mission to promote sustainable urban forests in Indiana communities. Fees: \$25/person, \$50/family (discounts for preregistration). Start/finish at the Monon Trailhead, south side of East 38<sup>th</sup> Street at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. 8:00 a.m. to noon, Fall Creek Trail, Indianapolis. Info and registration at <http://www.iufc.org/> For questions, contact Holly at 317-517-9180 or [director@iufc.org](mailto:director@iufc.org).

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**Thursday, September 27 Heritage Gardens Lecture Series The Gardens of Selma Steele** Andrea DeTarnowsky, Historic Manager and Curator of the T.C. Steele Indiana Historic Site in Brown County, is considered a noted authority on the gardens of Selma Steele, second wife of

T.C. Steele. Indiana's foremost painter purchased the 211 acres in 1907, and his wife donated the home and property to Indiana in 1945. Selma and her husband planned gardens that enhanced the site's natural beauty. Andrea will describe the creation of the gardens in the early 1900s and the 20 years she and her volunteer committee have spent re-creating them. Open to the public; \$5 donation appreciated. Free to members of "Friends of Heritage Gardens." Light refreshments served. 7:00 p.m., Ambassador House and Heritage Gardens, 10595 Eller Road, Fishers. <http://www.ambassadorhouse.org>

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**Saturday, October 6 INPAWS Hike Mosses & Liverworts of Fern Cliff (Putnam County)**

Pack a lunch and join members of the Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society in a hike showing off the bryoflora of Putnam County, which has almost half of the 450 species reported from Indiana. Enchanting Fern Cliff was former DePauw University bryologist Winona Welch's favorite field site. Details and directions at <http://www.inpaws.org/2012/hike-fern-cliff-preserve-october-6/>.

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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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**Events at Holliday Park Fall Wildflower Hike:** Join Norma Wallman for a leisurely hike to see what's blooming. \$5/individual, pre-registration required. September 22, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Up a Tree Without a Ladder:** Get a squirrel's-eye view as you learn to ascend a tree with rope and harness. We'll also cover basic tree ID and practice some useful knots. \$5/individual, pre-registration required. September 30, 1:00 to 2:00, 2:30 to 3:30, or 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. **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. September 7 and 21, 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. September 8, 12, 22 and 26, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis, 317-327-7180. [www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org)

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**Opportunity Grants for Conservation Projects in Hamilton County** The SWCD has reinstated their cost share program. You may have a conservation project ready to implement or still be deciding on what project works for you. We will help you move forward with a plan and/or complete the application for financial assistance with your project. Applications are **due September 18** to be reviewed at the September board meeting. Applicants will have a year to complete their projects. Grants are limited to \$500 not to exceed 50% of the project cost. For information, contact John South, Conservation Engineer, Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation, 1717 East Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060, 317-773-2181.

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**Learn to Lead in Watershed Management** If you're interested in water quality and watersheds, consider applying for the 2013 Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy, organized by Purdue University with support from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and other Indiana conservation agencies and organizations. In face-to-face and online sessions, the Academy engages participants in basic and advanced level watershed topics covering leadership principles, watershed science, organization and communication, technology and GIS, stakeholder involvement techniques and policy skills. They will meet, learn from, and build a network of peers; gain strategies, skills, and resources; and earn a Professional Certificate in Watershed Management. Fee of \$600 includes lodging, food, and course materials. Enroll by November 2 at <http://engineering.purdue.edu/watersheds/> The Academy runs from January to May, 2013.

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**What a Deal! SWCD Fall Tree and Shrub Sale** Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District is offering 34 tree and shrub species ranging in price from \$18 to \$32 depending on size. Order blanks and brochures are available at our office, or call 317-786-1776 and we will mail out a brochure that includes the order blank, a description of each tree and shrub for sale, and all the details needed for successful planting. Order **by October 2**, and pick up on October 13 at our office on the Indiana State Fair Grounds (details will be mailed to each customer). More information at <http://marionswcd.org/tree.htm>.

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**Get Happy with Slow Food Indy** SFI is beginning a new monthly event called "Sips," which is basically our version of a happy hour get-together at a local restaurant, brewery, winery, or bar. This will be a forum for some of our local hotspots to feature their story or unique products, as well as give the members and leadership team a chance to mix and mingle. Visit <http://sfisipsbluebeard.eventbrite.com/> for more information and to RSVP. For more about Slow Food Indy, visit <http://www.slowfoodindy.com/>.

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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** Don't take your chances with mosquito bites—Fight the Bight! This West Nile virus prevention and education campaign from Colorado is now used across the USA in 21 states, Canada, and Italy. Information on how to protect yourself is available at <http://www.fightthebitecolorado.com/> and <http://www.in.gov/isdh/23599.htm>.

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