



HortusScope | What's Up

in the Central Indiana Gardening Community | Photo courtesy birdingisfun.com

Through March 2 Neo Natural—Botanically Inspired Art Works Garfield Park Conservatory presents a unique exhibit of artwork among the plant forms that inspired it. Artists from Ball State University have created pieces in response to inspiration from the botanical collection to create a unique exhibit. March 1, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; March 2, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Fee \$3 per person or \$8 per family (max. 2 adults). Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org

Through March 29 Historic Garfield Park Exhibition Journey through the history of Garfield Park, the oldest park in Indianapolis, by means of old photographs, memories, and city plans that will highlight how the park has changed to become what it is today. Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Fri, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Sat, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed Sun & Mon. Free. Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. Phone 317-327-7135 or visit www.gpacarts.org.

Monday, March 3 Herb Society of Central Indiana Tai Chi for Gardeners Presentation by gardener and Certified Tai Chi Instructor Victoria Wesseler. Audience is welcome to participate in some Qigong and Tai Chi movements. Handouts included. Public welcome. 6:45 p.m., John Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis. Questions? Contact 317-319-2946 or visit www.herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org.

Tuesday, March 4 Indiana Daylily and Iris Society Join us for our annual business meeting and social get-together. 6:30 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. Call 317-327-7180 or email lapwing75@att.net for more info.

Saturday, March 8 thru Sunday, March 16 Indiana Flower & Patio Show For 50 years one of the nation's most renowned outdoor living shows, with more than 100,000 guests attending each year. This year's theme is "Personal Space." The 54th annual show, a Central Indiana springtime tradition, will present 24 dazzling showcase gardens, more than 250 finer outdoor living experts, displays encompassing the latest and greatest in landscaping trends, and dozens of educational programs—all in over 171,000 square feet of the State Fairgrounds West Pavilion. Details and tickets at <http://hsishows.com/wp/indianaflowerandpatioshow/>.

Sunday, March 9 IMA Horticultural Society Lecture and Members' Tea Denise Adams: American Home Landscapes Based on Denise Adams' new book by the same name (written with Laura Burchfield and released in May, 2013) this lecture provides a historical perspective of

the evolution of America's residential landscapes. From Colonial subsistence gardens to Victorian gardens of excess to 1980s backyard barbecues, this lecture provides something for everyone. Learn about the major landscape design trends and most popular plants since our country's establishment to the present. Free for IMA and Horticultural Society members / \$5 at the door for non-members. Lecture 2:00 p.m., The Toby; tea and cookies 3:00 p.m., Garden Terrace. No RSVP required. Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis.
<http://www.imamuseum.org/talk/american-home-landscapes-talk-denise-adams>

Sunday, March 9 Wholeness & Healing Symposium at Hobbit Gardens (Fillmore) Come gather with us for a day of learning a way to move into health using the knowledge of the ancients, the wise women(men) who have walked before us and others who have added to this knowledge. We will share our knowledge about food as medicine and herbs as food and medicine; learn about the traditional healing system known as Ayurveda; honor all traditions and look to ourselves for our health and healing. We will laugh and grow together. 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cost for the day is \$75, tea, muffins, and organic vegetarian feast included. Send check or money order to: Hobbit Gardens Erth Gatherings Center, 6213 E. C.R. 300 N. Fillmore, IN 46128, along with your name, address, phone number, e-mail. A confirmation e-mail or phone call will be sent. Any questions contact Constance 765-246-6315 or hobbitgardens@tds.net.

Sunday, March 9 Iris Growers of Eastern Indiana (Muncie) March meeting theme is "World of Irises," an introduction to the many different types of irises. Open to the public at no charge. 1:00 p.m., Minnetrista Cultural Center, 1200 North Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie. For questions, contact 765-282-3883.

Monday, March 10 Proposed Mounds Lake Reservoir on the White River: What's at Stake Botanist Kevin Tungesvick will give an informative talk about the impacts of the Mounds Lake reservoir proposed for the Madison/Delaware County area. Sponsored by Sierra Club. 7:00 p.m., Indiana Interchurch Center (dining room), 1100 West 42nd Street, Indianapolis (NE corner of 42nd & Michigan Rd).

