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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION | MARCH 2022

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Upcoming Meeting

Please join the Delaware County Master Gardener Association for our next meeting on **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**. Attendees will be able to learn about home greenhouses from ANR Extension Educator, Laurynn Thieme.

Social time begins at 6:30 PM followed by the presentation at 7:00. A brief business meeting will follow. Members and guests are encouraged to attend in-person in the Cantina Room of Minnetrista. Face masks and social distancing will be required. A Zoom meeting link will be distributed via email to those who would prefer to attend virtually. You can email delcomg1@gmail.com with questions.

Wildflower Weekend at Clifty Falls State Park

Saturday, April 9 & Sunday, April 10 ~Madison, IN

Participate in presentations, crafts, and hikes throughout the weekend.

Wildflower Strolls at Turkey Run State Park

Saturday, April 2 & Saturday, April 9 ~ Marshall, IN

Enjoy short 1/2-mile guided wildflower hikes. Tours begin at 12pm.

Wildflower Weekend at McCormick's Creek State Park

Friday, April 8 - Sunday, April 10 ~ Spencer, IN

Hike the park and some off-site secluded places. Take home plants and wildflowers, courtesy of the Friends' Group.

April is National Gardening Month!

April 14 National Gardening Day

April 15 Arbor Day

April 22 Earth Day



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Remember to report your volunteer and educational hours at
www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener



PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Stay connected with the DCMGA by visiting delcomastergardener.org to learn more about upcoming activities, view photos from recent events, and read the latest edition of the newsletter.

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Monthly Gardener Checklist

April 2022

– written by Rosie Lerner, Extension
Consumer Horticulturist, Purdue University

HOME (Indoor plants and activities)

- Start seeds of warm-season plants (including tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, marigolds, zinnias, and petunias) indoors for transplanting later to the garden.
- Harden off transplants started earlier in spring before planting outdoors. Gradually expose the young plants to outdoor conditions of wind, brighter sunlight, and lower moisture.
- Apply fertilizer to houseplants according to label directions as days grow brighter and longer and new growth begins. Foliage plants require relatively high-nitrogen fertilizer, while blooming plants thrive on formulations that are higher in phosphorus.
- Keep Easter lily in a bright, cool location, out of direct sunlight. Water as soil begins to dry. You can remove the yellow, pollen-bearing anthers inside the flower by pinching to prevent staining the petals.

YARD (Lawns, woody ornamentals & fruits)

- Plant a tree in celebration of Arbor Day, April 15. You should plant bare-root stock before new top growth begins. You can plant balled and burlapped and containerized stock later in spring.
- Complete pruning chores. Remove dead and injured branches first.
- Apply a prebloom, multipurpose orchard spray to fruit trees.
- Remove winter coverings from roses, but keep mulch nearby to protect them from late freezes. Prune and fertilize as needed.
- Apply pre-emergent herbicide to control crabgrass in lawns. Approximate application dates are late March to mid-April in southern Indiana and mid-April to early May in northern Indiana. Exact timing varies each year with weather conditions.

GARDEN (Flower, vegetables, & small fruits)

- Plant seeds of cool-season crops directly in the garden as soon as the soil dries enough to be worked. When squeezed, soil should crumble instead of forming a ball. Cool-season crops that can be direct-seeded include peas, lettuce, spinach, carrots, beets, turnips, parsnips and Swiss chard.
- Plant transplants of cool-season crops, such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, kohlrabi and onions.
- Plant or transplant asparagus and rhubarb crowns. For best plant establishment, do not harvest until the third year after planting.
- Plant sections of certified, disease-free potato “seed” tubers.
- Allow the foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to remain in place after blooms fade. Leaves manufacture the food reserves, which are then stored in the bulb for a repeat showing next year.
- Plant hardy perennials, such as daylilies and delphiniums.
- Start tuberous begonias and caladiums indoors for transplanting to garden later.
- Remove winter mulch from strawberries, but keep mulch handy in case late frosts are predicted and to help keep weeds under control.
- Plant or transplant strawberries, raspberries, and other small fruit.
- Prune grape vines to remove dead or weakened limbs and to thin as needed.
- Repair support trellises as needed.

