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GREAT GARFIELD CLEAN-UP 2009



Friends of Garfield Park Director Mark Bowell and Board Vice-President Jeff Cardwell join volunteers from the Indiana Youth Challenge project.

On a beautiful spring day over 150 volunteers from various community groups from across the state of Indiana converged together for the 2009 Great Garfield Clean – Up. With gloves and bags donated by Cardwell Do-it Best the eager volunteers collected over 300 bags of debris throughout Garfield Park. Participants came from a wide range of organizations including the University of Indianapolis, Roncalli High School, United Way Day of Sharing, Garfield Park volunteers and the Indiana Youth Challenge program from Camp Atterbury. “This years efforts more than doubled last year’s in participation and enhancements in the park,” stated Mark Bowell of the Friends of Garfield Park. “We are thankful for every person that took time out of their schedule to help in our city’s greatest park. I’m certain our park maintenance staff received a great boost from the efforts put forth on April 25th,” he added.

The Friends of Garfield Park wishes to thank the following for their support of this year’s clean –up, Indy Parks staff including those from the Burrello Center, Arts Center and Conservatory, Indy Parks maintenance, Richard Hornberger and the “creek brigade”, Papa John’s Pizza, Starbucks, MZD, United Way of Central Indiana and Cardwell Do-it Best.



FRIDAY, JUNE 26 - 8PM

Free patriotic music and fireworks featuring the Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra. Music program begins at 8:00 pm in The MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts. Fireworks will begin at dark and will originate in the north-east side of the park so they will be visible from most areas in the park. Plan to come early and bring along your own blankets, chairs and a picnic supper or enjoy some of the fair-type food available from on-site

concessions. This years sponsors include MacAllister Machinery Co., ERMCO, National Bank of Indianapolis, First Class Lawn and Landscape, Gateway Community Alliance, Zink Distributing, Classic Realty, Inc., Indy Parks and the Friends of Garfield Park.

OVER THE GARDEN GATE

By Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp

This summer in the Sunken Garden, we'll see a mix of pink, salmon and white flowers, all able to take the hot sun with little maintenance.

One that may be less familiar is Daybreak Pink *Gazania*, a ground-hugging, sun-loving annual with 3-inch wide



Gazania Daybreak Pink
photo courtesy Burpee

flowers. For the home gardener, is readily available as easy-to-grow seed online or through mail-order retailers, including Park Seed and Burpee. It also may be available at garden centers.

The long-blooming gazania is drought tolerant and has few pest problems. Dead-heading is not necessary,

making it a worthy low-maintenance plant for the ground or containers.

Another plant that can take the heat is Karalee Petite Pink Gaura, with 15-inch tall stems of coral pink flowers that bloom well into fall.

All gauras are sun loving but need really good drainage. They also tend to get leggy when planted in rich soil or in part shade.

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This, like many gauras, is rated as a perennial, winter hardy in USDA Zone 5, which includes Indianapolis. However, I have never been successful at wintering it over, probably because of Indiana's heavy clay soil that drains poorly in winter. Most of us grow gauras as annuals.

Available at area garden centers, gauras are workhorses as centerpieces in containers. In the ground, plant gaura anywhere you think it will look good with those pink flowers hovering like butterflies in the garden.

Other plants in the Sunken Garden: 'Whiskey' and 'Brandy' *Begonia*; Mexican feather grass (*Stipa tenuissima*); 'Titan Blush' vinca (*Catharanthus rosea*); 'Sizzler Pink' salvia (*Salvia splendens*); rose *Canna*; Easy Wave White *Petunia*; Domino Salmon Pink flowering tobacco (*Nicotiana*), and 'Angel Mist' *Angelonia*.



Karalee Petite Pink Gaura photo courtesy Proven Winners

"INDY PARRRKS PIRATE SAND ADVENTURE"

By Tom Weidenbach - Garfield Park Arts Center Director

Visitors to Garfield Park on Indianapolis' Near-Southside this summer will discover a sand adventure unlike anything they have ever seen in the park or in Central Indiana. For a small admission fee, visitors will experience hands-on sand sculpting by participating in workshops with professional sand sculpting professionals from Woodstock, IL-based The Sand Sculpture Company.

