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- Noon Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp, Hoosier Gardener: *Top 10 of New Plants: 10 New Annuals, 10 New Perennials, 10 New Shrubs for the Home Gardener with Growing Tips*
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- 4:00 Todd Jameson, Balanced Harvest Farm: Peony 101

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- Noon Abby's Garden Parties Abby Perry: Insights and Tips on Indoor Succulents and the Transformative Power of Gardening
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Thursday, March 20

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Indianapolis Landscape Association Presents Feature Gardens

Check out a variety of Hoosier landscapers' signature styles in the West Pavilion and Expo Hall

The Indianapolis Landscape Association's feature gardens in both the West Pavilion and Expo Hall are brimming with color — from gorgeous greens to beautiful blues and everything in between. The area's top landscape professionals have a variety of affordable to big-budget options for your next garden or backyard project.

"We are excited and thrilled to support the Showcase Gardens and the independent landscape companies participating this year," said Indianapolis Landscape Association President Chris Geryak.

Josh Perkins, landscape architect with Plant Studio Landscape, said they are showcasing a multi-level garden experience with a variety of features.

"This year's display includes multiple levels of landscaping that display different features we can design and build. Walk in on the main level and be greeted by a display of paver patterns and blooming plants. The second level is a place for visitors to lounge by a custom-built gas fire pit and take in the beauty of the show. Finally, the third level of our booth shows visitors our ability to deliver inground pools and spas with a luxurious, fully functioning inground spa. We are excited to deliver another fun spring floral experience and will see you all there."

Heath Outdoor and DIGS Garden Center are gearing up for a peaceful and calming vibe for their gardens.

"For 2025, the Heath Outdoor and DIGS Garden Center teams are feeling a need for some tranquility," said Amy Lapka, creative director. "As a result, our installations this year will feature two tranquil, intertwined Zen garden spaces that offer chances to play, explore, relax and be inspired."

For Heath Outdoor, a peaceful brook winds its way through lovely seating areas and Asian-inspired gardens, leading to a moon gate that centers the space and encourages photo opportunities.

"This design is a celebration of my Asian roots," said Dennis Linner, lead designer. "I have so many memories from my childhood of exploring outdoor spaces that felt so purposeful and connected to nature. Moon gates are symbols of renewal, happiness and good fortune, and I like how they add a structural interest to a design. I hope everyone will enjoy exploring this oasis we've created."

Designed by Lapka, the DIGS installation will complement the Zen garden theme with a Torii gate, street marketinspired plant shop, mini cherry blossom orchard and interactive rock garden.

"I want this experience to evoke playfulness and joy," said Lapka. "And I'm hoping that families will be inspired to see how creating unexpected outdoor spaces in your own yard can improve your wellness and connection to nature."

With Precision Outdoors, Managing Partner Caleb Harbert is excited for their contemporary and modern garden space this year.

"Our garden will showcase a modern outdoor living space featuring an urban sunken fire

pit feature and an outdoor kitchen with bluebird pergola water features, and of course, the outdoor sauna cold plunge building."

Start to Finish offers a unique landscape garden inspired by imbibing with friends and family.

"Our team of skilled designers have meticulously designed an outdoor oasis inspired by the artistry you can find in a bottle of your favorite whiskey," said Caleb Snyder, landscape designer. "This space captures the essence of the bourbon trail, offering a vibrant landscape, rustic firepit, outdoor kitchen and a water wheel to create a memorable landscape. As you immerse yourself in this environment, you can sip, savor and truly enjoy the experience in a unique outdoor living space that you won't soon forget."