Treasurer's Report

Dottie Kreps, Treasurer

| Date of Report: 3/14/22 | | 1/5/22 | 1/31/22 | 2/28/22 | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance Brought Forward | | \$15,119.16 | \$15,129.16 | \$15,129.29 | |
| Income | | \$10.00 | \$0.13 | \$20.12 | \$30.25 |
| Expenses | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Balance On Hand | | \$15,129.16 | \$15,129.29 | \$15,149.41 | |
| Income | Goals | | | | |
| Annual Master Gardener Dues | \$600.00 | \$10.00 | | \$20.00 | \$30.00 |
| Garden Walk | \$0.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Growing Through Gardening | \$1,000.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Kids Camp ~ Future MG | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Kids Camp ~ Mini MG | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Plant Sale | \$3,000.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Walmart Volunteer Grant | \$1,000.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Wassons Sponsorship~Take Out Gardens | \$500.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Bank Interest | | | \$0.13 | \$0.12 | \$0.25 |
| Miscellaneous & Clearing Acct | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$6,100.00 | | \$0.13 | \$20.12 | \$20.25 |
| | | | | | |
| Expenses | Budget | | | | |
| Bucket Community Garden | \$0.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Childrens Museum | \$200.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Community Garden-Maring Hunt | \$0.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Community Garden-Red Tail | \$100.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Farm Fest | \$100.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Farmers Market | \$200.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Garden Fair | \$100.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Garden Walk | \$0.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Growing Through Gardening | \$1,000.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Kids Camp ~ Future MG | \$650.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Kids Camp ~ Mini MG | \$650.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Plant Sale | \$600.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Scholarship ~ MG Training | \$400.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Scholarship ~ State Conference | \$275.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Tree Planting Event | \$0.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Washington Street Festival | \$150.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| New Events | \$200.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Association Expenses | | | | | |
| Banquet | \$500.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Board Expenses | \$100.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Booklets | \$150.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Donations & Sponsorships | \$150.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Fall Potluck | \$150.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Hospitality | \$100.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Insurance | \$350.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Marketing & Event Supplies | \$500.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| *Marketing ~ Take Out Gardens | \$500.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Meeting Facilities & Speakers | \$800.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Postage | \$100.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Printing & Copies | \$50.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Purdue Extension Expenses | \$150.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Website Hosting & Maintenance | \$275.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Miscellaneous & Clearing Acct | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$8,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Sixteen Extension Master Gardeners and guests were present at Minnetrista. An additional twenty-nine members and guests participated via Zoom.

First Vice President Martha McClurg welcomed attendees to meeting. The education presentation for the evening features a virtual tour of Seed Savers Exchange. Seed Savers Exchange is a non-profit organization in Decorah, Iowa that works to preserve food biodiversity through the collection and distribution of heirloom seeds. The virtual tour consisted of 4 video recordings. Martha said that several of the videos were recorded during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was explained during the presentation that Seed Savers Exchange grows seeds for both catalog and collection. Catalog cultivation includes large-scale seed production for distribution to gardeners and consumers. Collection cultivation includes small-scale production of heirloom seeds to regenerate and refresh Seed Saver Exchange's seed bank.

Martha explained that gardeners can obtain seeds through Seed Savers Exchange (SSE) through two methods. First, gardeners may order seed through SSE's catalog. Secondly, Seed Savers Exchange offers a member-bases exchange program that allows gardeners from across the country to share, swap, and trade rare and unique seeds.



Video #1: An Intro to Seed Savers Exchange

<https://youtu.be/GHCOIAkc-hY>



Video #2: Catalog Trials and Ridgetop Tour

<https://youtu.be/dadqlzZRVJ4>

Video #3: Preservation Lab

https://youtu.be/U_2Esias7AA

Video #4: Seed House Tour

<https://youtu.be/pBpmeTuySuU>

Website: www.seedsavers.org

CALL TO ORDER

President Sarah Kreps called the business meeting to order at 8:29 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted in the February newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Dottie Kreps reported a membership deposit of \$20 and \$0.13 of interest for the month of February. There was one withdrawal of \$20 for printing expenses. The current account balance is \$15,129.29.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Delaware Co. Farm Fest

Sylvia Finney, Dottie Kreps, and Sarah Kreps are co-chairpersons for the event. The Delaware County Farm Festival will be held on Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 16 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Extension Master Gardeners will be helping children plant seeds in a cup. The committee is looking for volunteers. There will be four volunteers per shift

Plant Sale

Chairperson Dottie Kreps reported on the event. The Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

Members were asked to grow or propagate a minimum of 10 plants for the sale. Members are encouraged to begin growing plants now in preparation for the sale. Dottie explained the plants should be healthy, potted in a clean pot, and a labeled. The label information should include name of the plant, care instructions (sun required, watering needed), bloom color, height, and price. Plant labels can be printed off from the "Members Only" section of the DCMGA website. Labels can be threaded through the tines of a plastic fork and stuck in the dirt, taped to a plastic knife and stuck in the dirt, taped to a plastic straw and stuck in the dirt, or taped to the pot or container.

Plants can be dropped off at the fairgrounds on Friday, May 13 from 2 to 5 PM. Volunteers will be present to help price plants. Donated plants should not be poisonous or invasive. Members may also donate other garden items such as garden tools, yard art, and books for the sale.

Hospitality

Sarah Kreps encouraged members to contact chairperson Mark Kreps to volunteer to bring refreshments to an upcoming membership meeting. Snacks should be individually wrapped. Sarah reported that one person has signed-up to bring refreshments to the March meeting.

Red-tail Project & Market Committees

Sarah Kreps announced that chairpersons are still needed for the Red-tail project and Marketing Committee. Sarah said that the Red-tail project would involve restoring the native plant garden at the Red-tail Nature Preserve near Prairie Creek Reservoir that the DCMGA installed several years ago. The garden is overgrown and needs attention. The plant bed includes a large boulder engraved with the DCMGA logo.

Indiana Flower & Patio Show

Sarah Kreps announced that Debbie Cowan will be the chairperson for the Indiana Flower & Patio. DCMGA has been assigned to work the Purdue Extension booth on Saturday, March 19, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Six volunteers are needed and will work two hour shifts. Contact both Debbie and Laurynn Thieme if you would like to volunteer for the event.

