

2019 PURDUE STATE MASTER GARDENER TOUR

A CHOICE OF THREE TOURS FOR PURDUE MASTER GARDENERS HIGHLIGHTING GARDENS
IN SOUTHERN INDIANA AND LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019

**IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
8204 HWY 311
SELLERSBURG, IN 47172**



BUILDING BOTANICAL BRIDGES: YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

Sponsored by Purdue Extension Floyd County
Purdue Master Gardener State Office
Sunnyside Master Gardener Association of Southern Indiana



Extension

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Check-in at Ivy Tech Community College
Horseshoe Foundation Assembly Center
Light refreshments served
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. *Horticulture and Churchill Downs*
Speaker: Matt Bizzell, Horticulture Director of Churchill Downs
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Buses leave Ivy Tech for tours
- 10:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tours
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Purdue Technology Center
Sunnyside Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens,
information booths, vendor booths, light refreshments
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Buses return to Ivy Tech
- Tour 1** Hidden Hill Sculpture Gardens
Lincliff Gardens
Falls of the Ohio State Park
- Tour 2** Sunnyside Master Gardener Gardens at the Georgetown Optimist Club
Turtle Run Winery
Whitehall Gardens
- Tour 3** Yew Dell Botanical Gardens
The Avish Gardens
Gardens in downtown New Albany

This is a rain or shine event. Please plan accordingly for all weather conditions.

Note: All tour options require walking. Some garden terrain is uneven and may require climbing steps or walking up slopes. Gardens are not ADA accessible.

Lunches provided at first tour stop. Water and snacks available on the buses.

Directions to Ivy Tech Community College, Horseshoe Foundation Assembly Center

From the south: Take I-65 to Exit 9. Bear left on the ramp and turn left at the traffic signal onto Hwy. 311. Go 0.3 miles to the next traffic signal and turn left into the Ivy Tech Campus.

From the north: Take I-65 South to Exit 9. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Hwy. 311. At the first traffic signal turn left into the Ivy Tech campus.

After turning into the Ivy Tech campus, turn right at the sign pointing toward Ogle Hall and the Horseshoe Foundation Assembly Center. Follow the road past Ogle Hall and turn left at the sign pointing to the Horseshoe Foundation Assembly Center. After the turn a large parking lot will be to the right and the Horseshoe Foundation Assembly Center will be to the left, behind Ogle Hall.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

TOPIC: HORTICULTURE AND CHURCHILL DOWNS



Matt Bizzell
Director of Horticulture
Churchill Downs

Matt Bizzell is the Director of Horticulture at Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. He has a B.A. in Biology from Indiana University Southeast and started working for Churchill Downs shortly after graduating. He has a lifelong love of history, nature, and unusual plants. He resides in a historic house built by his ancestors in New Albany, Indiana.

Matt will tell us about Churchill Downs' 12,000 square-foot Horticultural Center and what it takes to keep the grounds beautiful on Derby Day as well as year-round. Gardeners will love learning about the types of flowers and plants that are grown on-site, but also the care and history of the track's gardens and surrounding property.

The greenhouse staff grows about 25,000 plants on site and displays more than 100 plant species inside Churchill Downs, including tropical flowers that are flown in right before the Derby.

Derby Week, Matt's staff work 90 to 95 hours, arriving early in the morning to remove any damaged or bad flowers. They also work on the plants along the racetrack on race days. Matt tries to incorporate new plants each year so guests see something different when they visit.

Every year, trees are initially showcased in containers throughout the courtyards of Churchill Downs. Matt carefully curates the selections which are then recycled the following year into the arboretum on nearby Central Avenue.



TOUR ONE

HIDDEN HILL SCULPTURE GARDENS

www.hiddenhillnursery.com

Hidden Hill Sculpture Gardens is a unique mini-arboretum, sculpture gallery, and unusual plant garden in Utica, Indiana. Unique among all gardens in the Louisville area, the award-winning Hidden Hill has grown over 20 years into eight acres of flowers, shrubs, trees, and garden art and whimsy—and not necessarily in that order.



Owners Bob and Janet Hill began Hidden Hill with a typical gardening concept; plant one of everything. While having backed off slightly, the Hills still have about a dozen distinct garden rooms, a meadow, ponds, woods, butterflies, flowered allee, tropical area, a well-stocked barn of garden art, the world's only Smile Garden, and a chicken coop with tin chickens. Hidden Hill mixes shaded sitting areas, bright sunny spots, and a central garden with a bubbling fountain. There's a surprise around every corner.

