



LARGE FONT FESTIVAL EVENT GUIDE

(Text Only)

PLANNING YOUR FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE:

- Register for events at **spiritandplace.org**.
- Dress for the weather.
- Reach out to the event organizers with specific questions or accommodation requests.
- Events are free unless otherwise noted.
- Check venue addresses – events are spread across Central Indiana.
- All events are subject to change.
- If feeling unwell, please stay home. If recovering from an illness, please consider wearing a mask.

VIRTUAL KEYNOTE, WATCH PARTY, & INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Sacred Synergies: Nature, Faith, & Science with Katharine Hayhoe

Thursday, Nov. 6, 6 – 8:15PM

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation & Online

6501 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis

ASL Interpreted

Kick off this year's Spirit & Place Festival with a virtual keynote and watch party featuring Katharine Hayhoe—Chief Scientist for The Nature Conservancy, evangelical Christian, and author of *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*.

Embrace the spirit of community with food, fellowship, and the chance to connect with event partners at our in-person watch party or bring that spirit to your own place by connecting virtually. After Hayhoe's keynote, join IU experts—online or in person—for interactive workshops exploring how to navigate tough climate conversations through dialogue, science and policy communication, and improv.

This event is a partnership between Spirit & Place, IU Environmental Resilience Institute, Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IU Indianapolis, IU Indianapolis Communicating Science Program, The Nature Conservancy, Hoosier Environmental Council, Citizens' Climate Lobby Indiana, and Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

WHY A VIRTUAL KEYNOTE & WATCH PARTY? To reduce her carbon footprint, Hayhoe presents virtually. We're pleased to offer both a communal in-person experience at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and an online Zoom option. All attendees will have a chance to explore what it means to talk—and listen—across divides.

DANCE PARTY

The Testimony Service Presents: Sol Sessions

Friday, Nov. 7 , 6:30AM – 9AM (Yes, AM!)

Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis

615 W. 43rd St., Indianapolis

Greet the sun with joyful movement and meditative stillness. This early-morning dance party and sound bath invites you to honor the nature of your body, connect in community, and celebrate a new day with intention. Sol Sessions is a soulful fusion of music, movement, and mindfulness. A partnership between The Testimony Service and Center for Religion, Arts, and Culture at Broadway United Methodist Church. 317-413-1239 or TheTestimonyServiceOnline@gmail.com.

WORKSHOP – OFFERED TWICE!

Earth Pigment: The Alchemy of Soil

Friday, Nov. 7, 1:30 – 4:30PM

Sunday, Nov. 9, 1 – 4PM

Wilson Art Lab/The Rose Building

642 E. 38th St., Indianapolis

Limited capacity. Registration required.

This hands-on, earth-honoring workshop invites you to gather, process, and transform local soil into natural pigment. Through ritual, slowness, and creativity, you will reconnect with land, craft handmade paint, and explore soil as story, archive, and art. A partnership between Wilson Art Lab and Growing Places Indy. 317-274-2462 or sw@shamirawilson.com.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE & READING

Axolotl: The Regeneration

of a Woman's Heart

Friday, Nov. 7 , 7 – 9PM

MLK Community Center

40 W. 40th St., Indianapolis

Inspired by nature's great regenerator—the Axolotl—this evening of original music and spoken word explores trauma, healing, and renewal through the lens of a woman's heart. Join artist Tamra Rose and authors Eva Williams and Lacey Beatty for an intimate and hope-filled performance that invites us to reflect on nature's wisdom and our own capacity to heal. Counseling resources available. A partnership between Tamra Rose and My Sister's Keeper. 317-509-5305 or booktamrarose@gmail.com.

DRAMATIC READING & EXHIBIT

A Sense Sublime: Poems & Prose

of Nature and Spirituality

Friday, Nov. 7 , 7 – 8:30PM

Lacy Arts Building

848 Logan St., Noblesville

*Exhibit Run: Nov. 1 – 30

Mon. – Thurs., 4 – 7PM. Fri. – Sun., 12 – 9PM

Surrounded by nature art and photography, listen to dramatic readings from the English Romantics and the American Transcendentalists to Aldo Leopold and Gene Stratton-Porter. Explore with others through small group conversations what these poets and writers have to say about the wonder of nature and connection to the Infinite. A partnership between Glory-June Greiff and Lacy Arts Building. 317-637-6163 or glory@indy.net.

