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

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## Upcoming Meeting



Please join the DCMGA for our next meeting on **Wednesday, May 25, 2022.**

Our guest speaker will be **Phil Grabowski**, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Development at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. Mr. Grabowski earned his PhD in Community Sustainability from Michigan State University. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant Biology/Environmental Biology and a Master of Science in Community Agriculture Research & Resource Studies from Michigan State.

Phil's presentation will focus on the **Full Circle Garden**, a student-led organic garden at Taylor University's Randall Environment Center. The garden is a part of Grabowski's Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems class. Since its inception in 2014, students have implemented several sustainable agriculture practices within the garden, including compost manure, integrated pest management, and a chicken coop. Produce harvested from the garden is sold at the local Upland farmers market and used in the university's dining hall.



Mr. Grabowski's presentation will begin at 7:00. A brief business meeting will follow. Members and guests are encouraged to attend in-person in the Cantina Room at Minnetrista. A Zoom meeting link will be distributed via email to those who would prefer to attend virtually. You can email [delcomg1@gmail.com](mailto:delcomg1@gmail.com) with questions.



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PURDUE EXTENSION  
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

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# Monthly Gardener Checklist

June 2022

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

## HOME (Indoor plants and activities)

- Indoor plants will require more frequent watering and fertilizing as they increase their summer growth.
- You can move houseplants outdoors to a shady location, but pay close attention to their watering needs.
- Cut garden flowers for indoor beauty. Recut the stems again just before placing in water. Add a floral preservative, and change the solution frequently.
- Root cuttings of houseplants and garden plants to increase your collection or share with a friend.

## YARD (Lawns, woody ornamentals & fruits)

- Prune spring-flowering shrubs after blooms fade.
- Apply fungicide to prevent and control black spot on roses.
- Water newly planted trees and shrubs. Water deeply every seven to 10 days when rain is lacking.
- Remove faded flowers and seed pods on lilac and other spring-flowering shrubs.
- If your fruit trees produce a heavy crop of fruit this year, don't be alarmed by a June drop of some fruit. It is a natural thinning process for most trees to prevent excessive loads, although there might not be as much to thin this year. If your trees managed to set a heavy crop, thin the remaining fruit or prop up heavy branches to avoid breakage. Most fruit should be spaced 6 to 8 inches apart on a branch.
- Mow grass regularly but mow high. Unless excessive, leave lawn clippings on the lawn.
- To keep the lawn green and growing, water as needed to supply a total of 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week. If left unwatered, lawns will turn brown and become dormant during extended hot, dry spells, but will green up again when conditions are more favorable.

## GARDEN (Flower, vegetables, & small fruits)

- Discontinue harvesting asparagus & rhubarb around mid-June to allow foliage to develop & store carbohydrate reserves for next year's harvest. Fertilize after last harvest & water as needed to promote healthy growth.
- Mulch to control weeds and conserve soil moisture after soil has warmed. You can use many materials, including straw, chopped corncobs, bark chips, shredded paper, and grass clippings.
- Blanch (exclude light from) cauliflower when heads are just 2 inches in diameter. Tie leaves up and over the developing head.
- Control weeds. They're easier to pull when they are still young.
- Start seeds of cabbage, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and cauliflower for fall garden transplants.
- Plan now for your Halloween pumpkin. Determine the days to harvest for the particular cultivar you want to plant (usually on the seed packet) and count backward to determine the proper planting date.
- Harvest spring plantings of broccoli, cabbage, and peas.
- Remove cool-season plants, such as radish, spinach, and lettuce, because they will bolt (that is, form seed stalks) and become bitter during hot summer weather.
- Continue planting carrots, beans, and sweet corn for successive harvests.
- Remove the spent blooms of peony, iris, delphiniums after they fade.

