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Spring comes early with *Orchids* at Newfields

Orchids returns for the fourth year with expanded design Feb. 8–Mar. 3

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 24, 2019—This February, discover vibrant color in the gray of winter with opulent [Orchids](#) at Newfields. Returning for the fourth year, *Orchids* provides a tropical escape from the cold and welcomes signs of spring from Feb. 8 through Mar. 3.

Curated by the Newfields greenhouse staff, this year's expanded display comes with bold color and unique beauty. New this year, guests can experience the vibrant plant installations inside the IMA Galleries. Each display is designed to be in conversation with the artwork, bringing art and nature together in unexpected ways.

Guests can also explore diverse varieties of elegant orchids from around the world with hundreds of plants blooming inside the toasty Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse, where experts are standing by to answer questions. Take home your own colorful orchid by stopping by the Pop-Up Shop located in The Bret Waller Gallery.

Expand your knowledge of these incredible plants and learn about mounting, repotting and basic care of orchids in a workshop with our orchid experts. Workshops are \$40 to \$70 for the public, with special discounts for Newfields members.

Keep the celebration of orchids and spring going with a special one-of-a-kind tour created by Newfields docents that explores stories of orchid collectors and orchid lore in the IMA Galleries. Expand your knowledge about these delightful tropical plants and their connections to our art collection with [Orchid Stories in the Galleries](#), Tuesday through Friday at 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at noon.

Explore the tasteful side of orchids in The Café with an orchid inspired menu, including a mixed green salad topped with blueberries, granny smith apples, brie, candied almonds, orchid blossoms and a vanilla brown butter vinaigrette dressing. Other options include a blueberry hibiscus parfait with vanilla whipped cream, a pineapple vanilla lemonade and a citrus vanilla scented French cocktail.

Orchids is included with general admission and free for members. During the opening weekend, members will receive a special double discount in The Museum & Garden Shop and in the Pop-Up Shop. *Support for Orchids is provided by the SIA Foundation.*

The full list of orchid related programming includes:

EVENT: [2019 Newfields Horticulture Symposium](#)

Feb. 9 / 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

The Toby

\$80 Members / \$95 Public / \$70 Horticultural Society members / \$50 students

Join fellow horticulture lovers for a day of talks that will inspire you for your spring planting. Speakers will present on a wide range of topics, including growing annuals for cut flowers, year-round vegetable gardening and more. Registration now open.

ADULT CLASS: [Orchid Basics](#)

Feb. 9 / 10–11:30 a.m.

Elder Greenhouse

\$40 Members / \$50 Public / Advance registration required by Feb. 2

Newfields' own plant specialist Ian Wilhite will guide you through the basics of orchid care. This hands-on class covers repotting and the secrets of reblooming. Did we mention that you get to take home your own orchid?

TALK: [Member Only Talk: Ian Wilhite](#)

Feb. 10 / 2 p.m.

DeBoest Lecture Hall

Spring comes early at Newfields. On Sunday February 10, Join Newfields plant specialist Ian Wilhite for a special presentation on the Orchids exhibition in DeBoest Lecture Hall. Learn more about these exotic, beautiful flowers and the history of Asian Orchids. Wilhite will also show members how the orchids are being interpreted into the galleries at the IMA. After the talk, members can enjoy a 20% discount in the Orchids Pop-Up Shop.

TALK: [Artful Living Series](#)

Feb. 12 / 1 p.m.

DeBoest Lecture Hall

Included in general admission and free for members

Join Ian Wilhite, Newfields plant specialist, for an "insider's look" at the secrets of orchids, brought to you by the Alliance. Ian studied orchids at the famed Marie Selby Botanical Garden in Sarasota, Florida, and he is deeply knowledgeable about interesting varieties of orchids and the provocative (and sometimes scandalous) stories behind them. Tour the Orchids exhibition on your own following the lecture. For more information, contact Karen Davis at hatladykd@yahoo.com or (317) 408-1051.

ADULT CLASS: [Orchid Basics](#)

Feb. 14 / 6:30–8 p.m.