INTERACTIVE, OUTDOORS, & FAMILY -FRIENDLY (5+)

The Nature of Us: Weaving Ourselves

into the Natural World

Saturday, Nov. 8, 1 – 3PM

Hornet Park

5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove

ASL interpreted

Explore your place in and as part of nature through hands-on activities and thoughtful inquiry. Create your own art and contribute to a collaborative weaving project, both utilizing natural materials. Engage with neighbors in prompted conversations that invite curiosity, reflection, and remembering your place in the natural world. A partnership between Beech Grove Wellness, Beech Grove Parks Foundation, Hornet Park Community Center, and local artist and gardener Lorie Ann Dillbeck-Bagby. 463-241-6090 or darren@beechgrovewellness.com.

OUTDOOR & CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Nature & Ritual: Celebrating

the Natural World while Grieving

Ecological Losses

Saturday, Nov. 8, 1 – 3:30PM

Holliday Park Nature Center – Auditorium

6363 Spring Mill Rd., Indianapolis

Limited capacity. Registration required.

Many of us feel alone in our ecological grief. Let's take a guided, multi-sensory forest therapy walk, culminating in a community art ritual that celebrates the natural world while also acknowledging the ongoing loss of its landscapes and species. A partnership between author Dheepa R. Maturi, forest therapy practitioner Paula Goldberg, artist and ethnobotanist Shamira Wilson, and Holliday Park. 317-274-2462 or info@DheepaRMaturi.com.

SELF -GUIDED & GUIDED WALKING TOURS

The Greencastle Urban Fossil Tour: Discover Ancient Life Around You!

Self-Guided Walks: Nov. 7 – 16

Guided Walks & Activities:

Saturday, Nov. 8 & 15, 1 – 4PM

Putnam County Museum

1105 Jackson St., Greencastle

Much of the tour is ADA compliant.

Join an all-ages community-wide fossil adventure blending science, nature, and art! Explore Greencastle's buildings and the DePauw Nature Park on your own with a custom map or participate in a guided tour. Visit Fern Cliff's vivid green sandstone, make fossil prints and poems, hear from experts, and trade your Paleo Art for a fossil cookie. A partnership between paleo-artist Janet Panoch, Putnam County Museum, DePauw University, DePauw Geosciences Club, and The Doc's Inn. 317-748-8462 or jpanoch@iu.edu.

EMBODIED MUSIC MAKING

Voices of the Living Earth: Exploring Nature's Song Resonating within Us

Saturday, Nov. 8, 5 – 6:30PM

Indianapolis Art Center – Library

820 E. 67th St., Indianapolis

From tree roots to rivers to vocal cords, all life vibrates. Explore the elemental aspects of nature—earth, wind, fire, and water—through listening, voice, and movement. Guided by choral artists and a soundscape ecologist, participants will co-create a living soundscape that echoes the vibrational song of nature and spirit. A partnership between Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, Indianapolis Women's Chorus, and Center for Global Soundscapes. 317-940-9057 and info@indychoir.org.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE – 3 PERFORMANCES!

Plant Parenthood: Music by Plants, for Plants

Sunday, Nov. 9, 11AM, 1PM, & 3PM

Garfield Park Conservatory

2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis

Timed experience. Registration strongly encouraged.

Enjoy a relaxing, multi-sensory concert at Garfield Park Conservatory featuring original music based on plant growth patterns. Wander the gardens, hear each plant's story in song, and savor snacks inspired by the flora. A celebration for and with plants! A partnership between Clockwork Music and Garfield Park Conservatory. 317-345-0176 or clockworkmakesmusic@gmail.com.

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Intro to Mindful Birding: Put Down a Field Guide, Pick Up Your Feel Guide

Sunday, Nov. 9, 1:30 – 4PM

Crown Hill Foundation – Arboretum

3204 Boulevard Pl., Indianapolis

Limited capacity. Registration required.

Mindful birding is a practice combining mindfulness with the joy of birding. Connect with the natural world and the birds that inhabit it, letting go of the need to identify (field guide), to focus on what we notice, feel, and wonder (feel guide). A partnership between Michelle Morton Forest Therapy, Donna Riner of Witness Nature Indy, and Crown Hill Foundation. 303-408-9158 or michmorton14@gmail.com.

EXHIBIT & RECEPTION

A Walk in the Park: Fiber Arts Exhibition

Meet the Artists: Sunday, Nov. 9, 2 – 4PM

Eagle Creek Earth Discovery Center

5901 Delong Rd., Indianapolis

Free with admission into the park, \$6

Exhibit Run: Nov. 8 – 30

Closed Mon. Tues. – Sat., 10AM – 5PM. Sun., 1 – 5PM

Enjoy a nature inspired fiber art exhibit by INFiber members at Eagle Creek Park and on November 9 interact with the artists to learn what this year's NATURE theme means to them. A partnership between INFiber, Eagle Creek Earth Discovery Center, and Eagle Creek Park Foundation. 317-327-7148 or Dawn.VanDeman@indy.gov.

