



You are invited to Whitley County's 7th Symposium

Please join us for the seventh gardening symposium in Whitley County on Saturday, February 22nd, 2020.

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 2020 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
7th Annual Symposium

It's a Party!



**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 22, 2020
8:30 AM – 3:30PM**

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

**Symposium counts as 5 1/2
educational hours for those in the
Master Gardener program.**



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Symposium Schedule & Speakers

Janice Daniel: Janice has had a landscaping business in Whitley County since 2001. A significant part of her work involves designing the landscape – including both the hardscape and plants. There are a variety of outdoor “rooms” that she has created and has ideas for more.

Austin Fergusson: In 1971 Austin Fergusson, bought a 100 acre farm in Noble County. Growing tired of producing traditional farm crops, he founded Dulcius Vineyards in 2012 to cultivate extraordinary wine grapes. At 19-acres and more than a half-dozen varieties of grapes, it is the largest vineyard in the Northern half of the state. He'll tell his story and give tips on growing wine grapes.

Bridget Johnson: Bridget has been growing herbs since 1992. Her first introduction to herbs was through a neighbor who took her to a shop in the country that had an herb garden. Growing herbs has provided a method of relaxation for her, as she has learned how to cook with them, craft with them and use them for their aromatic purposes. For this presentation Bridget will focus on the basics of growing culinary herbs and their usage in cooking. Bridget and her husband have lived in Whitley County for 34 years and have 2 children and 2 grandchildren (plus one coming) who delight them. She has recently retired and hopes that will improve the weed count in her herb and perennial beds.

Dave Sewell: David has been gardening in Whitley County since 1989 when he and his wife Connie built their home on a 2 ¾ acre parcel just north of Columbia City. Dave grows mostly vegetables and some fruit that they freeze for year-round meals and family gatherings. Dave has sold excess produce at the Whitley County Farmers Market, which he helped start in 1999. Dave will discuss his mostly organic gardening techniques, composting, and his ongoing love/hate affair with garden pests and wildlife. Dave and Connie have 3 sons and with accompanying daughters-in-law, 6 grandchildren.

“DIY” Panel: A panel of several Master Gardeners will showcase projects that they have done to enhance their landscape and create a festive atmosphere. There are always ideas on *Pinterest*, but talking to a real person who has created these projects adds a greater level of credibility.

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 and enhancing her landscape.

8:30 a.m.	Registration, Refreshments, Vendors
9:00 a.m.	Welcome—Mary Ann Anderson, President, Whitley County Master Gardeners
9:15 a.m.	<i>Creating an Outdoor Room</i> Janice Daniel, Daniel Landscape Design
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	<i>All Things Grape</i> Austin Fergusson, Dulcius Vineyards
11:30	Vendors and Lunch
1:00 pm	<i>Vegetable and Herb Ideas</i> Bridget Johnson and Dave Sewell
1:45 p.m.	<i>“DIY” panel discussion</i>
2:15 p.m.	Break— samples of recipes at 1pm session
2:30 pm	<i>Lighting—Make and Take</i> Kim Jewell
3:15 pm	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 10.

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 10, 2020

\$10 late fee per person if received after February 10, 2020

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 or masteryard.com))

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