



## HortusScope | What's Up in the Central

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### **Now thru Saturday, May 11 Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Plant Sale**

Featuring native plants, annuals, perennials, herbs, and vegetable plants (including heirloom varieties). We also offer hanging baskets and beautiful planters of all sizes. Pay with cash or check; sorry, no credit cards. Proceeds benefit students in the ISBVI Horticulture Program. Weekdays noon to 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; closed Sundays. Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 7725 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis. For more info call 317-253-1481 x207 or visit [isbvik12.org](http://isbvik12.org).

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**Now through Sunday, May 12 Florathon 2019 Is On!** Competitive teams from all over the state are venturing out into our wild areas, state parks, and nature preserves to see how many Indiana native flowering plant species they can spot in bloom during a 24-hour period. Teams of two to six people are enrolling sponsors to support their citizen-science effort with a donation to Letha's Youth Outdoors Fund. Open to all. A great family project to get kids out into nature! Sponsored by the Indiana Native Plant Society. [Details](#)

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### **Thursday, May 2 Purdue University-Marion County Extension Lasagna Gardening Workshop**

Visit Temple Gardens to see an innovative method of building raised beds--lasagna gardening. Lasagna gardening can reduce the cost of building raised beds, utilize "waste" products, and create very biologically active growing beds. You will see beds that have already "cooked" for 6 months, and you'll learn the to build your own lasagna beds with a step-by-step recipe and hands-on demonstration. Workshop hosted by Temple Garden in partnership with the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District. Workshops are \$10 each or \$8 each for 3 or more. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Temple Garden, 4033 North Temple Avenue, Indianapolis. To register and to find out more about the summer workshop series, visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/h6qcmy>.

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### **Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4 Hancock County Herb Society & Master Gardener Association Plant Sale**

Get expert advice and select from a large array of plant choices. The Herb Society offers a variety of culinary, medicinal, decorative, and craft-use herbs along with tomato and pepper plants and potted perennials. Master Gardener choices include an extensive variety of perennials, vegetable plants, geraniums, begonias, and woodland plants. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hancock County Fairgrounds 4-H Show Arena, 620

Apple Street, Greenfield (southwest corner of Apple and Park Streets). For more information call 317-326-2274 or visit [www.facebook.com/HerbiesofHancockCounty](https://www.facebook.com/HerbiesofHancockCounty) or [hancockmga.com](http://hancockmga.com).

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**Saturday, May 4 Spring Bioblitz with University High School (Carmel)** Join students and Carmel Clay Parks staff at West Park to inventory flora and fauna at the site. For info contact Brittany McAdams at [bmcadams@carmelclayparks.com](mailto:bmcadams@carmelclayparks.com) or 317-573-4042.

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**Saturday, May 4 Johnson County Garden Club Garden Celebration (Franklin)** This 15th annual public event will include more than 50 flower, plant, and garden art vendors and guest speakers. Author-educator Sharon Sorenson of Mount Vernon, author of *Birds in the Yard: Month by Month* (2013), *Planting Native to Attract Birds to Your Yard* (2018), and the forthcoming *How Birds Behave* (fall 2019) will discuss how vital hummingbirds are to your garden. Also featured will be Indianapolis gardening expert and blogger Carol Michel ([www.maydreamsgardens.com](http://www.maydreamsgardens.com)); she has penned the trilogy *Potted and Pruned: Living a Gardening Life* (2017), *Homegrown and Handpicked: A Year in a Gardening Life* (2018), and *Seeded and Sodded: Thoughts from a Gardening Life* (2019). New this year will be interactive programs featuring Utopia Wildlife Rehabilitators from Hope, Indiana ([utopiarehab.wixsite.com/utopia](http://utopiarehab.wixsite.com/utopia)). Seed packets and tree saplings will be given away free while supplies last. Admission is \$2 at the door. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Johnson County Fairgrounds, Franklin. For questions, contact [jcgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:jcgardenclub@gmail.com).