Elder Greenhouse

\$40 Members / \$50 Public (covers admission) / Advance registration required by Feb. 2

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STUDIO CLASS: [Newfields Adult Art Studio: Create Orchid Pencil Sketches](#)

Feb. 14, 17, 22 and 23 / 2–3:30 p.m.

Studio 3 / Meet in Welcome Center

\$20 Members (per session) / \$30 Public (per session) / Advance registration required

Discover and enhance your art skills in the IMA Galleries, The Garden and studios. All sessions include sketching in the IMA Galleries with group discussion and art making facilitated by an instructor. Topics change monthly; register for one session or several. For ages 16+. All abilities welcome.

ADULT CLASS: [Orchid Terrariums](#)

Feb. 16 / 10 a.m.–noon

Elder Greenhouse

\$60 Members / \$78 Public / Advance registration required by Feb. 2

Join Ian Wilhite as he guides you in making your very own micro-orchid habitat in glass. You don't have to travel to steamy jungles to see miniature orchids in bloom. Participants will learn how to make and care for an orchid in its own little hothouse, and then you'll be able to take it home with you.

ADULT CLASS: [Advanced Orchid Care](#)

Feb. 21 / 6:30–8 p.m.

Elder Greenhouse

\$50 Members / \$65 Public / Advance registration required by Feb. 10

A new class for people ready to meet the challenge in orchid growing with fabulous spray orchids. Join Russ Vernon, owner of New Vision Orchids, to learn about these special orchids that don't require warm conditions to thrive. You will receive an *Odontoglossum* orchid in bud or bloom, hand outs and discussion on their care, a demonstration on repotting them and potting mix.

ADULT CLASS: [Kokedama Bonsai with Orchid](#)

Feb. 22 / 6:30–8 p.m.

Elder Greenhouse

\$35 Members / \$40 Public / Advance registration required by Feb. 10

Kokedama is a Japanese bonsai technique that showcases a single plant growing in a ball of moss, designed to be hung delicately in a window. Lyss Woods shows you how to create this exquisite construction with a small blooming orchid, the ideal way to catch the first rays of spring light.

ADULT CLASS: [Advanced Orchid Care](#)

Feb. 23/ 10 a.m.–noon

Elder Greenhouse

\$50 Members / \$65 Public / Advance registration required by Feb. 10

A new class for people ready to master the challenge of orchid growing. Participants will get a wonderful, unusual orchid and a teak basket as well as all the information needed to advance your skills. Join Newfields plant specialist, Ian Wilhite in this lively hands-on class.

EVENT: [Book Club: The Orchid Shroud](#)

Feb. 28 / 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Elder Greenhouse

\$6 Members / \$8 Public

Fall into a mesmerizing world of wild orchids and a chilling murder with Michelle Wan's *The Orchid Shroud*, the sequel to her *Deadly Slipper: A Novel of Death in the Dordogne*. Ian Wilhite, Newfields' orchid specialist, immerses you in the amazing reality and allure of orchids on a tour of the orchid exhibition in the Greenhouse. But be wary as you sample tea-infused wines paired with featured orchids—a mystery may befall you.

About Newfields

Newfields offers dynamic experiences with art and nature for guests of all ages. The 152-acre cultural campus features art galleries, lush gardens, a historic mansion, performance spaces, a nature preserve and sculpture park. From inspiring exhibitions in the Indianapolis Museum of Art Galleries, to concerts in The Toby, to a stroll through The Garden with a glass of cheer, guests are invited to interact with art and nature in exciting new ways. Newfields is home to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, among the ten largest and oldest general art museums in the nation; the Lilly House, a National Historic Landmark; The Garden, featuring 40 acres of contemporary and historic gardens, a working greenhouse and an orchard; and The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park: 100 Acres, one of the largest art and nature parks in the country. The Newfields campus extends outside of Indianapolis with Miller House and Garden in Columbus, Ind.—one of the nation's most highly regarded examples of mid-century Modernist architecture. For more information visit www.discovernewfields.org.

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