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# Treasurer's Report

## Dottie Kreps, Treasurer

Date of Report: 5/14/22		1/5/2022	1/31/2022	2/28/2022	3/31/2022	4/30/2022	Total
Balance Brought Forward		\$15,119.16	\$15,129.16	\$15,129.29	\$15,149.41	\$15,049.54	
Income		\$10.00	\$0.13	\$20.12	\$20.13	\$0.12	\$50.50
Expenses					\$120.00	\$156.71	\$276.71
Balance On Hand		\$15,129.16	\$15,129.29	\$15,149.41	\$15,049.54	\$14,892.95	
<b>Income</b>	<b>Goals</b>						
Annual Master Gardener Dues	\$600.00	\$10.00		\$20.00	\$10.00		\$40.00
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
Donations					\$10.00		\$10.00
Bank Interest			\$0.13	\$0.12	\$0.13	\$0.12	\$0.50
Miscellaneous & Clearing Acct							\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$6,100.00	\$10.00	\$0.13	\$20.12	\$20.13	\$0.12	\$50.50
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget</b>						
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	\$150.00				\$100.00	\$25.71	\$125.71
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	\$600.00						\$0.00
Kids Camp ~ Mini MG	\$650.00						\$0.00
Plant Sale	\$600.00					\$100.00	\$100.00
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
<b>Association Expenses</b>							
Banquet	\$500.00						\$0.00
Board Expenses	\$100.00						\$0.00
Booklets	\$150.00						\$0.00
Donations & Sponsorships	\$150.00					\$11.00	\$11.00
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				\$20.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
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
<b>Total</b>	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$156.71	\$276.71

# Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, April 27, 2022

### EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Thirty-one members and guests attended the March meeting in person. Additional members joined remotely.

Delaware County Master Gardeners were treated the inaugural Member Share Night on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Four Extension Master Gardeners presented on various garden topics to groups of 7 or 8 participants for 20-minute durations. Each attendee was able to listen to each presentation.

- Chris Allen prepared a Powerpoint and shared his experience growing a tropical garden in his backyard.
- Sylvia Finney provide a hands-on presentation and demonstrated the creation of a bird-feeding topiary fabricated from evergreen branches, suet cakes, and edible garland.
- Mark Kreps discussed the cultural growing characteristics of the native Pawpaw tree (*Asimina triloba*) along with several medicinal uses of the custard-flavored fruit.
- Pete Granger discussed the steps needed to successfully cultivate backyard blueberries.

### CALL TO ORDER

Upon completion of the Member Share program, President Sarah Kreps called the business meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March meeting minutes were approved as submitted in the April DCMGA newsletter.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Dottie Kreps reported a current balance of \$14,892.83. April expenditures included payment to use the Community Building at the fairgrounds for the upcoming plant sale, receipts from the Delaware Co Farm Festival, and sponsorship for the Delaware County 4-H program.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### DCMGA Plant Sale

Chairperson Dottie Kreps reminded members that the annual DCMGA plant sale would be held on Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Set-up would occur during the afternoon of Friday, May 13. An email had been sent out with a link to sign-up for volunteer positions. A hardcopy sign-up sheet was also available at the meeting.

Dottie reminded members that they are expected to donate plants for the sale. Plants can be of any size. However, they should not be poisonous or invasive. A Master Gardener asked if Lily-of-the-Valley was acceptable. It was noted that Lily-of-the-Valley spreads aggressively, but would be okay to sell at the event.

Master Gardeners should include a plant identification tag with each donated plant. Dottie asked members to try to price plants before they drop them off at the fairgrounds. However, seasoned Master Gardeners would be available to help price plants if members need assistance.



Dottie asked everyone to check in at the information table before placing plants on their corresponding display table. Popsicle sticks labeled with prices will be placed in each container to help expedite checkout.

### **Mini Master Gardener Camp**

Chairperson Martha McClurg announced the DCMGA Mini-Master Gardener and Future Master Gardener camps will be merged together this year. The committee has scheduled four in-person children camps that will occur at various locations during the summer. The camps are open to children, ages 5 through 11. Registration is free.

The camps will be held outdoors at the Ross Community Center (Wednesday, June 15), Yorktown Civic Square (Saturday, June 25), Maring-Hunt Library (Saturday, July 9), and the Eaton Public Library (Saturday, July 16). Announcements and registration forms for each event has been posted to the DCMGA Facebook page. Martha reported that the Yorktown and Maring-Hunt camps had already reached capacity. She expected registration for the other two locations to fill up soon. A wait list has been established for the Yorktown and Maring-Hunt camps.

Martha pleaded for members to help volunteer at one or all of the locations. The curriculum would be the same for each camp. The theme for the camp is "Colors in the Garden". Volunteers will need to watch the newest Purdue University volunteer training video. Sarah Kreps or Laurynn Thieme will send a link to the video in an email to members. Master Gardeners can record 15 minutes of continuing education towards watching the video.

Dottie Kreps stated that she and Chris Allen have been working on applying for grants to help expand the Mini-Master Gardener camps to more locations next year.