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**Sunday, May 5 Marian University Native Plant Sale** Make shopping at Marian for native plants part of your annual gardening plan! All plants are of the native Indiana genotype, which helps ensure their success in Indiana gardens and restored habitats. Online ordering is available and lasts through the month of May. Pickup for online orders begins May 2. Twenty-seven species will be available, including all species available last year and a few more in 2019. Noon to 5:00 p.m., Nina Mason Pulliam Ecolab, Marian University. [www.marian.edu/about-marian/nina-mason-pulliam-ecolab/programs/community-programs/native-plant-sale](http://www.marian.edu/about-marian/nina-mason-pulliam-ecolab/programs/community-programs/native-plant-sale)

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**Tuesday, May 7 Indiana Daylily-Iris Society Reblooming Iris** Presentation by Mike Lockett, Roots & Blooms, and NCAP Daylily Distribution. 6:30 p.m., First Friends Church (parlor), 3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis. <http://indianadaylilyirissociety.org/>

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**Friday, May 10 Purdue Extension Lunch & Learn Fitting Cover Crops into the Plan** Presented by Kevin Allison, Soil Health Specialist, Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District. Find information at <https://extension.purdue.edu/article/24495>.

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**Saturday, May 11 Indiana Native Plant Society Plant Sale & Auction** Adding native plants to the landscape is something positive that any gardener can do to help build healthy ecosystems. This is THE place to learn and to buy. The Gymnasium of Park Tudor School will be chock full of Indiana natives to plant in designed landscapes or natural areas, and INPS members will be on hand to answer questions and help customers shop. Pre-sale presentation by INPS president

Ellen Jacquart, "Selling Invasive Plants in Indiana—Not Just a Bad Idea, It's Now Illegal," starts at 9:30 a.m. for a \$10 fee. The fee entitles ticket holders to hear the talk, begin shopping 15 minutes before the general public, and receive a \$10 discount on any auction purchase. Plant sale and book sale open 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Live auction begins at 11:15 and continues until every general sale plant is sold. Park Tudor School, Upper Gymnasium, 7200 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46240 (use the 71st Street entrance).

<https://indiananativeplants.org/gatherings/native-plant-sale-auction/>

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**Monday May 13 Indianapolis Hosta Society There's More in the Shade Garden than the Hosta** Presentation by Broch Martindale, IHS member, owner of Wild Flower Farms, and perennial plant grower, will cover some of our favorite shade plants and some new introductions coming to market. Broch will have plants to sell. Free and open to the public 6:30 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis.

[indianapolishostasociety.org](http://indianapolishostasociety.org)

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**Tuesday & Wednesday, May 14 & 15 Blossoms Garden Club Annual Plant Sale** Perennials, houseplants, garden items & more. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fort Benjamin Harrison YMCA, 5736 Lee Road, Indianapolis.

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**Thursday, May 16 Purdue University-Marion County Extension Urban Livestock Workshop** Meet the goats and chickens (and their caretaker) at Paramount School of Excellence to learn about the ins and outs of keeping livestock in the city. What do the animals need to be happy and healthy? What does the City require to be happy and...legal? We'll cover the basics of feed, housing, care schedules, city livestock ordinances, and give you a peek into the goat milking process. Workshops are \$10 each or \$8 each for 3 or more. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Paramount School of Excellence, 3020 Nowland Avenue, Indianapolis. To register and to find out more about the summer workshop series, visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/h6qcmv>.

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**Saturday, May 18 Indiana Daylily-Iris Society Iris Show** Chuck Bunnell, Show Chair. Set-up: 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. Judging: 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Public viewing: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sullivan Hardware & Garden (pavilion), 6955 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis.

<http://indianadaylilyirissociety.org/>

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**Saturday, May 18 Join a Weed Wrangle in Indianapolis** Amazing things are happening all over the State of Indiana on the [invasive species](#) front, and now you will have more opportunities in Marion County to join the mission. A new [Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area \(CISMA\)](#) is in its early stages of development and has scheduled the first Weed Wrangles in Indianapolis. Check out these events to help eradicate invasive species and improve natural habitats in Indiana: [Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, May 18, Graham Martin Park](#) ; [Indy Dept. of Land Stewardship, May 18, Eagle Creek Park](#). More info on CISMAs in Indiana at [Indiana Invasive Species Council](#).

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**Saturday, May 18 Hamilton County Master Gardeners Assn 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Plant Sale (Noblesville)** Thousands of plants, sorted by sun-loving, part-sun, and shade...perennials,

herbs, vegetables...shrubs, trees. Specialty tables with tough plants, water plants, succulents, Indiana native plants, and pollinator-friendly plants. Garden Store items and lots of free gardening advice. Visit our daylily/iris bed where our iris will be in full bloom; you can pick your color and we will dig it for you! Our Plant Sale funds several scholarships and other small local grants every year. Held on the third Saturday of every May. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 4H Fairgrounds, Noblesville. Bring your wagons, and we do accept credit cards!

