



# Garden Variety News

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## March Meeting Notice

**March 5, 2009  
6:00 p.m.**

**Administration Building  
Martinsville, Indiana**

**Topics: Garden Fest  
Seed Sources**

## 2009 GARDENFEST and PANSY SALE

*Sponsored by the Morgan County  
Master Gardeners*

DATES: March 20, 2009  
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
March 21, 2009  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: National Guard Armory  
1900 Hospital Dr., Martinsville, IN

*Pansies will sell for \$3.50 per 5" pot.*

This year we will give away 400 one and two year old trees: river birch, bald cypress, red maple and Washington Hawthorne, have a Question and Answer booth, provide educational displays, feature numerous vendors and offer soil testing. Just bring us a soil sample.

Food and Drink will be offered for sale by Martinsville Tea Room, *Somewhere in Thyme*.

Of course we will sell pansies: one of the first cold weather flowers to bloom in the Spring.

## Speakers this year include...

- 10:00 am. Tom O'Brien, Primary Grounds, Greenwood will discuss hardscaping. Hardscaping is the use of stone in the landscape be it a patio, fountain or landscaping highlight.
- 11:00 am. Colletta Kosiba, Hendricks County Master Gardener. 'Using Native Plants in the Home Garden'.
- 1:00 pm. Constance Ferry, Hobbit Gardens, Filmore, IN 'Companion Planting with Herbs'.
- 2:00 pm. Vanessa Bowers, Morgan County Master Gardener 'Floriography - the Language of Flowers'.
- 3:00 pm Constance Ferry, Hobbit Gardens, 'Organic Gardening: Good for You/Good for the Earth'.

*GardenFest is free to the public.*

**LOOK WHAT'S COMING....!**



## 2009 BUS TRIP

Included in the cost of your reservation is:

- Bus transportation from Mooresville
- All entrance fees
- Bottled water and Trena's trail mix on the bus
- Lunch both days & dinner on Saturday
- Overnight accommodations at Hampton Inn in Downtown Louisville

Plenty of under bus storage is available for your luggage and purchases.

Plan for the weather and bring a camera!

While we are in Kentucky, we will raffle a few garden related items. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**Complete the registration form on the last page of this newsletter and send to Trena Trusty along with registration fees.**

## Let's Go to Louisville! Bus Trip

*Friday, July 17 &  
Saturday, July 18, 2009*

Hosted by  
**Morgan County Master  
Gardeners Association**

[www.mcmastergardeners.org](http://www.mcmastergardeners.org)

**Whitehall  
Yew Dell  
Lunch at Lilly's  
Louisville Waterfront Park  
4<sup>th</sup> Street Live  
Hidden Hills Nursery  
Munchkin Gardens  
Huber Family Farm**

**Contact Trena Trusty 317-996-2746**

**Depart Friday, July 17 at 7 a.m. from  
Mooresville Marsh Supermarket**

**Return 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18**

**Whitehall** built circa 1855 by John Marshall, began as a modest two-story brick house in the Italianate style popular during the mid-19th century. It sat on twenty acres of land that had been part of the original Spring Station tract owned by Samuel and Norborne Beall. Today Whitehall House & Gardens is an urban oasis on just under 10 acres of land.



Our visit will include a 45 minute tour of the home and plenty of free time to visit the grounds.



**Whitehall**

[www.historichomes.org/whitehall/index.html](http://www.historichomes.org/whitehall/index.html)

## Lunch at Lilly's!

The cuisine of nationally renowned chef and owner Kathy Cary incorporates international influences rooted in the American Southern tradition. A Louisville native, Cary upholds a culinary philosophy of fresh local produce; printed on her menus is the motto, "God Bless our Local Farmers!" In addition to lunch and dinner, Lilly's offers exquisite desserts and artisan cheese plates. A classy art-deco interior and impeccable service enhance your dining experience.

At **Joe Huber's Family Farm** and Restaurant we will have a home-style country dinner. Then go for an after dinner walk where you will be able to see their award winning daylily gardens and other beds in their full summer glory.

Joe Huber's  
[www.joehubers.com](http://www.joehubers.com)



Our menu choices for this lunch will be made closer to our departure date. You will be contacted for your preferences once we know what will be in season during our visit.

