

2019 Fall Meeting Details

September 7, 2019

Sharing Summer Gardening Experiences.

Native Plant & Seed Swap

We will share our summer gardening experiences. What plants did exceptionally well, or not - and what do you think contributed to this? Did you start a new garden area, or add something new that you haven't tried before? How did they do? Any other unexpected delights or unfavorable circumstances? Any other observations or discoveries? Did you get any awesome photos? This is a perfect time to share!

Bring native plants that you have extras of & maybe you can swap them for something that you don't already have. Or - bring some seeds that you've collected & would like to share. We will do this part outside at the end of the meeting - weather permitting.

October 5, 2019

Deb Armstrong, Duneland Photography Club

Using Smart Phone and Point & Shoot Cameras to Capture Nature-Plants and Wildlife

30 years ago, Deb's husband showed her how to use his nice film camera. She was hooked and he never got it back! Since then, Deb has been involved with several photo clubs and has taught classes to many skill levels. She recently had the pleasure to be a judge for the Porter County Master gardeners photography competition at their annual show. In addition to her photography skills, Deb recently completed her Indiana master naturalist course, and enjoys teaching photography to anyone who will listen!

Since cameras & cell phones nowadays are sophisticated enough to just 'point and shoot', Deb will spend a lot of time showing us image composition. We will cover some of the basic camera and cell phone settings so people are not afraid to use them. Her goal is to encourage us to "play" with available settings to experiment & improve our nature photos. Check out Deb's Instagram: @Armstrongcreativeimages for a good sampling of the range of photos that you can get with just the camera in your cell phone!

November 2, 2019

Nathanael Pilla - Botanist, Orbis Environmental Consulting

Nature is a Monster Movie: Parasitic and Carnivorous plants of the Indiana Dunes

Nathanael is a botanist for Orbis Environmental Consulting, and serves on the board of the Indiana Native Plant Society - North Chapter. His research has led to the first series of publications on inventorying the macro-fungi of Indiana, as well as on the conservation status of pondweeds (Potamogeton). When he is not botanizing, Nathanael spends his pastime writing and singing ridiculous songs.

Join Nathanael as he takes us through stories of death and deceit in the plant world. He will highlight some of the most charismatic carnivorous and parasitic plants in the region, as well as some of the stories on how they evolved such incredible traits. If you thought plants were just passive creatures living under our feet, this presentation will make you think again!

December 7, 2019

Tree Decorating Naturally & Pot Luck Luncheon

Bring items that you've found outside to make natural decorations for the Gibson Woods Christmas tree. Items can include seed pods, sticks, dried flowers, pinecones, etc. Gibson Woods will supply some items.

Please bring your favorite cold dish for our Pot Luck.