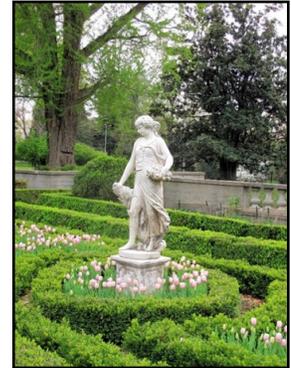
LINCLIFF GARDENS

Sue Grafton, the alphabet mystery series author, and her husband, Steven Humphrey, purchased this beautiful home and gardens in 2000. Encompassing nearly 30 acres, Lincliff was the former estate of hardware mogul William Belknap. The home, built in 1911, is situated along the Ohio River and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The gardens are formal in design, which complement the Georgian Revival style home.



Steve had access to the original plans and used them to guide the restoration of the gardens. Besides the tailored gardens on the property, he also grows edibles such as potatoes, asparagus, and an assortment of berries.

Steve discovered that John Olmsted, nephew of Frederick Law Olmsted (designer of Central Park in New York and numerous parks in Louisville), designed the original residential layout. Landscape architect Bryant Fleming, designer of Nashville's Cheekwood Estate, created today's gardens, using Olmsted's original plans to guide the restoration.



FALLS OF THE OHIO

www.falloftheohio.org

There is no other place like it. The park features the largest exposed Devonian fossil bed in the world and is part of a 1,404-acre National Wildlife Conservation Area, perched on a small bluff overlooking the Ohio River. The state-of-the-art interactive Interpretive Center brings to life the story of the 390-million-year-old fossil bed, once covered by a shallow tropical sea located some 30 degrees south of the equator.



The Falls connects the environment of the ancient past with the natural and cultural history of yesterday and today. This is a place for lovers of fossils, wildlife, and history. Of historical note, on October 26, 1803, Lewis and Clark's "Corps of Discovery" departed from the Falls of the Ohio on its journey to the Pacific Ocean to explore the American West.

Time will be spent in the exhibit gallery. Water levels permitting, volunteers will take groups out on the fossil beds and show them the diverse specimens.



The Sunnyside Master Gardener partnership began in 1999 with landscaping around the flag pole at the Interpretive Center and has expanded to include three other areas in front of the Center.

TOUR TWO

SUNNYSIDE MASTER GARDENER GARDENS AT THE GEORGETOWN OPTIMIST CLUB

www.sunnyside_mg.org

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

The Sunnyside Master Gardener Butterfly Garden was designed by Gold Level Master Gardener Ray Weatherholt. Work began on the garden, which is shaped like a butterfly, in 2004. The garden was created to attract native butterflies, with plants selected for bloom in 3 seasons. It was intended as a thank you to the Optimist Club for the use of its grounds and facilities for the Youth Master Gardener Program and as a potential prototype for other butterfly gardens. Each year, in mid-July, an open house is held with speakers and plant giveaways, to help increase public awareness of the garden.



In 2013, the Butterfly Garden, a certified Monarch Waystation, won second place in the Demonstration Garden Division of the Purdue Master Gardener Search for Excellence Awards.

YOUTH MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

A garden program was developed for children in 2002 to teach them how to grow flowers and vegetables. The program covers topics such as soils, plant growth and development, insects, ecology and the environment, annuals and perennials, fruits and nuts, and herbs and vegetables. These are supplemented with hands-on activities. Each child has the opportunity to plant in half of a 4' X 18' raised bed, constructed by the Sunnyside Master Gardeners.



Produce from a specially designated "Community Bed" has been donated in past years to the Youth Detention Facilities of Floyd or Clark Counties and this past year The Center for Lay Ministries in Jeffersonville.

In 2010, the Youth Master Gardener program won First Place in the Demonstration Garden Division of the Purdue Master Gardener Search for Excellence Awards.

GEORGETOWN OPTIMIST CLUB GARDENS

What started as 4 raised flower beds for the Trailblazer 4-H Club now consists of numerous beds and memorial plantings throughout the property. The grounds are enjoyed by the whole community, especially those driving State Rd. 64 everyday, as well as the dog walkers and joggers who live nearby. The gardens provide a showcase of what to plant for wildlife while protecting the environment, beautifying our community, and living the motto of “Helping Others Grow.”