A full list of contributing landscapers are as follows:

- All Pro Landscaping LLC
- BGW Construction LLC
- Brookside Timber Frames
- Country Gardens Lawn & Landscape
- DIGS Garden Center
- Emerald Meadows Landscaping
- Franklin Brothers Landscape LLC
- Grok Landscapes by Design
- Hamilton County Lawn and Landscape
- Heath Outdoor LLC
- Huser's Outdoor Design + Build
- JMT Landscape Group LLC
- Lakeshore Hardscapes
- Lejendary Landscape
- McNamara Florist
- Moran Outdoors
- Plant Studio Landscaping
- Primary Grounds Landscaping
- Precision Outdoors
- Seacat Landscaping Inc.
- Start To Finish Landscaping
- Sugar Creek Landscapes
- Thomason Landscape and Design
- Turner Scapes Landscaping

With more than 60,000 square feet of landscaped gardens, Flower + Patio Show attendees are sure to have a range of landscaping beauty at their fingertips.

Be sure to visit both the West Pavilion and Expo Hall for a variety of sprouting succulents, pleasing perennials and exciting outdoor spaces. And check out the Plant Market at the entrance of the West Pavilion and Expo Hall for everything from fresh flowers and plants to gardening supplies!

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Find Your Perfect Escape with ShedEscape Designs

Greene County's ShedEscape Designs offers retreats to unplug and unwind

In a world of hustle and bustle, ShedEscape Designs creates the ideal place to escape the outside world, slow down time and make lasting memories.



garden bar that is fully enclosed with a full swinging opening wall, so families can open it up and play on a dart board, watch the big game on TV or even serve up their favorite

drinks."

Husband and wife duo, Pat and Lana Beck, always wanted to do something different and creative. Lana served as a special education teacher, while Pat worked as an engineer. After those 25



years of work, marriage and raising a family, the pair were ready to make a change.

"After COVID happened, it was important to us to take time out of a busy, hectic day to stop time — even for just a few minutes a day — to recapture time with our family," said Lana. "Time goes by so quickly. We have three kids of our own, so we know firsthand how fast time goes and the significance of having a special space to slow down and make meaningful memories with your family."

Thus, ShedEscape Designs was created as a unique retreat for families to unplug and unwind so they can recharge and reconnect. From custom playhouses and studio sheds to cottage homes, garden sheds and everything in between, ShedEscapes provide a variety of ways to relax indoors or outdoors.

"You can see a variety of our different features at the Flower + Patio Show this year. For example, we'll have our custom A-Frame designed playhouses — as we're one of the only providers in the state — which are handcrafted in our family workshop and can be completely customizable," said Lana. "We'll also be unveiling a brand new model, the Pub Shed! It's a

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space or a
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out space for teens. What makes ShedEscape Designs unique is each shed can be completely customized to a family's wants and needs.

"Our favorite part of the job is when people come to us with ideas out of their wildest imaginations," said Lana. "We love to design exactly what a family needs. An escape can be a backyard playhouse, or a nook in the basement, it can be anything you need to take space for yourself or be with family and friends."

Additionally, Lana's background in special education allows ShedEscape Designs to build accessible spaces for those with disabilities or special needs.

"We can make sensory modifications, accessibility updates or add designated signage to any of our shed designs for those children or adults with special needs. These retreats allow children and adults to be independent, but are close enough to a traditional living space so that a guardian can be nearby. We want to make sure these sanctuaries are able to be used by anyone and everyone!"

Come check out ShedEscape Designs' unique retreats at the Expo Hall during the Flower + Patio Show!





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Decking Experts Blueprint, Build and Battle For the Top Prize

Three contractors face off in the annual Deck Wars competition, sponsored by Trex

Who can build the most dynamite deck? Three Central Indiana contractors duke it out to answer that question. The Deck Wars competition sponsored by Trex, the world's largest manufacturer of woodalternative decking and railing products.

"We have sponsored the Deck Wars competition since 2020, which was an interesting beginning needless to say," said Adam Hochstedler, account manager with Trex. "It is always a pleasure to work with the deck builders involved in the competition. The hard work and detail that they each put into the design and finish of the decks are awesome to see! They all take pride in their quality of work and it is a pleasure to be able to support a platform for them to showcase this to the public."

The participating contractors this year are **Advance Deck & Sunroom of Indiana**, **Artisan Outdoor Craftsman** and **Paradigm Construction**.