**Lilly's** [www.lillyslapeche.com](http://www.lillyslapeche.com)

**Yew Dell** began with 33-acres of Oldham County farmland in 1941. Theodore and Martha Lee Klein spent the next 60-plus years developing an exquisite private estate, a successful commercial nursery and an extensive collection of unusual plants and outstanding gardens. Recognizing the unique attributes of Yew Dell, a board of community volunteers raised the funds to purchase the property after the Klein's passed, and then began the longer term plan to restore Yew Dell Gardens and share its treasures with the public.



**Yew Dell** [www.yewdellgardens.org](http://www.yewdellgardens.org)

**Overnight accommodations** are at the **Hampton Inn Downtown Louisville**. Take time to go for a walk at the Louisville Waterfront Park north of our hotel, or Fourth Street Live to the west.

[www.louisvillewaterfront.com](http://www.louisvillewaterfront.com)  
[www.4thstlive.com](http://www.4thstlive.com)



**Hidden Hill Nursery and Sculpture Garden** is a garden oasis with a load of whimsy. Farmer Bob Hill, who has a weekly broadcast on local PBS radio stations, will give us a personal tour of the gardens, then turn us loose to enjoy ourselves and shop.

**Hidden Hill Nursery**  
[www.hiddenhillnursery.com](http://www.hiddenhillnursery.com)

**Munchkin Gardens** features shade gardening and many native plants suited for shade. Gene and Joy Bush will give us a tour of their gardens and nursery production. Their plants are sold by mail order.



Munchkin Nursery & Garden  
[www.munchkinnursery.com](http://www.munchkinnursery.com)

# OTHER SHOWS

March 7, 2009

## **Gateway to Gardening Sponsored by Kosciusko County Master Gardeners**

Warsaw Community Church  
200 S & County Farm Road, Warsaw, IN

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration fee:  
\$30/person

(includes lunch and handout materials),  
Send to Kosciusko Extension Office by:  
February 27. Late registration:  
additional \$10/person.

For more information:  
574/372-2340 or  
email:  
keasterday@purdue.edu.

March 7, 2009

## **Spring Tonic Presented by Hoosier Hillsides Master Gardeners**

8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Orange County Community Center  
1075 Sandy Hook Road, Orange County Fairgrounds  
Paoli, Indiana

Fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. There will be door prizes, and local craftsmen selling their wares.

For more information, please call 812 723-2782. Registration fee: \$35.00 if paid by February 15, and \$40.00 after that date

## **Gardening Series at T.C. Steele State Historic Site 2009**

March 12, 6:30 p.m.: **Gardening panel** on garden design, perennials, flowering shrubs and botanical illustration. **FREE**

March 14, 10:30 a.m.: **Recycle art for your garden**

Hummingbird feeders for adults, \$15  
CD mobiles for youth, \$5

April 18, 11 a.m.: **Miss Potter's Tea Party, \$15**

Come in your Sunday best for a tea party and finger food. We will be making crafts, listening to Beatrix Potter books and exploring the grounds. Space is limited.

April 24-26: **Wildflower Foray** A special weekend of hiking, identification and art. Friday at 9 and 1 p.m. Wildflowers at Selma Steele, Saturday at 7 a.m. Birds at T.C. Steele at 10 a.m. Art Trek: sketching hike, Sunday at 9 a.m. Wildflower Yoga at 10 a.m. Conservation Crafts (\$2 for supplies)

April 28, 6:30 p.m.: **National Mystery Writer, Susan Wittig Albert. FREE** Join us for this special evening in our large studio. She will talk about gardening with herbs and her new book, Wormwood.

May 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: **Garden Gala** Bring your mother to our site for a day of fun and to buy her some flowers. Plant sale of perennials and herbs to benefit the Friends of T.C. Steele. Cooking with herbs demo at 11 a.m. with Amy Thompson, Monroe Co. Extension Educator. Reducing your carbon footprint demo at 2 p.m. with

Barbara Bowman, Brown Co. Extension Educator. Papermaking all day!

May 16, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: **Festival of Flowers Paint Out** Registered artists of all ages and media are encouraged to create art onsite. There will be music and other art opportunities for the public.

Friends of T.C. Steele receive discounts on programs.

For more information contact  
catkinson@dnr.in.gov or  
812.677.2003, www.tcsteele.org

## **Indiana Daffodil Society Annual Daffodil Show**



April 16 2:00—5:00 pm  
April 17 9:00 am—Noon

The Indiana Daffodil Society (IDS) will host a daffodil show at the Holliday Park Nature Center. The show is open to the public and **admission is free**.