TURTLE RUN WINERY

<https://turtlerunwinery.com/>

Turtle Run Winery is known for incredible scenery, complex dry red and white wines, sweet wines with no sugar added, a Sunday concert series with some of the region’s best bands, and unusual winery tours.

With rolling hills, the winery and vineyard are surrounded by woods. Mixing classic old barns with natural and added flora, Turtle Run invites relaxation.

A visit at Turtle Run Winery is not complete without a tour from Jim Pfeiffer, owner and winemaker. A consummate student of wines and vines, he has extensively researched the taste, viticulture, winemaking, and the history of wine.



The staff will make suggestions based on visitors’ preferences. With 30 wines on the list, they claim there is a wine for everyone.

TOUR TWO (CONT.)

WHITEHALL GARDENS

www.historicwhitehall.org

The gardens at Whitehall offer a beautiful space to explore and enjoy a variety of expansive gardens including the Arboretum, Specimen Garden, Formal Florentine Garden and the Woodland Fern Garden. The Fern Garden is the highlight of Whitehall and will be the primary focus of the tour, although visitors also will see the formal gardens that lead to it.



Whitehall's fern garden started as a small fern display garden several years ago in collaboration with Ralph Archer (a Kentucky Master Gardener), a self-proclaimed "fernatic" who volunteered his time at Whitehall. In the years since, the garden has grown in size, evolving into a regionally unprecedented collection of ferns and other woodland plants. Today, there are more than 150 species, sub-species, or named cultivars in the garden, including 30 named Victorian cultivars.

The garden also serves as a "stumpery," a Victorian garden design where tree logs and stumps are used for the rustic planting of ferns and other woodland plants and is an official display garden of the national Hardy Fern Foundation.



Designed by Hume Logan, Jr., the Formal Garden at Whitehall was first planted in the early 1970s. The garden is characterized by its Florentine influence, featuring reproductions of Italian statuary from Logan's personal collection and wrought iron trellises manufactured by the Logan Company, the family business that specialized in fencing and steel products.

Also known as the Peony Garden, the Specimen Garden, a hidden treasure, features numerous varieties of bulbs, perennials, herbaceous plants, evergreens, and specimen trees along a winding path.

TOUR THREE

YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS

www.yewdellgardens.org

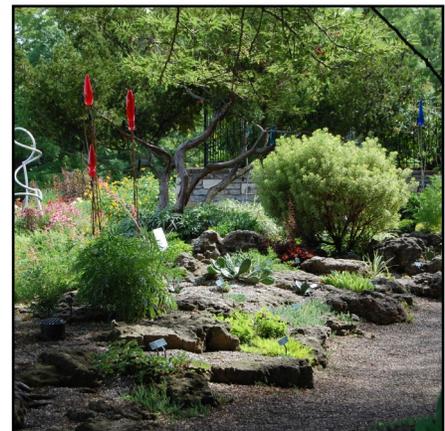
Yew Dell is an internationally-recognized center of gardening, plants, and education. The home, gardens, and commercial nursery were originally owned by a locally renowned nurseryman, Theodore Klein and his family.

The gardens at Yew Dell offer a delightful place to spend a day, to learn about new plants, and to provide an opportunity to check out design details for your own garden. The gardens range from formal to informal and feature trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, and more.



Yew Dell is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Preservation Partner Project of the Garden Conservancy, a national non-profit dedicated to saving the nation's most exceptional gardens.

Yew Dell's gardens also support ongoing research. The Theodore Klein Plant Awards program promotes superior woody and herbaceous plants for Kentuckiana landscapes. Each year, they recognize plants that offer excellent ornamental and performance characteristics in the regional climate. Award winners are selected each year by a panel of plant professionals representing Yew Dell, the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association, University of Kentucky Landscape and Nursery program, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.



TOUR THREE (CONT.)

THE AVISH GARDENS

The Avish sits on 24 acres of bucolic countryside. Expanded significantly over time, the estate, currently owned by Mary Kay and Steve Poe, now contains a mansion that measures more than 20,000 square feet, a barn, garden house, greenhouses and a two-bed guest house. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



The estate, built in 1910 by liquor magnate and philanthropist Owsley Brown Frazier, boasts 6-8 acres of gardens and greenhouses, 20 kitchen garden beds, multiple flower beds, 2 greenhouses and winter garden beds. These gardens flourished up until the time of Frazier's death in 2012.