### **Garden Fair**

Sarah Kreps announced the Minnetrista Garden Fair will be held on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5. The DCMGA will host an information booth at the event. Sarah said that the organization would also be able to sell plants at the event this year. Sarah anticipates selling any plants leftover from the annual DCMGA plant sale at the fair. Sarah will be sending an email with a link to sign-up for volunteer positions soon. A hardcopy of the

sign-up form was available at the meeting.

### **Minnetrista Farmers Market**

Co-chairperson John Huber reported that the Minnetrista Farmers Market had recently completed the indoor market season. John reported that Master Gardener volunteers had made over 100 connections with individuals during the March and April markets.

Minnetrista's first outdoor farmers market is scheduled for Saturday, May 7. The DCMGA will host a booth twice a month at the outdoor farmers market from May through October. The committee would like to have a special demonstration or education activity planned for each market. John said it is a great marketing opportunity for the organization. Members should contact John or Deanna Hines to register as a volunteer at the booth.

### **EXTENSION REPORT**

Extension Educator Laurynn Thieme reminded members that they must watch and complete the mandatory Purdue University Youth Protection Module in order to participate in activities that involves working with minors. Laurynn said that 4-H volunteers have already completed the module. Once complete, Master Gardeners should send an email to Laurynn to verify they have completed the required training.

Laurynn stated that she is working with the Executive Board to obtain liability insurance for the organization. The DCMGA is required to have the insurance when partnering with other organizations or groups for events.

Laurynn reminded members to submit volunteer and education hours online. She indicated that she will be ordering new membership badges soon and would like to have everyone's volunteer hours up-to-date.

Laurynn reported that the Purdue Extension Environmental Education series has received positive feedback from participants. Classes are held on the third Thursday of each month at various locations within East Central Indiana. The next class will be held on May 19 at the Davis-Purdue Agriculture Center near Farmland. The topic will focus on land management for wildlife.

Laurynn reported that she is trying to schedule an Extension Master Gardener Basic Training Class for the fall of 2022. The class will be held somewhere in Henry County in order to reach people in Henry, Wayne, and Randolph Counties.

Laurynn asked graduates of the 2021 and 2022 Extension Master Gardener Basic Training Class to stand up and be recognized. Several members stood.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Sarah Kreps reported that the Executive Board is attempting to schedule several additional gardening classes for children at the YMCA of Muncie and Grissom Elementary School. More information will be provided once the schedule has been confirmed.

Sarah announced that an anonymous donor had provided 3 hand-held tally counters for the organization to use during special events.

### **Minnetrissa Herb Garden**

Amy Trendler spoke about her experience as a volunteer in the Minnetrista Herb Garden. She reported that Minnetrista is looking for additional volunteers to work in the garden. Volunteers would be expected to work during the farmers' market (8 am – 12 pm) on Saturdays May through September. Volunteers would help answer herb-related questions and perform light maintenance in the garden area.

A sign-up sheet was placed on the table at the front of the room. Anyone can volunteer; you are

not required to be an Extension Master Gardener. However, interested candidates will need to complete Minnetrista's online volunteer form in order to participate. A training session will be held in late May or early June. Volunteer hours can be counted towards the annual DCMGA volunteer requirement. Contact Amy with any additional questions.

Martha McClurg reminded members of the upcoming Maring-Hunt Garden Day on Saturday, April 30. The event will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Gateway to Gardening Pavilion. The DCMGA will host a booth with brochures, handouts, and Take-out garden boxes. Extension Master Gardener Sylvia Finney will be presenting a demonstration on container gardening at 2:00 pm.

Martha McClurg acknowledged and thanked the presenters for the evening.

Dottie Kreps indicated that she attended the recent Delaware County Food Council meeting. The council has initiated the "Grow a Row" program, which encourages gardeners to plant an extra row of fruit and vegetable crops in their gardens to be donated to a local food pantry.

April birthdays were recognized.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no other business to discuss, Julie Mason motioned to adjourn, seconded by Cheryl Haas.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paula Sampson*  
Secretary

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- For staked tomatoes, remove suckers (branches that form where the leaf joins the stem) while they are 1 to 1.5 inches long to allow easier training. No need to remove suckers on caged plants.
  - Pinch the shoot tips of chrysanthemums, impatiens, petunias, and coleus to promote bushier growth.
  - Remove the tops of spring-flowering bulbs only after they have yellowed and withered.
  - Continue planting gladiolus for a succession of bloom.
  - Protect ripening strawberries from birds by covering with netting.
  - Supplement natural rainfall (as needed) to supply a total of 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week to the garden.

