



THE GARFIELD GARDENER

THE NEWSLETTER OF GARFIELD PARK MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

June 2026 Next Meeting

June 10

Field Trip: White River State
Park U Pick Gardens

*Programs are being planned
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2026 Meeting Dates

July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December 9

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President's Message:

Greetings!

Firstly, thanks to Carrie, the plant sale committee, and all the amazing volunteers. You are genuine plant sale rock stars!

As of the publishing of our newsletter, it won't quite be summer yet, but it sure feels like it! All the plants are planted so now it is time to enjoy the beauty and the bounty. If you can get out to see the fountains at Garfield Park, they are quite spectacular. (The grand opening was on Saturday, June 6.) Thank you to Teresa, Ray, the conservatory team and other volunteers for getting all the annuals planted for the season. You are all the best!

I will be out of town for our June meeting as well as JoAnn. Danielle and Debra will be taking the reigns for the June meeting at the White River State Park U Pick gardens. See you all in July.

Events and Garden Happenings

See the conservatory's website for details on upcoming events: [Garfield Park Conservatory - Indianapolis](#)

Upcoming Club Meeting Dates

June, July, and August Meetings:

- June brings a field trip to the White River State Park U Pick gardens.
- July is our club's annual picnic.
- August is another field trip with the MCMGA group (details forthcoming)

—Kay Martin-Pence, GPMGA President

Indiana State Fair Announces 2026 Theme

Batter Up Indiana! Two of Indiana's most recognizable summer traditions are teaming up for a grand slam summer.

The Indiana State Fair and Indianapolis Indians are partnering this year for the 2026 Indiana State Fair, bringing together iconic organizations that have long been part of the Hoosier summer experience. This year's theme: "Always a Hit!"

This year, the fair will occur from Friday, August 7, through Sunday, August 23. The summer-long partnership will bring an exciting lineup of activities to both Victory Field and the Indiana State Fair.

Fairgoers can step up to the plate with immersive, interactive experiences, highlighted by a "mini-Victory Field" wiffle ball diamond on the north side of the fairgrounds. The baseball theme also will serve as a centerpiece for the United States 250th Birthday Celebration, bringing Americana to life through two timeless traditions—fairs and baseball—creating a season that is both nostalgic and unmistakably All-American.

For more information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.



Conservatory Tours

June 13 (11:00 a.m.)
Adam Musgrove

June 27 (11:00 a.m.)
Oren Cooley

At the Conservatory

June 13 (1:00—2:00 p.m.)
Fermentation Station: Kimchi
Garfield Park Conservatory Classroom

Come explore the kitchen alchemy of fermentation!

Learn how to take cabbage, daikon and carrot from harvest through preparation and lactic acid fermentation—resulting in delicious, spicy kimchi!



The cost is \$15 per person. The fee includes one jar of kimchi, picked up the following week when fermentation is complete.

Limit 15 participants (Ages: 10 and up); Pre-registration required. Participants must be comfortable using a knife to chop vegetables.

For more information, visit www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org.

Garfield Park

GPMGA's Next Meeting: June 10

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. at White River State Park (801 W. Washington St., across from the JW Marriott Hotel). We will tour the Growing Places Garden and help with some weeding or another garden task.

The Growing Places Farm is a U pick garden with 6,000 acres and has been at the White River State Park since 2010. The farm has the potential for 3.5 million visitors every year because of its location near popular visitor attractions.

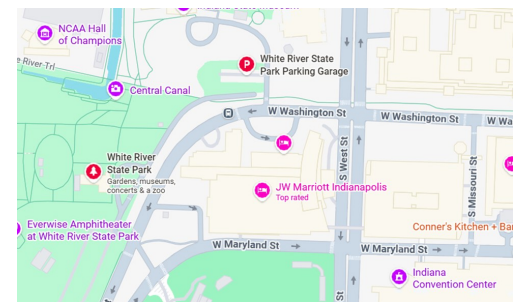
They will give us vouchers for free parking in the WRSP garage at 801 W. Washington St. They cannot help with parking at any other location.