These decking experts each get a 20x20-foot space in the Exposition Hall to design and build one-of-a-kind decks — and Flower + Patio Show attendees will choose the winner, decided on Friday, March 21 at 5 p.m.!

"This will be our fourth year competing in the Deck Wars competition," said John Hile, owner of Advance Deck & Sunroom and the Deck Wars Champion of 2024. "It's always a challenge to design a stand-alone deck that can showcase our technical abilities, as well as the versatility of the Trex product. We know that being the defending champion of last year's title we will be the team to beat, and know we will have some healthy competition by the other very competent builders. We look forward to the challenge and know that this year will be another tough contest."

"The upcoming Deck Wars is set to be an exhilarating showcase of innovation and craftsmanship, where Artisan Outdoor Craftsman truly shines by 'thinking outside the deck,'" said Ryan Coyle, president and owner of Artisan Outdoor Craftsman. "This year, our team is pushing the boundaries of traditional deck

design, blending creativity with functionality to create spaces that are not only visually stunning but also highly practical."

Ryan continues, "Our approach involves a meticulous attention to detail, ensuring that every element, from the choice of materials to the integration of unique features, contributes to a cohesive and harmonious outdoor environment. Whether it's incorporating multi-level platforms, integrating natural elements like water features and greenery, or utilizing cutting-edge materials, our decks are designed to inspire and elevate the outdoor living experience. You can expect to see all these elements come to life in our latest creations, as we continue to redefine what a deck can be."

"At Paradigm Construction, we believe outdoor living spaces are an extension of the home, offering unique opportunities for relaxation, entertainment and connection," said Eddie Martinez, this year's exhibit manager for the Paradigm Construction deck. "Our Deck Wars entry will showcase innovative design solutions that maximize space and functionality, transforming outdoor areas into personalized havens. This year, we are thrilled to be building the winning deck for a deserving client, bringing their dream outdoor space to life. We're excited to share our vision with the community and inspire others to create their own exceptional decks."

"My hope is that the attendees of the show, whether they are looking for a new outdoor space or not, take the time to visit the Deck Wars area to appreciate the heart these craftsmen all put into creating their spaces," Trex's Adam Hochstedler added. "And if you are looking for a new outdoor living area, be sure to talk with any one of them to start designing a new space to enjoy with your family and friends! Also, don't forget to take the time to vote on which one is your favorite deck!"

Check out all three unique deck spaces in the Exposition Hall at the Flower + Patio Show, and vote for your favorite!

Rest and Relax at the Oberfields Tulip Tavern

Tavern designed and constructed by Lakeshore Hardscapes

Need a place to rest and recharge during the Flower + Patio Show? Visit the Oberfields Tulip Tavern in the West Pavilion. Designed and constructed by Lakeshore



Hardscapes, the full-service tavern invites show attendees to enjoy a variety of craft beers, domestics, wine and spirits in a unique outdoor setting.

"We are excited to partner again with our sponsor, Oberfields, who has provided all the hardscape materials for the Tulip Tavern as well as the stage," said Robb Lester of Lakeshore Hardscapes. "The Tulip Tavern - along with all our gardens and outdoor spaces - is inspired by ideas that make sense and are practical for people to actually incorporate into their own home."

Oberfields Tulip Tavern is directly across from the Lakeshore Hardscapes featured garden in the West Pavilion. Lakeshore Hardscapes' mission is to create backyard features that fit any home.

"We have done projects all over the state of Indiana, installing everything from paver patios and retaining

walls to fire pits, fireplaces and pergolas," Lester said. "We hope all attendees to the Flower + Patio Show can stop by the Tulip Tavern and take a break while getting some

ideas to update their outdoor living space or even start a new project."

"The Flower + Patio Show is a great opportunity for consumers to spend time walking around, browsing and getting inspiration for their backyard or outdoor living space," said Jenipher Skaggs, territory manager with Oberfields. "We are proud to sponsor the Tulip Tavern again this year as we continue to grow our presence in Indiana. We get the chance to connect with Hoosiers face-to-face and talk to them about what ideas and dreams they have for their outdoor projects. And Lakeshore Hardscapes always creates an amazing space for everyone to come sit, relax and enjoy!"

