

Garden Variety News

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“Helping Others Grow”

Next Meeting—Wednesday, March 2, 2005, 6:30 p.m., at Trena Trusty’s home. You can reach Trena at 317/996-2746 or email: Trustygardener@aol.com.

Dan Lamberson of Aquatic Design will be our guest speaker. In the event of a heavy snow that day, the meeting will be postponed to March 9.

Directions: 5 miles north of State Road 67 on State Road 39 or about 5 miles south of Monrovia. House number is 6895 State Road 39 and it is on the east side of the road.

NOTE: OUR *SPRING GARDEN FEST* WILL BE SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2005, 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. AT THE MORGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. WE WILL DISCUSS ACTIVITIES (PANSY SALE, TREE GIVEAWAY, VENDORS) AT THE MARCH 2ND MEETING. MARK YOUR CALENDAR; WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

MASTER GARDENER 2005 ANNUAL BUS TRIP

A bus has been reserved to take a day trip to the Missouri Botanical Gardens on Friday, June 17th. Details of the trip will be available at the March meeting and at the Spring Garden Fest. We had talked about going to Meijer Garden in Grand Rapids, but the bus expense turned out to be too high for a day trip. Trena is working on a 2-day itinerary to Michigan that will include Meijer, Fernwood and Tabor Winery. She will report on this at the meeting.

2ND ANNUAL PURDUE UNIVERSITY MASTER GARDENER STATE CONFERENCE

June 23, 24 and 25 are the dates set for the 2nd Annual Purdue University Master Gardener State Conference. Hosts will be the Lake County and Porter County Master Gardeners. Mark your calendars, registration materials will be coming soon!



SINGING FOR SPRING

RARE PLANT DISCOVERED IN INDIANA

The Nature Conservancy and ecologists with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserves have been inventorying (botanical and natural) the watershed of the Blue River in Harrison, Crawford and Washington counties.

Although there are approximately 25 species of goldenrod native to Indiana, Short's goldenrod (*Solidago shortii*), was considered extinct until a population was found in 1939 in the Blue Lick Springs area of eastern Kentucky.

Previously, it had been found at the Falls of the Ohio (River) between Clarksville, Ind. and Louisville. It had not been collected from this location since 1860.

Short's goldenrod is a federally listed endangered species, one of only two plant species with this status in Indiana.

The rare plant was found in an area bordering the Blue River within Harrison-Crawford State Forest.

INDIANA MUSEUM OF ART PERENNIAL PREMIERE

April 15-18, in the Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse, IMA's annual salute to Spring will arrive. Come see and buy the season's new perennials and start collecting unusual annuals. They will have horticulturists available to answer your questions. The gardens of the Oldfields Estate should also be in bloom. Members will receive a 20-percent discount on all purchases through April 30.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITES

- * March 12, 2005-Advanced Master Gardener Training, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Alexandria, IN. For info and registration contact: orick@purdue.edu

- * March 26, 2005-Morgan County Spring Garden Fest, Morgan County Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Contact: annhume@earthlink.net or tulsas@yahoo.com or buntont@comcast.net or hardwarestore@scican.net
- * April 9, 2005-Boone County Gardenfest 2005, Boone County Fairgrounds Community Bldg., 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact: PBuedel@cs.com
- * May 15-27, 2005-England and it's Gardens For itinerary, costs, photos and registration info go to: <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/eaig/main.html>
- * Coordinated Aging Service-1390 E. Columbus, Martinsville, 349-3007 (ask for Frankie)-need help landscaping

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/>

Journalist (Debbie Parsons) can be contacted at hardwarestore@scican.net or 5869 S. Haasetown Rd., Morgantown, IN 46160. Info and/or articles are always welcome.