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Spring Blooms presented by Wild Birds Unlimited Set to Adorn The Garden in 2025
Spring at Newfields debuts newly remodeled Glick Fountain and new seasonal hours



INDIANAPOLIS, March 10, 2025 — The Garden's premier showcase is just weeks away with [Spring Blooms presented by Wild Birds Unlimited](#), starting with [Art in Bloom](#) on March 20 and blooming through Mother's Day. This *Spring Blooms* exhibition stands out in several regards, largest of all being the debut of the renovated Glick Fountain on the Oldfields Allée, increasing the amount of fully accessible pathways in The Garden. From March 25 to April 13, Newfields will open one hour early at 10 a.m. for those looking to get a head start.

The seasonal evolution of The Garden and The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park is stunning from opening, to peak, to its transition into the summer months – hundreds of thousands of flowers burst into bloom for each guest to experience.

"The beauty of The Garden and Fairbanks Park in springtime places them among the most serene and uplifting destinations in Indianapolis," said Jonathan Wright, The Ruth Lilly Director of The Garden and Fairbanks Park. "This year, with the support of the Glick family, Newfields staff and so many others, we are making quite the splash with the unveiling of the newly restored Glick Fountain. Fascinating technological capabilities combined with odes to its historical Oldfields aesthetic are sure to make it a spectacular garden destination."

Beautifully created displays from Newfields horticulture staff will be set against the backdrop of The Garden's towering trees and inspirational Living Collection. Orchids will be in abundance in the IMA Galleries, the Lilly House and the Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse. Tulips will be the talk of the town as visitors find their favorites of the season, all while vivid, emerging foliage greens up The Garden. To navigate and learn more about the journey through The Garden, an all-new *Spring Blooms* guidebook with wayfinding, stories, scavenger hunts and more will be available.

This year, the exhibition will highlight springtime celebrations. From maple sugaring to water festivals, the colorful pigments of Holi and the multi-generational tradition of observing nature's change across a season encourage guests to reflect on their own beloved springtime traditions. These stories, activities and suggestions of things to do across the Newfields campus provide the perfect companion for a day of exploring.

The spring season marks the re-opening of Lilly House and the Elder Greenhouse for the year. Additionally, there are two Free First Thursdays throughout *Spring Blooms*: April 4 and May 2. To better accommodate more families and visitors in the early days of spring, Newfields will be opening one hour early at 10 a.m. from March 25 through April 13. Closing hours will remain the same.

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 and salads alongside favorites like the giant Bavarian pretzel with house-made cheese. Non-alcoholic offerings include the guest favorite lemonade and berries, orchid green tea, nitro cold brew coffee and craft root beer. There will also be an active recipe exchange stationed during The Beer Garden's open hours throughout the season. Guests will be able to snap a photo of new bites to try at home or leave one of their own family favorites to share.

Spring Hours:

Monday | Closed

Tuesday – Wednesday | 10 AM – 5 PM

Thursday – Saturday | 10 AM – 8 PM

Sunday | 10 AM – 5 PM

Visit discovernewfields.org for more information on The Garden and Fairbanks Park tours, as well as Elder Greenhouse classes. Highlights include:

- **Garden Tour**
March 22–October 26 / Saturdays 12:30 PM & 3:30 PM & Sundays 12:30 PM
Free for Members & Public
Meet at The Garden Entry Pavilion.
- **Spring Blooms Garden Tour**
Thursdays March 27, April 10, April 17, April 24, May 8, & May 15 / 3 PM
Free for Members & Public
Meet at The Garden Entry Pavilion.
- **Winter Tree ID**
Saturday, March 22 / 10 AM–Noon
The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park
Free for Members & Public / Advance registration required
- **Greenhouse Class: Orchid Basics**
Saturday, March 29 / 10:30–11:30 AM | Thursday, April 10 / 6–7:45 PM
Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse
\$55 Members & \$65 Public / Advance registration required
- **Greenhouse Class: Mini Orchid Bowls**
Thursday, April 3 / 6–7:45 PM | Saturday, April 12 / 1–3 PM
Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse
\$75 Members & \$85 Public / Advance registration required
- **Orchid Terrarium Workshop**
Saturday, April 5 / 9 AM–1 PM | Thursday, April 17 / 6–7:45 PM
Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse
\$50 Members & \$65 Public / Advance registration required
- **Volunteer Opportunity: Garlic Mustard Pull**
Saturday, April 5 / 10 AM–Noon | Saturday, April 26 / 10 AM–Noon
The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park
Free for Members & Public / Advance registration required
- **Container Trees & Spring ID Walk**
Tuesday, April 8 & Wednesday, April 16 / 10 AM–Noon
Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse
\$35 Members & \$40 Public / Advance registration required

- **Wake Up, Woods Story Walk Opening**
Saturday, April 19 / 10 AM–3 PM
The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park
Free for Members & Public
- **Family Day: Spring Blooms & Green Dreams**
Saturday, April 19 / 11 AM–4 PM
IMA Galleries & The Garden
Included with General Admission & Free for Members
- **Arbor Day at Newfields**
Friday, April 25 / 11 AM–3 PM
The Garden & The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park
Free for Members & Public
- **Macramé Air Plant Holder Workshop**
Sunday, April 26 / 1–3 PM
Lilly House
\$30 Members & \$35 Public

Image Credit: Single late tulip (*Tulipa* 'Menton') during Spring *Blooms* in The Garden at Newfields.

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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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