Minnetrista Farmers Market

Deanna Hines is the chairperson for the Minnetrista Farmers Market booth. Volunteers are needed. A sign-up sheet was distributed to in-person attendees at Minnetrista.

Garden Walk

Sylvia Finney is the chairperson for the DCMGA Garden Walk. The 2022 Garden Walk has been cancelled. Planning is underway for the 2023 Garden Walk. Volunteers are needed to serve on the planning committee. Volunteers will help identify garden locations for next year's tour.

EXTENSION REPORT

Extension Educator Laurynn Theime sent an email prior to the meeting with a list of upcoming training opportunities and activities.

OLD BUSINESS

Sarah reported that digital copies of the 2022 DCMGA membership booklets were distributed. The original booklet contained a few errors. A revised version of the booklet was emailed to members on February 22. You may contact Sarah Kreps to request a printed copy of the booklet.

Recordings of meetings can be found on the website in the "Members Only" section. The Members Only section will also contain several forms, including the committee budget tracker and project proposal form. A password is needed to access the member section.

NEW BUSINESS

Dottie asked that committee chairpersons complete the annual budget tracker. Dottie will send the form in an email to all chairpersons.

Membership Booklets

Sylvia Finney announced that the Madison County Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale will be held on the same day as the DCMGA Plant Sale, Saturday, May 14.

Minnetrista is looking for several volunteers to help plan upcoming Nature Play Days. Extension Master Gardener Lori Lundsford has volunteered.

The DCMGA executive board is looking into the cost of printing t-shirts and sweatshirts with the

new Purdue Extension Master Gardener logo. If feasible, Extension Master Gardeners may be able to purchase shirts for a fee.

Martha McClurg announced that the April DCMGA meeting will be a "Member Share Night" in conjunction with the annual Spring Banquet. The meeting portion of the event will be an opportunity for members to share information on a gardening topic of their choice. Martha is looking to have 4 members volunteer to provide a brief 10-15 minute presentation. The presentations will be given in a round robin fashion, where the presenter is stationary and the audience rotates. Presenters will be able to report up to 2 volunteer hours for their efforts; members will be eligible to report 1 education hour for their participation.

A question was raised about the budget and how the funds were appropriated. Dottie said the current account balance is \$15,129. The budget for 2022 was set at \$8,500 for various projects and events. The organization anticipates \$6,000 in income. \$1,500 will be withdrawn from the account to pay for expenditures not paid for through anticipated income.

February birthdays were recognized.

Having no other business to discuss, Deanna Hines motioned to adjourn, seconded by Cheryl Haas. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Sampson
Secretary

Spring Banquet Moved to September

The DCMGA annual Spring Banquet has been moved to September and will be combined with our annual fall picnic. We are excited to celebrate and recognize our members efforts, welcome new interns, and award the "Master Gardener of the Year" award. More details forthcoming. Mark your calendar now for **Wednesday, September 28!**

Native Plants Unlimited Pre-order Sale End April 1, 2022!

Pre-order customers get first choice and exclusive bulk quantity discounts of Native Plants Unlimited's large 120-plant inventory. All pick-ups will be at Geist Nursery, 9890 Mollenkopf Road, Fishers between Wednesday, April 27st and Sunday, May 1st. The remaining inventory will be available to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis from Tuesday, May 3 through Sunday, May 29th.

To view the plant selection and submit your pre-order, visit nativeplantsunlimitedshop.com.

Red-tail Land Conservancy's Wildflower Celebration at Yuhas Woods Sunday, May 1 | 1-4 pm



Be inspired by one of Central Indiana's most awe-inspiring forests by participating in the Red-tail Land Conservancy's Spring Wildflower Celebration on Sunday, May 1. Residents will have the chance to view the annual awakening of spring ephemeral wildflowers at Phyllis and Frank Yuhas Woods. Wildflowers of myriad colors and shapes blanket the forest floor of this private nature preserve in Randolph County. Guests will be able to participate in a guided tour or explore the natural surface trails on your own to see the blooms of bloodroot, Virginia bluebells, toad shade, trout lily, squirrel corn (Dutchman's breeches), and many more colorful wildflowers.

Yuhas Woods is located at 5964 W CR 400 S near Farmland. Follow the short, paved drive to the mowed parking area. Pre-registration is not required. For questions, contact (765) 288-2587.

Garden Walk

While the annual DCMGA Garden Walk has been cancelled for 2022, now is the time to start preparing for an even bigger, better, and more colorful tour in 2023!

Garden Walk chairperson Sylvia Finney is searching for 4 to 5 Extension Master Gardener interns or members to serve on the committee. As a committee member, you will be responsible to help identify potential lawns, gardens, or outdoor landscapes to feature on the tour. Possible tour locations can be a DCMGA member garden, a friend or family member's backyard patio, a neighbor's landscape, or even a community garden. Once a list has been established, committee members will tour these spaces and select 4 to 6 places to highlight on the tour. Members will also be responsible to help prepare tickets and other marketing materials for the tour. Serving on the committee is an easy way to earn your volunteer hours.

The 2023 Garden Walk is scheduled for Sunday, June 18, 2023. It is sure to be an exciting day for participants and a great fundraiser for the DCMGA. Please contact me at 765.282.0100 to volunteer or to make a recommendation for a garden to highlight on next year's tour.