Grab a drink and relax! Check out the Oberfields Tulip Tavern, designed and constructed by Lakeshore Hardscapes, in the West Pavilion at this year's Flower + Patio Show.



Professionals Blossom and Bloom with Gardening Advice

Designers, florists, landscapers and master gardeners share their expertise on everything that blooms

A group of professionals will get you excited about all things flowers, plants and gardens! Whether you're a novice gardener or have a seasoned green thumb, there's something for everyone to learn. Check out these presentations on the Oberfields Outdoor Living Stage in the Exposition Hall!

Beautiful Spring Porch Pots

Todd Jameson – Balanced Harvest Flower Farm

Todd Jameson, along with his wife Kathleen, own and operate Balanced Harvest Flower farm located in Needham, Shelby County. Porch pots provide beauty in winter, spring, summer and fall. In this session, come learn the basics and get ideas you can use. (Saturday, March 15 at 11 a.m.; Sunday, March 16 at 3 p.m.; Tuesday, March 18 at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, March 19 at 2 p.m.; Friday, March 21 at 11 a.m.; Saturday, March 22 at 3 p.m.)

Top 10 of New Plants: 10 New Annuals, 10 New Perennials, 10 New Shrubs for the Home Gardener with Growing Tips

Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp – Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp

Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp is the Hoosier Gardener, and she's presenting the latest and greatest new plants that gardeners will find on the market. She'll offer tips on how to care for those plants that can withstand the Hoosier environment, talk about the plants' care, attributes and other interesting tidbits. Saturday, March 15 at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.; Sunday, March 23 at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.)

Wedding Flowers & Bridal Bouquets

Karen Morgason – Balanced Harvest Farm

Karen Morgason's career in flowers has spanned more than 27 years and her love of flowers has resonated with each of her clients. As lead designer at Balanced Harvest Farm, Karen creates fresh bouquets from their locally grown wildflowers for farmers markets, events and intimate wildflower weddings. When it comes to selecting your wedding bouquet and flowers there are so many decisions. After enjoying watching Karen making a stunning bridal bouquet, you will feel empowered to make the right decisions for your big day. (Saturday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m.)

So You Bought an Orchid. Now What? An Introduction to Keeping Orchids in the Home

Rachel Walker – Central Indiana Orchid Society

Join Rachel to learn about basic orchid keeping in the house — and tips on how to get them to flower again. We'll take a look at the history of orchid keeping and what makes orchids unique in the horticultural world, along

with information about our native Indiana orchids — there are more of them than you think! (Saturday, March 15 at 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 16 at 12 p.m.)

10 Tips for Vegetable Gardeners

Todd Jameson - Balanced Harvest Flower Farm

Nothing tastes better than a home-grown tomato or a watermelon fresh from your own garden. Vegetable gardening should be fun and rewarding. We'll talk about the basics and explore some gardening myths in an effort to help you have a bountiful harvest in 2025. Saturday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 19 at 5 p.m.)

Pruning Shrubs 101

Bill Brown – Landscape Architect

Come to class and learn some of the basics of proper shrub and tree pruning. Landscape Architect Bill Brown will walk you through the do's and don'ts of manicuring your landscape plants. Don't forget, class starts at 11 a.m. on Sunday and 12 p.m. on Tuesday! (Sunday, March 16 at 11 a.m. and Tuesday, March 18 at 12 p.m.)

Romancing the Rose: Unveiling Colors, Varieties and Stunning Floral Designs

Michelle Soupley, AIFD, CFD - Banner Flower House

Learn about the journey of roses from farm to vase, explore a variety of rose colors and discover the best types for weddings, funerals and everyday designs. Watch as a few stunning floral arrangements are created to showcase the beauty of the rose. (Sunday, March 16 at 1:30 p.m.)

