**Tuesday, August 3  Daylilies: Front Yard, Back Yard, and Side Yard Hybridizing**  Don Wolff and his wife Claudia live on an average size residential lot in Louisville and thus have a limited amount of space to plant seedlings, evaluate them, and line out those he's registered. Don started hybridizing in 1996 and to date has registered 26 daylilies of which 23 have been doubles. His favorite form of daylily is the double and in recent years he's been working with double unusual forms such as 'Ginseng Man' 2013, 'Sippin Bourbon' 2014, and 'Bourbon and a Fine Cigar' 2016. Prepare to hear the challenges of working in a limited space, and possible future introductions being considered. 6:30 p.m., First Friends Church, 3030 Kessler Blvd, East Drive, Indianapolis. [http://www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org/](http://www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org/)

**Wednesday thru Saturday, August 4 thru 7  2021 Indiana CISMA Conference  Why Do We Manage Invasive Species?**  This will take place as a multi-format event with a combination of virtual and in person opportunities for members of Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs). Continuing education credits will be offered via pre-recorded presentations from conference speakers, to be made available to registrants only. A live virtual meeting will take place the morning on Thursday, August 5th. This year there will also be virtual networking session the day before in the evening, on Wednesday, August 4th. Also new this year, regional field events will be hosted on Friday, August 6th and Saturday, August, 7th for attendees to choose from. These field events will be held concurrently in person around the state and registrants can choose which event they would like to attend. These events are designed to address a particular restoration issue (urban, rural, forestry, prairie, wetland, etc.), teach species ID, and provide examples of local management techniques. The [attached map](http://www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org/) provides a general location of 6 of the 9 events to be held. Tickets $25. [Register](http://www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org/)

**Saturday, August 7  Herbal Harvest at Garfield Park Conservatory**  Is your herb garden spilling with parsley, basil, and dill? What are you going TO DO with all of that? Come to our workshop and learn how to preserve your harvest so you can taste like it is garden fresh even in the depths of winter. You'll go home with lots of handouts, recipes, and an herbal craft that you can put to use immediately. Seating is limited and we're already half full! Presented in partnership with the Herb Society of Central Indiana. Fee $5. 10:00 a.m., 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. Register soon by calling Garfield Park Conservatory, 317-327-7183.

**Monday, August 9  Indianapolis Hosta Society  Breeding and Growing Daylilies in Indiana**  Presentation by Bret Clement, who was born and raised in Wisconsin but has practiced law in the Indianapolis area since his graduation from the University of Michigan Law School 40 years ago. He has been breeding daylilies for the past 20 years and to date has introduced approximately 200 daylily cultivars. Bret is co-founder of the Hoosier Daylily Society and is active in the American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society having served as Region 2 president and serving as general counsel and parliamentarian for the past 14 years.
Bret’s daylilies can be seen on his website (clementgarden.com). Free and open to the public. 6:15 p.m., Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. [http://indianapolishostasociety.org](http://indianapolishostasociety.org)

**Tuesday, August 10  Herb Society of Central Indiana  Putting Together Your Herbal First Aid Kit** The class will cover what should be in a first aid kit, properties of some herbs used, and how to make some of the remedies. Herbal first aid can work either alone or with traditional medical treatment. It is the natural way to care for those minor emergencies! 6:30 p.m., Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1660 Kessler Blvd, Indianapolis (basement, elevator available).

**Thursday, August 12  Webinar: Restoring Native Landscapes for HOAs** Across Central Indiana, homeowners associations (HOAs) spend hundreds of thousands of dollars maintaining detention ponds and grass common areas. Often, the time, money and resources are wasted on land management that offers no benefit to wildlife, erosion control, aesthetics, or recreation for the community. Native landscapes can be a solution that provides more than it takes. Zionsville Parks and Recreation Department, Indiana Native Plant Society, Hamilton County Urban Conservation Association, and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District have teamed up to offer a free online webinar covering why an HOA would consider native landscapes to address issues like erosion, algae issues, nuisance wildlife conflicts, and costly turfgrass maintenance. The associated benefits and how to prepare and implement native restoration projects will also be covered along with a case study showing how such projects can be successful. Registration is required and space is limited. HOAs and other interested parties are encouraged to form watch parties where board members and residents can continue the conversation after the webinar is over. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Information and a registration link can be found at [www.hamiltonswcd.org/events](http://www.hamiltonswcd.org/events).