In mid-July, Indy Parks will drop 200 tons of sand in the park behind the Garfield Park Arts Center. Over the course of the next month, the sand sculptors will create six enormous works of sand art including a 100-ton pirate ship! Surrounding the ship will be five 20-ton sand sculptures featuring other pirate-related themes including "Treasure Map Island," "Sea Creature Attack," and "Mermaid's Cove." There will also be a giant treasure chest to which the public can add "doubloons" created out of sand.

The pirate Sand Adventure is not only a place to see

artists at work, it is also a place to create art yourself! Both family and advanced workshops will be hosted daily by The Sand Sculpture Company artists, and twenty sandboxes provide unlimited time for all guests to play and hone their sculpting skills.

The Indy Parrrks Pirate Sand Adventure will be at the Garfield Park Arts Center from July 18 through August 16, Tuesdays through Sundays (closed Mondays).

General admission tickets, sold on-site, allows entry for the entire day. It allows individuals into the Sand Zone to watch sand sculpture artists at work and create their own sand sculptures. Workshop tickets include general admission and participation in a family workshop or advanced workshop session hosted by The Sand Sculpture Company. The Friends of Garfield Park is a proud sponsor of this program and for more information call (317) 327-7066.



Volunteers cheer the success at the 2009 Great Garfield Cleanup on April 25.



Burrello Family Center

■ **Aquatic Center Opens**
May 23, Noon–6p.m.

■ **Lunchtime Concert**
July 10, 11a.m.–1p.m.

■ **Touch a Vehicle**
October 9, 10a.m.–11:30a.m.

■ **Garfield Holiday Celebration**
December 12, 10a.m.–2p.m.

Conservatory\Sunken Gardens

■ **Master Gardener Plant Sale**
May 30 9a.m.–Noon

■ **Music in the Gardens**
July 18 7p.m.

Arts Center

■ **Shakespeare Costumes Exhibit**
May 30–June 21, regular hours

■ **National Arts Program Exhibit**
June 5–July 5, regular hours

■ **Egyptian Dance Celebration**
June 13, 6–9p.m.

■ **Shakespeare in the Park**
June 19, 7p.m.

■ **Shakespeare in the Park**
June 20, 2p.m. & 7p.m.

■ **Shakespeare in the Park**
June 21, 2p.m.

■ **Puerto Rican Festival**
July 11, 1–8p.m.

Visit garfieldparkindry.org and indygov.org/indyparks for more information on activities being held at Garfield Park!

■ **Pirate Sand Adventure**

July 18–August 16,
9a.m.–6p.m. Tuesdays–Sundays

MacAllister Center

■ **America We Remember**
June 26, 8p.m.

■ **Casting Crowns in concert**
July 3, 6:30–10p.m.

■ **Indianapolis Philharmonic Orchestra**
July 14, 11 & 18, 7p.m.

■ **Municipal Band**
July 13 & July 30, 7p.m.

■ **Athenaeum Orchestra**
July 23, August 6 & 20, 7p.m.

■ **New Horizons Band**
August 13, 7p.m.

■ **"Music At The Mac"**
Cathy Morris
August 15, 6:30p.m.–8p.m.

■ **Athenaeum Orchestra**
August 6, 7p.m.

■ **Shakespeare in the Park**
August 28-29, 7p.m.

■ **Shakespeare in the Park**
September 4–5, 7p.m.

■ **Mexican Independence Day**
September 15, ALL DAY

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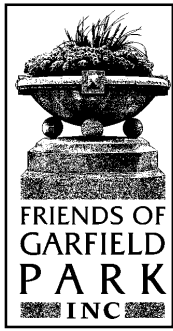
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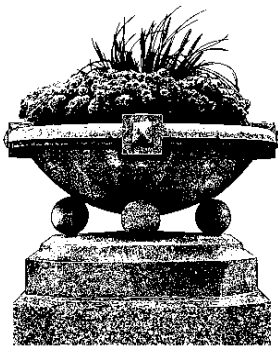
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