



The Holly Society of America, Inc.

GREAT RIVERS CHAPTER

Notice of Fall meeting of the Great Rivers Region

October 20 & 21, 2018 - Indianapolis, Indiana

This fall's meeting is kindly hosted by Chad Franer, member and Trustee of the Holly Society of America. Chad is the Director of Horticulture at The Garden at Newfields and has put together a great weekend of garden tours.

On Saturday we'll first visit the garden of Tess and Jay Park. They have been gardening at their home in Carmel, Indiana for 40 years and concentrating on conifers the last 25 years. There is limited parking at their home so please do car pool for our tours on Saturday.

Our second stop on Saturday will be The Garden at Newfields, which consists of a historic estate from 1913 designed by the Olmsted brothers firm with both formal and naturalistic gardens. The 52 acre campus also includes contemporary gardens such as a sensory garden, rain garden, and green roof. It has large annual display beds with a focus on spring and summer color to compliment the woody plant collection. The Art and Nature Park is 100 acres along the White river which incorporates all Indiana native plants with sculptures throughout.

Saturday evening our dinner will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis/Northwest. Please do remember to bring plants for the auction. The auction is always lively and entertaining and is a great way to acquire new plants for your garden while supporting our group and underwriting our meetings. Also, we encourage everyone to participate in the Fall Sprig Contest. An information sheet with rules is enclosed.

Sunday morning we will visit the garden of Jim Kincannon, retired horticulturist at The Garden at Newfields. Chad says this two acre property is a gardener's garden filled with many rare and choice plants. If the weather has been cooperative (as in no frost), we will finish the morning in the garden of member Irvin Etienne, Horticultural Display Coordinator at The Garden at Newfields and unabashed hoarder of tropical plants. Thus the frost disclaimer.

Rooms have been reserved at Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis/Northwest for both Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20. Reservation information is enclosed. **PLEASE NOTE that the rooms will be held only until October 5, 2018.** Please make your reservations as soon as possible. The hotel has a full service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Guests are always welcome at our meetings! Note guest names on the enclosed registration form and include payment for guest meals. Please assist us with planning by returning your registration forms as quickly as possible. We look forward to seeing you in October in Indianapolis!

Fred Vallowe
President, Great Rivers Chapter, HSA

**Great Rivers Region Meeting
October 20 & 21, 2018
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Times listed are Eastern Time Zone

Saturday, October 20

- 11:30 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby for registration packets and maps for travel
- 12:00 p.m. Depart to travel to Tess and Jay Park's home, 15525 Oak Road, Carmel, IN 46033 (about 25 minute travel time). There is limited parking here, so please car pool if at all possible.
- 1:45 p.m. Depart to travel to The Garden at Newfields (about 30 minute travel time).
- 4:15 p.m. Return to Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis/Northwest, 6930 Intech Boulevard, Indianapolis IN 46278 (about 15 minutes travel time)
- 5:30 p.m. Social time in banquet room. This is a chance to botanize and view offerings for the plant auction and the sprig contest.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Business meeting
- 7:15 p.m. Presentation by Paul Bouseman on outstanding native plants for regional gardens.
- 7:45 p.m. Plant auction

Sunday, October 21

- 9:30 a.m. Meet in lobby to travel to Jim Kincannon's garden, 6840 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis IN 46220 (about 20 minutes travel time)
- 11:30 a.m. If Indianapolis has not experienced a frost, we'll travel to the garden of Irvin Etienne, 1627 Pleasant Street, Indianapolis IN 46203 (about 25 minutes travel time)

Hotel Reservations - Great Rivers Region Meeting Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis/Northwest Indianapolis, Indiana

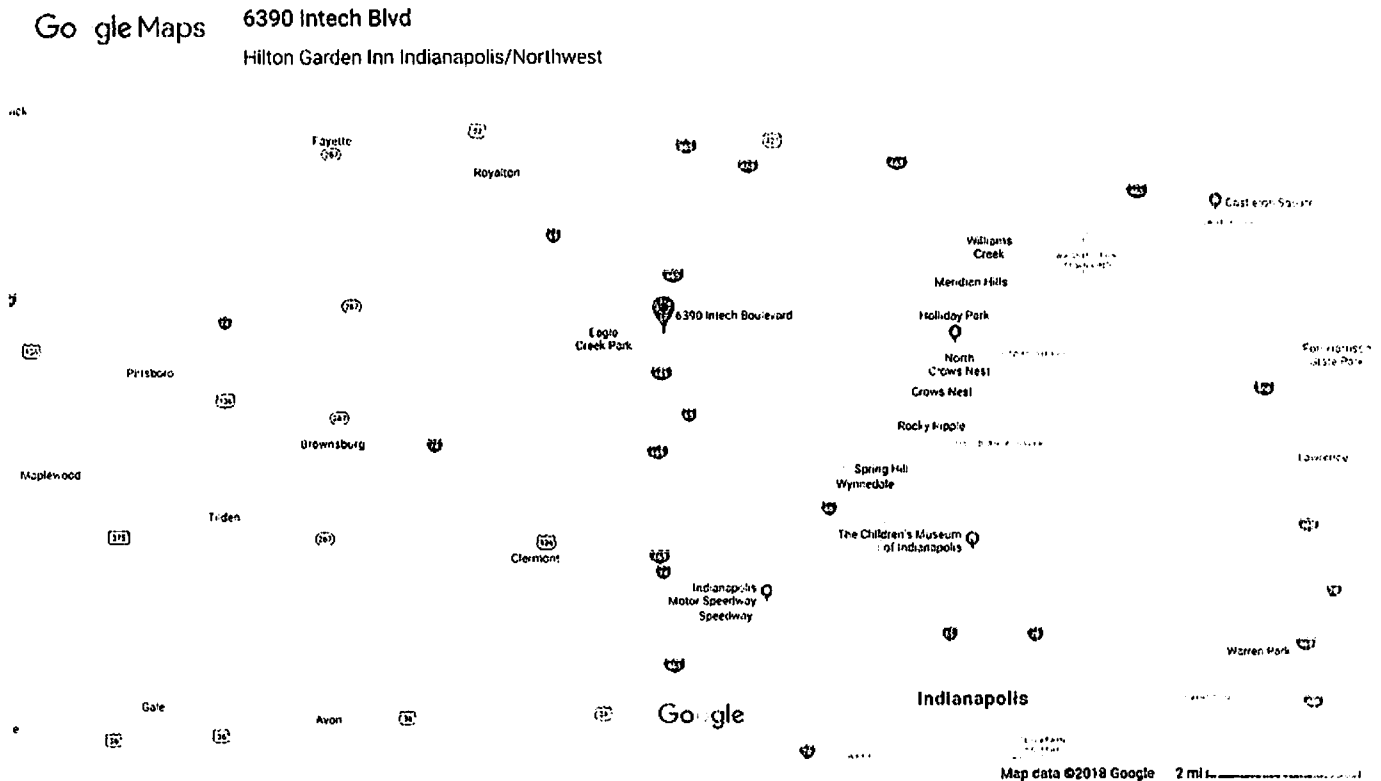
Rooms have been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, October 19 & 20, 2018.
The rates are \$129.00 per night, plus tax.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THE ROOMS WILL ONLY BE HELD UNTIL OCTOBER 5, 2018.

