

# TENTATIVE SEMINAR TITLES AND SPEAKERS

## THURSDAY SEMINARS

**Ricky Kemery** has been the Horticulture Educator at the Allen County, IN Extension Office for over 12 years. At present there are over 3200 trained Master Gardeners in Allen County. He has also trained a large number of Master Gardeners in the surrounding counties. Master Gardeners normally handle between 5000 and 8000 gardening questions each year from the citizens of Northeast Indiana, a quantity which one or two people would never be able to handle. Ricky has a weekly Saturday morning call-in radio program on WGL-AM and FM. He is also a bi-weekly guest on WBNI-FM on Thursday mornings, and writes a Sunday column in the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette newspaper and a monthly column in the "Fort Wayne" magazine. **His presentation is TBD**

**Rebecca Canales** is Supervisor of Programs & Volunteer Development Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory. Ms. Canales is a horticulturist and educator. She has a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Maryland and 22 years experience in research, education, and public programming in the fertile realm of public gardens. She gardens on a half-acre in Fort Wayne. Her presentation is "**The Power of Butterflies**"

**Lana Wolf** is an Advanced Master Gardener and a well-known hybridizer of Day Lilies and Iris, President of the Northeastern Indiana Iris Society, and VP of the Fort Wayne Daylily Club. She has approximately 1000 Daylilies growing on her property. **Her presentation is TBD.**

**Robert Walton** has been a Bat lover for many years and will present a very interesting and informative **lecture on Bats** and the good they do in the garden. He will be bringing one or two live bats with him for you to see and possibly touch.

**Louise Rennecker** has been an Advanced Master Gardener for many years and is an excellent speaker. She owns a local Bed and Breakfast and is an Herb specialist. Her presentation is titled "**Art In The Garden**" and will be very entertaining - from the sublime to the absurd.

**Speaker TBD – Judging Clinic.** Clinic is in 2 sessions and Judges must attend both morning and afternoon sessions

## SATURDAY SEMINARS

**Dr. Clifford Sadof** is a Professor of Landscape and Ornamental Biological Control in the Entomology Department at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. His special interest is in identifying elements of the urban ecosystem, which contribute to **insect problems on ornamental plants and trees.**

**Jason Becker** is part owner of Countryscapes and Gardens in Ligonier, Indiana. He is responsible for the planters and beautification in Columbia City, Syracuse and Ligonier, Indiana. He grows his own annuals. His presentation is titled "**Container Gardening**".

**Lynda Heavrin** is the Manager of Landscape & Horticulture for Fort Wayne Park's and Recreation. She is responsible for Lawton Park Greenhouse, and landscaping and care of gardens at several parks throughout Fort Wayne. Her presentation is titled "**Annual Flower Gardens – Secrets of Success**".

**Doug Allen** is a retired Chemist from the Eli Lilly Company in Indianapolis. As a Chemist, he

has an intimate working knowledge of the pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers we put on our lawns and plants, and what these chemicals can do to the environment and to humans. He will show us the correct way to apply chemicals and what chemicals to and not to use. His presentation is titled "**Using Chemicals Safely**".

**Darlene Kittle** is an Advanced Master Gardener, President of Fort Wayne Bonsai Society, and House Plant expert on the "Ask the Expert" internet site. Ed Hake has been growing and designing Bonsai since age 12. Their presentation is on Bonsai, and they will be demonstrating how to transform a plant **from a nursery pot item into a Bonsai**.

**Speaker TBD – Photography Workshop.** Workshop is in 2 sessions – morning and afternoon.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**The Allen County Public Library** has just completed a \$26 Million expansion and upgrade. The library is nationally known as having a fantastic genealogy collection, second only to the Mormon library in Salt Lake City, Utah. You will be given a tour of the library and time to do some **genealogy searching on your own or to just wander around**. If you are really into genealogy you might want to come early to the convention, or stay a couple of extra days after the convention.

**The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo** is recognized as one of the **top 10 Children's Zoos in the country; and it is not just for children**. Covering 38 acres, the zoo is presently in the process of remodeling and expanding the African Veldt. The new area will be called the African Journey. The animals will be allowed to roam free and will be kept in by unseen barriers. Visitors will be able to ride on a new "Sky Lift" which replaces the noisier ground-level cars in the old exhibit. There are only 3 or 4 other zoos in the country which have such a conveyance. The zoo also has a Tropical Rain Forest, an Australian Outback exhibit, a Great Barrier Reef underwater exhibit, a walk-through aviary and a petting zoo and pony rides for the kids, as well as the usual complement of exhibits such as penguins, sea lions, monkeys, otters etc.

For those whose interest is more in the garden area, we are offering **tours of several home gardens** in the Fort Wayne area.