

Options for Friday's Auxiliary Tours

Thirty sign-ups are needed for each tour to be offered. If fewer than 30 sign up for a tour, it will be cancelled and a refund will be sent. See registration form for the cost of each tour.

AUXILIARY TOUR #1 - Includes Soules Garden, Indianapolis; Lollipop Garden, Franklin, IN; Architecture tour, Columbus, IN,.



Soules Garden - Chris & Cynthia Wilhoite

Located on the south side of Indianapolis, Chris and Cynthia's Soules Gardens has more than 1,200 varieties of daylilies, plus a collection of Chris's best seedlings. Home of daylily cultivars introduced by former owner Marge Soules, the garden also is a showcase for 800 varieties of hosta, including miniatures featured in a "fairy garden." Chris and Cynthia also grow many unique and rare Arisaema, ferns, and Hellebores. Hundreds of regular lilies should also be in bloom for visitors to admire.



Lollipop Garden - Shirley Toney

Named after her Persian cat, Shirley's Lollipop Garden boasts 300 different daylily cultivars artfully interspersed with perennials and annuals that create a complete riot of bloom. The garden, which fills a 1/4 acre subdivision lot and is an AHS Display Garden, has immaculately maintained beds around the house and garage and in raised beds in back. Shirley mostly favors the flat-faced eyed daylilies with moderate ruffling but is also a fan of many of the modern patterned ones, too. Shirley has been a hard-working member of the Indiana Daylily-Iris Society since 2000 and has two introductions as a result of her hobby-basis hybridizing efforts.



Architecture Tour - Columbus, IN

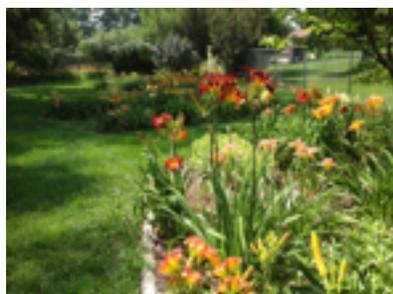
Beginning in the 1940s, J. Irwin Miller, CEO and nephew of a co-founder of Cummins, the Columbus-headquartered diesel engine manufacturer, instituted a program in which the Cummins company paid the architects' fee for new buildings, provided the client selected a firm from a list compiled by Miller. The plan was initiated with public schools and was so successful that Miller decided to defray the design costs of fire stations, public housing, and other community structures. The extraordinary number of notable public buildings and sculptures in the Columbus area, designed by such individuals as Eero Saarinen, I.M. Pei, Robert Venturi, Cesar Pelli, and Richard Meier, has earned Columbus the nickname "Athens of the Prairie." A guide from the Columbus Visitor's Center will board the bus and narrate the tour of Columbus's architectural gems. (Photo: Interior of North Christian Church; Eero Saarinen, architect)

AUXILIARY TOUR #2 - includes two backyard daylily gardens in Plainfield, IN; Avon Gardens, Avon, IN; and the historic gardens and greenhouse of the Indianapolis Museum of Art.



Daylilies and More, Plainfield, IN - Becky & Mark Rammell

Located on a quiet cul-de-sac in the small town of Plainfield southwest of Indpls, Becky hosts some 715 registered daylily cultivars, 50+ lost-tag varieties, and 40+ seedlings on 2/3 of an acre. Fifteen years in the making, the garden also has a nice assortment of unusual trees, shrubs, and art in an ever-changing array to make room for new daylilies. To help finance her hobby, Becky and a neighbor have two sales yearly where they offer freshly-dug daylilies as well as an assortment of pre-potted sun and shade perennials.



Tramm Garden, - Michelle Tramm & Eric Turner

The garden of Michelle Tramm and Eric Turner is the result of a hobby gone wild. Set in a quiet suburban neighborhood just a block from the Rammell garden, Michelle and Eric's is a compact offering of 500 cultivars of daylilies amid hostas and other perennials. As you wander the many paths, you'll be happy to see that every plant is identified. Many pergolas offer a place to rest in the shade once you've decided you've can't possibly absorb any more color!



Avon Gardens - Avon, IN

Visitors to this commercial garden center stroll through over 5 acres of beautiful display gardens and shop in a retail area where they can indulge in a great selection of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals. The display gardens inspire and educate customers on what plants look like after they are established and have been growing for a number of years. Avon Gardens also has experts on staff ready to answer all plant-related questions and is a destination garden center that is totally unique to the Indianapolis area. Within the five acre display gardens is the newly constructed garden pavilion where weddings and other events are hosted. A catered lunch will be served to tour participants amid the beautiful sights and fragrances.



Oldfields Garden at the Indianapolis Museum of Art

Historic Oldfields Garden is part of an elegant 26-acre estate on the grounds of the IMA. Designed and executed in the 1920s by an associate of the famed landscape architecture firm Olmsted Brothers, the gardens have been meticulously restored to their 1930s splendor, when they were a part of the the home of J.K. Lilly Jr., the late Indianapolis businessman, collector, and philanthropist. Also on the grounds is The Virginia B. Fairbanks

Art & Nature Park: 100 Acres that features art amid woodlands, wetlands, meadows, and a 35-acre lake.