

*Mark your calendar* to attend this unique day in the wonderful world of gardening with friendly and informed Whitley County Master Gardeners!

## Whitley County Master Gardeners *Symposium*

Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM

Indian Springs Middle School (Activities Entrance)  
1692 Indiana S State Road 9 Columbia City, IN 46725

**\$45/person.** Includes light breakfast, lunch and snacks. Lunch includes a full soup and salad bar with a variety of proteins.

Indicate your special dietary needs on the registration form (preferred) or contact John Woodmansee at (260) 244-7615 or [jwoodman@purdue.edu](mailto:jwoodman@purdue.edu) by Feb. 13, 2026.

*Don't miss out – register today!* Mail in the form below or pay online at: [www.mastergardenerswc.com/events/symposium](http://www.mastergardenerswc.com/events/symposium).



**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FEB. 13, 2026**

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### Payment Information

Payment Total (\$45 per person): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ I agree to receive email updates from WCMG.

Enclose cash or check made payable to Whitley County Master Gardeners and mail to: Purdue Extension—Whitley County, Attn: WCMG, 220 W. Van Buren St., Suite LL4, Columbia City, IN 46725



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*A Day of Gardening Exploration and Learning*

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The mission of Whitley County Indiana Master Gardeners, Inc. is to positively impact our community by educating and providing people with good gardening practices, research-based information, and trained volunteer leadership including support from:



Extension - Whitley County

*Open  
to the  
public!*



# Whitley County Master Gardeners February 2026 Symposium

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, our 10th annual symposium is your chance to learn from the experts, browse the latest products from local vendors, and exchange gardening ideas with fellow enthusiasts and new friends!

## Agenda

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome — Rindy Schlatter, WCMG President
- 9:15 **Native Plants** — Sean Nolan
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 **Landscape Design Featuring Native Plants** — Laura Stine
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:30 **Breakout Sessions** — Three 40-minute sessions with 5 minute breaks.

**Craft your ideal symposium experience!** Choose your 3 sessions from the following:

- **Stems to Stunning:** the art of beautiful floral arrangements with Beth Ann Sickafoose.
- **Indiana Prairie Restoration:** help restore this endangered habitat with Linda Furge.
- **Herbs and Bulbs:** garlic, herbs, and crafting infusions with Al Anderson and Bridget Johnson.
- **Plant Propagation:** from seed starting to stem cuttings with Randi Engelhardt.

- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 **Small Flowering Trees, Shrubs and Conifers for the Landscape**  
— John Woodmansee
- 4:00 Wrap-up and Evaluation

*Are you a Master Gardener?* Attend all sessions to earn 5 education hours.



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## Connect with local experts and quality garden resources!

Visit local vendors' booths for demonstrations, information and inspiration! Whitley County Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions.

## Symposium Speakers

### SEAN NOLAN

Owner and designer of Sanctuary Native Landscapes and President of the NE Chapter of the Indiana Native Plant Society. Sean specializes in creating sustainable landscapes—rain gardens, prairies, and woodland shade gardens—that honor natural plant behavior.



### LAURA STINE

Owner/operator of Laura Stine Gardens. Laura has worked in the landscape field for over 25 years. Incorporating solid design concepts with the best plant choices allows her to create garden spaces that provide outstanding function and beautiful visual appeal.



### JOHN WOODMANSEE

In his role as the Whitley County Purdue Extension Educator and Master Gardener Coordinator, John has been helping gardeners and farmers improve their crops and landscapes for nearly 30 years.



## Whitley County Master Gardeners 2026 Symposium Registration

Complete both sides of this form and submit with your payment.  
Or register online at [www.MasterGardenersWC.com](http://www.MasterGardenersWC.com).

Select three of the four breakout sessions:

- ☐ Stems to Stunning ☐ Indiana Prairie Restoration
- ☐ Herbs and Bulbs ☐ Plant Propagation

Dietary Needs:

*If you purchase multiple tickets they will be registered together in the same 3 sessions. To register for different sessions, contact us at [events@mastergardenerswc.com](mailto:events@mastergardenerswc.com).*

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program or if you need an interpreter or translator, please contact John Woodmansee prior to the meeting at 260-244-7615 or [jwoodman@purdue.edu](mailto:jwoodman@purdue.edu) by Jan. 31, 2026.

**Questions?** Email [events@mastergardenerswc.com](mailto:events@mastergardenerswc.com) or call (260) 244-7615.