

You are invited to Whitley County's 6th Symposium

Please join us for the sixth gardening symposium in Whitley County on Saturday, February 16th, 2019.

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.

**Symposium counts as 6
educational hours for those in the
Master Gardener program.**

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 2019 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.

It is the policy of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran. Purdue University is an Affirmative Action Institution. This material may be available in alternative formats.



Whitley County Master Gardeners 6th Annual Symposium

Gardening: "More Than Just Plants"



**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 16, 2019
8:30 AM – 3:30PM**

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

PURDUE
UNIVERSITY

Extension
WHITLEY COUNTY

Symposium Schedule & Speakers

Registration Form 2019

Jason Becker: Jason is a certified horticulturist, a third generation owner of Fashion Farm Inc. and a corporate officer of Countryscapes and Gardens in Ligonier, IN. He graduated from the University of Indianapolis with a BS in business. After spending years searching for a career, he returned to Ligonier in 2000 and decided to pursue his business ideas with his family business. He began to develop the greenhouse, garden center and landscape division of Fashion Farm, known as Countryscapes and Gardens.

Toby Green: Ten years ago Toby Green added a Koi pond to his backyard. While designing the pond for specific uses he had much to consider. Some of the factors in the initial construction allowed for weather changes, adjusting for the soil content, and safeguarding the fish from natural enemies.

Toby is a life-long Columbia City resident. He is married to Linda and has two children and two step-children. He is employed at Ace Hardware.

Chris Rice: - Chris has lived with her husband, Tim, on Loon Lake in Whitley County for the past 11 years. She comes from the small town of Battle Ground, IN. She has two children and one step daughter, and two grandchildren. Her son is in the USAF and her daughter will graduate from high school in June. Chris has been an Occupational Therapist at Parkview for the last 20 years and has been active in her community through the school and the Loon Lake Association.

She attributes her love of gardening and flowers to working with her mother and grandmother in their gardens.

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.

Kim Jewell: Kim Jewell joined the Whitley County Master Gardeners after completing the class in Dec. 2010. She lives with her husband, Steve and two furry children in Columbia City, IN. She enjoys growing vegetables and flowers.

She embarked on a journey to learn about solitary bees, specifically Mason bees. While not an expert, she would like to share some of the things she has learned and teach us how to build a simple, low-cost shelter for solitary bees.

Paul McAfee: Paul is an accomplished bird and plant photographer. His ten-acre home that was once mostly grass is now a haven for birds and wildlife with a property list of 156 different species of birds seen. He will share methods of gardening and landscaping with native plants to make your property bird-friendly.

Darci Zolman: Darci Zolman has been an environmental educator for the past 30+ years with the Kosciusko County Soil and Water Conservation District. She is also an avid bird enthusiast! Her home is nestled in a woods where she enhances bird habitat with a variety of natural features, which will be shared with the group.

8:30 a.m.	Registration, Refreshments, Vendors
9:00 a.m.	Welcome—Duane Janssen, President, Whitley County Master Gardeners
9:15 a.m.	<i>Big Picture Landscape – One Step at a Time</i> Jason Becker, Fashion Farm
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	<i>Constructing, Maintaining and Beautifying a Stream or Koi Pond</i> Toby Green
11:15 a.m.	<i>Art in the Garden</i> Chris Rice
11:45	Vendors and Lunch
12:45 p.m.	<i>Protecting Pollinators</i> John Woodmansee
1:15 p.m.	<i>Building a Home for Mason Bees</i> Kim Jewell
1:45 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m.	<i>Birdscaping with Natives</i> Paul McAfee, Darci Zolman
2:45 p.m.	Wrap-up, Concluding Remarks, Evaluations
3:00 p.m.	Vendors
3:30 p.m.	Safe Trip Home

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact John Woodmansee prior to the meeting at jwoodman@purdue.edu or call: 260-244-7615 by **Jan. 25.**

For special dietary needs, indicate on registration form, or contact John Woodmansee by **Feb. 1.**

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.**

FOOD ITEMS LISTED HERE

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 1, 2019

\$10 late fee per person if received after February 1, 2019

No refunds unless the symposium is cancelled.

(Symposium will be cancelled if a snow emergency is issued for Whitley County. Go to <https://extension.purdue.edu/whitley/> or Master Gardeners of Whitley County, IN on Facebook)

**Master Gardener Symposium
 c/o Purdue Extension—Whitley County**

115 S. Line St.

Columbia City, IN 46725

For more information, contact:

John Woodmansee, Extension Educator
 Phone: 260-244-7615
 Email: jwoodman@purdue.edu