Sylvia Finney
Chairperson



Mini Master Gardener Camps

We are excited to have not one, but **THREE** outdoor Mini Master Gardener Camps scheduled for this summer! Each Mini Master Gardener Camp will offer children a fun and exciting time of learning about various gardening topics through multiple presentations, crafts, and group activities.

The first committee planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM via Zoom. If you have missed the sign-up at the DCMGA member meetings but are interested in being on the planning committee, contact Martha McClurg (martha.harrouff@gmail.com or 309-299-5157) for more information. The Zoom meeting link will be sent via email to committee members. A separate sign-up sheet will be coming soon for those who prefer to help volunteer during the actual camp days.

Camp dates and locations will be announced at a later time once we confirm final arrangements with our community partners.

Martha McClurg
Chairperson



DCMGA Plant Sale

Mark your calendar for the return of the annual DCMGA Plant Sale on Saturday, May 14. We request all Extension Master Gardeners and Interns donate at least 10 plants for the sale - although we will always accept more if you bring them. Extension Master Gardeners can claim 1 volunteer hour for 10 donated plants. Please make sure that the plants are non-invasive and non-poisonous.

Now is a great time to start planting seeds to grow plants for the sale. Tomatoes, herbs, and peppers are very popular sale items. You may also consider propagating houseplants, dividing tuberous bulbs from a friend or neighbor's yard, or digging up a hostas in your own backyard to divide and share. Shrubs, ornamental grasses, flowering annuals, perennials, and succulents are also quick to sell. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the sale.

...And don't forget, help us promote the sale! Please "like" and share the Plant Sale event on our DCMGA Facebook page. Flyers will also be available at the next meeting to distribute through the community.

Dottie Kreps
Chairperson

****SEE PAGE 21 IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR PLANT LABELS****



Delaware County Master Gardener Association's

2022 Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 14 | 8:00 am - Noon

**Delaware County Fairgrounds
1210 Wheeling Avenue, Muncie, IN**

Set-up will be Friday, May 13 (2:00 to 5:00 PM).
Please plan to bring plants on Friday, if possible.

Master Gardeners should plan to volunteer. You will earn service hours
AND you will have fun! Sign-up to help at the March meeting.

Direct questions to Dottie Kreps at 765.289.0542 or dkreps1918@gmail.com.

MASTER GARDENERS, DON'T FORGET THESE TIPS...

- Each Master Gardener is asked to donate 10 or more plants.
- Donated plants should not be bought from a nursery or garden center.
- Master Gardeners may claim 1 volunteer hour for every 10 plants donated.
- Remember to bring clean, healthy, and well-rooted plants in an attractive container.
- Label each plant with the common/botanic name, a brief description, and care instructions.
- Price each plant in whole number increments.
- Unique & rare plants sell very well. Miscellaneous garden tools, books, & pots sell well too!
- Check with friends and neighbors for donations of plants or bulbs.

Member Share Night

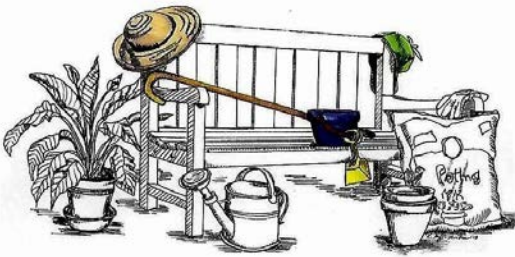
We are still looking for **ONE MORE PRESENTER** for our inaugural Members Share Night on April 27! Presenters will present to small groups on a given gardening topic of their choice for 10-15 minutes, for a total of 4 times.

A Zoom option will be available for attendees. Zoom information will be sent prior to the event.

This volunteer activity has been pre-approved for up to 2 EMG volunteer hours. Contact Martha McClurg (martha.harrouff@gmail.com or 309-299-5157) if you are interested in this opportunity!



Hendricks County Master Gardeners' **Gardening for All Ages** *Hendricks County Fairgrounds* April 23, 2022 | 9 am to 4 pm



The Hendricks County Master Gardener's annual "Gardening for All Ages" gathering and seminar will be held on Saturday, April 23 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds Exposition Hall in Danville. Attendees will enjoy free admission, lectures by garden professionals and experts, handouts, seed swaps, a tree giveaway, children's activities, food trucks, and garden decor from several vendors.

Visit www.hendricksgardeners.com to learn more.



Friends of Mounds State Park **Native Plant Sale** Saturday, May 7, 2022

100+ different species available!
Mounds State Park, Anderson

Red-tail Land Conservancy's **Growing Home Program** Now Accepting Applications!



photo: Red-tail Land Conservancy

The 2022 Growing Home Habitat Certification program is now accepting applications!

The Growing Home program recognizes homeowners, residents, and businesses in East Central Indiana who convert their lawns, landscapes, and outdoor spaces into diverse habitats for native wildlife. A loss of biodiversity has become a major environmental concern over the last several decades as habitat loss occurs due to urban development, climate change, pollution, and other factors. With your help, we hope to create a network of "pocket parks" that support wildlife populations.