Floral Art: Crafting Wearable Art

Kymbra Tucker, CF – Banner Flower House

Floral Flair: Crafting Wearable Art showcases the delicate artistry of transforming fresh blooms into stunning, wearable creations. Witness the fusion of nature and fashion as flowers become exquisite adornments. (Monday, March 17 at 12 p.m.)

Using Found Items From Your Garden to Create a Beautiful Design

Bill Brown – Landscape Architect

Instead of spending money on half-dead bouquets of flowers at the store, come to this presentation and learn

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how to use what you already own in your own backyard. By utilizing cuttings, flowers and cones from your own space, landscape designing can be most self-satisfying. Give your parties that one of a kind design that your friends will clammer about for ages. (Monday, March 17 at 2 p.m.)

Peonv 101

Todd Jameson - Balanced Harvest Flower Farm

Learn how to be successful growing peonies in a home garden or landscape. You'll learn the tips and tricks of the professionals to enhance your enjoyment of Indiana's state flower. (Monday, March 17 at 4 p.m.; Thursday, March 20 at 5 p.m.)

Dahlias for the Home Garden

Todd Jameson - Balanced Harvest Flower Farm

Dahlias can provide the home gardener with a stunning array of colors, textures and flower types. They bloom nonstop from mid-summer to frost. You'll learn the tips and tricks of the professionals to enhance your enjoyment of this much beloved favorite. (Tuesday, March 18 at 4 p.m.)

Insights and Tips on Indoor Succulents and the Transformative Power of Gardening

Abby Perry - Abby's Garden Parties

Through her stage presentation, Perry will provide essential tips for the care of succulent plants and highlight the mental health benefits of gardening, discussing how tending to greenery can foster relaxation, reduce stress and provide a sense of accomplishment. It will also give visitors a preview of what they can experience at the Abby's Garden Parties Terrarium & Plant Shop in downtown Zionsville. (Wednesday, March 19 at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Saturday, March 22 at 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.)

Great Tips for Growing Vegetables in Container Year Round

Kathryn Reeves and Mike Hathaway -**Purdue Master Gardeners**

Want to grow delicious vegetables, but have a small garden or no garden? Want to grow salads in winter? Discover easy tips to grow your own beautiful healthy vegetables,

herbs and edible flowers in pots and containers. Learn the best varieties for container growing, fertilizer, potting mix and more. (Thursday, March 20 at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.)

Breathtaking Hand Tied Bouquets

Karen Morgason - Balanced Harvest Farm

Hand tied bouquets are timeless and classic. These amazing bouquets can be harvested from your garden, purchased at a farmer's market or a flower shop. Watch and learn the tips you need to create your own hand tied bouquets from a seasoned professional. (Thursday, March 20 at 2 p.m.)

Digging Into Soil Health with Soil Testing

Karen Mitchell – Purdue Master Gardeners

Discover the role of soil testing in building and maintaining healthy soils for your landscape. This session will explore soil testing methods, how to interpret test results and how to apply practical recommendations to improve soil fertility, structure and overall health. Whether you're a novice gardener or an experienced grower, this presentation will provide actionable insights to help you cultivate healthier, more productive soils. (Friday, March 21 at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.)

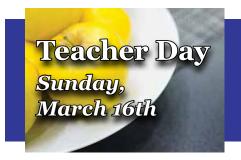
Straw Bale Gardening 101: Discover Why this Amazing Method has Exploded in Popularity Worldwide

Joel Karsten – Straw Bale Solutions

A mere 10 years ago, almost no one had heard of growing vegetables in straw bales. Today, Joel Karsten's STRAW BALE GARDENS® technique has been adopted by gardeners all over the planet, and is arguably the fastest growing new method being used by vegetable gardeners since man started cultivating crops 10,000 years ago. The question is why? Karsten will explain the advantages of his method, and explain why it has become popular so quickly. (Friday, March 21 at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 23 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.)

Check out all the stage presentations from these floral design professionals on the Oberfields Outdoor Living Stage in the Exposition Hall at the Flower + Patio Show!





