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Spring Blooms presented by Wild Birds Unlimited happening now *Hundreds of thousands of blooms will beautify campus as spring begins*



Image courtesy of Newfields

INDIANAPOLIS, March 30, 2023— Spring Blooms presented by Wild Birds Unlimited has returned to Newfields and will run through May 7, 2023. Guests can expect to see The Garden at Newfields covered in blankets of beautiful blossoming bulbs and carpets of natural wildflowers in the Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park. The Garden will be covered in waves of color created by tens of thousands of blooms including hyacinths, daffodils, tulips as well as pansies, violas and many more unusual cool-season flowers.

The start of Spring means new beginnings which is especially true at Newfields. Lilly House, the Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse and Garden Terrace will all open simultaneously with *Spring Blooms* and each has new elements for guests to explore. Tours of Miller House in Columbus, IN are open. You can find more info about tours and purchase tickets here.

"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, Inc. "Wild Birds Unlimited is very proud to help present this wonderful outdoor experience to all who visit Newfields this spring."

Garden Terrace is now open and ready for its first spring in The Garden. A new made-to-order menu is now available with new items like a spring salad and a weekly rotating market sandwich all created by Executive Chef Patrick Russ and the

new items like a spring salad and a weekly rotating market sandwich all created by Executive Chef Patrick Russ and the culinary department at Newfields. Fan favorites like the soft pretzel will return with a new house-made cheese alongside the revamped food menu. Lindsay Jo Whirley, Newfields' own certified Cicerone has an all-star list of brews and beverages, including new additions, Bloomsberry Cider from Ash & Elm, non-alcoholic beer options and iced tea from Teas Me Café.

Lilly House is also now open, guests should be sure to explore the house while out in The Garden. New this season to the Lilly House garage will be a 1913 Underslung on loan from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. Garden tours will also ramp back up with the return of the spring season. Director's Tours happen at 6 PM on the last Thursday of every

month April through September. Garden Guide Tours take place on Free First Thursdays at 6 PM, Saturdays at 1 & 3 PM and Sundays at 1 PM. Tours are free with general admission tickets. Bring a friend and get your hands dirty with a robust schedule of Greenhouse classes, think repotting and bespoke orchid wreaths, in early spring. A full schedule of garden tours can be found here and Greenhouse classes can be found under the classes tab on the Newfields event calendar.

Spring Blooms is presented by Wild Birds Unlimited.

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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 home, performance spaces, a nature preserve and sculpture park. From inspiring exhibitions in the IMA Galleries, to concerts in The Toby, to a stroll through The Garden with a glass of something cold, 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 ten 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, 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 DiscoverNewfields.org.

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