Gardens must meet the minimum requirements outlined in the Growing Home Guide to be eligible for submission. Once submitted, applicants will have their outdoor spaces reviewed and certified by a local botanical specialists. Upon certification, gardeners may purchase a Growing Home certification plaque to showcase their support for native plant communities and wildlife.

Growing Home applications are reviewed each year by the Growing Home committee in August. Learn more about the program by visiting fortheland.org/growinghome. The Growing Home program is offered by the Red-tail Land Conservancy with support from Wasson Nursery and Old National Bank.



Indiana Native Plant Society's
Native Plant Auction
 Saturday, May 7 - Saturday, May 14, 2022

Participate in the Indiana Native Plant Society's (INPS) virtual silent auction to obtain some rare and unique native plants while also supporting INPS's mission to promote the native flora of Indiana. The annual fundraiser will be hosted on Givergy ([us.givergy.com/indiananativeplants2022/](https://www.givergy.com/indiananativeplants2022/)). You must register on the app to participate. Registrants will be able view auction items and track bids.

Please address questions about the auction to auction@indiananativeplants.org.

DCMGA Mission:

The Delaware County Extension Master Gardener Association's mission is to help others grow by sharing horticultural knowledge and educational opportunities with our members and the communities we serve through mentoring, community service projects, and stewardship thereby cultivating lifelong gardeners and positive change.

Porter County Master Gardener Association's
Almost Native: Nativars
with Richard Hawke
 Wednesday, March 23 | 6:30 PM



photo: Chicago Botanic Garden

Join the Porter County Master Gardeners for a free online education seminar featuring Richard Hawke. Richard is Director of Ornamental Plant Research at the Chicago Botanic Garden, where he manages the plant evaluation, plant breeding, and plant introduction programs. He has a horticulture degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Richard will present a variety of perennial nativars (cultivars of native plant species) that attract pollinators and have performed well in the Chicago Botanic Garden's evaluation trials. This event will be held over Zoom and is open to all to attend. View the presentation at: shorturl.at/apszQ



Porter County Master Gardener Association's
Garden Photography
Tutorial Video
 Watch On-demand

The Porter County Master Gardener Association invites you to learn the secrets for taking professional photographs of flowers from award-winning photographer Michael Kobe in this 90-minute video. You will be astonished by the beauty of his images as you learn how to improve your own photography skills. Watch the video here: <https://vimeo.com/678628433>

Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe Co.

Garden Fair & Expo **Saturday April 23 | 9am - 3pm**

Visit the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, 1406 Teal Rd, Lafayette for over 20 garden vendors, lectures, raffles, a garden tool sale, and tons of plants for sale. For more information, visit: www.tippecanoeastergardener.org/expo

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Rosefest 2022 "A Time to Bloom"

Saturday, June 11, 9 am-3 pm
Hamilton County 4H Fairgrounds
2003 E Pleasant Street, Noblesville

The Indianapolis Rose Society and the Hamilton County Master Gardeners invite you to a day filled with beautiful roses, rose growing demonstrations, rose garden tour, free roses to first 40 guests, an ARS accredited rose show and wonderful speakers.

More information to come!

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Native plants are the best choice for creating a low maintenance and sustainable landscape. However, a switch to native species may seem daunting. Join the Town of Zionsville Parks Department Director of Recreation Services, Mindy Murdock, as she leads a webinar that discusses the steps to choose the right native species for your yard.

You can watch a recording of the presentation at <https://youtu.be/qjaJ7rGsUfl>

Indianapolis Hosta Society

April Meeting: **Mosses in Our Garden** **Monday, April 11 | 6:30 PM**



photo: YouTube

Bill McKnight, a local plant geek and Bryologist - a scientist who studies spore-producing bryophytes - will discuss mosses during the Indianapolis Hosta Society's monthly meeting on April 11. Bryophytes are divided into three groups: hornworts, liverworts, and mosses. Bill's presentation will focus on mosses, but he will also point out the two liverworts all nature lovers are bound to encounter in Indiana. This presentation is free and open to the public. The event will begin at 6:30 PM at Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis.

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Indiana Native Plant Society, Central Chapter

How to Identify & Control Invasive Species **Wednesday, April 13 | 7:00 PM**

Invasive species can come along at any time and taking up valuable space where native species should be. The unwanted species can be removed through a variety of methods. Ecologist Crystal Renskers will discuss which species are invasive, how to distinguish them from similar-looking native species, and how to remove them. Crystal has worked in ecological restoration for more than 15 years. Her experience is focused on assessing wetlands, woods, and stream habitats in rural and urban areas.

This virtual program starts at 7:00 p.m. and is open to everyone. Register at <https://bit.ly/3HdAy2J>.

Indianapolis Rose Society's
**May Meeting:
Rose Companions**
Tuesday, May 10 | 6:30 PM

Join Natalie Carmoli as she presents "Companion Plants for Roses". Natalie works for Spring Meadow Nursery — a Michigan wholesale nursery grower of flowering shrub liners — as the public relations specialist for their Proven Winners® ColorChoice® brand of flowering shrubs.

This presentation will be held both in-person at the Sullivan Munce Culture Center, 225 West Hawthorne Street, Zionsville and via Zoom. Visit indianapolisrosesociety.com for more information.