Please note you **MUST** sign a liability waiver before June 10 to participate in the tour! The link is here: <https://forms.gle/qQXhz7n5iC81kMre7>.

Carpooling for this meeting is encouraged if possible because downtown events mean that the garage can have limited parking. Please bring a camping chair to ensure you can sit in the shade for our meeting and refreshments.

The goal of the Growing Places Farm is to encourage people to think about the role of urban agriculture in Indianapolis and beyond. Increasing urbanization coupled with the challenges of sustainable development in cities have contributed to a growing interest among urban agriculture researchers and policy makers.

Urban agriculture also is being explored as a strategy to address issues of food insecurity, income inequality and health disparities. Gardening is considered an option to remedy the urban food deserts where there are no grocery stores within a one-mile radius.



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Please contact the officers and chairs of the Garfield Park Master Gardener Association if you have any questions or suggestions.

GPMGA Meeting Minutes: May 13

The Garfield Park Master Gardener Association met at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

Kay Martin-Pence (President):

- Meeting minutes from April were approved; Would like to have a co-chair for Hospitality; If interested, let Kay and Amanda Anez know.

Danielle Randles (Vice-President):

- Still digitizing documents for our Google Drive and creating Google forms for grants, scholarships, etc.

Cindy Maude (Treasurer):

- The plant sale's overall cash was \$8,100, still adding pre/post sale money so bottom line is yet to be determined; Account balance is \$14,256; Bought wheels for green filing cabinets.

Program:

- *Carnivorous Plants* by Rachel Walker, Ph.D.

JoAnn Klooz (Program Director):

- June's meeting will be at the White River State Park U Pick Gardens; Everyone who attends the field trip will need to sign a waiver prior to arriving; We will not only tour the garden but also provide about 20 minutes of help; July's meeting is the annual picnic; August's meeting is a combined field trip with the Marion County Master Gardeners

Committee Reports:

- Carrie Alumbaugh (Plant Sale Chair): Thanks to all who helped with all stages of the plant sale; Next year, we are looking to make the Plant Sale Chair more of a committee.
- Amanda Anez (Hospitality): June's meeting is a field trip. If you sign up to bring snacks, please consider bringing something suitable for walking around such as packaged snacks.
- Will Gerlib (Website Coordinator): The website rebuild has started; More updates to come.
- Oren Cooley (Newsletter/Publicity Director): Absent.
- Vicki Methaux (Conservatory Tour Coordinator): Tours are covered.

—Respectfully submitted,
Adam Musgrove

Garfield Park's Carnivorous Plant Show

The Garfield Park Conservatory will host its second annual Carnivorous Plant Show Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28.

The conservatory—in conjunction with Chad Williams of Indiana Insectivores—will create a stunning display of predator plants. The show will have native Indiana predator plants as well as a plethora of tropical ones. Throughout the conservatory, visitors will see a diverse carnivorous plant collection—with educational signage about each plant. There also will be carnivorous plants for sale!



The hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$7 per person, \$15 per family (2 adults maximum).

Participants attending the Carnivorous Plant Show also may attend the Predatory Plants Presentation from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27. The presentation is free with admission to the Carnivorous Plant Show.

During the presentation, participants will receive an in-depth look at the various mechanisms employed by carnivorous plants, and learn about the surprising beneficial relationships between these plants and other animals. Garfield Park Conservatory's Assistant Manager and Naturalist Jessica Helmbold took a Masters level class on carnivorous plants and will share what she has learned.

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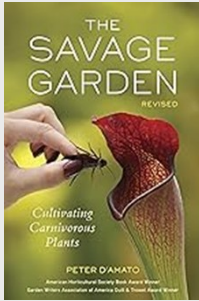
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Sharing Knowledge
Volunteer Commitment*

From the Bookshelf . . .

The Savage Garden, Revised: Cultivating Carnivorous Plants
by Peter D'Amato

The Savage Garden remains the bestselling volume on growing carnivorous plants. This new edition is fully revised to include the latest developments and discoveries in the carnivorous plant world.



