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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE TEAM WON NATIONAL ASLA HONOR AWARD



2023 ASLA STUDENT AWARDS

Communications HONOR AWARD

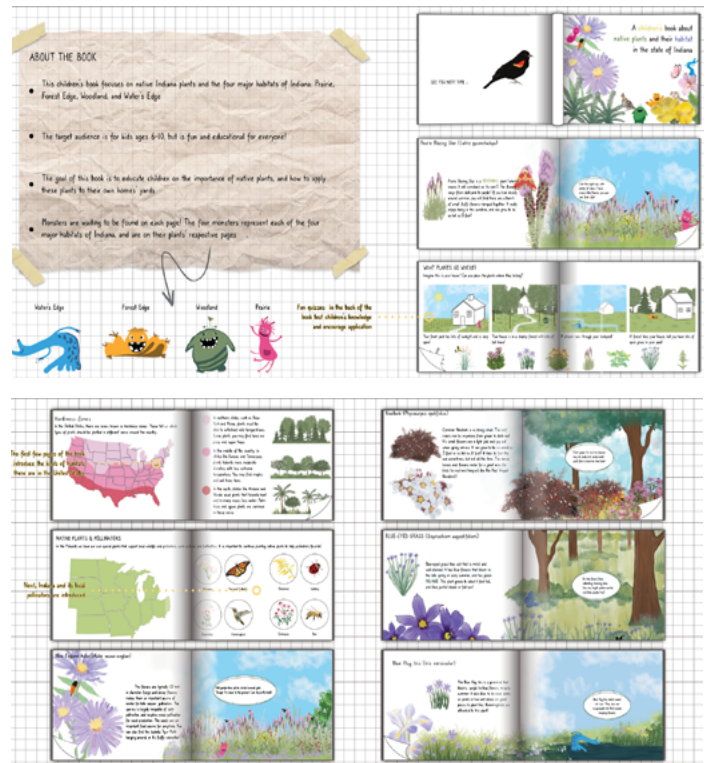
Children's Book and Learning Games on Indiana Native Plants & Habitats
Purdue University

Seeking to challenge young children and their perceptions about native species, this project by a team of Purdue University students turns overlooked flowers and plants into the heroes of a book and board game. Aimed at ages 6 to 10, the book—featuring vibrant illustrations of plants, like the pale pink swamp mallow, playful mooseers representing different habitats, and memorable rhymes—seeks to hook young readers on the beauty and importance of native plant species. Building atop that foundation, a series of complementary classroom activities and board games—such as Olivia's Adventure, which challenges students to collect native plants—reinforce recognition and care of such plants and encourage more hands-on activities in parks and schoolyards. This e-book, accessible by a wide range of educators, hopes to seed the story of native plants with students and their parents, ideally sparking a more holistic shift toward maintaining local ecosystems and environments.

Autumn McNinch, Associate ASLA; Chloe Kennedy, Kayla Kramer, Molly Wimberg, Wanting Zhang
Faculty Advisor: Yiwei Huang, ASLA

The team's entry can be reviewed here: <https://www.asla.org/2023studentawards/8931.html>. The design team consists of Autumn McNinch (BSLA 2023), Chloe Kennedy (BSLA 2023), Kayla Kramer (BSLA 2023), Molly Wimberg (BSLA 2023), and Wanting Zhang (MS, 2024). The project received generous feedback and support from three additional HLA faculty and staff members, Karen Mitchell, Kathryn Orvis, and Sean Rotar.

The annual national ASLA student winners showcase innovation and represent the highest level of achievement among the future of the profession. This year, 30 winners were chosen out of 372 entries. Award recipients will be honored in person at the awards presentation ceremony during the ASLA 2023 Conference on Landscape Architecture in Minneapolis, MN., October 27-30.



ABOUT THE BOOK

- This children's book focuses on native Indiana plants and the four major habitats of Indiana: Prairie, Forest Edge, Woodland, and Water's Edge.
- The target audience is for kids ages 6-10, but is fun and educational for everyone!
- The goal of this book is to educate children on the importance of native plants, and how to apply these plants to their own homes/yards.
- Readers are reading to be found on each page! The four mooseers represent each of the four major habitats of Indiana, and are on their plants' respective pages.

MORIAH BILENKY TO CO-LEAD SPRING STUDY ABROAD TRIP



ISRAEL ישראל

Spring Break Study Abroad

Travel back and forth in time to one of the historically most significant and diverse places in the World, the Land of Milk & Honey, Startup Nation ISRAEL - together with the Wine Professor and Purdue's Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fellow, Dr. Christian Butzke, and Sustainable Horticulture Professor Dr. Moriah Bilenky.

Witness the grandeur of ancient cultural and religious sites and learn from the global leader in modern and innovative agriculture.

From the Golan Heights to the Negev Desert, from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea, from modern Tel Aviv to Old Jerusalem, this is a trip of a lifetime for entrepreneurially-minded students and foodies alike. March 9-17, 2024!

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Cutting-edge Ag Innovation & Entrepreneurship and Ancient & Modern Wine Production in Israel



Moriah Bilenky will be co-leading this spring break study abroad trip [2024 Spring Break study abroad trip to Israel](#). There will be a callout next week in the Wine Library, basement Nelson Hall of Food Science (B203 NLSN).

Please join us to meet the tour leaders and fellow travelers, and an opportunity for travel Q&A.

PETER HIRST FEATURED IN ANR NEWSLETTER

Peter Hirst's extension program was featured in the [September ANR Newsletter](#).

2023 HLA FALL SEMINAR: DR. FRED WHITFORD - "WHAT IT MEANS TO BE IN EXTENSION"



College of Agriculture

Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture

2023 HLA Fall Seminar

Dr. Fred Whitford

Clinical Engagement Professor

Botany and Plant Sciences, Purdue University

Thursday September 14th, at 3:30pm, HORT117

or join via Zoom:



"What it Means to be in Extension"

Newsletters

- Facts for Fancy Fruits: <https://fff.hort.purdue.edu/>
- Vegetable Crops Hotline: <https://vegcropshotline.org/>
- Purdue Landscape Report: <https://www.purduelandscape.org/>
- Greenhouse and Indoor Production of Speciality Crops: <https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/newsearch.asp?subCatID=425%20&CatID=10>

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