# The DCMGA celebrates another successful plant sale and fund raiser!

Thank you to everyone who donated plants or volunteered at the 2022 DCMGA Plant Sale. With your support and contributions, our initial estimate indicates that we were able to raise \$3,500 for future DCMGA outreach and education programs.

A line of 50 early-rising and eager shoppers began to form outside the Community Building at the Delaware County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 14 awaiting to snatch great deals and rare plants. Previous plant sale chairperson Nancy Reynolds rang the famed cow bell at 8:00 a.m. to officially open the doors to the public.

Most of the plants were sold by 9:30 a.m. Those who arrived after 10:00 a.m. were welcomed to a very limited inventory of succulents, tropical houseplants, daylilies, hostas, vegetable starts, annuals, and perennials.

Those plants that were left over after the sale will be re-sold at the Minnetrista Garden Fair on June 4 and 5. Several tomato, pepper, and cauliflower plants will be donated to the Ross Community Center and College Avenue United Methodist Church community gardens.

Thank you to Lynn Littler, Nancy Kunk, and the Delta High School Agriculture Science class for donating tomato, pepper, cabbage, cauliflower, and broccoli plants leftover from their spring greenhouse plant sale to our event. The DCMGA will provide the Agriculture Science Class with a check for a share of the sales.



**Above (top to bottom):** Shoppers patiently wait for the beginning of the plant sale. Over 10 varieties of tomato plants were donated by the Delta High School Agriculture Science class. Nancy Reynolds gets ready to ring the cow bell and begin the plant sale. Irises and other perennials filled tables in the Community Building at the Delaware Co. Fairgrounds.

photo: Bonsaify.com

Indianapolis Bonsai Club

## Spring Bonsai Show June 4 ( 10 am-5 pm) & 5 (1-5 pm)



Join the Indianapolis Bonsai Club as they showcase their unique bonsai specimens throughout the Garifeld Park Conservatory. Club members will be available to answer your questions, and vendors will have items for sale.

Admission is \$5 per person or \$12 per family (2 and under free, 2 adults max. per family). The Garfield Park Conservatory is located at 2505 Conservatory Dr, Indianapolis.

- June 5-11 National Garden Week
- June 5 World Environment
- June 6 National Gardening Exercise Day
- June 10 Herbs & Spices Day - June 10
- June 13 Weed Your Garden Day
- June 17 Eat All Your Veggies Day
- June 20-26 National Pollinator Week



Rinard Orchid Greenhouse Expansion

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Friday, June 17 | 1:30 p.m.

This event will be open to the public and include tours of the new Rinard Orchid Greenhouse classroom space, special orchid displays, and family-friendly activities.

## Honoring ROGH Curator Cheryl LeBlanc



On Friday May 6, 2022 Orchid Collection Curator Cheryl LeBlanc was honored by Ball State University's Foundational Science department for her 29 years of leadership, creativity, and dedication to the orchid collect at Ball State University.

Cheryl was presented

with an inscribed plaque that reads, "Her vision: a diverse collection of species in a beautiful building inviting all ages to learn about nature."

Congratulations to Cheryl on her upcoming retirement! Thank you for your mentorship and friendship to so many Extension Master Gardeners!

### 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.

## The Ohio State University's 'Ask a Bumble Bee' Volunteer Training Friday, May 27 | 10:00 am



photo: Getty Images

### About the Program

The Ask A Bumble Bee project is a field observation survey exploring which flowers bumble bees visit and which they don't. Anyone with a smartphone can participate. No bee collecting involved.

### Purpose of the Program

Surprisingly, scientists and researchers know relatively little about which flowers bumble bees prefer. Knowing bumble bee's floral preferences will improve plant guides, seed mixes, and land management strategies.

### Why Participate

While you don't need to be able to identify bumble bee or flower species to help with this survey, by participating you're sure to learn more about these fascinating bees and the flowers they prefer.

### Webinar Training

Join Jenan El-Hifnawi and Sam Droege of the United State Geological Survey's (USGS) Ask A Bumble Bee survey for a 60-minute training opportunity on Friday, May 27. Jenan and Sam will present an overview of the importance of this floral survey and walk participants through the steps to collect and submit observational data.

Can't make the session? Check back on The Ohio State University's website ([u.osu.edu/askabumble/](http://u.osu.edu/askabumble/)) for the webinar recording.