Please contact the hotel directly at (317)288-6060 and mention "Great Rivers Holly" when you make your reservations.

Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis/Northwest Phone (317)288-6060
6930 Intech Boulevard
Indianapolis IN 46278

<http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/indiana/hilton-garden-inn-indianapolis-northwest-INDNOGI/index.html>



Meeting Reservations - Great Rivers Region Meeting

**Indianapolis, Indiana
October 20 & 21, 2018**

Please complete and return this registration form with your check to the address below as soon as possible.

We must have an accurate count for the meals no later than Friday, October 5, 2018.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Guest name(s) _____
and address

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$30.00 each (members and guests).

Total enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: Karen Vallowe, Secretary/Treasurer
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HOLLY SPRIG CONTEST

Competition will be open to amateur and professional entrants. Both a division of amateur entrees and a division of professional entrees will be judged. To have a truly worthwhile display, we need *your* sprigs!

Amateur and Professional Division Classes:

- Class I *Ilex opaca* sprigs (subclasses will be established for males, females, yellow berried, etc.).
- Class II *Ilex aquifolium* sprigs (subclasses will be established for males, females, yellow berried, variegated, etc.).
- Class III *Ilex crenata* sprigs (subclasses will be established for males, females, variegated, etc.).
- Class IV *Ilex cornuta* sprigs (subclasses will be established for males, females, etc.).
- Class V Deciduous holly species (subclasses will be established for *Ilex verticillata*, *Ilex decidua*, and any other deciduous holly including interspecific hybrids).
- Class VI Miscellaneous species.
- Class VII Interspecific hybrids (named varieties and unnamed selections).
- Class VIII Novice - Open only to persons who have never entered a sprig into competition before.
- Class IX Collection - Five sprigs of different cultivars and/or different species in container supplied by exhibitor.
Class open to amateurs and professionals.
- Class X Arrangement, suitably named, depicting a landmark, tradition, or outstanding characteristic of the site of the current Annual Meeting. Entry not to exceed 24 inches high by 20 inches wide by 16 inches deep. The arrangement must consist of predominantly holly, accessories permitted, and be in a container supplied by exhibitor. Class open to amateurs and professionals.

Awards and Prizes:

Awards will be presented at the Holly Banquet, and winners will be listed in the proceedings of the meeting. Awards include the Novice Class Award, Amateur Division Best of Show Award, Arrangement Class Award, the Stewart H. McLean Memorial Award for the Professional Division Best of Show, and the Wilson Mott Memorial Award for the best evergreen sprig in the show.

General Rules:

1. Sprigs must be from plants grown for at least one year by the person entering them and must be properly identified.
2. Evergreen sprigs must not exceed 18 inches in length. Deciduous sprigs must not exceed 24 inches in length.
3. All judging will be based on the official point score card of The Holly Society of America (see table below).
4. The contest committee will supply plastic tubes for exhibitors.
5. The competition is open to anyone wishing to enter.
6. All entries must be made during the registration hours specified in the Annual Meeting Program.
7. Judging will take place as specified in the Program.
8. Entry fee: No entry fee applies in putting on this competition.
9. An exhibitor may submit only one entry of each cultivar in a class or subclass.
10. The number of classes and/or subclasses may be expanded or reduced at the discretion of the official registrar.
11. The official registrar is the final authority regarding the interpretation and application of the General Rules.

POINT SCORE CARD FOR JUDGING BERRIED, NON BERRIED, AND
DECIDUOUS BRANCHES OF THE GENUS ILEX

Berried Holly		Non Berried Holly		Deciduous Holly	
Vigor of spray	10	Vigor of spray	15	Vigor of spray	20
Spacing of foliage	10	Spacing of foliage	15	Freedom from blemish	20
Color of foliage	15	Color of foliage	25	Size of fruit	15
Freedom from blemish	15	Freedom from blemish	20	Color of fruit	20
Texture of foliage	10	Texture of foliage	15	Spacing of fruit	15
Size of fruit	10	Correct labeling	10	Correct labeling	10
Color of fruit	10				
Spacing of fruit	10				
Correct labeling	10				
TOTAL POINTS	100	TOTAL POINTS	100	TOTAL POINTS	100