**Saturday, August 14  IDIS Annual Daylily and Iris Sale** Outstanding varieties and colors not available at local garden centers will be offered at low prices by the Indiana Daylily and Iris Society. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sullivan Hardware & Garden, 6955 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis.

**Thursday, August 26  Webinar: Emerging Invasive Plants in Central Indiana** Join Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) for a presentation by Mary Welz, SICIM Regional Specialist, to learn about some emerging invasive plants to watch out for and report in Central Indiana. There will be information on identification, negative impacts and distribution, as well as options for reporting these species if you encounter them escaping into natural areas. Register under Events at [www.hamiltonswcd.org](http://www.hamiltonswcd.org).

**Saturday, September 25  Indiana Native Plant Society Central Chapter  Fall Color from Natives** Join us for our first in-person program of the fall. Myrene Brown will be promoting native plants that add color to your fall garden and attract native birds and insects, bringing sound and movement to enhance your garden while providing the beauty and connection to nature that so many of us crave. Adding plantings specifically for fall will continue the enjoyment of your garden past the big flush of summer blooms, provide for fall bird migrants, and bring interesting insects for observation. With a few well thought out additions, your garden can continue to bring moments of interest, peace, and contentment as you step out your door into the crisp fall air. Myrene Brown has been experimenting with native plants since her move to Indiana in 1989. In 1998 she started Myrene’s Garden which offers garden lectures, garden coaching, and design work for clients. 1:00 p.m., Pike Branch Library, 6525 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis. [https://indiananativeplants.org/chapters/central-chapter/](https://indiananativeplants.org/chapters/central-chapter/)
**DNR Alert  Remove Feeders and Birdbaths Statewide** After receiving reports of sick and dying birds, Indiana Department of Natural Resources recommends Indiana residents cease feeding all birds statewide. Bird feeders, bird baths, and other sources that encourage the congregation of wild birds should be taken down or discontinued. Feeders and baths should be cleaned with 10% bleach solution and stored until more information is available. Residents who find birds with eye or head swelling, crusty discharge around the eyes, and/or neurological signs (e.g., tremors, stumbling, weakness, lethargy) should submit the sighting to DNR’s [sick or dead wildlife reporting system](https://www.in.gov/dnr/wildlife/directory/sick_or_dead.shtml). Biologists are actively tracking reports, and samples have been submitted to the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. No definitive cause of death has been identified at this time.

**Free Tours  The Medicinal Plant Garden at the Indiana Medical History Museum** demonstrates over 100 species from around the world. Informational signage tells how the plants have been used, and visitors are welcome to wander at their own pace. Free guided tours of the garden are offered on the [1st and 3rd Saturday mornings](https://www.imhm.org/programs-and-services/plant-gardens), June thru September at 11:00 a.m. Group tours can be arranged by contacting the museum. More information is available at [www.imhm.org](https://www.imhm.org) and 317-635-7329.

**Take the Pledge!  Protect Pollinators** Pollinator conservation is huge task, but it can work if each of us adopts this four-step mantra: (1) grow pollinator-friendly flowers, (2) provide nest sites, (3) avoid pesticides, and (4) spread the word. With these core values, pollinator conservation can be adapted to any location, whether you tend an urban community garden or a suburban yard, work in a city park or on a farm. Make your commitment to these four principles by signing the [Pollinator Protection Pledge](https://www.pollinator.org/pledge).

**Get on the Map!  Homegrown National Park™** Doug Tallamy’s remarkable book *Nature’s Best Hope* outlines a grassroots approach to conservation that homeowners everywhere can participate in. Relying on the initiatives of private individuals, this approach is immune from the whims of government policy, and is practical, effective, and easy. When you’ve planted some native plants, add your property to the national map of the growing Homegrown National Park™. Learn more at [HomegrownNationalPark.org](http://HomegrownNationalPark.org).

**Garden Wisdom  Sunday Classes with the Mad Botanist** Rare, unique, non-credit, self-improvement educational opportunity including outside activity (participants need to be ambulatory). Every class is different and tailored to the participants (8 maximum); come ready to ask and answer questions (Socratic Method). [General Syllabus](https://themadbotanist.com/syllabus)  [Testimonials](https://themadbotanist.com/testimonials)  1:00 to 4:00 p.m., 1st & 3rd Sundays through November; rain date the next Sunday. Check “Class” at [themadbotanist.com](http://themadbotanist.com) for particulars.

