



HortusScope | What's Up in

the Central Indiana Gardening Community | Photo by Wendy Ford

Tuesday, June 1 Indiana Daylily-Iris Society Hybridizing in the Tundra Phil and Luel Korth own Pinewood Gardens in a northern suburb of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Although close to Lake Michigan, the shallow bay freezes each winter and offers no temperature moderation. This means they are a full zone colder than directly across the lake in western Michigan. All their plants are field grown on sandy soil amended with topsoil and compost. Hybridizing daylilies since 1997, their program features full form tetraploids in a variety of colors and large green throated diploids. Raising around 1000 new seedlings each year, they have introduced 197 plants. All introductions are by both Phil and Luel so they have to agree on the flower and name. Prepare to hear the challenges of hybridizing in zone 4 and what future introductions may be coming from their work. 6:30 p.m., at First Friends Church, 3030 Kessler Blvd, East Drive, Indianapolis. www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org

Wednesday, June 2 Indianapolis Garden Club 25th Annual Garden Walk The event will showcase five of the city's finest urban and northside gardens, feature a local fine artist working *en plein air* in each garden (with the works for sale), and raise funds for nonprofits that serve conservation, civic improvement, and beautification projects in Indianapolis. The event is rain or shine, and tickets are non-refundable. Due to Covid restrictions, no luncheon option will be offered. Since 1996, proceeds from the annual Garden Walk have allowed the Indianapolis Garden Club to direct more than half a million dollars back into the City. The Club is a member of the Garden Club of America. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Garden addresses and map obtained with ticket purchase at <http://indianapolisgardenclub.org/garden-walk/>.

Thursday, June 3 Establishing and Maintaining a Wildlife Garden Whether you have a small or large space to grow flowers, are a beginner or have an established garden, Nancy Tatum will show you how growing flowers can attract wildlife. She will also discuss the importance of growing native plants, non-pesticide use, and how to certify your yard as a wildlife habitat with the Indiana Wildlife Federation. Vice President of Indiana Native Plant Society's Central Chapter, Nancy is a self-taught gardener for over 25 years who has transformed her yard into a sanctuary for wildlife, including pollinators. She also has a large area for milkweed and raises monarchs from caterpillars she finds on the plants. Joint webinar presentation by Indianapolis Public Library and INPS Central Chapter. All are welcome to attend. 7:00 p.m. Register at <https://attend.indypl.org/event/5074552> to receive a Zoom link.

Saturday, June 5 Sages Garden Club 4th Annual Plant Sale A variety of plants will be available, including perennials, annuals, vegetables, and herbs. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 7121 Normandy Way, Indianapolis. Address any questions to rjkerner13@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 5 Spring Green Garden Club Plant Sale 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Woodlands' Neighborhood Clubhouse, 10700 Lakeshore Drive East, Carmel.

Saturday, June 5 Indianapolis Hosta Society Annual Hosta Sale Buy the newest hostas on the market from miniatures to giants as well as hostas you will not find in box stores. Vendors include Pine View Nursery, Kevin Collard; Dannaher Nursery, Leslie and Dave Dannaher; Utopos Gardens, Chris Turner; Ohland Studios, Emily Ohland; Glenn's Garden Glass, Glenn Jable; Tree Frog Gardens, John Chapin; Cindy Thompson Glass. Cash, check, and most major credit cards accepted. Noon to 4:00 p.m., or until all plant material is sold, Holliday Park Nature Center Courtyard, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis.

A Good Laugh New Service from Garden Writer Carol Michel Are you working hard on your garden but getting little or no interest from your friends and relatives? The author of my favorite blog and several books of garden wisdom/humor is offering to come and admire your garden, for a fee. Just waiting for the right moment to sign up. <https://caroljmichel.com/?s=admiring>

Free Tours The Medicinal Plant Garden at the Indiana Medical History Museum demonstrates over 100 species from around the world. Informational signage tells how the plants have been used, and visitors are welcome to wander at their own pace. Free guided tours of the garden are offered on the **1st and 3rd Saturday mornings** in June thru September at 11:00 am. Group tours can be arranged by contacting the museum. More information is available at www.imhm.org and 317 635-7329.

