

OLDFIELDS–LILLY HOUSE & GARDENS FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

Encompassing 26 acres on the grounds of the IMA, Oldfields–Lilly House & Gardens is the former home and estate of the late Indianapolis businessman, collector and philanthropist Josiah K. Lilly Jr. A National Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Oldfields is a rare example of an intact American Country Place estate.

LILLY HOUSE

Lilly House, a three-story, French-chateau-style mansion, is the centerpiece of the estate and has been restored to the 1930s splendor of the Lilly family's occupancy. The majority of the furnishings and exquisite decorative arts objects throughout the eight main-floor rooms belonged to the Lillys and were used in the home. Portions of Mr. Lilly's world-renowned collections of books, gold coins, military miniatures and nautical items are on view throughout the home.

GARDENS

Components of the historic estate include a formal garden, a tree-lined Allée with border gardens, and a one-acre hillside ravine garden featuring a cascading stream, three rock-rimmed pools, and more than 19,000 bulbs, perennials, trees and shrubs. Percival Gallagher of the famous landscape architecture firm Olmsted Brothers—the same firm that designed New York's Central Park—designed the Oldfields gardens in the 1920s.

Free guided walks through the IMA's gardens are offered April through September on Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. Tours meet at the main visitor entrance to Lilly House.

MADELINE F. ELDER GREENHOUSE SHOP

The Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse Shop, located adjacent to Lilly House, includes a display area and a retail garden shop offering houseplants, herbs, annuals, perennials and gardening gifts for sale.

Perennial Premiere is the IMA's annual salute to spring that takes place each year at the greenhouse in mid-April. The event provides an opportunity for visitors to see and buy the season's new perennials and annuals. The IMA's horticulturists are available to answer gardening questions and help select plants.

LILLY HOUSE SHOP

The Lilly House shop is located on the visitor entry level and offers a small selection of stationery products, books and gifts, and is open during Lilly House hours.

HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Sunday, noon–5 p.m.

Closed Mondays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days.

Gardens and grounds open daily from dawn until dusk.

Seasonal hours: Lilly House will be closed for the winter season for maintenance and conservation from January 4 to March 31, 2010. From January 4 to April 1, 2010, the IMA Greenhouse will be open 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; and noon–5 p.m. Sundays.

Free admission to Indianapolis Museum of Art and Lilly House.