COMMUNITY FORUM & RIVER CLEAN UP – 2 DATES!

Youth Rising for Nature: Getting Community in Action through Service & Advocacy

Community Forum

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2 – 5PM

Frederick Douglass Park Family Center – Community Hall/Indianapolis

1616 E. 25th St.

River Clean Up: Sunday, Nov. 16, 1 – 4PM

Fall Creek Trail, 30th & College, Indianapolis

Join Sea Scope's youth Eco-Warriors for a two-part event exploring environmental justice, community dialogue, and a Fall Creek cleanup. Facilitated by local experts and inspired by Laudato Si, this experience blends spiritual reflection and action. Connect with neighbors of Martindale-Brightwood and our living earth—come for one or both days! A partnership between Sea Scope Inc., Earth Charter Indiana, Indiana Conservation Voters, The Garden Community Church, and Indy Parks and Recreation. 317-203-9397 or seascopeincindy@gmail.com.

FAMILY STORY HOUR & PRESENTATION

Little Seeds: Interfaith Understanding Through the Art of Children's Literature

Monday, Nov. 10, 5 – 7PM

Franklin College Student Center – Branigin Rm.

101 Branigin Blvd., Franklin

Explore nature, spirit, and storytelling at this joyful family-friendly event! Enjoy hands-on activities, kid-friendly snacks, story time with special readers, and a keynote by author Kaitlin Curtice. Designed for families and grownups who still cherish a good picture book. A partnership between Franklin College, Johnson County Public Library, and Imagination Library of Johnson County. 317-738-8054 or bschmidt@franklincollege.edu.

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE – 3 OPPORTUNITIES AT 3 UNIQUE VENUES!

Nature Journaling

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 10AM – 1PM

Broad Ripple Park Shelter - 1426 Broad Ripple Ave. (Indianapolis)

Wednesday, Nov 12, 1 – 4PM

Mound State Park* - 4306 Mounds Rd. (Anderson)

*Free with park admission

Thursday, Nov. 13, 10AM – 1PM

Holliday Park - 6363 Spring Mill Rd. (Indianapolis)

Limited capacity. Registration required.

Slow down, observe, and reconnect with nature, yourself, and others. In this guided exercise, you'll explore the outdoors with a journal in hand, using words, pictures, and numbers to capture your experience and reflect on the wonders of the natural world. A partnership between certified nature journaling instructor James Todd, Broad Ripple Park Family Center, Holliday Park, and Mounds State Park. 317-372-3936 or jettodd1@me.com.

WETLAND TOUR, PRESENTATIONS, & EXHIBIT

Indiana's Wetland Wonders: Connecting Communities & Nature

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Guided EcoLab Tour: 3 – 4PM

Presentation & Exhibit: 4 – 6:30PM

Marian University – Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab

3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis

Discover how wetlands sustain communities by cleaning water, protecting them from floods, sheltering rare species, and more. Through an (optional) wetland tour, breathtaking photo exhibit, and three community-expert presentations, learn about ongoing wetland conservation efforts. A partnership between Hoosier Environmental Council, Marian University Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab, and Wetlands not Warehouses of Franklin Township. 219-310-9390 or miturbide@hecweb.org.

IMMERSIVE ART & SOUND INSTALLATION – MULTIPLE SESSIONS!

Inner and Outer Space: Celestial Visions and Vibrations

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 5:30, 7, & 8:30PM

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 3:30 (daylight show), 6:30, & 8PM

The Indianapolis Propylaeum – Carriage House

1410 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis

Timed experience. Registration strongly encouraged.

Enter an immersive installation where art and sound evoke the vastness of the universe. Set to a cosmic backdrop of large-scale oil paintings, experience the sounds of space through live gong and theremin performance. Reflect on your inner cosmos in this meditative journey through silence, vibration, and awe. A partnership between Diane Hancock Gong Meditations, Esther Hale Art, Randy Schwartz, and The Indianapolis Propylaeum. 317-274-2462 or HariDattiKaur@gmail.com.

STORYTELLING PERFORMANCE & CONVERSATION

Storytelling is in our Nature

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 6:30 – 8:30PM

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center

450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis

Gather around a (fake!) campfire to hear true tales rooted in family, place, and culture. Hear stories from Lithuania, El Salvador, Ukraine, Greece, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, and more! Then, join a guided conversation exploring how storytelling shapes identity, preserves memory, and connects us across generations and traditions. A partnership between Indiana Historical Society, Storytelling Arts of Indiana, Ukrainian Society of Indiana, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Cultural Resources Extension Office, and local community storytellers.

