

# HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Meeting

**Call to Order and Welcome**~~The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Sara Fenton, HCMG President.

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**~~Minutes of November 16, 2021 for approval. Motion to accept made by Sue Squiller, 2nd by Steve Pearl. Motion was accepted with a show of hands.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**~~Teri Mitchum presented the final year end 2021 budget. Sue Leuschke made a motion to accept, Bruce Crum 2nd. Passed by voice vote. Teri presented the 2022 proposed budget. Amendment proposed to increase the amount for the Plant Auction and Sale by Barb Pantos. Increase from \$150 to \$200. Karen Smith 2nd it. A motion to accept the treasurer's report with the amendment by Steve Pearl and 2nd by Ed Freeman. Motion was accepted with a voice vote. Passed  
Assistant Treasurer/Membership, Bruce Crum would like to see all payments by the end of January. Payment can be sent to Teri Mitchum or online at <https://www.hendricksgardeners.com/members.html>

**COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR, NEWSLETTER**~~Carl Osborn is working hard to reformat the existing newsletter to look at the current month, add more content and easier to use with more information. Carl would like any content to be considered sent to him at [Carl.osborn@carlosborn.com](mailto:Carl.osborn@carlosborn.com)  
He wants to include a few more people to form a committee to help him accomplish this. Contact Carl if you have any interest.

**PROJECT COORDINATOR**~~Karen Smith brought up that a host and chairman for the Summer Picnic is needed. Please contact Karen if interested.

**EDUCATOR UPDATE**~~Jeff Pell Our new Master Gardener Training is starting January 24, 2022 with two classes. The class from 1-4 pm has 13 people and the class from 6-9 pm has 35 people.

**WINTER DINNER AND AWARDS**~~Suzy Freeman and Debbie Off organized a great dinner, awards and entertainment. Our appreciation to Kathe Rae for making a cute photo prop to help make a festive night!

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**~~Dee Dottenwhy has brought in individual packaged snacks and drinks and it was decided to continue to do this through March. We will then decide to bring back other foods made by attendees.

**PHOTOGRAPHY COORDINATORS**~~Kathe Rae and Jackie Rosales have done a great job getting pictures done and out to Facebook.

**GFAA**~~ Kim and Steve Somermeyers update is only 95 days until the event on April 23, 2022 in the HENDRICKS COUNTY EXPO HALL. There are 34 vendors filled and 19 left. Chuck and Pat Dallas are working on filling the rest. We have a huge amount of garden or garden related books donated by Jennifer Davies and also Dale Olson so we are going to sell them at a dedicated booth. If you have more to donate, contact Becky Troutman. Although it will be separate from the Gardener's Closet, the funds will be combined.

Also, save and bring to meetings the plastic sleeves from newspapers for the 600 trees we are giving away. Next committee meeting is February 7th at 6 PM at the fairgrounds.

Vendor ideas are needed for the event. If you know anyone, please contact Steven and Kim.

**OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER**~~Karen Smith said there will be a Native Plant sale on April 29, 2022 with volunteer opportunities available. This is held at the Outdoor Learning Center in Avon.

**DEMO GARDEN**~~Becky Troutman will have an indoor meeting at the fairgrounds February 1st at 6:00 PM.

**PLANT SALE & AUCTION**~~Barb Pantos would like to see a committee formed to help with plant ID cards, organization. Contact her if interested in volunteer opportunities.

**SHELTERING WINGS PROJECT**~~Carol Gillaspay has a meeting planned for January 24th at 6:00 at the fairgrounds.

**FARMER'S MARKETS**~~Pat and Chuck Dallas and Delores Elza have said that Plainfield will increase to 2 times a month as Danville stays at 1 time per month.

**SUMMER PICNIC HOST AND CHAIRPERSON**~~Anyone interested in hosting and chairing this committee, let Karen Smith know.

**HOST** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_ volunteers needed.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**~~Vicki Coleman, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

**ADVENTURES IN GARDENING**~~Susan Gackenheimer & Carol Gilaspay- There is a meeting on January 24th at 7:00 for further planning. Volunteer opportunities available.

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING 2022**~~Delores Elza, Tracy Vantryon, Annella Abell, Pat Furner, Rosie Lenihan.

**WINTER DINNER/AWARDS**~~ \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

**HISTORIAN** \_\_\_\_\_

## **NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**~~Carl Osborn is doing a Technology Review and Newsletter reformat.

## **AUDIENCE TO MEMBERS FOR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Former Master Gardener, Renee LaFollette passed away in December.

The 2022 Flower & Patio Show is March 12-20 at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds. The Hendricks County Master Gardeners will do one shift with two people at the MG booth from 10-2 pm. Sara will try to get March 15th in the 10 am-2 pm spot. When she knows the date and times, it will be available on the Purdue website for volunteer hours.

Plainfield Library is having a Gardening Day on April 2nd. 'Local experts' are wanted for talks. Contact info is [knicholls@plainfieldlibrary.net](mailto:knicholls@plainfieldlibrary.net) /or Sara.

Pecar Park in Avon wants to do a similar program for 3 Saturdays in April. More info will be available from Jeff Pell.

Sue Leuschke donated clean plastic bottles for plant starts.

Sue Squiller brought up the possibility of going back to Zoom for meetings if needed.

Hilltop Orchids is reducing inventory and having a 30% off sale. It is a good idea to call ahead if going. Sara is going to buy a bulk bag of fertilizer and we can share the cost.

## **HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS, SARA~~**

1. Volunteer & Education hours~~<http://purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/login.php>
2. Working With Minors Certification~~<http://tinyurl.com/PUminorcert>
3. **PAY YOUR DUES**~~<https://www.hendricksgardeners.com/members.html> by the end of January.

Sara Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Teri Sundine made the motion and Bruce Crum 2nd the motion. The motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

## **EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

**BREE OLLIER:** Resource Conservationist at Hendricks Co. Soil and Water Conservation District.

## **SOIL HEALTH AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES FOR THE HOMEOWNER**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**~~ February 15th, March 15th, April 19th HCMG meetings  
April 23, 2022 Gardening For All Ages

Submitted by Sharon Miller, Secretary

January 19, 2022