People often are familiar with the Venus flytrap, but remain unaware of pitcher plants or the many other species of carnivorous plants that exist on the planet. Beautiful, unusual, and surprisingly easy to grow, carnivorous plants thrive everywhere—from windowsills to outdoor container gardens—in a wide variety of climates.

The Savage Garden remains the most comprehensive guide to these fascinating oddities, gloriously illustrated with more than 200 color photos. This new edition includes:

- All the basics—from watering and feeding to modern advances in artificial lighting, soil and fertilizers
- Detailed descriptions of hundreds of plants, including many of the incredible new species that have been recently discovered and hybridized
- Cultivation and propagation information for all the plant families: pitcher plants, Venus flytraps, sundews, rainbow plants, bladderworts and many others

Whether you are a beginner with your first flytrap or an expert looking for the latest exotic specimen, this classic book has everything you need to grow your very own little peculiar garden.

Horticulturalist Peter D'Amato specialized in carnivorous plants. He was the owner of California Carnivores, possibly the largest nursery of carnivorous plants in the world.

The Savage Garden won the American Horticultural Society Book Award. In addition, the book won the Quill & Trowel Award from the Garden Writers Association of America.

GPMGA's Annual Plant Sale A Success

The Garfield Park Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale raised more than \$8,000 last May, as a steady stream of customers, curious onlookers and gardening enthusiasts contributed to the fun-filled atmosphere present during the sale.

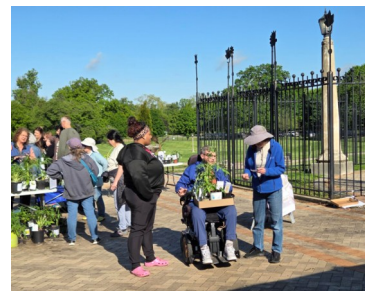
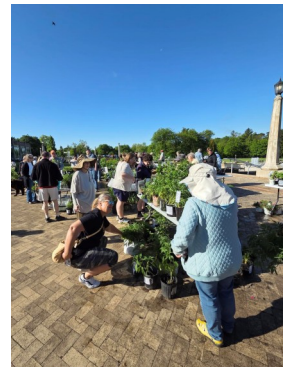
The GPMGA Annual Plant Sale occurred on Saturday, May 9, outside the Garfield Park Conservatory (overlooking the Sunken Garden). Proceeds from the sale will fund the gardening needs of local community organizations as well as neighborhood educational activities.

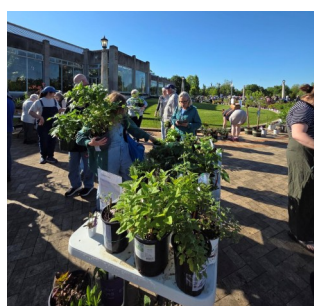
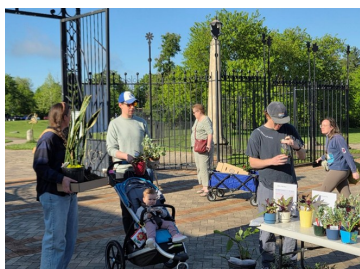


A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who made this year's Plant Sale such a great success. This was our most successful sale to date, and it couldn't have happened without your help!

—Carrie Alumbaugh

Some highlights:





Gardens of Zionsville



In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, the SullivanMunce Cultural Center is proud to present a special and expanded *Gardens of Zionsville Tour*, a two-day celebration of horticulture, art, history and community.

Taking place on June 26–27, this year's event introduces a new highlight—six historic homes and gardens, five of which are recognized as Century Structures—offering visitors a rare opportunity to experience the beauty of private landscapes alongside the rich architectural heritage of Zionsville. The tour thoughtfully brings together gardens and historic homes, inviting guests to explore how the community has grown and flourished over time.

The festivities begin with the *Gardens of Zionsville Kick-Off Party* on Friday, June 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the SullivanMunce Cultural Center. This event honors the gardeners, artists and volunteers who make the tour possible.