Appreciation for all our Teachers and Staff with FREE Admission! Sunday, March 16th is Teacher Day. As a thank you to those who help teach our little ones, all teachers and school staff receive FREE ADMISSION to the show with valid ID.

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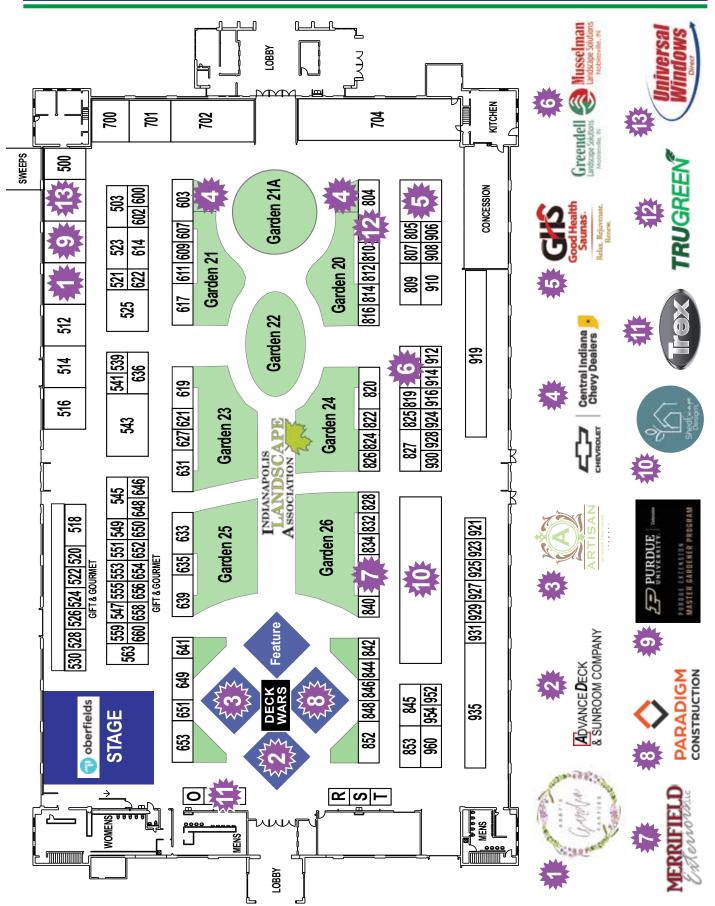














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10 No-Fail Native Plants for the Indiana Landscape

Hoosier Gardener offers tips on how to care for those plants that can withstand the Hoosier environment



Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp is the Hoosier Gardener, and she's presenting the latest and greatest new plants that gardeners will find on the market. She'll talk about the plants' care, attributes and other interesting tidbits.

Jo Ellen is a 30-year, awardwinning veteran of print journalism and owner of Write for You! LLC, a freelance writing

and editing business. Her stories have appeared in several national and local publications, including "American Gardener," "My Indiana Home," Edible Indy," "Family Handyman" and more. You can find her blog at hoosiergardener.com, where she offers an informed, yet personal take on natural gardening in Indiana. She's also a popular speaker, and you can find some of her topics at her blog.

Jo Ellen is a past president of GardenComm: Garden Communicators International, an organization of

professional communicators in the green industry, educating others about horticulture, agriculture, gardening, natural systems and the environment. She also is a garden coach and has a four-season commercial and residential container planting business.

For two decades, she worked at a large, independent garden center in Indianapolis, including a stint as a buyer of perennials, trees and shrubs. She's co-author of the "Indiana Gardener's Guide," author of "The Visitor's Guide to American Gardens," and contributor to "Oxford Companion to the Garden" and "Phaidon's The Gardener's Garden."

Sign up for her free, award-winning monthly Hoosier Gardener newsletter here: http://eepurl.com/gkfb91.

Hoosier Gardener Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp appears at the Indiana Flower + Patio Show on Saturday, March 15 at 12 and 3 p.m., and on Sunday, March 23 at 12 and 3 p.m.