Friday, March 14 IMA Horticultural Society Book Club The group will discuss *Genius of Place: the Life of Frederick Law Olmsted* by Justin Martin and select books for future meetings. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member of the Horticultural Society to participate. Questions? Contact Greg at gregory_shaner_454@comcast.net. 10:00 a.m., Newfield, Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis. www.imamuseum.org

Friday & Saturday, March 14 & 15 Morgan County MG Event (Martinsville) Garden Fest & Pansy Sale Enjoy educational seminars and 30+ vendors with garden-related products and services. Beautiful pansies will be sold at \$4/pot or \$22/flat containing 6 plants. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. Food and drinks available for purchase. Admission is free. Friday 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Hoosier Harvest Church, 4085 Leonard Road (just off of Hwy 252), Martinsville. For more info call Pat at 765-318-1192.

March 14–21 Spring Bulb Show at Garfield Park Conservatory It's springtime at the Garfield Conservatory! Come see our stunning display of tulips and other spring blooms against the backdrop of our permanent tropical collection. Admission \$3 per person or \$8 per family (max. 2 adults). Monday–Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bulb sale Saturday, March 22, at 10:00 a.m. Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis.
www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org

Sunday, March 16 Indianapolis Hosta Society Hostas of Indistinction Bob Solberg, Green Hills Farms, Chapel Hill, NC, nationally known lecturer, hybridizer and expert on growing hostas will discuss "hosta names wasted, where did they go and what's in a name." Learn about some long-lost hostas in this lecture. Free and open to the public. 2:00 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. www.indianapolishostasociety.org

March 17 to 23 National Wildlife Week 2014 Celebrate wildlife and our mutual connection to water, a life source for all living creatures whether human, animal, or plant. The National Wildlife Federation will feature over 40 different species across the country, from the endangered Hawaiian monk seal to swamp rabbits, whooping cranes and loons, spring peepers to spotted salamanders, rainbow trout to walleye and blue crab to dragonflies. You can get involved by adding an activity or lesson each day to do at home, school or with a youth group in your community. Host an event highlighting wildlife, such as learning to fish, taking a hike along a waterway, or even planting trees to help clean our water and provide habitat. Or even join in our social media campaign to get students and adults aware about wildlife and the important role of water. NWF will provide you with step by step guides, lessons and activities and even a great poster you will need to celebrate National Wildlife Week. Get started by [signing up](#) to get regular email updates and ideas.

Thursday, March 27 Friends of Heritage Gardens Program (Fishers) Join John Schaust, Chief Naturalist for Wild Birds Unlimited, for a look into springtime in Indiana, both past and present. John will explore the history and folklore of our glorious spring wildflowers and take a look at the wildlife and birds that make our state such a special place to celebrate the season. 7:00 p.m., Ambassador House and Heritage Gardens (lower level meeting room), 10595 Eller Road, Fishers. Open to the public, \$5 donation appreciated. Free to "Friends" garden club members. RSVP to Diane at feendk@sbcglobal.net if attending.

Saturday, March 29 IMA Garden Guide Training Begins The first of several training sessions for Garden Guides at the Indianapolis Museum of Art will take place March 29 with a morning seminar (8:30-noon) at DeBoest Lecture Hall. The presentations will include talks by Chad Franer, Bradley Brooks, and Irvin Etienne. New trainees should plan to stay after the main meeting for an orientation session. For more information, please contact IMA Volunteer Services at 317 923-1331 ext. 263 or volunteer@imamuseum.org

Tuesday, April 1 INPAWS Central Chapter Program (Plainfield) Importance of Native Bees as Wildflower Pollinators Dr. Peter Scott, Ph.D., recently retired associate professor of biology from Indiana State University, will talk about Indiana's 400+ species of native bees and their importance as wildflower pollinators. Sponsored by the local chapter of Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society. 7:00 p.m., Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, 1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield. www.inpaws.org

Saturday & Sunday, April 5 & 6 Indiana Daffodil Society Show Enjoy a magnificent display of hundreds of daffodils as the Indiana Daffodil Society presents "Spring Flourishes," featuring daffodils that are multi-flowered, fragrant, dwarf, miniature, standard, and/or historic. Free daffodil bouquets are available for children. Saturday 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Springmill Road, Indianapolis. www.indianadaffodilsociety.org.

