



## HortusScope | What's Up in the

Central Indiana Gardening Community | Photo courtesy Macy's Flower Show

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**Saturday, July 6 Daylily Show** Indiana Daylily & Iris Society sponsors this exhibit of members' most prized daylilies of various colors and sizes. Photos for viewing. Artistic designs--vote for your favorite. Free and open to the public. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. 317-327-7180.

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**Thursday, July 11 Managing Combined Sewer Overflows with Green Infrastructure** Federal law requires communities throughout Indiana to eliminate CSO discharges. The Town of Speedway has designed and installed green infrastructure practices that bring their Long Term Control Plan to a 90% completion status. Green infrastructure cost savings were achieved via reduced construction costs and lower interest rates; rates available only to green storm water management solutions. This workshop will review the decision making process, financing, engineering and construction of such facilities. Fee \$40. 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Fisher Elementary School, 5151 W. 14th Street, Speedway. Contact John South at Hamilton Soil and Water Conservation District, 317-773-2181 or [john.south@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:john.south@hamiltoncounty.in.gov).

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**Tuesday & Wednesday, July 16 & 17 IUFC Summer Conference (Evansville)** The broad-based volunteer Indiana Urban Forest Council promotes public understanding of the need for trees and other natural resources in and along parks, green space areas, streets and urban woodlots and assists Indiana communities in protecting, expanding, and improving their urban forests. This conference is an excellent opportunity for urban forest managers, interested citizens, arborists, urban planners, landscape architects, municipality staff and volunteers from environmental and urban forestry related non-profit organizations to come together with others interested in Indiana's urban forestry future. The conference will introduce attendees to industry updates, and creative new approaches in urban forestry design, and promote networking among attendees. Please register online with your credit card at Eventbrite. <http://iufcsummerconference.eventbrite.com> Questions? Contact Holly Jones at [director@iufc.org](mailto:director@iufc.org) or 317-517-9180.

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**Saturday, July 20 Iris Sale** Indiana Daylily & Iris Society sponsors this sale, free and open to the public. Photos for viewing. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. 317-327-7180.

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**Thursday, July 25 Historic Ambassador House and Heritage Gardens Lilies, The "Real Thing" (Fishers)** Join Chris Wilhoite, co-owner of Soules Nursery in Indianapolis, for this talk on *Lilium*, the true lily. Wilhoite will cover a wide variety of species and hybrids including Martagons, Asiatics, Trumpets, Oriempets, and Orientals, many of which have a wonderful fragrance. Open to the public, \$5 donation appreciated. Free to members of Friends of Heritage Gardens. Light refreshments served. Potted lilies will be available for purchase. 7:00 p.m., Ambassador House (Terrace Meeting Room), 10595 Eller Road, Fishers. RSVP to Diane at [feendk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:feendk@sbcglobal.net)

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**Saturday, July 27 INPAWS Hike Restoration of Prairie Creek Barrens (Davies County)**

Tour the Prairie Creek Barrens Nature Preserve with the Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society, led by Harold Allison, naturalist and columnist; and Michael Homoya, botanist/plant ecologist, Indiana DNR Division of Nature Preserves. The preserve hosts one of the last remnants of sand barrens in southwest Indiana. Many uncommon and rare species are present, including sand hickory, Maryland meadow beauty, and tube beard tongue. Ten years ago restoration efforts were undertaken and thousands of plugs were planted by volunteers, including many INPAWS members. Although recovery has been slow, many of the plants are now established and reproducing. Here's an opportunity to see and appreciate restoration in progress. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon EDT. Specific directions provided upon registration. To register, contact Mike Homoya at [mhomoya@dnr.in.gov](mailto:mhomoya@dnr.in.gov) or 317-232-0208. [www.inpaws.org](http://www.inpaws.org)

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**Monday, August 5 Herb Society of Central Indiana**

Member and Herb Garden Coordinator Sue Arnold presents "Planning and Maintaining the Herb Garden at White River Gardens." Includes herb plant information with beautiful photos of the garden. Public welcome, yummy herbal treats served. 7:00 pm, John Hensel Government Center, 10701 North College Avenue, Indianapolis. [www.herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org](http://www.herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org)

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**Tuesday, August 6 Indiana Daylily & Iris Society**

Presentation and photos by Dan Knudsen, Shields Ridge Farm, Bloomington, Indiana. Members NCAP Iris Distribution and NCAP Iris Auction. Open to the public. No charge. 6:30 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. 317-327-7180.