Joel Karsten Shares His Pioneer Method of Gardening

How Straw Bale Gardening method works for anyone, anywhere



At this year's Flower +
Patio Show, Joel Karsten
– one of the most indemand garden lecturers
in the country – will
introduce audiences
to "the fastest growing
vegetable gardening
method since man started
cultivating crops 10,000
years ago." This method
he pioneered is straw bale

gardening, which is simply a different type of container gardening in which the container is the straw bale itself, held together with two or three strings. Once the straw inside the bale begins to decompose, the straw becomes conditioned and ready to plant.

Thanks to their raised height and low-maintenance perks — no weeding, no digging, minimal watering — straw bales are an ideal solution for a wide variety of gardeners. From first-time gardeners to seniors with sore green thumbs, straw bale gardening affordably caters to people from all walks of life, whether they're growing in the countryside or the city.

"As long as you have sunlight and a source of water, it doesn't matter where you put the bale," Karsten said. "It could be in a backyard, it could be on a rooftop. I

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heard about a woman in New York building her bale in a parking spot outside her condominium."

Skeptics of this method are wary of gardening without traditional soil. But, as Karsten explained, "All soil in gardening is simply decomposed organic matter. Plants or animals decompose to make that black soil we all recognize. All we're doing is taking a bale and decomposing it from the inside, which releases the nutrients that plants need to grow and becomes soil. When I explain the science behind it, the lightbulb goes on in people's heads, and they become avid fans of

straw bale gardening."

In addition to a stage presentation, Karsten will have a demonstration booth at the show, where attendees can see a starter-size straw bale garden.

For more information about Karsten and straw bale gardening, visit www.strawbalegardens.com.

Joel will share his technique and explain the advantages of the concept, and he appears at the Flower + Patio Show on Friday, March 21 through Sunday, March 23. Come learn from Joel!



Planting Peace of Mind with Abby's Garden Parties

Master Gardener gives tips for gardening and well-being



Abby Perry, founder of Abby's Garden Parties, combines her bachelor's in psychology from the University of Michigan with her expertise as a Purdue-certified Master Gardener, showing how a stronger sense of well-being can blossom from nurturing plants.

Perry's journey began during the pandemic when her daughter's

request for a terrarium sparked the idea to share this calming and creative experience with others.

Through her stage presentation at the Indiana Flower + Patio Show, Perry will provide essential tips for the care of succulent plants and highlight the mental health benefits of gardening, discussing how tending to greenery can foster relaxation, reduce stress and provide a sense of accomplishment.

"Gardening is therapeutic because it connects us with nature, which has been shown to lower cortisol levels and boost mood," Perry said. "For instance, the act of planting or arranging a terrarium is a mindful activity that encourages focus and creativity, while also offering a sense of peace. The repetitive, tactile actions like handling soil or arranging plants help calm the mind, making it a natural stress reliever. Plus, watching something you've planted grow over time instills a sense of purpose and joy."

Perry's stage presentation gives visitors a preview of what they can experience at the Abby's Garden Parties Terrarium & Plant Shop in downtown Zionsville.

"Imagine being surrounded by over 200 vibrant plants while swapping a



bit of screen time for 'green time,'" Perry said about the store. "It's a place to relax, get your hands a little dirty and learn about plants in a fun, approachable way. Whether you're building a terrarium, browsing for the perfect houseplant or spending quality time with loved ones, the atmosphere is creative, welcoming and filled with the calming energy of nature."

Join Abby at the Flower + Patio Show for expert tips on indoor plants and the transformative power of gardening on stage Wednesday, March 19 and Saturday, March 22!

Purdue Extension Master Gardeners Plant Seeds of Inspiration

Presentations highlight the scientific and practical sides of gardening

Ready to put your green thumb to the test? The Purdue Master Gardener Program trains gardening enthusiasts as volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with home horticulture education in communities throughout Indiana.



Extension Master Gardener volunteers complete at least 40 hours of training in consumer horticulture, pass a final exam, and commit to ongoing volunteer and

continuing education activities to expand their horticulture skills and help their community grow.