Sunday–Tuesday, April 6–8 Garden Club of Indiana State Convention Trees: Architect for Life (Columbus) Join us for educational programs on the wide subject of trees and how they affect our environment. Topics include native trees and the understory, shade gardening, conserving our woodlands and marshes, and more. Three noted authors and radio personalities will give talks as well. Garden Club members, Master Gardeners, and all who like growing things green are welcome. Master Gardeners can earn up to six education hours credit. Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike Columbus. **Register by March 26** <http://www.gardenclubofindiana.org/meetings/state-events/2014-state-convention/>. Click on "Indiana Gardens" on the menu at the left, then follow the link to the February 2014 issue for the registration form on page 10 and speaker information on pages 14-15.

Saturday, April 12 Herb Society of Central Indiana Symposium Oooh la la...Artemisias! Celebrate the Herb of the Year—Artemisias (think Tarragon). Learn how to create artemesia liqueurs with Louisville Herb Meister chef Steve Lee; get tips on cooking with French herbs by Juniper Spoon's owner Lali Hess; and discover the lore and uses of the herb with Hobbit Gardens'

Constance Ferry. Member growers will have herb plants and products for purchase; we will enjoy herbal foods, herbal recipes, and have many herbal gift items in our silent auction. The money raised helps fund our: Culinary School Scholarship, our State 4-H Fair Best Herb Plant Prize of \$250, and the herbal/culinary gardens we help maintain at White River Gardens, Garfield Park, and the Culinary Program at Ivy Tech. Fee \$45 (\$40 for members) includes snacks and lunch. **Register by April 6.** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville. Find downloadable mail-in registration form at www.herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org. Follow the link to Symposium 2014. Questions? Call 317-251-6986.

Saturday, April 12 Spring Container Class (Fishers) A “make and take” container class presented by The Windowbox Gardener. Fee \$40, includes potting soil, container, spring flowers, and accents. Additional accents and fillers will be available for purchase. 1:00 p.m., Historic Ambassador House, 10595 Eller Road, Fishers To register, call Mary at 317-696-4047 or email Gretchen@windowboxgardener.com. The Windowbox Gardener is a full-service custom container design company. www.facebook.com/windowboxgardener

Slow Food Indy Events Viewing Party, TEDxManhattan “Change the Way We Eat”: Free webcast broadcast live in cities around the country. Conversations about food activism, sustainability, organics, animal welfare, food labor, and public health featuring an all-star lineup of food entrepreneurs, activists, farmers, researchers, and educators, including Top Chef mainstay Tom Colicchio. Three sessions: 10:30-12:25 Expand; 1:40-3:35 Collaborate; 4:15-6:30 Grow. Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., The Bureau, 719 Virginia Avenue, Indianapolis. [Register online](#) **March Book Club:** The group will discuss: [Farmer Jane by Temra Costa](#). Women are passionate advocates for sustainable food and farming and have been changing the way America eats and farms for decades. *Farmer Jane* tells 30 such stories of some exceptional women leaders that are working on this change by farming, educating, advocating, and/or transforming how we eat through their food businesses. Free. Thursday, March 13, 6:30 p.m., IMA Cafe, 4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis. [Register online](#) **Grow Your Own Salad Garden:** Maggie Goeglein of Fall Creek Gardens will lead students through a 90-minute course designed to give you all the info you need to plant a small salad garden anywhere you have room—in your backyard, on your deck or patio, or even on a windowsill. Fee \$5. Saturday, March 15, 2:30 p.m., The Platform at Indy City Market, 222 East Market Street, Indianapolis. [Register online, space is limited](#)

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 begins the work session with a discussion of a popular gardening topic or answers your questions; all sessions include time working in the garden. Tools and refreshments provided. Free. March 28, 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. March 26, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Indiana Daylily/Iris Society:** IDIS is a group dedicated to the promotion of daylilies and iris. Programs are open to the public. Free. March 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Indianapolis Hosta Society:** Organized in 1886, the Indianapolis Hosta Society consists of hosta enthusiasts who gather to learn more about shade gardening. Programs are open to the public. Free. March 16, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. **Indiana Daffodil Society:** See the newest styles of daffodils and learn how to extend your bloom season. Programs are open to the public. Free. March 22, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. Info at 317-327-7180. www.hollidaypark.org

Organic Gardening for Beginners Fall Creek Gardens and Indiana Organic Gardeners Association are offering their second annual winter class series. March classes are focused on sustaining your garden—what to do for weeds, pests, droughts, and other calamities. Choose from two sessions: Saturday, March 1, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Mezzanine Level, City Market, 222 East

Market Street, Indianapolis. Saturday, March 8, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Community Room, Unleavened Bread Café, 3001 Central Avenue, Indianapolis. April classes will focus on harvesting and seed-saving. Register at www.fallcreekgardens.org/events.