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**Sunday, May 19 Iris Growers of Eastern Indiana Annual Iris Show (Muncie)** Anyone is welcome to enter iris grown in his or her garden into the show. Enter stalks or arrangements from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Judging starts at 11:00 a.m. Show hours 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Minnetrista Cultural Center, 1200 North Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie. Address questions to Mary Lou at 317-414-5019.

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**Wednesday, May 22 National & International Perspectives on Climate (Carmel)** Join Carmel Green Initiative at the Carmel Library to learn about national and international perspectives on climate change. Mayor Jim Brainard will share his insights and takeaways from travels to climate conferences around the world, and plans for solar and a greenhouse gas inventory in Carmel. Greg Kempf with Citizens Climate Lobby will provide an update on legislation in Congress and talk about how putting a price on carbon would work. [Read more and RSVP](#)

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**Saturday, June 1 Sages Garden Club Plant Sale Fundraiser** 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 6725 La Tour Circle, Indianapolis (part of the Normandy Farms Neighborhood Sale).

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**Monday & Tuesday, June 3 & 4 Fort Benjamin Blossoms Garden Club Celebration of National Garden Week** The theme this year is "Birds, Bees, and Butterflies." Featured speakers are Don Gorney, Member of Indiana Audubon Society, *Attracting Birds to Your Garden and Yard*, June 3; and Pat Solenberg, Beekeeper, Geist Valley Bees, *Introduction to Honey Bee Biology and Backyard Beekeeping*, June 4. These programs will be held at the Lawrence Public Library, 7898 North Hague Road, Indianapolis, IN, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each day. Also, available in the lobby of the Benjamin Harrison YMCA, 5736 Lee Rd. Indianapolis, will be a display of information and handouts featuring birds, bees, and butterflies. All events free and open to the public. For more information, contact David at [tatum.david@att.net](mailto:tatum.david@att.net) or 317-371-7500.

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**Tuesday, June 4 Indiana Daylily-Iris Society Daffodils** Presentation by Lisa Kuduk, Winchester, KY. 6:30 p.m., First Friends Church (parlor), 3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis. <http://indianadaylilyirissociety.org/>

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**Wednesday, June 5 Indianapolis Garden Club Garden Walk Fine Gardeners Meet Fine Artists** This 24<sup>th</sup> annual Garden Walk showcases six of the city's finest gardens, this year featuring a local fine artist working *en plein air* (outdoors) in each garden. Claude Monet was one of the earliest impressionists to make painting *en plein air* popular; the technique enabled artists to capture the subtle and intense colors brought out by changes in natural light. The Garden Walk enables visitors to witness the multitude of colors in magnificently tended local gardens and watch them appear in the oil, acrylic, porcelain and glass of artists working among

them. Artworks created in the gardens will be available for purchase. This event raises funds for nonprofits that serve conservation, civic improvement, and beautification projects in Indianapolis. Garden locations and a map are provided with ticket purchase. Event is held rain or shine. Garden Walk is 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Optional Luncheon at Woodstock Club is 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. [Purchase tickets](#)

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**Saturday, June 8 Indianapolis Hosta Society Annual June Hosta Show & Sale** At the show, see displays of hosta leaves from many different cultivars, and learn more about hostas and the Indianapolis Hosta Society and its programs. At the sale, find the newest hostas on the market from miniatures to giants as well as hostas you will not find in box stores. Featured vendors: Pine View Nursery, Leitchfield, KY; Utopos Gardens, Indianapolis, IN; Dannaher Landscaping, Columbus, OH; Smith's Gardens, Delaware, OH; Lulu's Petals, Indianapolis, IN; Ohland Studios, West Lafayette, IN. Cash, check and most major credit cards accepted. The sale funds our community service and educational projects. Hosta Sale noon to 4:00 p.m. (or until all plant material is sold); Hosta Show 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. [indianapolishostasociety.org](http://indianapolishostasociety.org)

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**Thursday–Friday, June 13-14 Cincinnati Garden Tour** Join Friends of Holliday Park for this unique opportunity to visit some of the most spectacular gardens in Cincinnati. Horticulturist Chris Turner will lead an unforgettable tour of historic gardens, specialty nurseries, and eight exclusive private gardens rarely open to the public. Highlights include Krohn Conservatory, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, and Spring Grove Cemetery. [Details and registration](#)

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**Good News for Monarchs** Pursuing its quest to make Carmel, Indiana, a Monarch Friendly City, Spring Green Garden Club is proud to announce that the City has updated its Public Health and Safety Code with regards to Division II: 6-88 Removal of Weeds, Debris, and Other Such Rank Vegetation. They now include common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) and swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) in the list of Valued Plants! Congratulations to all who worked to make this happen.

