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Central Indiana Gardening Community | [Illustration by Carla Mora](#)

Seeking Your Support Help Save Our Ashes The Indiana Parks Alliance is working with Indiana State Parks and Nature Preserves to protect 100 mature, seed-producing ash trees in state parks and state-owned nature preserves across the state. The invasive Emerald Ash Borer has decimated the ash tree population in northern Indiana, and is rapidly advancing southward. Within the next 10 years, 95% of all the ash trees in Indiana will be lost. This is significant, as ash trees make up almost 20% of Indiana's forests. The cost to treat a large tree is about \$200, but a contribution of any amount will help. Protecting Indiana's ash trees is preserving a significant part of Indiana's natural heritage. To learn more and donate to the Save Our Ash Trees campaign, visit www.indianaparksalliance.org.

Now Through October Public Garden Tours at the IMA The IMA gardens, renowned for their beauty and history, are the subject of these garden tours, which focus on the gardens around the main museum building and those of [Oldfields](#), an American Country Place estate recognized as a National Historic Landmark. The walk features stately mature trees and lawns plus many areas planted with a variety of garden species, both common and rare. Public tours are held Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 6:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 1:00 pm, April through October. Meet at the Horticultural Society Overlook just outside the Deer Zink Pavilion. Included with museum admission. Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. www.imamuseum.org

Monday, October 2 Herb Society of Central Indiana Member and guests will enjoy "Everything's Coming Up Lemons" at the Society's Fall Education Night. Information on lemon herbs including their use in cooking, cleaning, and decorations will be just the start. Attendees will go home with lots of ideas and some items they have made from lemon herbs. 6:15 p.m., Clay Township Government Center, 10701 College Avenue, Indianapolis.

Monday, October 2 Indianapolis Hosta Society The Symbiotic Relationship of Trees, Hostas, and Their Owners Hostas, trees, and people create an endless circle. Without one it is hard to have the other. This talk by Jud Scott, Consulting Arborist and President of Vine & Branch Inc., will focus on urban issues involving all three; looking at roots, shade, species selection, pests, and cool historical trees. Free and open to the public. 6:30 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. <http://indianapolishostasociety.org/>

Friday–Sunday, October 6–8 “What’s Out There” Weekend Discover the design history of places you pass every day but may never have visited. FREE tours of Indianapolis' parks, gardens, estates, cultural venues, and open spaces will be led by experts in history and landscape design, revealing a largely unrecognized legacy of thoughtful landscape architecture and city planning in the heart of the Midwest. Hosted by The Cultural Landscape Foundation, the tours and accompanying City Guide are made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts and Lilly Endowment in partnership with the Indiana Cultural Landscapes Committee of the Indiana Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects. See the full schedule and register for specific events at <https://tclf.org/whats-out-there-weekend-indianapolis>. For more information or to volunteer during the Weekend, please contact Dena at dena@tclf.org.

Saturday, October 7 Herb Society of Central Indiana Herbie Kid Crafts for the Holidays Come out and make a memorable holiday season with the kids, ages 6 years and up. Fun herbal ideas to make during the holidays from Halloween to Christmas. Handouts and recipes. Goodies are provided. Reservations required, \$5, limited seating. Call 317-327-7184. 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org

Saturday, October 7 Indiana Daylily-Iris Society Awards Banquet Japanese & Siberian Iris Presentation by John Coble, Ensata Gardens, Michigan. Lunch 12:00 noon; program 12:45 p.m.; Bravo Cucina Italiana, Willow Lake East, 2658 Lake Circle Drive, Indianapolis. www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org

Saturday, October 7 Hendricks County Master Gardeners Adventures in Gardening Seminar: Garden All Four Seasons Once the seasons change, there’s still plenty of garden fun to be had. Speakers will address Spring (Brent Heath of Brent & Becky’s Bulbs), Summer (Greg Marlett of Hard Way Farms, Martinsville), Autumn (Hoosier Gardener Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp), and Winter (Tess Park of the Conifer Society). The program includes two optional workshops on living flower arrangements with layers of bulbs led by Heath. Those who register for the workshops will take home a planter that they create. A silent auction and book sale will also take place. The seminar is open to the public, but pre-registration and payment of the \$45 fee is required. The registration fee includes a winter-themed oatmeal buffet breakfast (7:30 to 9:00 a.m.), a summer-themed picnic lunch, and all materials. 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main Street, Danville. To learn more or register visit www.HendricksGardeners.com.

Saturday, October 21 Indiana Organic Gardeners Association IOGA’s quarterly meeting includes a pitch-in lunch, a gardening Q&A, a short business meeting, and a tour of South Circle Farm. Bring a favorite dish to share (home-made and/or organic appreciated); your own plate, fork, and drink; and a chair just in case. Guests are welcome. Founded by Amy Matthews in 2011, the farm uses organic practices, small-scale intensive gardening techniques such as broad fork tilling, and row covers and clay sprays to avoid the pests. In the spring and fall, they use non-heated low tunnels to extend their growing season. Lunch begins 11:15 a.m., farm tour at 1:15 p.m., South Circle Farm, 2048 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis.