Location:  
Holliday Park Nature Center  
Holliday Park  
6363 Spring Mill Road  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Members from the Indiana Daffodil Society will be available to answer questions about growing and maintaining daffodil bulbs and plants. For more information: 317-295-8849 or go to [www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org).

## OTHER SHOWS (Continued)

April 4, 2009

### **Spring Garden Show Sponsored by Hendricks County Master Gardener Program**

Location: Hendricks County  
Fairgrounds

For more info, call or write [Jon Cain](#),  
317-745-9260.

April 4, 2009

### **Gardenfest 2009 - Free to the Public Sponsored by Boone County Master Gardeners**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Boone County 4-H  
Fairgrounds

Lebanon, IN (just east of I-65, at Exit  
138)

### **Morgan County Master Gardeners Attend Advanced Master Gardener Training at Madison County**

Attending from Morgan County Master Gardener's were Diane Cockerham, Rae Craig, Bonnie Kohl, Karla Miller, Trena Trusty, Judy Turner and Cindy Vogel.

Guest speakers were Bob Hill, owner of Hidden Hill Nursery in Utica, In.; Roy Ballard, Extension Educator from Hancock County; Gordon Elsbury, owner of Elsbury's Greenhouses & Garden Center Inc., Hope, In. and Dr. Fred Whitford from Purdue University.

Mr. Hill's presentation featured a slide tour of his nursery, and he showed how to incorporate the unusual to add whimsy to

the garden. One example is a "brake drumus paintus", better known as a painted brake drum. You would have to see this to believe that it actually worked in the garden. To see more of Mr. Hill's Nursery, with many unusual garden plants and displays, sign-up to take the road trip that is planned in July.

Mr. Ballard spoke about numerous aspects to think about when gardening like growing vegetables among flower plants, planting fall crops after harvesting summer crops. He also discussed the importance of the 'Victory Gardens' during World War I and World War II. This year when planning out your garden, plant an extra plant or two and donate the harvest to our local food banks.

Mr. Elsbury gave a demonstration on watering plants the correct way, how and when to fertilize and testing soil for pH and alkalinity. He also gave a presentation of the plants that are for sale at his nursery. If you are planning a trip to Hope, Indiana, be sure to stop by his nursery.

Dr. Whitford discussed "Communicating with a Passion for People". Master Gardener's learn how to communicate with others bringing your knowledge and enthusiasm across in a informative and educational way. Our own Cindy Vogel was chosen as a volunteer speaker for this presentation. She gave Dr. Whitford a run for his money with an excellent presentation.

Whenever these training sessions are available, be sure to sign up and attend. They are so much fun and a great new learning experience.

**Reservation Form for the Louisville Bus Trip  
July 17 & 18, 2009  
(Use this form for up to 4 people.)**

Name(s) and lunch selection (see below)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch selection A B C D

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch selection A B C D

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch selection A B C D

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch selection A B C D

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Subway Lunch Choices: A – Turkey B – Ham C – Club D – Vegetarian

Mark one of these choices for this form:

\_\_\_ 1 person single occupancy room \$217

\_\_\_ 1 person double occupancy room \$160

**Mark this choice if you would like to be assigned a roommate for double occupancy.  
If a roommate is not available, you will need to pay the single occupancy price of \$217.**

\_\_\_ 2 people double occupancy room \$320 (\$160 per person)

\_\_\_ 3 people triple occupancy room \$423 (\$141 per person)

\_\_\_ 4 people quad occupancy room \$526 (\$131.50 per person)

All rooms will be 2 double beds unless you specify 1 king under special needs on this form. You will receive a confirmation by phone within one week of making your **paid** reservation.

***Morgan County Master Gardeners Association members who have paid their 2008-09 dues will receive a \$10 refund on the bus.***

(OVER)

Include payment by check(s) to:

**Morgan County Master Gardeners Assoc.**

**Return by June 15 to:**

Trena Trusty  
6895 State Road 39  
Martinsville, IN 46151

No refunds will be made for cancellations. If you need to cancel, please contact Trena Trusty to see if we have a waiting list.

**List comments or special needs here.**

Attention Morgan County Master Gardeners! Association members will have seats available for themselves and their guests until April 1, 2009. After that date, reservations will be opened up to other Master Gardeners and the general public.