To learn more about the Ask A Bumble Bee survey program or to register for the webinar training, ([u.osu.edu/askabumble/](http://u.osu.edu/askabumble/))



# Nature Play Days

June 4-12, 2022



## Indiana Children & Nature Network

From June 4-12th, 2022 the Indiana Children and Nature Network is encouraging groups across the state to make a special effort to get kids outside by holding a Nature Play Day event. These events can be anything from a broad partnership, multi-day community events to a simple guided hike, loose parts play, or a meet-up at a playground. Large or small, free play or department-led, the goal of Nature Play Days is to get kids outside and remind families that nature play is important and can happen close to home.

Minnetrasta, Muncie Sanitary District, Muncie Public Libraries, Red-tail Land Conservancy, Westwind Farm and Fiber, Purdue Extension - Delaware County, and Ball State University's Field Station and Environmental Education Center are all participating in Nature Play Days this year. Check out the Indiana Children and Nature Network's website ([www.indianachildrenandnature.org](http://www.indianachildrenandnature.org)) for more information about this year's events! Each Nature Play Days event is in-person, and locations will vary based on the event.



○ Minnetrista Museum & Gardens

## Horticulture Volunteer Days

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, & 28 (8-11 am)  
Saturday, June 11 & July 9 (9-12 pm)  
Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26 (8-11 am)  
Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28 (8-11 am)

Join the Minnetrista Horticulture team for a special volunteer day to help maintain and grow our lively gardens! Volunteers will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of garden cultivation alongside our professional staff. Whether cleaning and preparing soil for future seeds or digging and planting, there's always plenty of work to be done! If you are interested in volunteering, please email Mary Zwickl at [mzwickl@minnetrista.net](mailto:mzwickl@minnetrista.net)

## The National Garden Bureau's Upcoming *Ask the Experts* Webinar Series



### Ask the Experts about Shade Gardening Wednesday, June 1 | 1:00 pm (ET)

Join the NGB experts from Dummen Orange and Walters Gardens as they discuss the best perennials for your shady garden spots. They will showcase some of the newer varieties available but also share tips on how to easily grow and care for beautiful perennials in the shade.

### Ask the Experts about Phlox Wednesday, June 7 | 1:00 pm (ET)

Join our experts as they discuss the two main types of perennials in the 2022 Year of the Phlox! They will not only showcase the many new varieties available but also how to have your the best and healthiest phlox your garden has ever seen!



### Ask the Experts about Roses Thursday, June 30 | 1:00 pm (ET)

Join experts from Bailey Nurseries, Star Roses, and Suntory Flowers as they discuss the types and varieties of roses best suited for your garden.

Register for any of the webinars at [ngb.org/great-garden-webinars](http://ngb.org/great-garden-webinars). Gardeners are encouraged to register for any of the webinars above even if you can't attend live. Registrants will receive a link to the recording.

# Happenings at the Maring-Hunt Library Gateway to Gardening Pavilion

Throughout the Spring 2022 semester students from Ball State University's Immersive Learning Program collaborated with the Muncie Public Library to develop a Monarch Waystation at the Gateway to Gardening Pavilion on the Maring-Hunt Library campus. Led by Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, Susan Tomizawa, students from various disciplines presented thoughtful designs to stakeholders and library users in February. Students took the feedback they received, prepared a preferred concept, and implemented the design within the Garden in April. The preferred design features an outdoor education area for children, seats fabricated from salvaged tree stumps, and a new butterfly-themed garden sign. The student's work culminated on April 28 with a small celebration at the library. Students presented the library with a collection of butterfly notebooks, painted rocks depicting the monarch lifecycle, and a flower press.



photo: Maring-Hunt Library

In addition, on Saturday, May 14 several student members of the Muncie Central Ivy Tech college preparatory program, Upward Bound Ivy, helped repair and restore the children's sand pit in the Gateway to Gardening Pavilion. The students refilled the play area with 44 bags of sand, which is about 2,000 lbs. ~

**Above (L to R):** Upward Bound students help spread sand in the sand play pit. BSU's Immersive Learning students help plant the new Monarch Waystation. A BSU student paints a new garden sign at the Maring-Hunt Library Gateway Through Garden Pavilion.



**Fiber Arts & Crafts Festival @ Westwind Farm**

JUNE 25 10AM-4PM  
JUNE 26 1PM-4PM



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Hancock Co. Master Gardener Association

## Rain Gardens Monday, June 27 | 6:30 PM

Join the Hancock County Master Gardeners for an in person presentation at the New Castle Public Library on Monday, June 27 at 6:30 pm. Extension Master Gardener Artis Kingstone will share the advantages of a rain garden and how to create one with limited space. Registration is required as seating is limited.