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**Citizen Science Opp Wildflower Walks in Carmel Clay Parks** Native wildflower communities are the crowning jewel of any forest habitat as spring arrives. These delicate ephemerals are sensitive to habitat change and require annual monitoring to ensure their long-term sustainability in our park system. Join us to participate in weekly wildflower walks this spring (Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.) as we map and monitor these beauties! Bring your smartphone to use iNaturalist or bring your favorite wildflower ID guide! Register at [http://apm.activecommunities.com/carmelclayparks/Activity\\_Search/12387](http://apm.activecommunities.com/carmelclayparks/Activity_Search/12387).

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**Free Resources for Hamilton County Gardeners** Thinking of starting a vegetable garden? Have concerns with your existing garden? The Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District can help with these and other issues. As part of its Urban Agriculture program, SWCD staff are available for free site visits to any backyard and community vegetable garden in Hamilton County. Staff can provide guidance with planning, advice on weed and pest management, soil health information, yield increase through conservation, tip sheets, and much more. To

schedule a site visit, contact Andrew Fritz at [andrew.fritz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:andrew.fritz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) or 317-773-2181. Tip sheets and many other online resources on gardening topics are available at [www.HamiltonSWCD.org/UrbanAgriculture](http://www.HamiltonSWCD.org/UrbanAgriculture).

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**Plant Shopping! Native Plants Unlimited** Our 2019 Native Plant Catalog is available at: <https://www.nativeplantsunlimited.com/plantsale.htm> Plant pickup will be at Geist Nursery in Fishers May 3 through May 19. Pick and choose from the thousands of plants in our inventory. Details are on our web site and in the downloadable catalog. Address questions to George Peregrim, 317-607-7343.

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**Plant Shopping! Indiana Wildlife Federation** IWF offers a variety of native flowers, shrubs, and trees to spruce up your yard or create new habitats. We are continuing our partnership with Cardno Native Plant Nursery to provide a selection of native plant kits, bare root shrubs and trees, and seed packets. Each plant kit contains 50 native plants that will be delivered to your door. Every purchase supports IWF and Indiana's wildlife. For more information visit <https://www.indianawildlife.org/wildlife/native-plants/native-plant-sale/>.

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**Plant Shopping! Hamilton County SWCD Native Plant Kits & Rain Barrels** Native plant kits take the guesswork out of plant selection by providing a set of plants that will be perfect for your yard. Each native plant kit contains 50 native plant plugs for \$120. There is a kit for all areas of your yard including pollinator, rain (for wetter areas), prairie, and shade garden. Each kit contains 10 species of native perennials and can fill a space 50 to 150 square feet. Rain barrels are also available for pre-order for \$75. These re-purposed barrels capture rainwater from your downspout and roof and hold it for later use. Pre-pay for your barrel and choose between grey, terra cotta, black, and—new this year—green, fifty-five gallon rain barrels. Diverters systems for easy installation are also available for \$25. Plant kit and rain barrel pre-orders can be placed online at [www.hamiltonswcd.org](http://www.hamiltonswcd.org) or by visiting the SWCD office at 1717 Pleasant Street in Noblesville. Orders are due **by May 10**. Orders will be available for pick up on Friday May 24 in Noblesville. Proceeds support conservation projects and education in Hamilton County. Address questions to Claire Lane at [claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) or 317-773-2181. <http://www.hamiltonswcd.org>

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**Hikes with Central Indiana Land Trust Wildflower Walk at Left Gate Farm:** 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 4, private preserve near Eagle Creek Park. Free. Register [here](#). We hope to see you on a hike soon!

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**Travel Garden and Nature Tours with C. Colston Burrell** Experience nature's beauty and diversity in designed and native landscapes. Burrell has teamed up with [Carlson Wagonlit Travel](#) and [The Minnesota State Horticultural Society](#) to sponsor Garden and Nature Tours with C. Colston Burrell, offering personalized leisure tours to exceptional gardens and natural areas around the globe. 2019 Tours: Brazil's Gardens and Birds, July 9-23; Gardens of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley, September 3-9. <https://gardenandnaturetours.com/>

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**How Can I Save My Ornamental Pear Tree?** Purdue's Rosie Lerner has some answers.

<https://www.purduelandscapereport.org/article/ornamental-pear-fallout/>

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**Photo Notes** I love my Silverstream tulips, an early blooming Darwin hybrid. Their leaves sport a slender, creamy margin, and the flowers are a mix of soft pastels with darker flecks. Best thing about these, they last for years!

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