Save the Date:

September 15 - 17, 2022

2022 Purdue Extension Master Gardener State Conference

From a Distance: The Impact of the Master Gardener on Community

Marriott North at Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis

Indiana Daylily-Iris Society
April Meeting
Tuesday, April 5 | Indianapolis



Join Indiana Daylily-Iris Society (IDIS) member Chuck Bunnell as he presents "The Ups and Downs of Hybridizing". Chuck is a retired PhD chemist from Eli Lilly who began growing irises 15 years prior to his retirement. He not only grows irises but also has been hybridizing irises for the past 32 years. Chuck has introduced 14 irises (including Dividing Line shown above) in the Miniature Tall Bearded classification. His garden holds over 1,000 named iris varieties along with his seedling beds which house up to another 1,000 irises he is currently evaluating.

This meeting is free and open to the public. IDIS meetings are held at the First Friends Church, 3030 Kessler Boulevard, East Drive, Indianapolis. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

Magnificent Trees of Indiana Now Available!



Grab your copy of the recently published book, *Magnificent Trees of Indiana* by retired science teacher, avid hiker, photographer, and author Carroll Ritter.

Featuring more than two hundred gorgeous color photographs of Indiana's champion trees and old-growth forest remnants, *Magnificent Trees of Indiana* is a celebration of the state's natural beauty. Seventy-four trees as well as twenty old-growth forest are featured within the 280-pages of this book. Each has been photographed to illuminate the grandeur of the natural world.

Magnificent Trees of Indiana makes for a beautiful coffee-table gift book for any Hoosier or nature lover, walking the reader through the geologic past, into early pioneer times, and onward to the present, all while covering the history, value, and economic importance of our hardwood forests.

Magnificent Trees of Indiana is available for purchase as a hardback through Purdue University Press and Amazon.com.

www.amazon.com/Magnificent-Trees-Indiana-Carroll-Ritter/dp/1612497411/
www.thepress.purdue.edu/titles/format/9781612497419

photo: IFNGA

Indiana Fruit & Nut Grower Association's
Scion Swap
Sunday, March 27 | Indianapolis



Location:
Fitness Farm (inside Barn)
525 W. 44th St, Indianapolis

Schedule of Events:
10:00 am - Setup
11:00 am - Scion Swap
12:30 pm - Lunch: Pot Luck
or bring your own; BYO chair
1:15 pm - Guest Speaker
1:45 pm - Auction

Speaker info:

Chris Gonzo of "Worries Are Gone Farm" in Owen County, Indiana and newly named IFNGA board member, will provide a brief presentation about how to get started establishing fruit and nut orchards and offer some tips and tricks for newer growers based on his experience. Chris and his family began planting fruit trees in 2009 and currently manage about 6 acres of diverse orchards with over 250 cultivars of dozens of species with a focus on: Asian pear, Chinese chestnut, hazelnut, hybrid persimmon, and disease resistant apples. Their focus has been on the evaluation of species and cultivars that perform well without spraying pesticides or fungicides.



Marian University
Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab's
Native Plant Sale
Online orders begin April 1

Select from over 30 native flowers, grasses, and sedges sourced from native Indiana genotype. Each 2" plug comes from Spence Restoration Nursery, a reputable wholesale nursery who specializes in plants for native restoration projects.

Scheduled pickups for online orders will be on the Marian University campus in Indianapolis. More information will be made available at a later date.

Indiana Fruit & Nut Grower Association's
Fruit Pruning Recordings Now Available

Recordings from Ohio State University's Online Fruit Pruning School are now available on the OSU South Centers Youtube channel. Click the links below to watch each session.

- Apples: <https://youtu.be/Lyl81kEYWul>
- Grapes: <https://youtu.be/i4KMrLTLzm8>
- Raspberries: <https://youtu.be/Qh40U8WsGI0>



Herb Society of Central Indiana
Spring Symposium
"Herb of the Year: Violas"
Saturday, April 9 | 9 am - 2 pm

This year's symposium will feature discussions about violas (violets, Johnny Jump-ups, pansies). Guest speakers include Susan Belsinger, Helen Kuhn Burke, Joyce Durbin Miller, and Bill "The Mad Botanist" McKnight. The day will also include a silent auction, live plants, crafts, and an opportunity to visit local garden vendors.

The Spring Symposium will be held at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds & Expo Hall, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville. Cost to participate is \$55 for HSCI members and \$60 for non-members. Payments can be made via PayPal, credit card, or by mailing a check.

To learn more, visit sites.google.com/view/herb-society-of-central-indian



Monroe Co. Master Gardeners'
Garden Fair
Saturday, April 2 | 9 am - 4 pm

Switchyard Park Pavilion
1601 S. Rogers Street, Bloomington, IN

Over 35 Vendors • Free Admission • Children's Activities • Food • Free Tree Giveaway • Expert Advice from the Plant Doctor

University of Illinois Extension
FOUR SEASONS WEBINAR SERIES

The Four Seasons Gardening series is one of the most popular online programs offered by Illinois Extension. Each season, the team hosts live one-hour webinars on Zoom. Webinars are free but registration is required and space is limited. Webinars are on select Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. EDT and will last approximately one hour.

If you will need an accommodation to participate, please contact Gemini Bhalsod at gbhalsod@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged.

