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***Spring Blooms* presented by Wild Birds Unlimited returns to The Garden for another season**

Week over week, new blooms will bring bliss and color to Newfields visitors



INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 2024 — The Garden’s flagship season is happening now with [*Spring Blooms* presented by Wild Birds Unlimited](#). Hundreds of thousands of blooms will emerge in The Garden and in The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park. Lovers of art and nature will be able to appreciate *Spring Blooms* as the season and blooms evolve.

“*Spring Blooms* is truly what Newfields is all about – regardless of one’s gardening skill or art history expertise, all are welcome to explore,” said Jonathan Wright, Ruth Lilly Director of The Garden and Fairbanks Park. “I cannot wait to see our garden-goers revisit some of their favorites and experience some of the non-traditional blooms like the lupines as well.”

Hyacinths, daffodils, tulips and magnificent lupines will brighten up the beds from Garden Terrace to Lilly Terrace and beyond. *Spring Blooms* is a fantastic source of inspiration for guests to take home and implement in their own horticultural adventures, so Newfields is inviting all to experience this season now, as The Garden is in peak bloom.

The spring season marks the opening of Lilly House and the Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse. Additionally, there are two Free First Thursdays throughout *Spring Blooms*: April 4 and May 2.

The Beer Garden at Garden Terrace offers a curated beer, wine and cider menu designed by Newfields' Certified Cicerone Lindsay Jo Whirley featuring best-in-style beers from Germany, Belgium and right here in Indianapolis. Complimentary to the drinks, the food menu from Newfields Executive Chef Patrick Russ offers seasonally curated items such as sandwiches, salads and sausages alongside favorites like the Giant Bavarian pretzel with house-made cheese. Non-alcoholic offerings include the lemonade and berries, orchid green tea, nitro cold brew coffee and craft root beer.

Looking for a Mother's Day experience? Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12, live music, lawn games, brunch specials and more will be available for all as *Spring Blooms* nears the end of its run. This weekend of love and creativity is perfect for the special mother figures in our community.

Garden tours are available: Director's Tours happen at 6 PM on the last Thursday of every month, April through September, and Garden Guide Tours take place Saturdays at 1 & 3 PM and Sundays at 1 PM. Tours are free with general admission tickets.

Visit discovernewfields.org for more information on Elder Greenhouse classes involving various activities. Highlights include:

- [Mini Orchid Bowl](#)
April 25, 6–8 PM
Elder Greenhouse
\$75 Members / \$85 Public / Advance tickets required
- [Orchid Mounting](#)
May 2, 6–7:30 PM
Elder Greenhouse
\$50 Members / \$60 Public / Advance tickets required
- [Macrame Air Plant Holder](#)
May 4, 1–3 PM
Lilly House
\$25 Members / \$30 Public

Image Credit: *Spring Blooms* in The Garden at Newfields. Artwork: Bertel Thorvaldsen (Dutch, 1770–1844), *The Three Graces* (reproduction), date unknown, carrara marble, stone, 120 × 54 × 34 in. (with base). Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, Gift of the Children of J.K. Lilly, Jr., LH2001.227.

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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 Tobias Theater, 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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