



Hilltop Happenings

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Hilltop's Second Annual Great Pumpkin Party

Mark your calendars! Celebrate Halloween at Hilltop's Second Annual Great Pumpkin Party, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. Admission is \$1.

Enjoy a grilled bratwurst or hot dog. Watch as apples are magically transformed into cider. Cheer for your favorite entry in the Pumpkin Pie Bakeoff – and buy a prize-winning pie. Learn how to make a fall wreath or carve a spectacular jack-o'-lantern. Gasp at Jack the Top Hat's wonderful magic show.

Hilltop's Great Pumpkin Party offers lots of activities for kids, including mask making and mummy wrapping. We'll have the Original Pumpkin Launch featuring Jack Brubaker's trebuchet, all to the music of a bluegrass band.

Come one and all! Welcome Fall!



Hilltop's Annual Fall Bulb Sale

Saturday, October 10 • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fall is the perfect time to plant bulbs for next spring and summer!

Bulbs for Sale

Daffodils — choice varieties from Libby's border
Lily bulbs — grown on from last year's Fall sale

Also on sale on October 10

Daylilies from Libby's border
Iris from Libby's border

Come for the plants, Stay for the class

At 10 a.m., Greg will teach you how to plant and care for bulbs that'll burst with color next year



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Welcome to New and Renewing Friends of Hilltop



Gardener, Individual

Cynthia Benson
 Gloria Noone
 Helen Hollingsworth
 Cindy Kjallet
 Phyllis Schwitzer
 Rachel Kearney
 Laura Shively
 Debora Shaw

Sherry Jaffers
 Karen Mikesell
 Andrea Singer
 John B. Hartley
 Lucy Battersby
 Kathy Duncan
 Michele Stark
 Heather Maritano

Tom and Astrid Sexton
 Dan and Georgia Sumner
 Tom Schroeder
 Jean Sebeok and Mark Day
 Bill and Carol McGregor
 Patrick and Glenda Murray
 Mike and Beverly DeFord

Horticulturist

Don and Judy Granbois
 Art and Gloria Jacques
 Jeanne Speakman
 Anita Bracalente and
 Jerry Sinks

Environmentalist

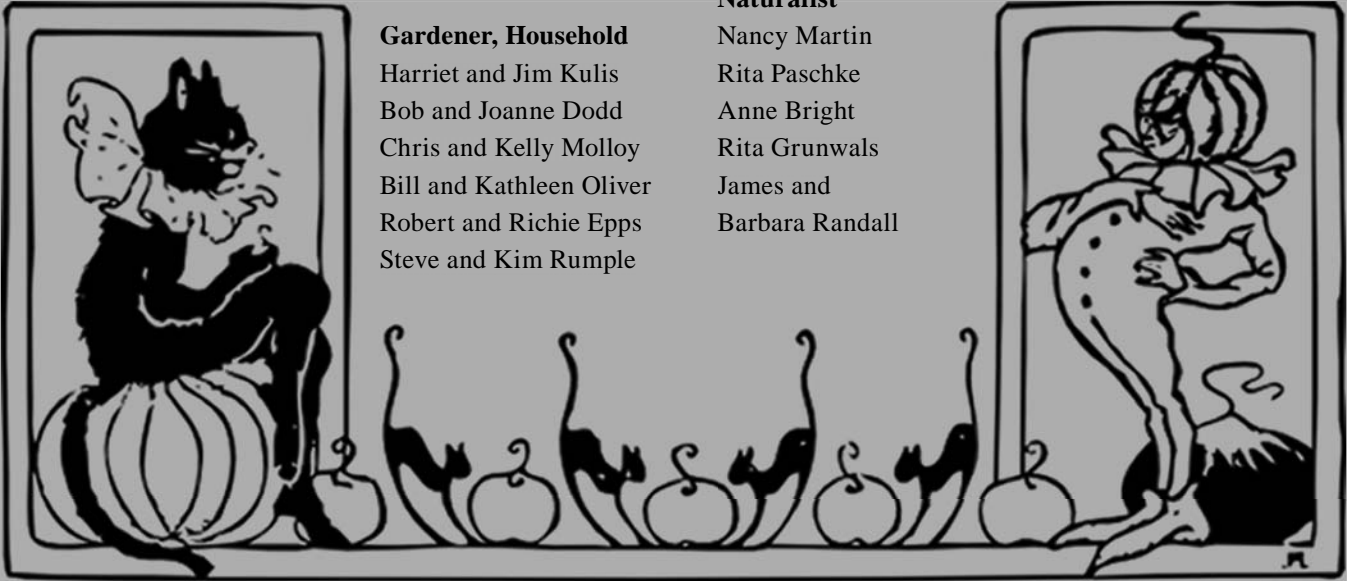
Jack and Pat Mulholland

Naturalist

Nancy Martin
 Rita Paschke
 Anne Bright
 Rita Grunwals
 James and
 Barbara Randall

Gardener, Household

Harriet and Jim Kulis
 Bob and Joanne Dodd
 Chris and Kelly Molloy
 Bill and Kathleen Oliver
 Robert and Richie Epps
 Steve and Kim Rumpel