317-232-1882 or welcome@indianahistory.org.

PRESENTATION & SMALL GROUP CONVERSATION

The Nature of Belief: How Translation of Sacred Text Decides Meaning

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 7 – 8:30PM

Arthur M. Glick JCC

6701 Hoover Rd., Indianapolis

Translation is never neutral, and it shapes more than words. In fact, it shapes the very nature of belief. Compare different English translations of sacred texts in small groups and how they have influenced understanding and belief across time, cultures, and communities. Participants will be challenged to rethink the meaning of well-known verses and how different meanings can reconstruct our thoughts. A partnership between Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Northminster Presbyterian Church, and JCC Indianapolis's Ann Katz Festival of Books. 317-531-6299 or gkelley@bez613.org.

WORKSHOP

Rooted and Resilient: Papermaking with Weeds

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6 – 8:15PM

Herron School of Art + Design – Rm. 123

735 New York St., Indianapolis

Limited capacity. Registration required.

Engage in a hands-on papermaking experience using recycled materials and weeds. Explore ideas of resilience, renewal, and natural beauty while creating your own handmade paper. This reflective workshop invites mindfulness, creativity, and connection to nature. A partnership between Herron School of Art + Design – Art Therapy and Newfields. 317-278-4590 or lataking@iu.edu

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Thin Spaces: Where Heaven Meets Earth

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 9:30 – 11AM

Fort Harrison State Park, Harrison Trace Trail

6000 N. Post Rd., Lawrence

Walk through a peaceful urban park while reflecting on nature's spiritual power. With pauses for poetry, scripture, and quiet conversation, this contemplative walk explores "thin spaces"—where heaven and earth feel especially close—and invites you to reconnect with self, spirit, and creation. A partnership between Lutheran Child & Family Services of IN/KY, Inc.; Indiana Department of Natural Resources at Fort Harrison State Park; and Pastor Dave Schreiber. 317-359-5467 or events@lutheranfamily.org.

LECTURE & CONVERSATION

Nature and the Transcendent in Marilynne Robinson's Gilead

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6 – 8PM

Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Library Zionsville

Lora Hussey Rm.

250 N. 5th St., Zionsville

“This is an interesting planet. It deserves all the attention you can give it.” Through selected passages from *Gilead*, and conversation guided by Dr. Richard Gunderman, this event invites you to reflect on how light, water, blessing, and speech point us toward beauty, goodness, and the sacred in everyday life. A partnership between scholar Dr. Richard Gunderman and Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Library. 317-873-3149 or askalib@hmmpl.org.

FILM SCREENING & PANEL

Sacred Roots: FernGully and Earth's Spiritual Stories

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6 – 9:30PM

Kan-Kan Cinema and Restaurant

1258 Windsor St., Indianapolis

Limited capacity. Registration required.

Join us for a screening of *FernGully: The Last Rainforest* and an interfaith panel exploring how various faith traditions and spiritualist groups understand nature as sacred and interconnected. Enjoy nature-based crafts and sharing stories during an evening of film, faith, and reflection. A partnership between Center for Interfaith Cooperation and Kan-Kan Cinema and Restaurant. 317-268-5300 or kevin@indycic.org.

POETRY READING & GUIDED REFLECTION

Fear, Mercy, and the Nature of Us

Friday, Nov. 14, 6:30 – 8PM

1000 Words Gallery

3328 E. 10th St., Ste. C, Indianapolis

Limited capacity. Registration encouraged.

Inspired by the poems Allowables by Nikki Giovanni and Mercy by Rudy Francisco this event explores the roots of our fears and the quiet, transformative power of mercy. Facilitated by Deborah Asante, participants will engage in guided writing, creative reflection, and optional group sharing in a safe and supportive environment. A partnership between Black Worldschoolors Mobile Bookstore and Imani Willis-Henderson. 317-274-2462 or info@blackworldschoolers.com.

CRAFTING & COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Hopecraft: Cultivating Possibility in the Climate Crisis

Friday, Nov. 14, 6:30 – 8PM

Ujamaa Community Bookstore

2424 Dr. MLK Jr. St., Indianapolis

Discover Hopecraft! Part conversation, part hands-on art workshop—“hope crafting” invites those grappling with climate despair to connect through reflection, visual expression, and writing to explore climate hope through the resilient perspectives of Black, Brown, and Indigenous thinkers. A partnership Kiara Kamara and Ujamaa Community Bookstore. 317-274-2462 or klynnkamara@gmail.com.

THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE & DIALOGUE

Dreamland

Friday, Nov. 14, 7 – 8:30PM

The Athenaeum – Basile Theatre

401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis

Created by middle and high school students, Dreamland is a theatrical journey through eco-anxiety and the climate crisis. Featuring original music, movement, and projection, this youth-driven performance reflects the urgency of our time and invites audiences to listen, feel, and engage in a post-show dialogue with the cast and Earth Charter Indiana. A partnership between React and Earth Charter Indiana. 317-258-2255 or georgeanna@reactclasses.org.

INTERACTIVE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Voices of the Land: A Day of Connection

Saturday, Nov. 15, 10AM – 4PM

Peace Learning Center at Eagle Creek

6040 Delong Rd., Indianapolis

Park admission free with registration. Some timed experiences.

Connect with nature through guided hikes, historical building tours, crafts, sound baths, nature journaling, and artistic performances. This family-friendly event offers flexible, hands-on experiences that deepen your relationship with the land and community. A partnership between Peace Learning Center, Sacred Path Coaching, The Yoga Lady, Arthentic Arts, and James Todd. 317-327-7144 or ajackson@peacelearningcenter.org.

JAZZ, SPOKEN WORD, & FOOD SAMPLING

12 Moods of Heaven: A Neo-Soul Food & Jazz Journey through the Great Migration

Saturday, Nov. 15, 5 – 7:30PM

Witherspoon Presbyterian Church

Immanuel Fellowship Hall

3535 W. Kessler Blvd. N. Dr., Indianapolis

Limited Capacity. Registration Required | \$30/pp

Join us for a multi-sensory culinary and cultural experience exploring the nature of movement—of people, traditions, and food across this nation. Rooted in the Great Migration, this event honors the resilience of Soul Food and the African American diaspora through jazz, spoken word, spiritual reflection, and food samplings. A partnership between Grand Griot Productions LLC, Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Chef Oya, Rob Dixon & many more. 317-531-5752 or email grandgriotpro@gmail.com.

OUTDOOR & FAMILY -FRIENDLY

A Nature Walk Down a Peace Path

Saturday, Nov. 15, 3 – 6PM

Shalom Mennonite Church

6100 E. 32nd St., Indianapolis

Experience the healing nature of the woods through a guided walk and hands-on crafts followed by an evening of poetry, stories, and songs around a campfire. All are welcome to experience nature as a place of peace, connection, and renewal at this come-and-go style event. A partnership between Shalom Mennonite Church; Arlington Woods Neighborhood Association; Audubon Gardens Neighborhood Association, Inc.; and Indianapolis Public Library – E. 38th St. Branch. 317-549-0577 or office@shalommennonite.com.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Nature Meets Spirit: A Walk with Bach, A Pilgrimage with Christ, and a Dance with God

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2 – 4PM

Episcopal Church of All Saints

Sanctuary – 1559 N. Central Ave.

Journey through music and faith in this Baroque concert featuring works by Buxtehude, Biber, and Bach performed by Colette Abel and friends. Reflect on Christ's Passion, the nature of pilgrimage, and Bach's personal walk through grief and spiritual purpose. A moving fusion of music, nature, and spirit. A partnership between musician Colette Abel, Episcopal Church of All Saints, and Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. 317-635-2538 or music@allsaintsindy.org.

PANEL DISCUSSION & COMMUNITY FAIR

The Sacred Cycle: Faith, Consumption, and Our Ecological Future

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2 – 4PM

The International School of Indiana

4330 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis

Join faith communities and experts in a panel discussion and hands-on "Why We Care" fair exploring how faith can inspire ecological action and values-based economic choices. Hear stories from Indy faith groups leading the way, and connect with organizations advancing environmental justice, reducing waste, and protecting our planet through creative, community-rooted strategies. A partnership between Circular Indiana, Mundell & Associates, and the International School of Indiana. 317-762-7834 or pfrancis@schotttdesign.com.

CLOSING EVENTCOMMUNITY GATHERING

Connected by NATURE: Spirit & Place Festival 30th Anniversary Celebration!

Sunday, Nov. 16, 4:30 – 6:30PM

The Amp at 16 Tech

1220 Waterway Blvd., Indianapolis

Celebrate the closing of the 30th annual Spirit & Place Festival with an evening of connection, creativity, and community. Enjoy a live spoken word invocation by Manón Voice, music by Premium Blend, delicious local food, and hands-on activities inspired by this year's festival events. Reflect on the NATURE theme through art, music, and shared experiences that nourish both spirit and community.

Walk-ins welcome! Questions? Contact us at 317-274-2462 or festival@iu.edu.

*Manón Voice's spoken word commission was funded in part through the Jená Cane Citizen Artist Fund from Citizen University.