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Up in the Central Indiana Gardening Community | Cover illustration by Gillian Harris

Sunday, November 3 Explore Bryophytes with The Mad Botanist (Greencastle) A Sunday afternoon in the field introducing and discussing mosses, liverworts, and, if we are lucky, hornworts. West Central Indiana, Putnam County, specific site TBD. No fee, but registration required as participation is limited to 15. 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Putnam County (near Greencastle). Text or call 317-205-5440 to register. themadbotanist.com

Saturday, November 9 Indiana Native Plant Society Annual Conference Building Biodiversity: The Art and the Science (Fort Wayne) The keynote address will be given by Patrick McMillan, the six-time Emmy Award-winning writer and host of "Expeditions with Patrick McMillan," seen on PBS television. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Grand Wayne Conference Center, Fort Wayne. Full schedule at <https://indiananativeplants.org/ac2019-overview/>. Preregistration is now closed, but we are accepting walk-ins the day of the event.
www.indianapolishostasociety.org

Wednesday, November 13 Indianapolis Hosta Society Color in the Garden Can color theory can assist you in the garden? Ron and Linda Williams, owners of Garden Travelers, show which colors add depth and which color combinations give a feeling of calm or make certain plants pop and add excitement to the garden. Find a different way to look at color in the garden by taking a closer look at the color wheel and color theory. Free and open to the public.
6:30 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis.
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Wednesday, November 13 Fall Gardening & Getting Ready for Winter (New Palestine) This workshop with The Mad Botanist, Bill McKnight, is part of the Green Thumb Series at the Hancock County Library. Free, max enrollment 80. Walk-ins okay, but preregistration

recommended. 6:00 to 7:45 p.m., Sugar Creek Branch, Hancock County Library, 5731 West US 52, New Palestine. hancockmga.com

Saturday, November 16 Greening the Statehouse 2019 (Westfield) This is Indiana's biggest environmental advocacy event. Hoosier Environmental Council's annual one-day conference is a chance to learn about the upcoming legislative session, hear from experts regarding important environmental issues, and network with like-minded individuals from across Indiana. This year's event is being held at the IMMI Conference Center in Westfield. Register at <https://www.hecweb.org/gts19-registration/>.

Sunday, December 15 Natural Healing with Local Plants Due to the huge success of this event in October, the presenter has agreed to repeat the program in December. Dr. Candace Corson, who practices Integrative Medicine, will demonstrate and assist participants with making their own jar of healing cream which helps with multiple types of skin conditions and injuries. She will discuss this ancient healing remedy that uses wild white yarrow, along with the use and benefit of other plants and flowers such as jewelweed, plantain, violets, and dandelions. This is a hands-on class. Please plan on staying 2½ hours from start to finish. Everyone will take home their own jar of salve! There is a suggested donation of \$3.00 per person or family to cover the cost of the olive oil and beeswax. Sponsored by Indiana Native Plant Society (INPS) Central Chapter in partnership with the Nora Branch Library. 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., Nora Library, 8625 Guilford Avenue, Indianapolis. Class size is limited. Registration required at <https://attend.indypl.org/>.

Volunteer Opp Central Indiana Land Trust If autumn's crisper temperatures have you eager to get outside, CILTI has several volunteer days coming up. These are a great way to go behind the scenes on our nature preserves, led by our stewardship team. Sites: November 13, [White Owl Conservation Area](#), Indianapolis; November 20, [Burnett Woods](#), Avon. 10:00 a.m. to noon on these Wednesdays. Check our [events page](#) for the full listing of hikes and work days, and be sure to RSVP online so we know to expect you.

Registration Open Earn the Urban Agriculture Certificate Designed by Purdue Extension, this training is tailored to the dynamics of small-scale urban agriculture (usually an acre or less), which is often in partnership with other individuals or organizations. The intended audience includes for-profit and non-profit market farmers and gardeners, community garden organizers, school garden leaders, urban homesteaders, and other urban agriculture project leaders. Participants will (1) receive in-depth instruction for urban organic crop production—from farm design through harvest techniques; (2) clarify their project vision and strengthen their community impact; (3) learn to think like an enterprise to achieve economic sustainability. The training takes place Tuesday evenings, 6:00 to 8.30 p.m., November 5 through March 24, followed by field trips and workshops on urban farms and gardens from April through September. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.indygrown.com/urban-agriculture-certificate-program/>. Flyer is at <https://spa2013.itap.purdue.edu/extended/pdf/Documents/2019%20-2020%20UAC%20flier.pdf>.

Travel Garden and Nature Tours with C. Colston Burrell Experience nature's beauty and diversity in designed and native landscapes with C. Colston Burrell, who offers personalized leisure tours to exceptional gardens and natural areas around the globe. 2020 Tours: May 20-30, Twenty English Gardens You Must See Before You Die. May 17-20, Chelsea Flower Show Pre-Tour. November, Gardens and Temples of Tokyo and Kyoto with Hiroshima Post-Tour. <https://gardenandnaturetours.com/>

Photo Notes Poof! There with the first hard freeze went all the summer flowers. Oh well. Before long, it will be spring again, and we'll walk the woods to spy those spring ephemerals that bloom while trees are still bare, admitting sunshine to the forest floor. I know just the thing to help you anticipate this: a new children's book hot off the press. Produced by the Indiana Native Plant Society, *Wake Up, Woods* showcases the splendor of the eastern woodlands through true-to-life illustrations that depict plants, such as green dragon and bloodroot, along with the insects, birds and mammals that have specialized roles in the plant's reproduction. It's a book to give and savor with kids and grandkids over the holidays. Available at Kids Ink, Barnes & Noble, and Amazon. Highly recommended!

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