**Join
 Friends
 of
 Hilltop
 for
 great
 stuff
 today!**

Join Friends of Hilltop

Friends of Hilltop, our revitalized membership organization, is up and running. Memberships provide a full year of valuable benefits in Bloomington and throughout the United States. Through our participation in the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP), your membership entitles you to free admission to more than 200 of America's best public gardens, conservatories and arboreta. Friends have already reported gaining free admission to Chicago Botanic Garden, Missouri Botanic Garden and Marie Selby Garden, Sarasota, among others. In addition, members receive discounts on all sales, classes and gift shop purchases, and first-time members receive a high quality canvas market tote bearing our Friends of Hilltop logo. Enjoy all these benefits! Join Friends of Hilltop today!

YES! I want to join Friends of Hilltop at the following membership level:

- Gardener Individual \$35 Gardener Household \$60 Naturalist \$100 Horticulturist \$250
 Environmentalist \$500 Hilltop Society \$1000

Method of payment: Check (payable to HEF) Check # _____

Credit Card Visa Master Card Discover

Card Number _____ 3-digit authorization code _____ Exp Date ____/____/____

Signature _____

Return this form with your payment to: HEF, P.O. Box 8654, Bloomington, IN 47407 THANK YOU!



Buy Bulbs and Donate to Hilltop

In the fall, the gardener's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of . . . BULBS!

This year, you can help Hilltop while you're ordering your bulbs for fall planting. Hilltop has qualified for participation in Brent and Becky's Bloomin' Bucks program, which generously supports nonprofit organizations. Brent and Becky's will donate 25 percent of the amount of your purchase to Hilltop.

Brent and Becky's is one of Greg's picks among America's best bulb houses. You can order prize bulbs, both heirloom varieties and the newest introductions, from this highly regarded supplier and support Hilltop's programs all at the same time. It's easy.

Brent and Becky's does all the paperwork for the program and mails a check to each participating organization at regular intervals. What a great way to help Hilltop!

Bloomin' Bucks
with Brent and Becky's Bulbs

Here's how to order:

Go to www.bloominbucks.com. You'll see a pop-up menu listing participants in the program. Select "Hilltop Educational Foundation," and order away. Painless!

Greg's Gardening Tips

At Bloomington's latitude, we still have almost 30 growing days, so don't be afraid to plant a fall garden. Put row covers over your lettuce and radishes to keep them moist; they will germinate faster, and you'll keep the flea beetles away. You can also plant bok choy, kale and chard.

Bulbs! You can plant them until the ground freezes. Daffodils and hyacinths are deer resistant, and so are autumn-blooming crocus. The crocus is expensive, but the bulbs can be divided annually, and you'll have a brave show in just a few years. Get them all from Brent and Becky's Bulbs and help Hilltop with a financial contribution all at the same time (see above).

Now's the best time to divide daylilies and especially peonies. And it's the best time to plant tree peonies. Greg likes to order his from Klehm's Song Sparrow Nursery in Avalon, Wisconsin.

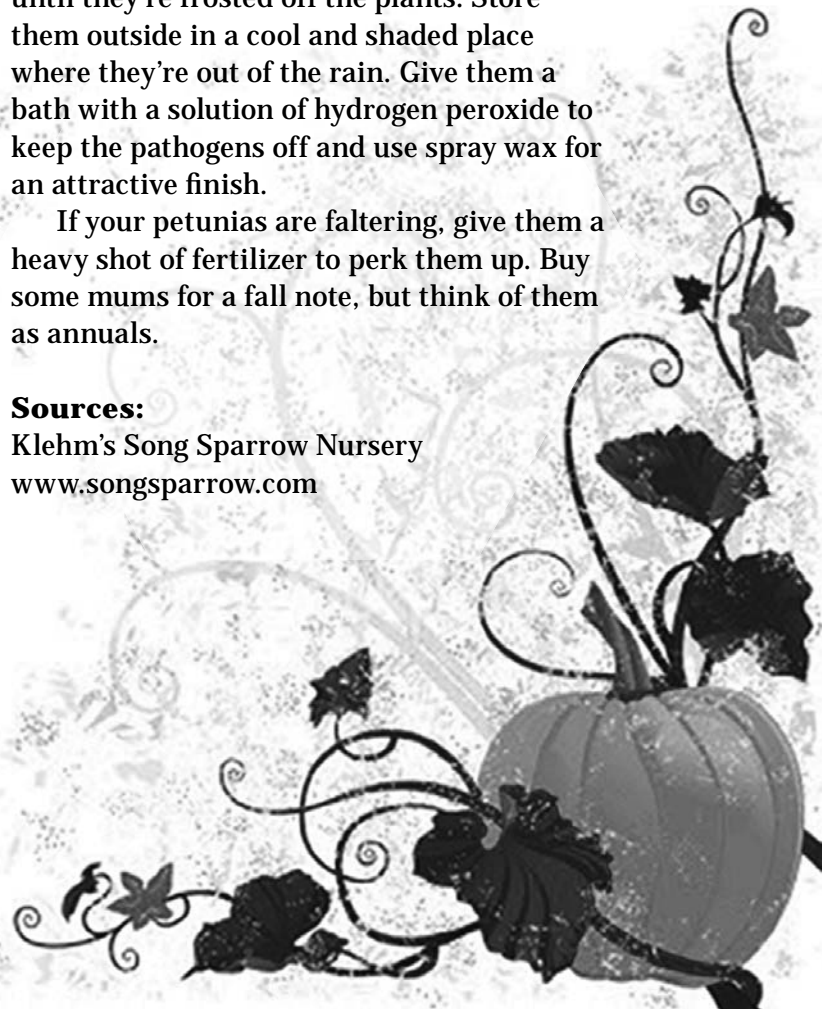
If you want to save pumpkins and squash for display, pick them now if the