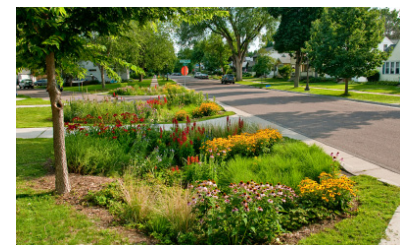


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Visit [nchcpl.librarycalendar.com/](http://nchcpl.librarycalendar.com/) to sign up.

Landess Farm's  
**2022 Strawberry Festival**  
June 12 & 19 | Daleville

Landess Farm is thrilled to announce the return of the annual Strawberry Festival in 2022. The festival will span two Sundays this year, June 12 and 19, to allow more people to enjoy the festival.

Each person, ages 2 and older, will need to purchase a ticket (\$5.50) for a specific date and time. Landess is attempting to limit traffic to increase attendees' safety and comfort. Pre-sale tickets may be purchased online at <https://app.barn2door.com/e/QMdd6/all>. You may also purchase tickets at the gate on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Admission includes entry to the festival, a hayride to the strawberry patch, and one pint of u-pick strawberries. Additional produce and baked goods will be available for sale. Dress appropriately for the weather and mild terrain. Portable restrooms and handwashing stations will be available.

Ecological Landscape Alliance  
**Restoring the Apple Orchard at Tower Hill**  
Wednesday, June 15 | 12 pm ET



photo: ELA

Learn about the restoration of the New England heirloom apple orchard at Tower Hill's Botanic Garden in Boylston, MA from Mark Richardson, Director of Horticulture.

Mark oversees the horticulture and horticulture outreach staff and serves as chair of the garden's sustainability committee. Prior to joining the staff at Tower Hill, Mark served as Botanic Garden Director for Native Plant Trust, where he oversaw Garden in the Woods and Nasami Farm native plant nursery. He has a passion for ecological horticulture and native plants and is co-author of *Native Plants for New England Gardens*. Register for the free webinar at [www.ecolandscaping.org/event/restoring-the-heirloom-apple-orchard-at-tower-hill](http://www.ecolandscaping.org/event/restoring-the-heirloom-apple-orchard-at-tower-hill).

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## Volunteer in the Minnetrista Herb Garden



photo: Minnetrista

Are you interested in volunteering in the Herb Garden at Minnetrista during the Farmer's Market on Saturdays this summer? You'll have the chance to share your knowledge about herb gardening, learn from market patrons on how they use their herbs, and be able to do some maintenance in the garden.

There will be a Herb Garden volunteer callout and orientation presented by the Minnetrista horticulture staff on Saturday, May 21 at 9:00am. We'll meet in the Herb Garden. You may contact Extension Master Gardener Amy Trendler if you aren't able to make it to the meeting. She can arrange another time to meet with you and get you access to the volunteer schedule.

Herb Garden volunteers are Minnetrista volunteers; you may also count your time in the Herb Garden as Purdue Extension Master Gardener volunteer hours. Please complete the online "apply to volunteer" form for Minnetrista and note that you are a Master Gardener volunteering in the herb garden in the "Explain your interest in volunteering at Minnetrista" box. You can find the form here: [www.minnetrista.net/volunteer](http://www.minnetrista.net/volunteer).

Please contact Amy Trendler at [aetrendler@bsu.edu](mailto:aetrendler@bsu.edu) or 765-730-6901 if you have any questions about the orientation or volunteering in the Herb Garden.



Visit five beautiful gardens and celebrate the Indianapolis Garden Club's 26th Annual Garden Walk. Local artists will be creating paintings in the gardens. Artwork will be available for purchase.

**A WELCOMING GARDEN**

The ever-changing retreat includes a koi pond, an arched garden bridge, and a guest cottage. The outdoor entertaining space features a repurposed island that welcomes friends and family. Pergolas create structure for additional garden viewing including a cozy guest cottage nestled in this magical backyard retreat.

**EVER EVOLVING!**

Tucked into a quiet pocket between two busy thoroughfares, discover a flourishing garden that has grown over 30 years in tandem with one family's desires and passions. Strong structural design creates a base for play, exploration, and respite thanks to the homeowners' commitment to continual connection with nature.