Pelleted Seed
MARCH 29 AT 2:30 PM

Pelleted seed? Let's take a look at what, why, where, and how-to of using pelleted seed as well as the advantages and disadvantages of this colorful seed product available to consumers at a garden center, big box store or farming supply center near you. Join Mary Fischer, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator as she covers the topic of pelleted seed.

Register:
web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=25257

Jumping Worms: A New Invader
APRIL 26 AT 2:30 PM

Jumping worms are a recent discovery in Illinois, being first found in 2015. Since then, this invasive species has been discovered in many counties across the state, impacting gardens, lawns, and natural areas. Chris Evans, Extension forestry and research specialist and interim Master Naturalist coordinator, will cover ecology, distribution and impact of jumping worms in Illinois as well as discuss management options and spread.

Register:
web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=25258

MISS SOMETHING? WANT TO WATCH AGAIN?

Every program is recorded and available to watch on the [Illinois Extension Horticulture YouTube](#) channel. Videos are available about two weeks after the live program.



Red-Tail Land Conservancy's
Earth Day Tree Planting
Saturday, April 23 | 10 am - 12 pm



photo: Red-tail Land Conservancy

Trees provide food and shelter to hundreds of species of wildlife, from bees to deer. Celebrate Earth Day 2022 by restoring an empty field back into a vibrant wetland forest on Saturday, April 23 from 10am-12pm at the Red-tail Land Conservancy's family-friendly Earth Day Tree Planting in Reber Woods.

Reber Woods is located in Muncie on N. Morrison Road. Because it is undergoing restoration work, it has no on-site parking or drop-off location. Trinity Baptist Church (5000 N. Morrison Rd) has generously allowed volunteers for this event to park in their lot.

Bring water to stay hydrated. Please wear pants and sturdy closed-toed shoes that you do not mind getting muddy. Bring your own work gloves and shovel. There will be some shovels available to borrow.

To help us prepare for the event, registration is recommended, but not required. You can register at forthelands.org /rlc-event/earth-day-tree-2022.

Tuttle Orchard

Fruit Pruning Workshop Saturday, April 2 | 9-10 am

photo: Shutterstock



It's pruning time! Join Thomas, Tuttle Orchard's apple tree expert, for a workshop on how to care for your fruit trees. Thomas has over 10 years of experience growing and caring for the apple trees at Tuttle. He oversees the care of over 16,000 apple trees, which consists of 30 different varieties. Proper pruning is important as it will lead to an overall improved quality of your fruit trees and help minimize diseases. He will teach you the do's and don'ts of pruning. A demonstration will be held in the orchard where Thomas, will demonstrate the best techniques for home fruit tree pruning. He will also discuss general tree care, which includes a discussion on spraying and thinning. This is a casual workshop, so questions are encouraged.

Meet in the greenhouse at Tuttle Orchard, 5717 N 300 W, Greenfield. Dress for the weather. Attendees will be outside even if it's cold or raining. The cost to participate is \$8 per person, which includes cider and a donut.

Register at:
www.indianapolisorchard.com/pruning-workshop



photo: Bloomscape



Did you know?

Peperomia have historically been called "radiator plants" because they tend to thrive in the ambient warmth and indirect sunlight typically found on top of radiators. In reality, peperomia can find happiness in many parts of the home or office.

source: HGTV

National Public Garden Week at Minnetrista May 6-15 | Various Times

Join us for a week full of gardening fun! National Public Gardens Week is a great time for seasoned gardeners and those who love the outdoors while also serving as a great introduction for those new to gardening, hoping to advance their knowledge. Don't miss any of the exciting family-friendly opportunities and events planned for the week!



Upcoming Events at the Rinard Orchid Greenhouses



photo: Rinard Orchid
Greenhouse

April 9th

All About Pollinators

Bees, butterflies, moths, and more. Why are these tiny creatures so important? Learn the answer to this question from the greenhouse staff during a special presentation from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

April 16

National Orchid Day

Join us to celebrate the amazing diversity of orchids at the largest collegiate orchid collection in the United States! Open 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

April 23

Annual Greenhouse Fundraiser Sale

If you are looking for a new plant, don't forget to visit the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse during their annual sale/fundraiser. Succulents, houseplants, orchids, and native outdoor perennials will be available. All proceeds help support the greenhouse and free educational programs.

Sale and orchid re-potting demonstrations will run from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

What began as a short-term gap for in-person programming during the 2020 Pandemic, has become a much-attended weekly horticulture program hosted by the University of Kentucky Extension program. Due to the popularity of the Horticulture Webinar Wednesdays, a team of Kentucky Horticulture Agents, UK Specialist, and other experts have continued to present these weekly Wednesday Webinars at 12:30 ET as a “lunch and learn” horticultural program. Each webinar includes a 30 to 45-minute horticulture class with a live question-and-answer at the end of the program.

All the presentations are recorded and posted to the Kentucky Hort News website (www.kentuckyhortnews.com/horticulture-webinar-wednesdays/) along with the slides, notes, a survey, and any other resource materials that the viewer may need.

Below is a list of topics from Season One. Check out the current **Season 3** for upcoming live webinar sessions.

