

You are invited to Whitley County's 5th Symposium

Please join us for the fifth gardening symposium in Whitley County on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

The public is invited to this educational presentation sponsored by the Whitley County Master Gardeners.

Our goals for this symposium are to:

- *increase your knowledge of sound gardening practices.
- *provide you with information on current gardening techniques.
- *provide you with options to improve your landscape.
- *suggest things to do to make gardening even more healthy.

Vendors

The symposium features several area garden suppliers and crafters along with informational booths. Please stop by and visit them. This is a great opportunity to learn what new and exciting things are in store for the 2018 growing season.

There will be significant written material available for you, including catalogs, periodicals and books. With scores of enthusiastic gardeners, you will have ample opportunities to share ideas and ask questions.

The Master Gardener Program

The Purdue Master Gardener Program is designed to give you multiple tools and resources to have a healthy and beautiful garden and landscape. The program provides gardeners with intensive education in horticultural principles. Participants who successfully complete the program and, thereafter, donate an equal number of volunteer hours in community gardening services are certified as Master Gardeners. Yearly donation of time is expected to maintain certification.

The Original Extension Master Gardener program was created in 1972 in Seattle in response to the overwhelming demand for home gardening information. Indiana's program began in 1978 and is conducted by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service through local Extension offices.

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Whitley County Master Gardeners 5th Annual Symposium

“The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”



**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 24, 2018
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

**INDIAN SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL
(ACTIVITIES ENTRANCE)
1692 S STATE ROAD 9
COLUMBIA CITY, IN**

**Symposium counts as 5
educational hours for those in the
Master Gardener program.**

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Symposium Schedule & Speakers

Patricia Knott: Pat has extensive experience in growing and using heirloom tomatoes. There are scores of varieties of heirlooms of various sizes, purposes and tastes. The presentation will cover from garden to table.

Cynthia Ruich: Cynthia graduated from the University of Indianapolis in 1984 and has an M.S. of Science. She is not only a physical therapist but a certified hand therapist. She was an instructor in the physical Therapist Assistant Program at University of St. Francis from 1999-2014. Cynthia is currently a physical therapist at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Cliff Sadof: Cliff is a Purdue entomology professor and an ornamental pest management expert. He is well known for his research and response around treatments of the Emerald Ash Borer. Cliff assisted in authoring recent Purdue Extension publications aimed at protecting pollinators. He has received several awards for his work in the entomology field.

John Woodmansee: John is the Purdue Extension Educator for Whitley County and has years of experience helping farmers and gardeners in improving the horticultural experience.

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, Refreshments,
Vendors
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome
- 9:15 a.m. **“All Things Tomatoes”**
Patricia Knott
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **“Garden Exercise”**
Cynthia Ruich
- 11:30 a.m. Vendors and Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **“Managing Those Pests”**
Cliff Sadof
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. **“Fertilizers and Pesticides—
A Balanced Approach”**
John Woodmansee
- 3:15 p.m. Wrap-up, Concluding Remarks,
Evaluations
- 3:30 p.m. Vendors

If you require auxiliary aids and services due to a *disability or have special food needs*, please contact: John Woodmansee at jwoodman@purdue.edu or call: 260-244-7615 before February 9, 2018.

Registration Form 2018

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

Registration fee: \$35/person (Includes lunch, morning and afternoon snack, and handout materials.) Please circle your choice. **SPECIFY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS.**

Yuppie Club Wrap – Turkey, ham, bacon, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, Gouda cheese & roasted garlic aioli.

Greek Goddess Wrap – Turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, cucumber, feta crumbles & house tzatziki sauce.

Salad – Spring mix with turkey, cranberries, crumbled blue cheese, sliced beets & pecans. **OR**

Vegetarian Salad

Salad dressing choices: Ranch, Blue Cheese, Raspberry Vinaigrette, Honey Mustard, or Balsamic Vinaigrette.

DIETARY NEEDS: _____

ONE PERSON PER REGISTRATON PLEASE.

Make checks payable to the
**Whitley County
Master Gardeners**

Please send to the Extension Office (address below) by:

February 9, 2018

\$10 late fee per person if received after February 9 2018

No refunds unless the symposium is cancelled.

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