

## January 2014

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## President's Message

Welcome to Hendricks County Extension Master Gardeners for 2014!

As we look forward to the new year we must also look back to the achievements from the past. Thank you to Jim Trocha, Jackie Rosales, Linda Rogers and Debbie Ashby for their work in 2012-13. And thank you to Dan and Cathy Dunn for serving on the board and now we wish you better health in 2014.

Christmas is never really over - don't we keep it in our hearts - and certainly the Master Gardeners' Christmas Party. Thank you to Keith and Janet Brown and to Pat Harmon. What a Big and wonderful success by a group of three!

January meeting will be on the 21st, at the Fairgrounds, visiting from 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. At our meeting we will present the Survey Monkey results which were gathered from your input in October and November 2013. This will of course lead to the programs for us as well. There will be many opportunities to sign up for committees - committees for programs, events, fair, weeds and seeds and in between, and refreshments. After the business meeting and refreshments, Colletta Kosiba will present "2013 In Review".

The 2014 MG Board theme for the year is "Year of the Intern"...and we were all interns, once upon a time!

"Grow Interns, grow Master Gardeners"  
- Rosie Lenihan

## January Member Meeting

**Speakers:** Rosie Lenihan and Colletta Kosiba

- Rosie Lenihan will present program plans for 2014, the HCMG cookbook, and membership Survey Monkey results.
- Colletta Kosiba will present "2013 in Review" following the business meeting.

**Date:** January 21, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Time)

**Location:** Hendricks County Fairgrounds

**Note:** Contact the president one week in advance of monthly meeting if you have business or committee reports to be included in meeting agenda. The meeting agenda will be forwarded to membership 4 days prior to meeting.

Please remember to wear your Master Gardener badges to all HCMG events and meetings.



## 2013 Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony

The Hendricks County Master Gardeners held their holiday party and awards ceremony at the conference center in Danville on December 11, 2013 with Janet and Keith Brown as hosts. The sound of heavenly songs filled the auditorium during dinner as the guests were entertained by singers Joan and Bruce Crum, Karen Monesmith and Margie Bontrager.

Extension Educator Jon Cain and President Jim Trocha presented the following new Master Gardener level awards for 2013:



### **Master Gardener**

*(35 volunteer hours and 35 educational training hours)*

- Karen Monesmith
- Connie Roberts-Carey
- Thomas May
- Laura Baker
- Dianna Zamani

### **Advanced Master Gardener**

*(60 volunteer hours and 45 educational training hours)*

- Carrie Little
- Rita Kerner
- Betty Leverett
- Karen Chapman-Smith



(Left to Right) Advanced Master Gardeners: Betty Leverett, Carrie Little, and Karen Chapman-Smith

### **Bronze Master Gardener**

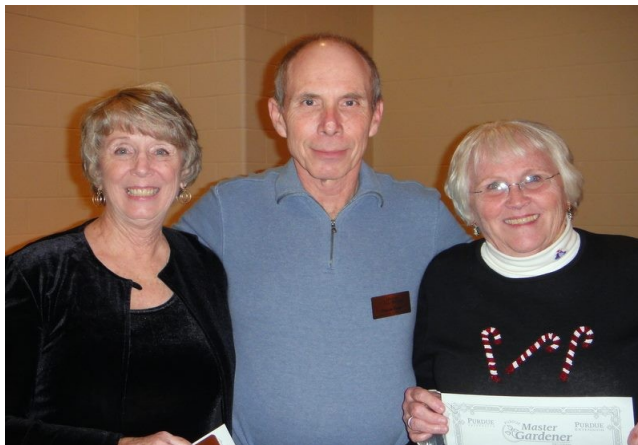
*(200 volunteer hours and 60 educational training hours)*

- Jill Clouser

### **Silver Master Gardener**

*(500 volunteer hours and 75 educational training hours)*

- Pat Harmon
- Steve Pearl
- Linda Rodger



(Left to Right) Silver Master Gardeners: Pat Harmon, Steve Pearl, and Linda Rodger

### **2013 Master Gardener of the Year**

- Pat Harmon

### **2013 Intern Master Gardener of the Year**

- Victoria Mount

## Get to Know the 2014 HCMG Board Members



### **Rosie Lenihan, President**

Rosie took the intern class in 2005 and thought she would learn lots of gardening "stuff" to make her yard something wonderful. She did learn "stuff" and her yard was wonderful enough, but the people she has met along the way have certainly surpassed her yard! Rosie has been widowed for several years. Her yards have changed over that time - first too big, then too small and now one that may be enough. She co-chaired with Cecelia Blazier in 2008 and created Gardening For All Ages (GFAA). Over time she was also involved in programs like Eco-Friendly Containers, Trash Gardening, Garden Wizard (GFAA), and Sycamore Gardens.