**Plant Shopping!  Buy Natives Directory** Indiana Native Plant Society makes it easy for you to locate native plants for sale. Our interactive Buy Natives Directory lets you find sellers and designers near you who offer native plants and do not use or sell invasive plants. A new URL takes you there directly: [www.BuyIndianaNatives.org](http://www.BuyIndianaNatives.org)

**Plant Shopping!  Native Plants from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful** Native plants play a vital role in capturing stormwater, supporting native bee and pollinator populations, and beautifying our city. KIB is growing spring, summer, and fall blooming plants from seed, and new plants will be available throughout the summer and fall. In fact, many 2" plant plugs are ready TODAY for a new home in your yard or neighborhood greenspace. All plant purchases must be placed online and picked up from KIB’s office (1029 Fletcher Ave) on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. When you arrive, show your email or printed receipt as proof of purchase. Nursery boss Ethan Olson can answer any questions you may have at [eolson@kibi.org](mailto:eolson@kibi.org).
Grow Your Own! Indianapolis Public Library Seed Library We provide seeds for check-out as well as education and resources about growing and saving seeds and organic gardening. The Seed Library is open and free to the public. For checkout and seed donation guidelines, please contact your local seed library branch. Find a list of available seeds and branch locations at https://www.indypl.org/services/seed-library

Advocacy Opp Write to Senator Todd Young From Indiana Wildlife Federation’s executive director Emily Wood, here is a call to action: “The Recovering America’s Wildlife Act, just introduced in the U.S. Senate (S. 2372), will catalyze collaborative, on-the-ground habitat restoration projects, help with species reintroductions, tackle disease, and boost other much needed conservation efforts to match the magnitude of the wildlife crisis. Indiana US Senator Todd Young plays an important committee role, and we need your help in reaching him with the following message: Senator Young, please join your colleagues Senators Martin Heinrich and Roy Blunt in cosponsoring the common-sense Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (S. 2372) and supporting its inclusion in the bipartisan infrastructure package currently being negotiated.” Recovering America’s Wildlife Act will invest $1.39 billion annually towards conservation to recover and restore thriving wildlife populations. This bipartisan legislation will create 100,000+ good-paying jobs and will boost the economy! The economic benefits of conservation are clear—not only does it create jobs & boost the economy but restoring our forests & waterways will also result in cleaner air & water. If passed, the bill could add $15M to Indiana’s State Wildlife Action Plan. Contact Senator Todd Young at 202-224-5623 or https://www.young.senate.gov/contact/email-todd.

Volunteer Opp Join HIP Weed Wrangles® in Hamilton County Lend a hand in volunteer invasive species removal events brought to you by the Hamilton County Invasive Species Partnership (HIP). HIP partners will be hosting Weed Wrangles throughout the year, targeting invasive species at parks and other public lands where invasive species are having a detrimental impact on our natural ecosystems. Eradicating these species is often a multi-year effort. Weed Wrangle volunteers learn how to manage a targeted invasive species and get to work as part of a collaborative effort to improve a natural area. Weed Wrangles are led by experts, so are a great opportunity for hands-on learning about invasive species and their management. Find Weed Wrangle volunteer opportunities at www.hcinvasives.org/weedwrangle. Registration is required, and new events are being added all the time. Address questions to 317-773-2181. Weed Wrangle® Indiana is part of a national movement to highlight the importance of managing invasive species and celebrate our native plant communities. To find Weed Wrangle events in your area, visit sicim.info/weed-wrangle-indiana.

Travel Garden and Nature Tours with C. Colston Burrell Experience nature’s beauty and diversity in designed and native landscapes with C. Colston Burrell, who offers personalized leisure tours to exceptional gardens and natural areas around the globe. 2021 Tours: October: Gardens and National Parks of New Zealand. https://gardenandnaturetours.com/

Photo Notes Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora (P.G.)! August’s splendiferous offering of gleaming white panicles that last and last and last. My ‘Limelight’ cultivar is glorious in the back yard. I just learned that I should be cutting it back by one-third in spring because it blooms on new wood. That I will do, because it’s a favorite in my garden.

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