

About the Speakers

Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp, is a director of Garden Writers Association and co-author of “The Indiana Gardener’s Guide”. She has the Hoosier Gardener column in the Indianapolis Star newspaper and also writes for Indian Gardening, Angie’s List and American Gardener magazines. She has a new book out: The Visitor’s Guide to American Gardens.

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Roy Ballard, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service – Hancock County - ANR Educator. Roy has a very wide background in gardening/agriculture/beekeeping. Please bring your tough questions for him. If you have ideas for on farm research or education efforts that could benefit from SARE Farmer/Rancher Grant funding in 2012...Roy would be interested in discussing these with you. 317/462-1113 X225 rballard@purdue.edu

Jim Barbour, is a retired Horticulture Educator from the Purdue Extension – Marion County. He is presently consulting with a sod company who is establishing fields just south of Indianapolis. jbarbour@ccrtc.com

Steve Doty, Fortville, is President of the Madison County Master Gardeners’ Association and coordinator for this first Indiana Garden School. He is a long time beekeeper.

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Kathy Hershey, Hope, (Utopiawildlife.org) is a vet tech and a medical technologist and did wildlife rehabilitation as a hospital keeper for the Indiana Zoo. She will bring some of her friends along (one with a red tail). Don’t let the kids miss this one.

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Karen Lackey, Certified Home Economist with the Indiana Farm Bureau for many years. She has provided some great recipes (as well as samples) at numerous other events across the state and has some new recipes for this event. karenlackey@att.net

John Orick, is the Extension Educator, ANR with the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service – Madison County. John is responsible for holding the Advanced Master Gardener Training Class (March 10, 2012 in Alexandria). He is one of the hosts for this school.

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Ann Richardson, is devoted to sharing the marvels of monarch butterflies and is a regional trainer for the University of Minnesota’s Monarch Larva Monitoring Project, a citizen science venture. Learn about the life cycle of an individual monarch traveling from Indiana to the mountains of Mexico and the threats to this migration. Find out how to create a Monarch Waystation, raise monarchs and tag adults. arichardsoncmt@gmail.com

Kevin Tungesvick, is a restoration Ecologist with the Spence Restoration Nursery in Muncie. He manages production and sales of nearly 200 species of native plants and seeds of herbaceous wildflowers, grasses and sedges. He has been working with restoration since February, 1995. Kevin@spencenursery.com

Brad Willoughby, Anderson, Advanced Master Gardener. Certified Wildlife Steward. Today he will be helping you make your own peat pot and helping you plant heirloom tomatoes. He is an expert on heirloom plants and is always very entertaining as well.

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