In 2018, Botanica* announced a partnership with the owners of The Avish to use their gardens for future educational programs and, in return, is helping to restore The Avish gardens to their former glory.

*Botanica, Inc. is a Louisville non-profit organization that is working to create the Waterfront Botanical Gardens on a 23-acre site at Frankfort Avenue and River Road in Louisville. The mission of Botanica is to develop experiences that promote appreciation and understanding of plants for a more harmonious and sustainable world.



DOWNTOWN NEW ALBANY GARDENS

FAIRMONT COMMUNITY HEALTH GARDEN

“Let Us Learn” is a completely volunteer-run organization focused on garden-to-table nutrition. Classes and events provide education and support in growing food, selecting nutritious options, learning how to cook with produce, and helping provide community members with fresh produce.

Let Us Learn helps to maintain the Fairmont Community Health Garden at Fairmont Elementary School. The “Veggie Rescue” program takes place each Saturday throughout the New Albany Farmers Market season. Generous farmers donate surplus produce at the end of each market day and then Let Us Learn gives the produce to anyone who needs it.



BOOK GARDENS AT THE FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY

In 2017 the popular book gardens at the Floyd County Public Library were established. The Floyd County ANR Extension Educator worked with the library staff to pick books that are well known and invoked garden themes. The books selected in 2017 were *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Lorax*, *Horton Hears a Who*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *The Color Purple*, *Peter Rabbit*, and the *Harry Potter* series. In 2018, *The Color Purple* garden was left as a standing garden because it represents the colors of the library. The other books selected for 2018 were *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *Frankenstein*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Strawberry Girl*, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *The Cat in the Hat*, and *Jack and the Bean Stalk*. Librarians note the gardens have encouraged people to visit the library.



TOURS ONE, TWO AND THREE:

PURDUE TECHNOLOGY CENTER

www.sunnysidemg.org

SUNNYSIDE MASTER GARDENER DEMONSTRATION GARDENS:

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES GARDEN

The Ornamental Grasses Garden, planted in 2010, showcases native grasses and companion native plants that provide texture in the garden as well as year-round interest. This garden emphasizes the ease of care of native plants and grasses that suffer little from pests and diseases.



SENSORY GARDEN



The concept behind a Sensory Garden is to combine elements that will stimulate all the senses—fragrant plants, textured plants, vivid colors, and the element of sound. A winding path takes you to plants like lilac and viburnum for scent and lamb's ear for touch. You can taste mint or strawberries and hear bubbling water. Lastly, it is a feast for the eyes. Even though it is small in size, it exhibits the fundamentals of design of larger



This garden was made possible in part by the Horseshoe Foundation and the hard work of Sunnyside Master Gardeners.

BEE HAVEN GARDEN

The Bee Haven garden is planted around an enclosed bee yard with pollinator plants known to attract pollinators and beneficial insects. The Sunnyside Master Gardener Pollinator and Beneficial Insects Team maintains this bee haven at the Purdue Technology Center for public demonstrations such as Pollinator Day in April of each year.



INFORMATION BOOTHS:

BLUEBIRD TRAILS TEAM

The Bluebird Team supports bluebird conservation by constructing numerous bluebird boxes and installing them on trails across southern Indiana at no cost. As of October 2018, the team had completed 3,947 boxes, 3,630 of which have been gifted. They also monitor over 2,033 boxes on 52 trails and record various kinds of nesting activity. Data and findings are shared with the Indiana Bluebird Society and any other group that might gain from the findings. In 2016, the bluebird team was selected as the bluebird group of the year by the Indiana Bluebird Association..

In 2015, the Bluebird Trail won Second Place in the Educational Service Workshop Division in the Purdue Master Gardener Search for Excellence Awards..



POLLINATOR AND BENEFICIAL INSECT TEAM

The Pollinator and Beneficial Insect Team provides science-based information to the Sunnyside Master Gardener membership and to the general public on pollinators and beneficial insects. The team researches “beneficials” and the myriad ways that these species affect and are affected by the natural environment..

Additionally, the team utilizes this information to provide concrete practical guidance that gardeners and property owners can use to understand the role that the beneficials play in our lives and environment and to improve habitat for these crucial species. Activities include Pollinator Day at Purdue Technology Center, the Butterfly Garden Open House, demonstrations and presentations at other public events, and social media.

