

2017 Purdue State Master Gardener Tour

*A choice of three tours for Purdue Master Gardeners
highlighting some of Monroe County's diverse gardens.*

Friday, June 16, 2017

Monroe County Fairgrounds – Gate 3

5700 W Airport Rd

Bloomington, IN 47403



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Monroe County Master Gardener Association



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Schedule of Events

9:00 am – 9:45 am..... Check-In
Light Refreshments Served

Check-in will be at the auditorium of the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Enter at Gate 3 and follow the signs.

10:00 am Speaker, Michael Homoya
“This Was Indiana: The Natural Landscape of the Hoosier State in 1816”

11:15 am Speaker, Natalie Marinova
A How-to Guide for Landscaping with Native Plants

12:15 pm Bus Tours leave fairgrounds

6:30 pm Bus tours return to fairgrounds



THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT.

Please plan accordingly for all weather conditions.

- Lunches provided.
- Water available on the buses.
- Educational hours available *(see last page)*

Speaker – Michael Homoya

“This Was Indiana: The Natural Landscape of the Hoosier State in 1816”



Prior to statehood, Indiana was a land of vast forests, expansive wetlands, and prairie as far as the eye could see.

Herds of bison traveled ancient paths, passenger pigeons darkened the skies, and wolves, bears and panthers roamed the land.

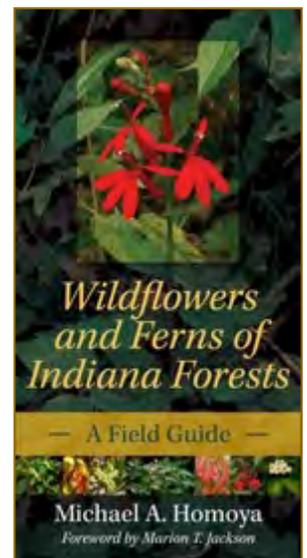
All this we know from eyewitness accounts provided by early explorers, pioneers, and government surveyors.

With their help, Michael will take you to a time when Indiana possessed a grandeur we can only imagine.

Michael Homoya, Indiana State Botanist/Plant Ecologist, has been with the Department of Natural Resources since 1982.

He focuses on rare species and natural area inventory and assessment.

He is the author of *Wildflowers and Ferns of Indiana Forests: A Field Guide* (Indiana University Press, 2012)



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Speaker – Natalie Marinova

*“A How-to Guide for Landscaping
with Native Plants”*



Have you always wanted to convert your yard to native plants, but you are not sure exactly how to do it or what plants you should use?

Or perhaps you are not quite convinced that it is a good move to make?

Listen in for the why’s, how’s, and what’s of choosing the right native plants for your landscape!

Natalie Marinova has a degree in Agriculture from Berea College. She has been involved with native plants for over 20 years.

From her introductory years as a student working on the grounds crew at her college, to her current position of Field Botanist and Nursery Manager at Eco Logic, she has worked in native plant landscaping across 4 states - Kentucky, Ohio, North Carolina, and Indiana.

From landscaping to native plant nursery management, her work came full circle doing ecological restoration work with Eco Logic when she joined that team in 2010.

Last year with the building of a greenhouse, she became their Nursery Manager and oversees most of the installation projects, leads crews in invasive plant treatments and implements the company’s botany training.



This is primarily a walking tour covering approximately 2 walking miles. The bus will drop participants off at the first location and pick you up at the last before heading to Oliver Winery.

On this tour you will visit:

Wylie House Native and Heirloom Garden



The mission of the Wylie House Museum is to preserve, collect, and study the house, its artifacts, documents, and landscape.

The Museum's heirloom gardens provide historic interpretation as well as active seed-saving programs and education.



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Leaving Wylie House, you will then continue downtown to the

Monroe County Courthouse Native & Heirloom Garden

The landscaping/demonstration project, a collaborative effort initiated in 2010, was created to highlight the removal of non-native invasive plants and replace them with Indiana native plants.

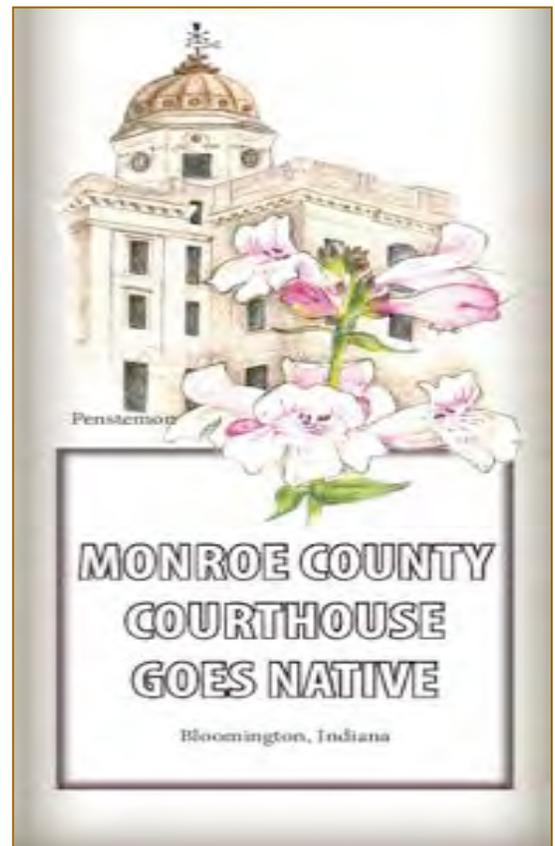


Located on the NE corner of the courthouse in downtown Bloomington, the project showcases a wide variety of native landscaping and encourages residents to remove invasive plantings in their landscaping and “Go Native.”

