Colors from Hilltop
Sunday, September 16 Noon-4:00pm

An Afternoon of Natural Dyeing Using Plants Grown and Gathered at IU’s Hilltop Garden and Nature Center

Using indigo from the IndiGrowing Blue Project based at Hilltop and wild goldenrod, participants learn how to dye blue and yellow and how to combine the colors to produce vivid green. In the morning, we’ll harvest, chop, and boil the goldenrod to extract the dye and prepare a mordant bath. In the afternoon, the dyeing begins, first with the goldenrod and then with the indigo. As the indigo plants are gathered, the leaves are stripped from the stems and chopped in blenders to release the dye. Anyone wishing to experience the whole process is welcome to come to both morning and afternoon sessions. Anyone who only wants to try dyeing may come anytime during the afternoon.

An hour to an hour and a half is required to dye with both goldenrod and indigo.

Silk scarves to dye included.

Download Registration Form Here!

Code: F12A3-A  Day(s): Sunday  Date(s): 9/16  Time: Noon to 4:00 p.m. (Prep:10:00 a.m. until Noon)  Register by: 9/14
Cost: $12 (children whose parents enroll may participate for a materials fee of $8 each)
Location: Hilltop Garden and Nature Center, 2367 E. 10th St., Bloomington
Instructor: Rowland Ricketts  Rowland received his MFA in Fibers from Cranbrook Academy of Art in 2005 and is currently an assistant professor of Textiles at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.