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***Spring Blooms* returns to The Garden at Newfields**
Explore beauty arriving in stages through May

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 22, 2019—Spring is in the air, and next month, it will be in full bloom at Newfields. The campus-wide [Spring Blooms](#) celebration returns for the fourth year, featuring more than 500,000 blooms in The Garden, local brews on tap in the Beer Garden, inspiring exhibitions inside the Indianapolis Museum of Art and the Lilly House and more time to see it all. This year's curated display is presented by Wild Birds Unlimited.

Extended hours for the Newfields campus have started, allowing guests to have more time to explore. Newfields will be open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through October 31.

This year, guests to *Spring Blooms* will be surrounded by a vibrant ocean of color and enchanting scents as more than half a million blooms greet them around every turn. A cascade of flowers from tulips and peonies, to thousands of netted iris, crocus, hyacinth and daffodils will unfold as the days grow warmer. Each garden bed was curated by Newfields horticulturists and designed to bloom in stages throughout the season, so there's always something new to see.

"Newfields' *Spring Blooms* celebration provides an incredible atmosphere and venue for families and friends to explore the spring season—and enjoy the birds!" said Jim Carpenter, CEO of Wild Birds Unlimited. "Wild Birds Unlimited is very proud to help present this wonderful outdoor experience to all who visit Newfields this spring."

Beginning March 23, guests can once again unwind at the [Beer Garden](#), nestled against the historic Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse. Returning for the third year, this oasis will be open Thursday through Sunday offering crowd favorites and new menu items to sip and savor. Rotating taps will feature seasonal beer and cider, including Newfields' *Among the Leaves*, a custom brew from Sun King Brewing Co. There is also an eclectic bottle and can list that includes seasonal beer, cider and wine. Ask for the "Reserve List" that features rare, old, sour and barrel-aged beers. Last year's crowd favorite—a giant grilled pretzel from Pat's Philly Pretzels—is back on the menu, as well as shareable cheese, charcuterie and veggie boards. Every Sunday Oca by Smoking Goose will be running a pop-up featuring artisanal sausages, brats and hot dogs.

Guests are invited to stroll through thousands of blooms at their leisure from a garden path featuring information about the various plants and displays, or they can take a guided tour with a Newfields Garden Guide. The seasonal tour highlights what's currently in bloom and the history of the Lilly's Oldfields estate. The walking tour of The Garden takes place on Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m., beginning March 30. Garden tram tours return to Newfields on April 5, and will occur every Friday in April at 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays at 2:45 p.m.

In May, celebrate Mother's Day weekend with experiences throughout Newfields. Stroll through the flower-filled Garden that will make for the perfect backdrop for a selfie with Mom and the family. In the Beer Garden, treat her to a make-your-own Momosa Bar and a variety of snacks from Gallery Pastry Shop. Make Mom feel like royalty with a handmade flower crown. Also on Mother's Day weekend reserve a spot at Newfields' newest culinary experience, [Pop Up: Tea House](#). Just steps away from the IMA Galleries, Tea House seamlessly

incorporates art and nature into one experience, rebelliously bringing smells and tastes closer than ever to our galleries full of great art.

"This year's *Spring Blooms* features even more flowers than ever before," said Jonathan Wright, Ruth Lilly Deputy Director of Horticulture and Natural Resources. "In just a few short weeks, The Garden will come alive with half a million blooms. I am grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who helped plant an additional 100,000 bulbs this year and to donors who make these events possible. Campus-wide seasonal celebrations of art and nature help us engage our guests more deeply with our mission and introduce thousands of community members to Newfields."

After guests have explored The Garden, they can head up to the IMA Galleries to see the lively exhibitions on display this spring. Samuel Levi Jones' thought-provoking exhibition [Samuel Levi Jones: Left of Center](#) provides striking visual commentary on American power structures with large scale multi-media works. Opening April 28, [Fashion Redefined: Miyake, Kawakubo, Yamamoto](#), celebrates three Japanese designers who changed the course of fashion through their innovative designs. Guests can step into a digital dressing room and virtually try on the *ensemble* from Kawakubo's collection "Roses & Blood" and pretend to pose on the runway.

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About Newfields

Newfields: A Place for Nature & the Arts, offers dynamic experiences 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, and 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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