In 2024, more than 2,600 volunteers gave more than 168,000 hours, valued at more than \$5 million! Indiana's Purdue

Extension Master Gardener Program began in 1978 with four participating counties. Currently, more than 50 Indiana counties have active Extension Master Gardener programs.

At this year's Flower + Patio Show, Karen Mitchell presents "Digging Into Soil Health with Soil Testing." Fellow Master Gardeners Mike Hathaway and Kathryn Reeves will co-present "Great Tips for Growing Vegetables in Containers Year Round." Mitchell is a Purdue Consumer Horticulture Extension



Specialist, focused on programming for community gardens and home horticulture. Both retired Purdue University staff members, Reeves and Hathaway conduct container garden demonstrations at Purdue's annual

Spring Fest. Together, they also grow flowers and vegetables indoors and outdoors every year.

"Gardening is a complex process," Mitchell said.



"Our presentations range from the scientific - interpreting soil test results - to the practical, like making homegrown salads in the winter. Whether you're a novice gardener or an experienced grower, these presentations provide actionable insights to help you

cultivate the healthiest soil and grow the best garden all year round."

For more information, visit www.hort.purdue.edu/mg.

Visit and learn from the Master Gardeners at Booth #506. Master Gardeners Kathryn Reeves and Mike Hathaway appear on Thursday, March 20 at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. and Purdue Consumer Horticulture Extension Specialist Karen Mitchell appears on stage on Friday, March 21 at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.



Karen Mitchell



Mike Hathaway





Pay honor and tribute to all our heroes on Hero Day, Friday, March 21! All active military, veterans, police and fire personnel get FREE ADMISSION for the day, plus FREE PARKING at the State Fairgrounds. Just bring a valid ID and come enjoy the Flower + Patio Show for the day!

Cora the Flower Truck Offers Bouquets of Beauty

Cindy Ward with Rusted Kreations shares love of flowers through Cora

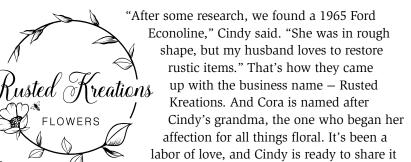
"As a child, my grandma always had a huge flower garden — and she would let us go out into the garden and pick whatever we wanted. No restrictions or guidelines on what we could or couldn't pick. It was such a special thing for me."

Cindy Ward's passion for flowers began with her grandma's flower garden, continued in her love for gardening and then to the creation of her own flower farm in 2023.

"I've always given my flowers out as bouquets and even had a place in town I would take them and give them away for free," Ward said. "Then I would get thank you notes from people in the community, telling me how much they enjoyed the flowers, and that really meant a lot to me." Cindy and her husband brainstormed a way to combine her passion for flowers with his passion for old cars — and Cora the Flower Truck was born.







with everyone at the Flower + Patio Show!

"We've had a lot of success so far with taking Cora out in the community," Ward said. "She's been to the farmers market and other community events, and we're thrilled to bring her to the Flower + Patio Show this year." What kinds of flowers can you choose from? Everything from sunflowers and roses to mums and daises. There will be a fresh variety each day of the show, and Flower + Patio Show attendees can stop by Cora, make their own bouquet and take it home to enjoy!

"When people approach Cora, I get to hear lots of stories from both men and women about memories of their childhood and growing up. Someone's grandpa used to have a truck like Cora or someone's grandma grew this or that variety of flowers. I really enjoy bringing joy to people — and if the simple act of buying a flower from Cora brings them joy, it makes me feel good."

Come see Cindy with Rusted Kreations at the Flower + Patio Show! Make and take your own beautiful bouquet when you visit Cora the Flower Truck in the West Pavilion.



From dull to distinguished

Discover inspiration and fine furniture to transform your outdoor spaces.

Visit us at booth #296 at the Flower + Patio Show. We can't wait to see you! (Our booth will be vacant Sundays, March 16 and 23)















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