**A BRIDE, A BOUQUET, & A BALCONY**

Merge the rose-trellised entry of a nearly 100-year-old formal Italianate home with a manicured front lawn bordered by waves of flowers. Next add a trickling fountain, a mix of red maples, white magnolias, redbuds, and a sprinkling of dogwoods. Overlooking a stately courtyard garden is a Juliet balcony where the owners' son and daughter-in-law tossed the bridal bouquet in this stunning fairytale setting.

**A GEORGIAN COLONIAL TREASURE**

This unusual wedge-shaped property offers distinct gardening zones. An attached greenhouse allows the owner to start seedlings each spring. The adjacent parterre is interspersed with annuals, herbs, and vegetables. A large welcoming expanse beckons guests with a colorful perennial border to linger and unwind. A granite fountain and a revered sculpture complete the design.

**AN ENTERTAINING ENCLAVE**

Imagine a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired home with endless possibilities for outdoor entertaining. Whether lounging by the pool under a custom Italian umbrella or chatting with guests by the fire pit, this property offers many entertaining options. Order, symmetry, and uniformity grace the well-placed specimens of oaks, maples, boxwood, river birch, and a lush border of strawberry vanilla hydrangeas.

Garden Walk tickets are \$40.00 in advance and \$45 on the day of the Walk. This is a rain or shine event. No refunds. Purchase tickets online using **Eventbrite** or in person at the Charles Mayer & Company, 5629 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN.

You must print out your Eventbrite ticket and present it at each garden. Mobile phone tickets will not be accepted. ~



Advance your Master Gardener knowledge by attending one or more of these upcoming Environmental Education Series classes. Participation in each class is \$10. Register online at [https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bwsKRolfgxRwSrk](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bwsKRolfgxRwSrk). The registration fee will be collected at the door.

- Thursday, June 16
- Thursday, July 21
- Thursday, August 18

- "Land Conservation & Leave No Trace"** at Munsee Woods
- "Youth Engagement"** at BSU's Environmental Classroom (Christy Woods)
- "Organic Gardening"** at the Davis-Purdue Agriculture Center

Please reach out to Laurynn Thieme at [ljthieme@purdue.edu](mailto:ljthieme@purdue.edu) or 765.747.7732 with questions.

Minnetrasta Museum & Gardens

## Tea & Talk: Past, Present, & Future – The Formal Garden Wed. July 13 | 3-4:30 pm

Join Minnetrista for a Tea & Talk as Horticulture Manager James Edwards shares about the past, present, and future of a beloved Minnetrista garden, the Formal Garden. He will give insight into the horticulture and gardening themes of our campus and the deeply rooted history of these unique places.

Cost to participate is \$16. A discount applies for Minnetrista members. Tickets can be purchased online here. Enjoy tea and hors d'oeuvres while you learn about gardens at Minnetrista.



Minnetrasta Museum & Gardens

## Tea & Talk: Planting One Tree at a Time Wed., June 8 | 3-4:30 pm

Lead Horticulture Specialist, Austin Weiland, will share the Horticulture department's plan to plant trees on Minnetrista's campus. He will give insight on the origin of the trees, tree types, planting procedures, and how to keep a newly planted tree healthy. Enjoy tea and hors d'oeuvres while you learn about the process of tree planting

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## Register for 'Sustainable Landscape Designs: Nature's Best Hope'



Join Green Newton on Thursday, May 26 at 7pm for a special online talk with Dr. Doug Tallamy about how yard by yard, we can help pollinators by planting the native species that they depend on. Learn how native plant communities that sustain food webs, sequester carbon, maintain diverse native bee communities and manage our watersheds, can empower everyone to play a significant role in the future of the natural world.

Pre-registration is required. The virtual meeting login information will be sent via email to registrants. Register online at [newtonfreelibrary.libcal.com/event/8118769](https://newtonfreelibrary.libcal.com/event/8118769).

Hancock Co. Master Gardener Association's

## Tour of Newfields Gardens Thursday, August 4 | 6-8 pm



Join the Purdue Extension Master Gardeners of Hancock County for an exclusive tour of Newfields Gardens.

Register for free tickets beginning in June. Go to <https://discovernewfields.org/Checkout>. Select "General Admission". On the next page select the appropriate date (8/4/22) and time (6:00 pm). Admission on the first Thursday of each month is free (special exhibits are extra).

Meet the tour guide, Darlene Trusty, at the garden entrance beginning at 6:15 pm. The tour will last for approximately 1.5 hours.

Please call the Purdue Extension Hancock County Office at 317-462-1113 with any questions.



