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Endowing gardens-to-be

By Bob Baird


Best-selling author Louv keeps churning out profound commentaries on our times as humans become increasingly insulated from nature at-large. The effects have become most pronounced, he says, among younger generations more prone to obesity, attention-deficit disorder, depression and suicide. His classic book "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder" is now gospel reading for educators and environmentalists trying to make a dent.

Yet, today’s youngsters needn’t be a Greta Thunberg, the Swedish 16-year-old climate-change activist, in order to discover the simple joys of nature through gardening and environmental exploration. Programs

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Story and photos by Jackie Sheckler Finch

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Clothing once worn by Rachel and Andrew Jackson is exhibited at The Hermitage.

Richard Louv’s bestseller has captured national attention. On Nov. 2 the author will address the Environmental Education Association of Indiana at McCormick’s Creek State Park. (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill / Courtesy photo)
Funded by the Bloomington-based George E. Archer Foundation, making these realities possible. Success stories of all kinds, of kids getting their hands dirty in the outdoors are told by educators, parents and students themselves involved with programs in the eight-county area supported by the philanthropic organization. Named after a simple, solitary man who farmed, worked in a factory and gardened, living to the ripe old age of 100, the non-profit organization has an equally simple mission, taken from Archer’s own words: “to help boys and girls learn about gardening.”

Queen of the Prairie
Filipendula rubra

- It is part of the rose family.
- Grows to be three to five feet tall.
- Blooms in June, July, and August.
- Attracts butterflies.
- It has medicinal uses as an anti-inflammatory and analgesic.

A sign for a rain garden native plant was prepared by Girl Scouts at Childs Elementary. (Beth Smith / Courtesy photo)

The Archer Foundation is successor to the former Hilltop Educational Foundation that was instrumental in fund-raising for the administration building at Hilltop Garden and Nature Center on the Indiana University campus, and funding the children’s summer garden program founded there in 1948 by late IU botany professor Barbara Shalucha. After receiving a major endowment from Archer, the foundation changed its name in 2010 to reflect his simple mantra. One-half of his bequest went directly to Hilltop, underscoring new greenhouses; the other half funds a range of gardening and environmental activities in southcentral Indiana.

The foundation endorses all manner of kid-focused gardens—naturalistic ones with emphasis upon native plants, pollinators such as butterflies and moths, and organic methods.

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A columned entrance leads from the landscaped front yard to the grand foyer, decorated with a grand chandelier. The first floor features two cozy bedrooms, each with its own en-suite bath. The spacious great room, adorned with a soaring ceiling and a warm fireplace, is the hub of the home. A new hardwood floor refinish gives the rooms a fresh, updated look.

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**ARTICLE:**

In this era of tight living spaces, one can imagine the joy of living in a spacious, thoughtfully designed home. The discovery of a home that truly stands out is a rare treat. This particular home, located on a quiet street corner, exudes an air of luxury and comfort.

The home features a grand entrance, a large foyer, and an open floor plan that maximizes natural light. The spacious kitchen is equipped with high-end appliances and ample counter space. The master suite is a true retreat, complete with a charming fireplace and a spa-like bathroom.

The backyard is a sanctuary, featuring a large deck with a fire pit, a pool, and a garden. The outdoor space is perfect for entertaining guests or simply enjoying a quiet evening under the stars.

This home, with its combination of style and functionality, is a true gem in today’s competitive real estate market. It is a testament to the importance of creating a home that not only serves the basic needs of its residents but also enhances their quality of life.