In 2018, the Pollinator Team won First Place in the Educational Service Workshop Division of the Purdue Master Gardener Search for Excellence Awards.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is a rain or shine event. Please plan accordingly with dress and appropriate footwear for the tours.

Note: All tour options require walking. Some garden terrain is uneven and may require climbing steps or walking up slopes. Gardens are not ADA accessible.

Educational hours: Earn 1 hour for the morning session and 3.5 hours for the tours.

Registration:

Spaces are limited on each tour and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to note your first and second choice in the event your first choice is filled. A mail-in registration form or on-line registration is available through the Sunnyside Master Gardeners' website. Visit www.sunnysidemg.org and click on the link to register. Choose tour preferences when you register.

Cost:

Early registration: \$80 – March 1- April 15

Late registration: \$85 – April 16 – May 1

Registration closes May 1. On-site registration is NOT available.

No refunds on registration will be given after May 1.

Lunch:

Lunch, water and snacks are included in the registration fees. Choices are listed on the registration site and should be made when you register.

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds for cancellations for any reason will be made after May 1. You may designate another Master Gardener to attend in the event you are unable to attend. Please notify Gina Anderson, ANR Educator, 812-948-5470 or gmanders@purdue.edu of any substitutions prior to the tour date.

Questions?:

Contact Gina Anderson, ANR Educator, at the Purdue Extension Floyd County Office, 812-948-5470, gmanders@purdue.edu.

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Explore our area, which is rich in outdoor beauty, history, and fun attractions.

Southern Indiana <https://www.gosoin.com/>

Attractions:

Jeffersonville Big Four Walking Bridge

(<https://www.jeffmainstreet.org/downtown-revitalization/big-four-bridge/>)

Downtown New Albany and Jeffersonville small area gardens tucked around town

Howard Steamboat Museum (www.howardsteamboatmuseum.org/)

Schimpff's Confectionary, Jeffersonville, Indiana (www.schimpffs.com/)

Local Nurseries:

McCoy's Nursery & Landscaping, (mccoysnursery.com/about/), Charlestown, Indiana

Grant Line Garden Center (grantlinegarden.com/), New Albany, Indiana

Walnut Ridge Nursery (walnutridge.com/), Jeffersonville, Indiana

Stream Cliff Farms (www.streamclifffarm.com/), Commiskey, Indiana

New Blooms Nursery (www.newblooms.com/pages/about-new-blooms), New Albany, Indiana

Wineries:

Huber's Orchard, Winery, & Vineyards (www.huberwinery.com/)
Indiana Uplands Wine Trail (www.indianauplands.com/)
Turtle Run Winery (turtlerunwinery.com)

Kentucky Attractions*

Cave Hill Cemetery and Arboretum (www.cavehillcemetery.com/)
Bernheim Forest (bernheim.org/)
Churchill Downs (www.churchilldowns.com/)
Kentucky Derby Museum (www.derbymuseum.org)
Frazier History Museum (fraziermuseum.org/)
Kentucky Science Center (kysciencecenter.org/)
Louisville Slugger Museum (www.sluggermuseum.com/)
Muhammed Ali Center (www.alicenter.org/)
Urban Bourbon Experience downtown Louisville
(www.bourboncountry.com/things-to-do/urban-bourbon-distilleries/)
Belle of Louisville Riverboats (belleoflouisville.org/)

*Tolls are assessed on some bridges between Indiana and Kentucky

ACCOMMODATIONS NEAR IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE:**Bed and Breakfast:**

Market Street Inn B & B, 330 W. Market St., Jeffersonville, In. 47130
812-285-1877, www.innonmarket.com
\$99-119, plus tax, 10% discount to MGs. Breakfast included.

Pepin Mansion Historic B & B, 1003 E. Main St., New Albany, In. 47150
812-725-9186, www.thepepinmansion.com,
\$149-\$179, plus tax, 10% discount to MGs.

Hotels:

Ramada, 360 Triangle Drive, Sellersburg, In. 47172
812-748-8145, www.wyndhamhotels.com,
\$76 and up, plus tax. Breakfast included.

Days Inn and Suites, 363 Triangle Drive, Sellersburg, In. 47172
812-748-8295, www.wyndhamhotels.com,
\$66 and up, plus tax. Breakfast included.

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Floyd County Extension Staff
The many volunteers from the Sunnyside Master Gardener Association

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