Cicada Guidance Purdue Extension entomologists say cicadas aren't something that needs to be managed. Females will lay eggs in ¼" to ½" diameter branches. This may cause flagging or dieback on smaller branches, but mature, healthy trees will outgrow the damage in time. Cicadas prefer oaks, maples, fruit trees and smaller trees or shrubs. If you have a newly planted smaller tree or shrub, netting with holes smaller than 3/8" may help prevent cicada damage. Netting would only need to be on vulnerable trees for about a month during peak emergence.
<https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/cicadas/>

Cicada Fun Want some fun ways to enjoy a little cicada magic? Check out [Purdue's Cicada Page](#) or the DNR's [Cicada Page](#). Download the [Cicada Safari](#) app and report on emergence in your area.

Get on the Map! Homegrown National Park™ Doug Tallamy's remarkable book *Nature's Best Hope* outlines a grassroots approach to conservation that homeowners everywhere can participate in. Relying on the initiatives of private individuals, this approach is immune from the whims of government policy, and is practical, effective, and easy. When you've planted some native plants, add your property to the national map of the growing Homegrown National Park™. Learn more at HomegrownNationalPark.org.

Garden Wisdom Bimonthly Sunday Classes with the Mad Botanist Rare, unique, non-credit, self-improvement educational opportunity including outside activity (participants need to be ambulatory). Every class is different and tailored to the participants (8 maximum); come ready to ask and answer questions (Socratic Method). [General Syllabus](#) [Testimonials](#) 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., 1st & 3rd Sundays through November; rain date the next Sunday. Check "Class" at themadbotanist.com for particulars.

Plant Shopping! Buy Natives Directory Indiana Native Plant Society makes it easy for you to locate native plants for sale. Our interactive Buy Natives Directory lets you find sellers and designers near you

who offer native plants and do not use or sell invasive plants. A new URL takes you there directly:
www.BuyIndianaNatives.org

Grow Your Own! Indianapolis Public Library Seed Library We provide seeds for check-out as well as education and resources about growing and saving seeds and organic gardening. The Seed Library is open and free to the public. For checkout and seed donation guidelines, please [contact](#) your local seed library branch. Find a list of available seeds and branch locations at <https://www.indypl.org/services/seed-library>

Volunteer Opp Join HIP Weed Wrangles® in Hamilton County This year, the first ever series of Weed Wrangles will be held across Hamilton County. These volunteer invasive species removal events are brought to you by the Hamilton County Invasive Species Partnership (HIP). HIP partners will be hosting Weed Wrangles throughout the year, targeting invasive species at parks and other public lands where invasive species are having a detrimental impact on our natural ecosystems. Eradicating these species is often a multi-year effort. Weed Wrangle volunteers learn how to manage a targeted invasive species and get to work as part of a collaborative effort to improve a natural area. Weed Wrangles are led by experts, so are a great opportunity for hands-on learning about invasive species and their management. Find Weed Wrangle volunteer opportunities at www.hcinvasives.org/weedwrangle. Registration is required, and new events are being added all the time. Address questions to 317-773-2181. **Weed Wrangle® Indiana** is part of a national movement to highlight the importance of managing invasive species and celebrate our native plant communities. To find Weed Wrangle events in your area, visit sicim.info/weed-wrangle-indiana.

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. 2021 Tours: October: Gardens and National Parks of New Zealand. <https://gardenandnaturetours.com/>

Arrrgh! Protect Indiana's Wetlands It's sorely disappointing that Governor Holcomb signed the anti-wetlands bill SEA 389 into law, despite his own environmental agencies opposing the bill and an unprecedented coalition of 100+ organizations calling on him to veto it. The Hoosier Environmental Council will not give up defending our wetlands. Here are five ways that they're working to protect wetlands, and specific ways that you can help. <https://indiananativeplants.org/2021/hoosier-environmental-council-defends-indiana-wetlands/>

Photo Notes Forest bathing in Eagle Creek Park was soothing today. Our little dogs in hand, we searched for blooming wildflowers on the forest floor and spied a racoon speeding along a path. A large family gathered in a nearby pavilion spread laughter and good cheer. We hugged our grandchildren this weekend. Life is good.

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