### **Barb Zupan, Vice President**

Barb Zupan took the MG class in 1999 and earned her MG Certificate by volunteering at White River Gardens. Her past duties with Hendricks County MG have included being Treasurer, as well as chair for county fair, GFAA raffle booth, and the Christmas Party. Barb is a member of Indiana Daylily-Iris Society, and has also served as Treasurer on their board. She is a volunteer at Indianapolis Art Center, where she assists in the steel studio. Always an avid gardener, Barb's gardens were included in the Plainfield Garden Tour 2010 and will be again in 2015.



### **Jill Clouser, Treasurer**

Jill has been married to her High School sweetheart, Michael, for 44 years. They have 3 grown children and 2 perfect grandsons. Jill was honored to be chosen 2012 Hendricks County Master Gardener Intern of the year. She has now earned the Master Gardener level of Bronze and looks forward in serving HCMG as their Treasurer.



### **Judy Kenninger, Secretary**

Judy joined HCMG as an intern in 2012 and has since reached Advanced Master Gardener status. For the past two years, she has run our social media program on Facebook and Twitter. Judy lives in Brownsburg with her husband David, and they have four adult children.



### **April Blevins, Journalist**

April completed the intern class in 2013 and recently completed all of her volunteer hours to become a Master Gardener. She joined the HCMG to better her skills as a gardener and is excited to become more involved in 2014. April's background includes graphic design, marketing and grantsmaking experience.

## Volunteer & Training Opportunities

### 2014 Master Gardener Certification Class

HCMG members can receive training hours for attending 2014 certification classes. For class information [click here](#).

There are still openings for the 2014 Master Gardener certification classes, so please spread the word and encourage others to apply. The registration deadline is January 3, 2014. The fee is \$115 per person. Couples can take advantage of a reduced rate of \$180 (\$50 off of the standard fee). Anyone interested in registering should call the Purdue Extension office at 317-745-9266.

### 2014 Committees and Programs

If you are interested in committees, programs or assisting with communications for 2014, please contact a board member.

## Note to All Members

### For upcoming member meetings:

- Contact the president one week in advance of monthly meeting if you have business or committee reports to be included in meeting agenda.
- Master Gardener meeting agenda will be forwarded to membership 4 days prior to meeting.
- Remember to wear your Master Gardener badges to all HCMG events and meetings.
- Future meeting information will be posted [here](#).

### To contribute to upcoming newsletters:

- Contact April Blevins with information you would like to include in the newsletter (i.e. events, volunteer opportunities, pictures, etc.). Information must be received no later than four days after each monthly membership meeting to be included in the following month's newsletter.

## News & Events

### HCMG Scholarship

The HCMG Scholarship application is active and can be accessed by [clicking here](#). The scholarship amount is \$1,500 and the application is due by April 11, 2014. Please help to spread the word about this program.

Contact Suzy Freeman if you have questions regarding the scholarship or want to be involved with the committee.

### Upcoming Monthly Meetings

February Member Meeting

Speaker: John Chapin, "All About Hydrangeas"

Date: February 18, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Time)

Location: Hendricks County Fairgrounds

### 2014 Program Dates

Gardening for All Ages

Date: April 26, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Hendricks County Fairgrounds

Adventures in Gardening

Date: October 4, 2014

Location: Hendricks County Fairgrounds

### Hendricks County Master Gardeners Teach

Colletta Kosiba will be part of the *Once Upon a Garden* seminar on February 15, 2014 in Princeton, Indiana. [Click here](#) for more information.

Colletta Kosiba will offer a free workshop called *Why Doesn't My Hydrangea Bloom?* at the Brownsburg Library on February 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Call 317-852-3167 to register.



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