Summer blooms may include Butterfly Milkweed, Royal Catchfly, Monarda, Joe

Pye Weed, Skullcap, Woodland Sunflowers and others.

The entire brochure “*Monroe County Courthouse Goes Native*” is available on the MCMGA website at [Monroe County Courthouse Goes Native](#).



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Departing the Courthouse, you will make your way to

Indiana University's Dunn's Woods

Dunn's Woods is a 130-year old, 10-acre deciduous woodland situated at the heart of Indiana University's Bloomington campus.

Once part of the Dunn family farm, the area was likely once pastureland for cattle and hogs, and parts were quarried for limestone used in campus buildings. The University purchased the woods in 1883.

The woods are now host to a diverse spring ephemeral wildflower community and numerous species of birds, including a nesting pair of Cooper's hawks, Yellow-throated Warblers, and vireos. This biodiversity is threatened by numerous exotic invasive plant species, especially the evergreen groundcover Purple Wintercreeper, that have invaded the woods.



Trout Lily and Spring Beauty are among the native spring wildflowers that grow in Dunn's Woods.



IU's larger-than-life historical figure Herman B Wells.

This tour will board the bus at the Fairgrounds and proceed to two locations. Your first stop will be:

Harvest Moon Flower Farm



Harvest Moon Flower Farm is a small, locally owned and family operated farm with a history of 24 years. It is a sustainable, year round farm providing flower bouquets, herbs, micro-greens, vegetables, fruits, plants, wreaths and wedding flowers for its customers.

There is a diverse assortment of vegetable and fruit crops along with the vast array of flowers. Bedding plants are offered in the Spring with dried arrangements in the Fall and Winter.

We will tour the farm and greenhouses and enjoy a bouquet-making demonstration by Linda Chapman, owner.



Leaving beautiful Harvest Moon, we will relax on the bus while traveling to...

Eco Logic Plant Nursery

Eco Logic's mission is to establish and restore native plant communities and the ecological processes they support through planning, implementation and monitoring.

Their work consists of:

- ❖ Invasive Plant Management
- ❖ Ecological Consulting
- ❖ Reforestation
- ❖ Prairie and Wetland Installation
- ❖ Stormwater Management
- ❖ Stream / Riparian Habitat Restoration



We will tour Eco Logic's landscaped beds to see how native plants can present a formal experience, while providing support for pollinators.



Showcased, also, will be native plants in a more natural setting.

Specific species will be discussed along with bloom times, spacing suggestions for plants observed and a plant list will be provided.

Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase plants.

Natalie Marinova, our morning speaker, will be hosting us on site at Eco Logic Plant Nursery.

Our 3rd tour will stay closer to town and will begin at

Growing Opportunities Hydroponic Greenhouse **with Goldleaf Hydroponics**

Growing Opportunities is an urban hydroponic farm that provides job-training opportunities for people with barriers to employment, especially people with disabilities.

The produce grown is sold to local eateries, markets, hospitals and schools in the Bloomington and surrounding area. The revenues help make the project sustainable and increases the availability of fresh, local produce year-round.

As we tour the greenhouse and perhaps speak with clients about the program, we will also enjoy **“Hydroponics 101”** presented by our local business, Goldleaf Hydroponics.



We will now travel up the road to the IU garden area of

Hilltop Garden & Nature Center

First established by IU Biology Professor, Barbara Shalucha in 1948, Hilltop has primarily focused on youth gardening. It has since expanded its reach throughout the University and community to provide opportunities to learn about different gardening practices and connecting with nature.



Shade Garden



Shakespeare Garden



Herb & Tea Garden



Children's Garden

Final Stop - Oliver Winery

Oliver Winery Gardens

All tours will have their final stop at Oliver Winery for self-guided tours of their beautifully landscaped and designed gardens.

Situated above a small lake, the grounds are kept by a full-time landscape manager taking into account native habitat and esthetic beauty. A map of the grounds will be provided.



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<https://www.oliverwinery.com>

Before loading the buses at 6:00 pm to end our day and heading back to the Fairgrounds, feel free to treat yourself to a tasting of local wine (*additional fee*).

Additional Information

This is a Rain or Shine event.

Please plan accordingly with dress and appropriate footwear for the tours.

Educational Hours:

Morning session at Fairgrounds = 1.5 hours ~ Afternoon tours = 3 hours

Registration:

Spaces are limited and tours will be filled on a first come - first serve basis. All registrations are available on-line, through the Monroe County Master Gardener website. Visit www.mcmga.net and click on the link to register.

Cost:

Early Registration - March 20 - April 15 = \$75.00

Late Registration - April 16 - May 13 = \$85.00 (provided space is still available.)

Registration closes May 14. On-site registration is NOT available.

Lunch:

Lunch is included in the registration cost and choices are listed on the Registration site.

Come for the Tour, Stay for the Weekend! *Bloomington is host to many great venues this weekend including:*

- *Cardinal's Stage production of West Side Story*
- *Bloomington Garden Club Garden Walk (\$10.00 ticket)*
- *Taste of Bloomington (3:00 pm – 11:00 pm Saturday)*
- *Bloomington's Farmers' Market (8:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday)*

Visit www.visitBloomington.com for further information.

Lodging:

Should you choose to spend the weekend in Bloomington, there are many fine accommodations available. Check the internet for listings.

Need more information?

*Email Amy Thompson at the Purdue Extension-Monroe County Office
afthompson@purdue.edu.*

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds for cancellations for any reason. You may designate another Master Gardener to attend in the event you are unable to attend. Please notify Amy Thompson at afthompson@purdue.edu of any substitutions prior to the program.

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