Season One Topics

Backyard Black Raspberries

Dr. Shawn Wright, UK Horticulture Specialist

So you want to be a Beekeeper

Lindie Huffman, UK ANR Agent

Asparagus in the Home Garden

Sharon Flynt, UK Horticulture Agent

Home Composting

Adam Leonberger, UK Horticulture Agent

Lawn and Weed Management

Andy Rideout, UK Horticulture Agent

Insects in the Garden

Sarah Stolz, UK Horticulture Agent

Beginner Vegetable Gardening

Andrea Stith, UK Horticulture Agent

Perennials for Late Summer & Fall

Dennis Morgeson, UK Horticulture Agent

Herb Gardening

Macy Fawns, UK Horticulture Agent

Extending the Vegetable Garden into Fall

Annette Heisdorffer, UK Horticulture Agent

How Cool are Fungi?

Dr. Nicole Gauthier, UK Plant Disease Specialist

Strawberries

Dr. Shawn Wright, UK Horticulture Specialist

Attracting Pollinators

Amy Aldenderfer, UK Horticulture Agent

Homegrown Tomato Troubleshooting

Faye Kuosman, UK Horticulture Agent

Stream Buffers

Dr. Amanda Gumbert, UK Water Quality Specialist

Integrated Pest Management

Jessica Bessin, UK Horticulture Agent

Flower Garden Floral Design

Kara Back, UK Horticulture Agent

Tips and Tricks for Vegetable Seed Saving

Dr. Emily Pfeufer, UK Plant Pathologist Specialist

Incredible Edible Landscape

Kelly Jackson, UK Horticulture Agent

Invasive Plants

Dr. Ellen Crocker, UK Forest Health Specialist

Non-nuclear Weed Control

Beth Wilson, UK Horticulture Agent

Drought, Heat, and My Lawn

Andy Rideout, UK Horticulture Agent

Pruning Basics

Ray Tackett, UK Horticulture Agent

Growing Garlic in Kentucky

Dennis Morgeson, UK Horticulture Agent

Bulb Basics

Sharon Flynt, UK Horticulture Agent

How to Start a Community Garden

Bethany Pratt, UK Horticulture Agent

Hands-free Hydroponics

Stephen Lewis, KSU Horticulture Agent

Growing Shiitake Mushrooms

Faye Kuosman, UK Horticulture Agent

Fall Floral Arrangements

Andrea Stith, UK Horticulture Agent

Forest Mushrooms

Dr. Ellen Crocker, UK Forest Health Specialist

Vegetable Garden Cleanup

Dr. Emily Pfeufer, UK Plant Pathologist Specialist

Enjoy Holiday Plants

Annette Heisdorffer, UK Horticulture Agent



Viola sp.

Common Name: Violet/Pansy
2022 Herb of the Year

Hancock
County
Master
Gardeners
&
Hancock
County
Herb
Society



Verbena

Common: *Verbena*, *Vervain*
NGB 2022 Annual of the Year

2022 Annual Plant Sale

Friday May 6 8am – 6pm
Saturday May 7 8am – 3pm
at the
Hancock Co. Fairgrounds
4-H Show Arena
620 N. Apple Street
Greenfield, IN 46140



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- Large variety of herbs, annuals and perennials. Vegetables and hanging baskets for Mom's Day also available.
- **Master Gardeners & Herb Society** members available to answer questions.
- You may also order ahead online April 26-May 3 at hancockmga.com and pick-up during the Plant Sale.

*Purdue Master Gardeners
of Greene County
Flower & Patio Show
Flower Power for Pollinators!*



*Garden Vendors bringing
Plants & Garden Decor!

*MG Plant Sale

*Rummage Sale

*FREE Trees & Seeds

*Kid's Activities

Cabinview BBQ

*Saturday
April 30th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Greene County Fairgrounds
4513 W SR 54, Bloomfield Indiana*

*Educational Sessions on Monarch Lifecycle
&
Planting for more Flower Power!!!*





Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7, 2022
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
4-H Fairgrounds
400 Parke Ave,
Crawfordsville, IN

More than 200 plants!

- Perennials
- Annuals
- Hanging Baskets
- Vegetable Plants

Nucor Tree Giveaway!



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Garden Celebration XVII

“Watch Your Garden Grow”

Saturday, May 7, 2022 * 9am - 3pm

Scott & Herring Halls - Johnson County Fairgrounds - Franklin, IN

Admission: \$2.00 per person

40+ vendors; gardening seminars; food available for purchase.

This event is sponsored by the Johnson County Garden Club

& in cooperation with Purdue Extension Johnson County



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyGardenClubandGardenCelebration/>



Indiana Native Plant Society Photo Contest

Now Thru August 31, 2022

Capture the beauty of Indiana native plants with a Plant Portrait or Consorting with Pollinators vignette. We'll use your photo to teach others to love native plants too.



IndianaNativePlants.org

Mounds State Park

Wildflower Photo Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, March 26

9 am - 3 pm



Do you love wildflowers? Help the Mounds State Park Naturalist build a wildflower map of the park. Hike through Mounds State Park and take at least three photos of different types of wildflowers. Bring your photos to the Nature Center, show the Naturalist, and tell them where you found them. Prizes will be given to those that have coolest or most unusual wildflower photo OR reports of flowers from new locations in the park.



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Plant Type: _____

Bloom Color: _____

Bloom Time: _____

Sun Requirements: Sun Shade

Water Requirements: Wet Dry

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