

Can you locate these native Indiana plants and grasses in the Peace & Nature Garden?

- ___ Swamp Milkweed
- ___ Little Bluestem
- ___ Queen of the Prairie
- ___ Bergamot
- ___ Butterfly Weed (orange)
- ___ Black-eyed Susan
- ___ New England Aster
- ___ Purple Coneflower
- ___ Common Milkweed
- ___ Heath Aster
- ___ Spotted Joe-Pye Weed
- ___ Common Boneset
- ___ Autumn Sneezeweed
- ___ Western Sunflower
- ___ False Sunflower
- ___ Marsh Blazing Star
- ___ Prairie Blazing Star
- ___ Cardinal Flower
- ___ Monkeyflower
- ___ Foxglove Penstemon
- ___ Common Mountain Mint
- ___ Yellow Coneflower
- ___ Showy Black-eyed Susan
- ___ Sweet Black-eyed Susan
- ___ Wild Senna
- ___ Compass Plant
- ___ Cup Plant
- ___ Stiff Goldenrod
- ___ Showy Goldenrod
- ___ Blue Vervain
- ___ Common Ironweed
- ___ Culver's Root
- ___ Switchgrass
- ___ Indian Grass
- ___ Side-Oats Grama
- ___ Prairie Dropseed



About the Peace & Nature Garden

Throughout history, Benedictines have been referred to as "ecobuilders" because they look at the long-term impact of the land. Benedictines are also called to care for all tools with reverence, which includes natural resources. The Peace & Nature Garden is a perfect example of how the Sisters at Our Lady of Grace Monastery follow this belief.

Envisioned as a serene environment for meditation and reflection, and a native plant oasis, the Peace & Nature Garden continues to be a work in progress as nature takes its course. What was once an under-used building on monastic grounds is now an organic garden consisting of a walking path, benches, plants, artwork, and people enjoying this inspiring place. The three-acre garden provides an inviting space for visitors to reflect and experience a connection to God, nature and the natural ecosystem.

On April 5, 2014, the Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center held a ceremony to dedicate the Peace & Nature Garden. A grant from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. (KIB), Eli Lilly & Company, who donated over 2,000 plants as well as 175 employees to plant them, students from Beech Grove Community Schools, St. Roch School, Roncalli & Bishop Chatard High Schools, as well as countless individuals and community groups generously donated time, treasures, and talents to create what is now a peaceful oasis for retreat, contemplation and prayer.

With a mission to engage and educate the community to use and care for the Peace & Nature Garden, this small area becomes more beautiful with each passing season and continues to be a living testament of prayerful collaboration between God and community.



**Welcome to
The Peace & Nature Garden**



at
**Benedict Inn
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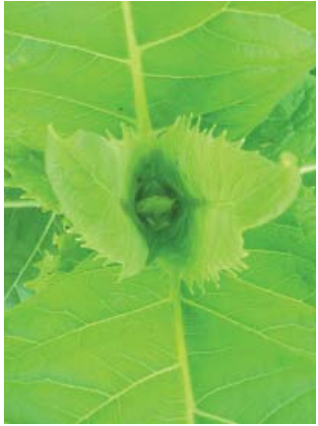
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“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven... a time to plant, and a time to reap...a time to break down, and a time to build up...a time to keep silent, and a time to speak...” ~Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



Spring, summer, fall or winter, you will find beauty at the Peace & Nature Garden. Check our website for the many workshops and guided garden walks throughout the year, then join us for a prayerful and educational experience. “With nature’s help, humankind can set into creation all that is necessary.” ~ Hildegarde of Bingen.



Reflective words of creative wisdom as you stroll the Peace & Nature Garden...Can you find them all?

1. Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow. (Helen Keller)
2. Make me a channel of your peace...(St. Francis)
3. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork. (Psalms 19:1)
4. Listen with the ear of your heart. (Rule of Benedict)
6. Nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see. (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)
6. Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to stay in and places to pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike. (John Muir)
7. Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. (Albert Einstein)
8. Come forth into the light of things. Let nature be your teacher. (William Wordsworth)
9. I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey-work of stars. (Walt Whitman)
10. One touch of nature makes the whole world kin. (William Shakespeare)
11. Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished. (Lao-Tzu)
12. Never does nature say one thing and wisdom another. (Juvenal, Satires)
13. Nature brings solace in all troubles. (Anne Frank)
14. With nature’s help, humankind can set into creation all that is necessary. (Hildegarde of Bingen)
15. Holy persons draw to themselves all that is earthly. (Hildegarde of Bingen)
16. I believe that God is in me as the sun is in the color and fragrance of a flower. (Helen Keller)

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