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**Saturday & Sunday, August 10 & 11 Summer in the Park Flower Show (Columbus)**

The Mudlarks, a Garden Club of Bartholomew County, present a standard flower show benefiting Mill Race Center, the local senior/community center. See competitive exhibits of horticulture, floral designs, and educational exhibits by Mudlarks members and creative floral design exhibits by Accredited Flower Show Judges on Saturday of the event. Event includes a garden shop; tablescape by area designers and florists; Daren Redman's brightly colored art quilts; workshops on plant photography, flower arranging, cooking with locally grown ingredients, and tips on how to enjoy the healthy benefits of gardening while reducing the accompanying joint and muscle pain. Guests may dine at Gigi's Gourmet Garden Cafe highlighting the best of Indiana produce. Attendees are also invited to view the gardens, fountain, gathering area, and Veterans Memorial at the Bartholomew County Courthouse Square. Event fee is \$12.00. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day, Mill Race Center, 900 Lindsey Street, Columbus. For additional information, contact Sharon at 812-343-2230 or [skbald@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skbald@sbcglobal.net).

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**Saturday, August 24 Daylily Sale**

Indiana Daylily & Iris Society sponsors this sale of prized daylilies of various colors and sizes at a nominal price. Photos for viewing. Free and open to the public. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. 317-327-7180.

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**Tuesday, August 27 Uncommon at the Commons (Columbus)**

Flower Show with Chaos (the famous sculpture by Jean Tinguely). A standard flower show sponsored by members of Flower Lane Garden Club, affiliated with The National Garden Club, Inc.; Central Region /Garden Club; and The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Free and open to the public. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., The Commons, 300 Washington Street, Columbus. For info call Paulette at 812-526-2071 or Sally at 812-342-6097.

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**Events at Holliday Park** **Indiana Daylily/Iris Society Daylily Show:** Saturday, July 6, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. **Iris Sale:** Saturday, July 20, 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. **Indiana Daffodil Society Daffodil Sale:** Saturday, July 20, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 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. July 5 and 19, 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 3, 13, 17, 27 and 31, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. Call 317-327-7180 or visit [www.hollidaypark.org](http://www.hollidaypark.org).

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**Good Idea Put Your Mower Away** Roadsides are too important to be neglected in pollinator conservation. Occupying more than 10-million acres of land in the United States, they provide corridors between remnant habitat patches, and in some areas, may be the only semi-natural habitat remaining. Whether you are a rural landowner with a mile of roadside frontage, or a city dweller with a 10-foot parking strip, you can have a direct impact on protecting and providing roadside habitat. Mow higher and less often to allow small wildflowers and clover to bloom. Consider replacing areas of turf grass with wildflowers. You can also remove the pavement itself, at least in parking lots and driveways. Check out the website of [Depave](#) for inspiration and ideas.

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**New Service Leave the Composting to Us** Indy's first food waste composting service is up and collecting! MyComposter! takes the work out of composting. It's designed as a small-batch composting service for small commercial food service operations, restaurants, and residences. You scrape your compost materials into their MyComposter! bin, and they pick it up and compost it for you. When the compost is ready, they use it to plant organic vegetable gardens at local schools, community supported agriculture sites, and in distressed areas to promote urban gardening. An idea whose time has come. <http://www.greenwithindy.com/mc.html>

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**Photo Notes** Lots of flower shows on tap this month and next. This is Macy's interpretation of the summer garden from its March flower show. Isn't this just how you feel when stepping into your back yard on a summer's eve?

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