

## HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS March 21, 2023

Call to Order and Welcome~The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.by President, Debbie Off.

Secretary's Report~Minutes of the February 21st meeting were reviewed. Motion for approval by Sue Leuschke and 2nd by Rosie Lenihan.

Treasurer's Report~Teri Mitchum presented the February Treasurer's Report. She discussed the new guidelines and paperwork for sales tax for nonprofits in Indiana.

Assistant Treasurer~Bruce Crum, along with Ron Stoner, Debbie McLoed and Martha Rardin reviewed the financials and completed the yearly audit.

Project Coordinator~Karen Smith explained that as we grow we need more projects going forward. Any projects considered must start with the form found under members tab, forms, found in the Website titled, Project Proposal. Forms are to be submitted and projects are approved by the board.

Avon Outdoor Learning Center~Jo Vickery reminded us of the upcoming 19th Annual Native Plant Sale on Friday, May 12th 4:00-7:00 PM and Saturday, May 13th, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM with setup and delivery on Thursday, May 11th. Volunteer opportunities will be available soon. This is held behind Maple Elementary School at the Outdoor Learning Center.

County Fair~Vicki Coleman reminded us of the Hendricks County Fair from July 16th-22nd. If you do an herb planting with a bit of information about what was planted, there will be 2 volunteer hours for your effort. Also any plantings using flowers or vegetables using upcycled items are needed for the booth. There will be a lot of volunteer hours available later.

Nominating Committee~Vicki Coleman. Teri Mitchum will be retiring from her Treasurer's position after 4 years. We are looking for someone willing to consider this position. Identifying a new candidate would make an easier transition with Teri's help in the coming months. Contact Vicki Coleman.

Demonstration Garden,/Pollinator Garden~Becky Troutman/Terri Tramm  
Becky needs metal whisks and colored wine bottles for the 'Whimsical' garden she wants to create and enter in the All American Selections contest.  
Dick Meier showed the product we will be using in the raised garden. It will be a durable and beautiful addition to our gardens!

Gardening for All Ages-Kim and Steve Somermeyer-Only 39 days until our event! Volunteers planted the donated bulbs in over 200 pots to be sold at the event. All speakers are Master Gardeners from our organization! The Children's Booth will feature Pollinators, Veggies and More. Please consider volunteering to help at the booth. Working With Minors must be completed before doing so. Continue to save items for the Gardening Closet. If you need something picked up, contact Becky Troutman. Danville Parks donated \$500 for trees and whatever expenses beyond the cost of the trees. Volunteer hours are now available in MG Manager.

Plant Sale-Kathleen Kindred and Jan Myers are looking for anyone wanting to host a plant dig. The end of April or early May will be ideal so they can be potted up and ready for the sale. Anyone wanting to ask Garden Centers for donations of plants or garden art for the Auction would be great! Our April meeting will have identifying cards available to be placed with your pots.

Scholarship Committee-Jan Myers/Rosie Lenihan-Get the word out! Deadline is April 15th!

Adventures in Gardening 2023-Susan Gackenheimer & Carol Gillaspy-The event is October 7, 2023. They have two speakers so far. There is a meeting for anyone interested on April 11th at 6:30 PM at the fairgrounds.

Speaker's Bureau-Carol Gillaspy asked anyone interested in speaking or presenting, contact Carol.

Farmer's Markets-Pat and Chuck Dallas/Delores Elza, Sue Leuschke  
Danville's Farmer's Market will be the 3rd Saturday of June, July and August

Plainfield Correctional Facility Project-Eloisa Garza talked about how this has evolved over the past 12 years. It is still going strong and the men take great pride in the gardens. It has created something they are proud to do and provides the men with education and leadership. They are starting two more flower gardens they are calling Earthkind Plots to be enjoyed by those entering the facility. The vegetables are planted, grown, harvested and donated to food banks, Family Promise and other places in need of fresh vegetables. March 25th, the Archbishop will be there to bless the gardens and have mass. There will be a training session for all volunteers wanting to help.

Housekeeping Items~~Debbie

1. Volunteer & Education  
hours-<http://purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/login.php>
2. Working With Minors Certification—<http://tinyurl.com/PUminorcert>

Audience to Members (Questions, Comments, Announcements)

Debbie acknowledged the new interns in the current class and welcomed them!

Avon Lowes is allowing nonprofits to have a table to get information out to the public. We will promote GFAA and our organization on April 1st.

Adjournment

Debbie Off asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Colletta Kosiba motioned to adjourn and Teri Mitchum 2nd it.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Program:

John Chapin~ Great Hydrangeas for the Midwest Gardens

Dates to Remember:

April 18, 2023 HCMG Meeting

April 28, 2023 Set up for GFAA

April 29, 2023 GFAA

May 11, 2023 Tour of Danville HS GFAA Greenhouse

May 12th-13th Native Plant Sale ~Avon Outdoor Learning Center

May 16, 2023 Plant Sale

July 25, 2023 Summer Picnic

September 19, 2023 HCMG Meeting

September 28, 2023 Tour of Beasley's Orchard

October 7, 2023 AIG

October 17, 2023 HCMG Meeting

November 21, 2023 HCMG Meeting

December 12, 2023 Winter Dinner and Awards