vines are withered. Don't pick the gourds until they're frosted off the plants. Store them outside in a cool and shaded place where they're out of the rain. Give them a bath with a solution of hydrogen peroxide to keep the pathogens off and use spray wax for an attractive finish.

If your petunias are faltering, give them a heavy shot of fertilizer to perk them up. Buy some mums for a fall note, but think of them as annuals.

Sources:

Klehm's Song Sparrow Nursery
www.songsparrow.com



Fall Classes at Hilltop



Fall Bulbs

\$20

Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m.

Time to plant fall bulbs for spring color. You know all about tulips and daffodils, but have you tried chionodoxa? Erythronium? Or hardy cyclamen? Check out the latest introductions and make friends with some new varieties.

evergreens to select for your containers and how to prolong their lives. Greg will share his tips on accents that can add life to your arrangements.

Bird Baths

\$25

Saturday, October 17, 10 a.m.

Grace your garden with a handsome bird bath, molded on a giant taro leaf. The birds will love it, and your garden will shine with this unique organic accent piece. Wear old clothes. All materials provided.

Holiday Wreaths

\$25

Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m.

Lorrie Falkenthal will offer her perennially popular workshop on holiday wreaths. Move over, Martha Stewart! You can make a magazine-worthy wreath of your own. All materials provided.

Winter Containers

\$20

Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m.

Extend garden interest right through the winter with colorful and long-lasting containers. Learn which

Wrapping the Perfect Gift

\$20

Saturday, December 12, 10 a.m.

What could be better for the holidays than a gift from your garden, made by you? Find out how to share your garden in the dead of winter with thoughtful gifts for friends and family.

New Garden Spaces at Hilltop

Have you been to Hilltop lately? You'll see some changes on your next visit.

Photos courtesy Charlotte Griffin



Over the summer, a brand-new and very elegant event space has appeared (photo top left). Flanked by five stately limestone columns, the paved semicircle offers a perfect site for your wedding, party or other event. It was inaugurated on June 27 with a 165-guest wedding, catered by FARMbloomington. The evening included cocktails in the shade garden and dining under a tent in the grassy area to the east of Hilltop proper across the driveway.

This year's theme garden, "A Tribute to Roberto Burle Marx," is bursting with tropical plants that recall his native Brazil.

Thriving in the late summer heat, they replicate some of his iconic landscapes, including a walled courtyard in Sao Paolo (photo top right) and towers of color. Check out the 1500 callas gracing the south slope of the valley.

Twin vegetable gardens 200 feet long flank the massive Gourd Walk (photo left), demonstrating that vegetables really can be beautiful.

And, just for the season, a new Pumpkin Patch has appeared to the south of the Gourd Walk with decorative pumpkin-shaped fencing constructed of honeysuckle vines.

HILLTOP WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name	Phone
Address	E-mail
City, State ZIP	

Name of Class	Date of Class	Number of Attendees	Cost per Attendee	Total
Discount for Friends of Hilltop			10% off classes	
			TOTAL	

Method of payment: Cash Check (payable to IU) Check # _____

Credit Card Visa Master Card Discover

Card Number _____ 3-digit authorization code _____ Exp Date ____/____/____

Signature _____

How did you hear about the workshop? _____

Send your completed registration form with payment to:
Hilltop Garden and Nature Center
2367 East 10th St.
Bloomington, IN 47408

Reasonable accommodations related to a disability are needed to permit participation. (Circle one) Yes No

Registration for workshops or other classes at Hilltop Garden and Nature Center (hereinafter Hilltop) constitutes consent to the following terms and conditions: I understand the activities related to this class, and I am physically and mentally able to participate. In the event that I sustain an injury in the course of the program and Hilltop is unable to contact the appropriate person(s) to obtain consent for treatment, I authorize Hilltop and/or its employees or volunteers to take reasonable steps to obtain appropriate medical treatment. I shall be responsible for the cost of such treatment. I release Hilltop, Hilltop Educational Foundation, and Indiana University and their employees, agents and assigns from any claims including but not limited to personal injury or damage to property caused by or having any relation to this activity. I understand that this release applies to any present or future injuries and that it binds me, my spouse, heirs, executors or administrators. I may be photographed or videotaped while participating in Hilltop activities, and I consent to the reproduction of photographs or videotapes for advertising and publicity.



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