

GARDEN MONSTER LOOKBOOK & GUIDELINES



Garden Monster Open Applications: Tuesday, July 7–Friday, July 14, 2026.



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HARVEST NIGHTS

OVERVIEW

An enchanting opportunity awaits this fall at Newfields. The Garden will once again transform with eerie and imaginative Garden Monsters, supported by Corteva, and created by local artists using natural materials that celebrate the beauty of the season. Newfields invites Indianapolis artists, organizations, and community groups to design and build large-scale Garden Monsters for display during Harvest Nights presented by Everwise Credit Union, open September 26–November 1, 2026.

This year's theme is The Gothic Garden. Designs should feel immersive, elegant, and subtly spooky, capturing the mystery and magic of autumn. We encourage artists to draw inspiration from classic Gothic design elements such as dramatic arches, wrought iron details, climbing vines, moonlit florals, weathered stone textures, and more.



PROJECT SCOPE

KEY DETAILS:

- **July 7, 2026:** Application opens & announcement
- **July 14, 2026:** Applications close
- **July 16, 2026:** Sort & choose applications
- **July 21, 2026:** Artists notified
- **August 3, 2026:** Rendering due
- **August 6, 2026:** Mandatory onsite orientation | 6–8 PM
- **August 7, 2026:** Feedback due to artists
- **August 17, 2026:** Final detailed rendering due
- **September 21, 2026:** Install
- **September 22, 2026:** Install rain backup date



BACKGROUND

Maintenance Commitment: Artists or artist representatives must be available throughout the month to make repairs in the event of damage.

Honorarium Details: Each participant will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, a Newfields 2 Membership (new or renewal) and two complimentary tickets to Harvest Nights presented by Everwise Credit Union. Payments will be made after successful installation of the Garden Monster. Each Garden Monster includes a sign with your name, business/organization (if applicable), social media (if applicable), and a 100-word creative statement.



GUIDELINES

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Monsters are large-scale, outdoor installations measuring approximately 8-feet wide, 8- feet high, and 4-feet deep.

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Monsters will be exposed to the elements and accessible to guests, staff, and volunteers for 30+ days.

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Monsters are required to be fabricated from primarily natural materials.

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For a full schedule and program overview, please review the 2026 Garden Monster Guidelines.



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