Tax Dollars at Work Planning an Arbor Day Event? Take a brief survey that will enable the Community and Urban Forestry staff to attend and give a planting demo, share your event with tree-minded people, and enlist the help of people in your area who have completed the Indiana Community Tree Stewards program. Community and Urban Forestry (CUF) is an initiative of IDNR's Division of Forestry. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ArborDay2014>

Bumble Bee Watch A new website BumbleBeeWatch.org enables you to identify and help protect bumble bees in North America. Connect with experts and enthusiasts to help track the status of these essential pollinators. Habitat loss, insecticide use, disease, and climate change all pose threats to North American bumble bees. The solution demands a continent-wide collaborative effort with citizen scientists like you who have helped us follow a handful of bumble bee species. A smartphone or simple digital camera is all that's needed. Watch the Bumble Bee Watch trailer video on [YouTube](#) and join this effort to conserve these at-risk species. Read more about bumble bees at risk on Xerces' [Project Bumble Bee web page](#)

Help! Avon Outdoor Learning Center Keep the doors open by helping us raise \$30,000. So far we have raised nearly \$5,000, enough to keep programming in place through May. Avon Outdoor Learning Center serves as an engaging outdoor classroom that has been used to teach science, math and history to our students. More than 9,100 students, parents, and faculty members visited the OLC during the 2012-13 school year. To contribute, visit <http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/instruction-coordinator-salary-fund>.

Volunteer Opportunities Fall Creek Gardens Great Indy Cleanup: April 5, 10am to 1pm. Meet at Unleavened Bread Café, please wear comfortable clothing and register [here](#). **Plant Beds at Indiana Flower & Patio Show, Urban Homestead Event:** March 4, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Register [here](#). Or March 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register [here](#). **Disassemble Beds at Indiana Flower & Patio Show, Urban Homestead Event:** March 16, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Register [here](#). **Watering Seedlings in Greenhouse at Indiana State Fairgrounds:** Now through Mid-May. Contact maggie@fallcreekgardens.org to learn more. **Maintain the Teaching Garden at Fall Creek Gardens:** May through August, volunteers are needed to plant, weed, water, harvest, and otherwise maintain the teaching garden. Contact maggie@fallcreekgardens.org to learn more.

Web Find Creative Critter Control For gardeners and others who want to approach critter control with insight and understanding, here are nature-friendly tips from a wildlife educator. Information on effective, non-toxic, humane control of: Gophers, Moles, Voles, Deer, Tree Squirrels, Ground Squirrels, Raccoons, Skunks, Opossums, Mice, Roof Rats, Wild Rabbits, Wild Turkeys, and other common wildlife. Suggestions seek the best outcome for both you and the animals, based on the premise that there is no need to harm or kill wildlife. Most troubling wildlife situations can be prevented or eliminated by removing or modifying attractants, installing physical barriers, and using repellents. www.creativecrittercontrol.org.

Worth Watching TED Talk on Walkable Cities How do we solve the problem of the suburbs? Urbanist Jeff Speck shows how we can free ourselves from dependence on the car -- which he calls "a gas-belching, time-wasting, life-threatening prosthetic device" -- by making our cities more walkable and more pleasant for more people. Jeff Speck is a city planner and the author of *Walkable City*. http://www.ted.com/talks/jeff_speck_the_walkable_city.html

Photo Notes They're baaaaak! Robins fill the branches of my hawthorn tree—a sure sign of spring. I've seen them fluffing up bravely against the arctic blasts and hope the orange berries will sustain them until the big thaw loosens the soil's icy grip on the earthworms. The landscape is

cold and grey now, but as a gardener I'm sustained by dreams of fragrant spring blossoms, perfect vegetables, lush flower gardens, all coming soon (I fervently hope!) to my backyard.

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