Saturday, October 28 INPAWS 24th Annual Conference (Bloomington) Aldo & Friends: Phenology, Biology, and Saving the World The Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society provides the knowhow to help Hoosiers appreciate, grow, study, and conserve Indiana’s native plants, with the aim of sustaining healthy ecosystems that support life. Dr. Stanley Temple will show how Aldo Leopold’s meticulous phenological observations provide us with an unparalleled record of when plants bloomed, birds migrated, and other natural events; comparing his observations of hundreds of natural events to recent

records helps us understand how climate change is affecting the ecological community. Doug Ladd will look at critical issues facing contemporary conservation, focusing on the increasing importance of citizen naturalists and organizations such as native plant societies. [View the full program](#) 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monroe Convention Center, Bloomington, Indiana. Discounts apply if registering **by October 6**. [Register for the conference](#)

Saturday, November 11 Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden (Ohio) Native Plant Symposium Keynote will be [David Mizejewski](#), the National Wildlife Federation's media personality. He has appeared on many national news, late night, and talk shows and has been rocking the native plant symposium circuit. [John McGee](#) is an acclaimed landscape designer who works in the D.C. area, primarily with native plants. He is also co-host of the Native Plant Podcast. Bill Barnes, considered the geniuses' genius in top plant circles, will talk about the potential of native plants to enter the general horticultural market. The Zoo's Brian Jorg will discuss the role of public gardens in conservation. Also featured is Meg Hanrahan, who is wrapping up production on a PBS documentary about legendary local plant pioneer, [Lucy Braun](#). Mark and Nan Plunkett, owners of a very fine suburban native garden, will talk about their garden and what it has meant to them. Tickets are \$65.00, which includes Zoo admission, parking, food, social hour. For more information and to register, visit http://cincinnati-zoo.org/horticulture/horticulture_events/. Register ASAP, as previous symposia have sold out early.

Saturday, December 2 10th Annual Greening the Statehouse (Danville) Innovations in Life, Innovations in Advocacy Join Hoosier Environmental Council as we celebrate a decade of hosting our annual forum, Greening the Statehouse. This is Indiana's largest annual gathering of environmental-minded citizens, and your best opportunity to get up to speed on Indiana's environment, to celebrate our movement's successes, and to meet kindred spirits from across the state. Hendricks County Fairgrounds, Danville. Register at www.hecweb.org/gts2017.

Apply Now Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy Organized by Purdue University with support from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and other Indiana conservation agencies and organizations, the Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy gives participants the chance to: engage in basic and advanced level watershed topics covering leadership principles, watershed science, organization and communication, technology and GIS, stakeholder involvement techniques and policy skills; meet, learn from, and build a network of peers; interact with topic experts; gain strategies, skills, and resources for successful watershed management; and earn a Professional Certificate in Watershed Management. Register **by November 3** at <https://engineering.purdue.edu/watersheds/academy.html>. For more information contact Sara Peel, iwlasub@ecn.purdue.edu.

Healing Plants Herbal Studies at Hobbit Gardens Erth Gatherings Center Begin your journey with the healing plants, a journey of wonder and surprise, evolving our way of living on the earth, in community. Our apprentice 'Herbal Studies' program will give you the knowledge and basis to create health and healing for yourself, your family, friends or expand into an herbal practice. You'll discover a way to live a healthier, more whole life in which the decisions and choices that create our world come from within. The program begins in October and continues for one weekend in each of eight months, ending in July. The weekends for 2017 are Oct 14-15/Nov 11-12/Jan 6-7/Feb 10-11/Mar 17-18/May 5-6/June 17-18/July 21-22. A Certificate of Completion is awarded at the finish of the program. To register or get a copy of the syllabus, contact Constance Ferry at hobbitgardens@tds.net or call 765-246-6315. hobbitgardens.blogspot.com.

Opt-In to Clean Energy An important choice is on the table for residents of Indiana that helps combat climate change and supports clean, renewable energy. Whether you live in an apartment or a house, anyone who pays a power bill can do it. There is nothing to install, there are no contracts, and your local utility still delivers reliable electricity. Simply log in to [Arcadia Power](#) and opt-in your local utility account. It takes just two minutes. When people are given a choice, they can move entire industries; now you have a tool to do it.

Volunteer Opps Central Indiana Land Trust CILTI has many hikes and fun volunteer events coming up this fall, including a Thanksgiving Weekend hike at the beautiful Shrader-Weaver Nature Preserve and plenty of opportunities to help care for CILTI's spectacular preserves.
<http://www.conservingindiana.org/events/>

Bird Hikes Eagle Creek Park: 6515 Delong Road, Indianapolis. Every Sunday year-round, 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Ornithology Center. Information 317-327-2473. **Beginning Bird Hikes at Cool Creek Park:** 2000 East 151st Street, Carmel. 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m., and every other Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot at the bottom of the road by Cool Creek, past the Nature Center. Information 317-774-2500 or www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com **Strawtown Koteewi Park:** 12308 Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville. First Wednesday of each month, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History. Information 317-774-2574 or www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com.

Garden Travel Spring Gardens of Virginia with Cole Burrell: Join Cole in his home city of Charlottesville to visit a stunning array of private gardens of friends and clients who are ready to welcome you into their cloistered sanctuaries. Tour the historic homes of presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, as well as the Academical Village of Jefferson's University of Virginia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Historic Garden Week in Virginia offers additional opportunities to explore private estates only open for this unique event. April 19-25, 2018. [Info and registration](#)

Photo Notes Kokopelli is doing a Rain Dance to lure a few water-bearing clouds in our direction. Our weather has cooled, but we've gone too long without appreciable rain. Hold a good thought for some relief soon.

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