

Garden Variety News

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“Helping Others Grow”

Next Meeting—Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 p.m., at the Fairgrounds. This will be an outdoor meeting so please bring your lawn chair.

Nancy Manley will be doing a demonstration on Lasagna Gardening. Refreshments will be provided by Theresa Hawkins and Diane Taylor.

PURDUE MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

Have you registered yet? Dates for the conference will be **June 25-26, 2004**, at the **University Inn Conference Center & Suites**, in **West Lafayette**. The theme for this year's conference will be *Seeds of Inspiration*. Cost is \$95 and includes two lunches, banquet, continental breakfast and breaks. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Will Miller, ordained minister, psychotherapist, stand-up comedian, police chaplain, author, television host, just to name a few of his occupations! Purdue Extension specialists will also be offering sessions on topics such as diagnosis, flower arranging, gardening

with youth, leadership, exotic and invasive pests, and much more.

Registration info:

University Inn Conference Center & Suites
3001 Northwestern Avenue
West Lafayette, IN
1-800-777-9808 or 1-765-463-5511

Deadline for registration is June 18

For additional info:

<http://www.hort.purdue.edu/mg>

GOODWILL GREENHOUSE CLEARANCE SALE

Sale begins Thursday, May 27. The Goodwill Greenhouse is located at 1635 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, “across the White River from IUPUI”. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., telephone 317/524-4302 or PMcGuire@goodwill-indy.org. Peg McGuire reports they still have an excellent selection of perennials, annuals and hanging baskets!

FEATURED EXHIBIT AT INDIANAPOLIS MUSEUM OF ART

A Genius for Place: American Landscapes of the Country Place Era, will be the featured exhibition through October 10, 2004, at Lilly House, the former home of the late

Indianapolis businessman, J.K. Lilly, Jr. This exhibition focuses on seven significant estate landscapes designed during the early 20th century, showcased through the use of 70 black and white photographs and seven color Iris prints by award-winning landscape photographer Carol Betsch to illustrate the artistic achievements of landscape architects during the American Country Place Era. Members/children 12 and under free, adults \$5, students/seniors \$4

JUNE FIELD TRIPS WITH INDIANA NATIVE PLANTS AND WILDFLOWERS SOCIETY

Sunday, June 6th – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Mound State Park, Anderson. Walk lead by Kevin Tungsveck identifying sedges found here in central Indiana.

Saturday, June 12 – 9:30 a.m., Broad Ripple Park. Garlic mustard and Amur honeysuckle pull.

Wednesday, June 16 – 7:00 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center (6363 Springmill Road). Central Indiana Wilderness Club presents “Woodland, Wetland, Stream and Prairie-The Preservation of Central Indiana’s Natural Areas”. Tom Swinford, Central Indiana Regional Ecologist for Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Nature Preserves, will present the natural history of Central Indiana from the time of the Ice Age to present. This will include a brief survey of major habitat types present at the time of Euro-settlement and what remains of that natural heritage today.

For further info: <http://www.inpaws.org>

JUNE GARDENING

Flowers, Vegetables and Small Fruits

- ✓ Discontinue harvest of asparagus and rhubarb around mid-June to allow foliage to develop/store food reserves for next year’s harvest. Fertilize and water when dry to promote healthy growth.
 - ✓ Mulch to control weeds and conserve soil moisture after soil has warmed.
 - ✓ Keep weeds controlled. They are easier to pull when they are still young.
 - ✓ Blanch (exclude light from) cauliflower when heads are just 2 inches in diameter. Tie leaves up and over the developing head.
 - ✓ Start seeds of cabbage, Brussels sprouts, broccoli and cauliflower for fall garden transplants.
 - ✓ Harvest spring plantings of broccoli, cabbage and peas.
 - ✓ Remove cool season plants, such as radish, spinach and lettuce, as they bolt, or form seed stalks, during hot summer weather.
 - ✓ Continue planting carrots, beans and sweet corn for successive harvests.
 - ✓ 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.
 - ✓ Supplement natural rainfall to supply a total of 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week to the garden.
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MAY MCMG MEETING MINUTES

The Master Gardeners met at the Morgan County Fairgrounds for a workday/meeting, weeding the flower beds and removing leaves from the beds.

President Leslie Thompson welcomed new members in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read, and the treasurer reported a balance of about \$2400.00 and reported on the success of the Spring Garden Fest.

Old Business included plans for the Garden Fest for next year, and a theme of "Back to Basics".

The club received a thank you note from Wild Hare Garden Center.

A committee will be formed to plan for next years' Garden Fest and Pansy growers.

Ann Lankford reported that she would be sending e-mails for fairground help in planting and mulching the beds, within the next couple of weeks.

The club approved the nomination of Ann Lankford to represent the Morgan County Master Gardeners vote for the State's county Extension Educator, when they meet Sept. 1st at the Putnam County Fairgrounds.

Trena Trusty reported that the bus trip was about half full, and wished for more input for future trip dates.

Trena had also heard from Chris Parker, who could not attend, that South Elementary School was looking for help building a raised bed, and asked if the Master Gardeners wished to replace a tree that the club had once donated to the Courthouse lawn, that had been ruined by a wreck.

Donnetta McCartney told us that the YMCA Kids project was going well. They made Hypertufa planters and wished to keep the kids involved with making stepping stones for the garden.

The meeting was then turned over to Tom Ulsas, who is an experienced State Forester, for the program on Forest Management and its effect of the eco-system.

After the program, the meeting was adjourned.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

- Indiana School for the Blind-Greenhouse. Contact is Elizabeth Garvey.
- Purdue Extension Office-Answering garden related questions from the public. Contact Chris Parker at 342-1010.
- Goodwill Greenhouse-Contact Peggy McGuire at PMcGuire@goodwill-indy.org.
- Fairground watering and weeding-Contact Ann Lankford at 765/342-8097

AREA LINKS

Our Website – www.mcmastergardeners.org

Purdue University Master Gardener Program

<http://www.hort.purdue.edu/mg/>

Indiana Museum of Art Garden and Grounds - <http://www.ima-art.org/imagardens.html>

Indiana Gourd Society -

<http://www.netusa1.net/~twill/index.html>

Indiana Native Plants and Wildflowers Society - <http://www.inpaws.org/>

White River Gardens –

<http://www.whiterivergardens.com/>

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