# Madison BLOOM

**29th Biennial Spring Garden Tour**  
Madison, Indiana

**June 11 & 12 and June 18 & 19**



### TOUR HOURS

Saturdays: 10 am to 4 pm | Sundays: 12-4 pm

Tour private blossoming gardens not normally open to the public.

Tickets are GOOD for BOTH WEEKENDS!  
Purchase at the History Center / Jefferson County Historical Society, 615 W. First Street, Madison, IN. Look for the red caboose at the corner of First and Mill streets. Children 12 & under are Free.

Tickets are \$25 per person. All tickets purchased will be held as a "will call" and can be picked up at the History Center / Jefferson County Historical Society on days of the tour. The Madison in Bloom Ticket contains description of each garden as well as a map. The ticket is not available as an online printable version. Tickets are non-refundable.

For more information, visit:  
[www.madisoninbloom.com](http://www.madisoninbloom.com)

Minnetrasta Museum & Gardens'  
**National Pollinator  
Week Events**  
June 20-26 | Various Times



### Schedule of Activities

Gardens Spotlight - June 20 | On socials  
Bee Bingo & Dancing - June 22; 10 am-12 pm  
Nature Area Natives - June 23; 1-3 pm  
Betty's Butterflies - June 24; 12-2 pm

Join us to celebrate National Pollinator Week at Minnetrista. Each day a new activity will be available to teach kids about the exciting world of pollination and the ways it affects our natural environment. Throw seed bombs, dance like a bee, and more to learn more about the vital role pollinators play in our world and how you can help them thrive! Take a look at the calendar of events, and be sure not to miss the exciting opportunities for the whole family!



**GARDEN**  
FAIR  
at minnetrista

**June 4; 8 a.m.–3 p.m.**  
**June 5; 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Free Community Event

The Purdue University Office of the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance has implemented campus-wide policies related to programs involving minors. These policies are designed to ensure the protection of minors who participate in any University-supported program or activity. Purdue Extension programs across the State of Indiana are included in this policy, and were represented at the table when the policies were designed and implemented.

**WHO:** Purdue University adult & youth volunteers (**including Purdue Extension Master Gardeners**)

**WHAT:** Required training and certification for volunteers who have a reasonable chance of interacting with minors in programs where minors are a target audience.

**WHEN/WHERE:** Applies to all programs involving minors that start on or after May 1, 2015 that are supported by Purdue Extension at the county, area, district, state, and national levels

**WHY:** To ensure that programs involving minors are planned carefully & include safety as the highest priority.

**HOW:** Visit [https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bOEB8CsBwI7SE8I](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOEB8CsBwI7SE8I). Watch the two *Working With Minors Safety Training* videos, then complete the two brief certification quizzes that follow. These steps should take about 15 to 30 minutes. Be sure to register with your name, county, and area of Purdue Extension volunteer involvement.

Once complete, Extension Master Gardeners must forward the program completion confirmation e-mail to Laurynn Thieme at [ljthieme@purdue.edu](mailto:ljthieme@purdue.edu). The confirmation email should be forwarded to Laurynn even if you have already completed the training (either for EMG or 4-H volunteering).

**Failure to complete the training and forward proof of completion to Laurynn will result in you being unable to volunteer for DCMGA youth events, including the Mini Master Gardener Camps.**

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## Hayes Summer Adventures

### June 7th - July 30th | Tuesday - Saturday, 10-4pm

June 7-11: Forests • June 14-18: Birds • June 21-25: Pond Life  
July 5-9: Nature Sounds • July 12-16: Insects • July 19-23: Flowers • July 26-30: Pollinators

Join Hayes Arboretum, located at 801 Elks Road, Richmond for a summer of free family hikes and crafts! Each week will have a unique theme that includes a free staff-led hike at 10am. Crafts will be located in the Butterfly Cottage in the Nature Playscape. The events are free and open to all!

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plant spotlight:

## KOUSA DOGWOOD

The Kousa Dogwood (*Cornus kousa*) is an excellent small- to medium-sized ornamental tree specimen for the home landscape. Growing 20 to 30 feet tall and wide at maturity, this non-native tree is known for its showy four-petal white bracts (modified leaves) and flower that blooms in May, followed by large raspberry-like reddish fruits, and exceptional reddish-purple fall color.

Compared to our native Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*), the Kousa dogwood is more resistant to drought, hardier to colder temperatures, more disease-resistant, and less susceptible to deer damage. The shallow roots make it difficult to transplant. They benefit from an even layer of mulch.