Guests will enjoy live music, local wine, appetizers and a creative “art make-and-take” activity. The party also includes a silent auction of potted planters designed by local gardeners, designers and businesses—with proceeds benefiting the center's cultural programming.

The Gardens of Zionsville Tour: Century Homes in Bloom follows on Saturday, June 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., offering a glimpse into six stunning private gardens paired with historic homes throughout Zionsville. This year's tour invites guests to not only experience a variety of horticultural styles, but also to appreciate the stories and significance of the homes themselves. Visitors will enjoy a meaningful blend of natural beauty and local history while supporting the Center's mission to enrich the community through art, history and genealogy.

To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.sullivanmunce.org/garden-tour.html>

Calendar/Events

Friday, June 12 (9:00 a.m.—Noon)

*Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
State Fair Glass Barn Rain Garden Tour
1202 East 38th Street, Indiana State Fairgrounds*

The Glass Barn features a unique rain garden with more than 15 different native species. You will learn about how the rain garden functions and learn how to divide and transplant natives for your rain garden projects at home.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/state-fair-glass-barn-rain-garden-tour-and-natives-transplant-demonstration-tickets-1989346102745?aff=oddtcreator>

Saturday, June 13 (9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.)

*Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
Rain Garden Home Tour*

Participants will visit two home rain garden projects located in the Lower Fall Creek watershed and one other nearby property featuring native plantings. Participants will learn about how these unique projects were designed.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/home-rain-garden-tour-tickets-1989344299351?aff=oddtcreator>

Tuesday, June 16 (5:30 to 7:00 p.m.)

*Film Screening: The Extraordinary Caterpillar (Lebanon)
Lebanon Public Library, 104 E. Washington St., Lebanon*

Take a peek into the dazzling world of nature's tiniest and mightiest superheroes! This extraordinary film features scientists and community activists Sam Jaffe and the Caterpillar Lab, Doug Tallamy, and David Wagner.

<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/extraordinary-caterpillar/>

Saturday, June 20 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Indianapolis Hosta Society Tour of Members' Gardens

Tour five gardens in the Indianapolis Metro Area, with opportunities to purchase plants and garden-related items at some gardens. See how gardeners use hostas to transform shady spots, shape borders and create beautiful backyard retreats.

Tickets: <https://indianapolishostasociety.org/>

Sunday, June 28 (1:00—5:00 p.m.)

Historic Irvington Garden Tour

The Irvington Garden Club invites you to join them for their annual garden tour. There will be a total of 8 private gardens available to tour as well as the historic Benton House Garden and the Bona Thompson Center.

Tickets: <https://www.irvingtongardenclub.com/garden-tour-info>

GPMGA Membership – 2026

Become a member of the Garfield Park Master Gardener Association. Dues are \$15.00 per year and help pay for special activities, speakers, the newsletter and donations to community projects.

Monthly meetings occur on the second Wednesday of the month and begin at 6:30 p.m. Unless otherwise noted at the prior meeting or in the newsletter, meetings are held at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis.

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Are you volunteering anywhere? _____

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Marion County Fair

The 96th Marion County Fair will occur from July 3-12 at the Marion County Fairgrounds (7300 East Troy Avenue).

Each year, the Marion County Fair works in partnership with the Marion County 4-H



program to create a venue where youth in Marion County who participate in 4-H can display their work and compete against others to earn trophies, ribbons and entries into the Indiana State Fair competitions. The fair provides a platform to display the work of these youth and helps them gain valuable experience in presentation skills and competition-based learning opportunities.

The centerpiece of the Marion County Fair is its midway! The midway continues to expand its thrilling experience through the work of North American Midway Entertainment.

The Marion County Fair was established in 1930 as a street fair in New Bethel or Wannamaker. Following several moves in the Wannamaker area, it was relocated onto 123 acres of land at Troy Avenue and Fisher Road. There are presently 17 permanent buildings on the grounds.

For more information, visit <https://marioncountyfair.org>.