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President's Message

Greetings Hendricks County Extension Master Gardeners & Interns,

Our biggest news is Jon Cain retiring on August 30th. Jon is a most effective silent leader - advising us through the good times, tackling the tough times, enjoying the fun times - no big drama - just leading us well. We will say "Thanks" at our August 19th meeting, but not goodbye. Jon is always welcome to visit us anytime and hopefully will often.

Jon's retirement gives us more reason to tally up those volunteer hours and submit them. We may be without an ANR Educator for a couple months during this transition. Hours, hours, hours. Congrats to all the Interns who graduated at our July picnic and congrats to all who earned new MG Certification Levels.

Bev Russell and Kerry Cates still have vendor spots open for vendors booths for Adventures In Gardening on Saturday, October 4, 2014.

The August meeting is at the Fairgrounds - social 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Besides Jon's retirement, monthly meeting and Tree ID Program, we will have our first Ugly Tomato Contest. All are welcome.

Volunteer, grow, and meet an Intern!
"Grow Interns, Grow Master Gardeners"

- Rosie Lenihan

Get the Latest News and Updates

For the latest information, visit hendricksgardeners.com or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

The HCMG social media sites are open to the public, so no account is needed to link to posts and pictures. Click the links below to access this information.



Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/hendrickscountyinmastergardeners>



Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HndrixCoGardens>

Member Meetings & Information

August Meeting

Date: August 19, 2014

Time: Meeting 7 p.m./Speaker 8 p.m.

Speaker: Carrie Tauscher, IDNR - "Tree Identification"

Location: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds

If members have Tree Identification Books/Field Guides, they should bring them to the meeting. Carrie will go over the common basics to help us better utilize these books. She will also bring many samples of branches and leaves for us to use in working through the identification process. Members are welcome to bring branches, leaves and photographs of trees they would like to identify. This class is expected to take the full hour, so we may not be able to get to all the samples everyone brings.

There will also be an Ugly Tomato Contest at this meeting, so be sure to bring one and join in the fun!

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](#).

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes will be posted [here](#) no more than one week after the most recent business meeting.

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.

2014 Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be at Fairgrounds.
Social time 6:30 p.m.; Business meeting 7 p.m.; Speaker 8 p.m.

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| 8/19/14 | Tree Identification Workshop
Carrie Tauscher, IDNR
Ugly Tomato Contest |
| 9/16/14 | "Alternatives to Higher Cost Plants"
Dottie Warner, Frazee Gardens |
| 10/21/14 | "Cutting Gardens; Closing the Garden for Winter"
Karen Robbins, Avon Garden
Photo Contest |
| 11/18/14 | HCMG Annual Scholarship Auction
Election of Officers for 2015 |
| 12/2/14 | Christmas Party
Dawson's Too (775 E Main St., Brownsburg) |

Cookbooks for Sale

The HCMG Cookbook will be for sale at the following Farmers Markets on the dates noted below. Cookbooks are \$8 and include 250 recipes.

[Avon Farmers Market](#)
(4-7 p.m. on Tuesday)

- August 12
- September 9

[Plainfield Farmers Market](#)
(4-7 p.m. on Wednesday)

- August 20
- September 17

[Brownsburg Farmers Market](#)
(4-7 p.m. on Thursday)

- August 21
- September 18



Board Member Search Opening for 2015

HCMG will be voting in the 2015 board during our November 2014 member meeting. Anyone interested in being part of the board will need to get in touch with a member of the Nominating Committee or email hcmg.communications@gmail.com. Likewise, if you have a member in mind you think would be a good fit for a position, please send in ideas. The Nominating Committee will follow up on all leads provided and with anyone expressing personal interest. Candidates must hold Master Gardener status to sit on the board.

Positions up for vote in November will be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Journalist.

Volunteer & Educational Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities

- **NEW!** The HCMG Board is in search of members for the nominating committee. Please email hcmg.communications@gmail.com or contact a board member if you are interested.
- **NEW!** The HCMG Board is in search of members willing to host plant digs to provide plants for next year's plant auction. Please email hcmg.communications@gmail.com or contact a board member if you are interested.
- HCMG is looking for members willing to offer garden tours at their homes to other interns and members. If you are interested in hosting a tour, please email hcmg.communications@gmail.com and provide your desired date, time and types of plants you have to share. A board member will contact you to get any additional details needed.
- Master Gardeners Magen Eller and Karen Chapman-Smith will be chairing a new project to create a Teaching-Learning Garden at Ellis Park in Danville. Volunteer opportunities are available. Please contact Magen if you are interested.
- HCMG is always in need of volunteers for committees and projects. Please contact a board member to be connected to the committee chair for more information. Full project descriptions and volunteer opportunities will be posted on the HCMG website under the "Members" tabs.

HCMG Training Opportunities for Educational Hours

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

Volunteer Hours Form

A new electronic version of the volunteer form is now available and will be posted to the members section of the website.

2014 Hendricks County Master Gardener Awards

Intern

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| Becky Austin | Michael McFarling |
| Teresa Byington | Michelle Merriman |
| Marie Frazier | Sharon Miller |
| Shirley Gates | Beth Morefield |
| Dave Helton | Jan Myers |
| Dee Helton | Pam Reinbold |
| Bryan Hilgert | Joyce Rogers |
| Machell Jackson | Jaime Routon |
| Michael Jackson | Nevin Rudie |
| Susie Kelly | Marybeth Shoaf |
| Mike Kidwell | Ann Sidener |
| Vicki Kidwell | Mary Susnosky |
| Howard Lacey | Terri Tramm |
| Lynne Martin | Laura Lee Wilbur |
| Marsha Maxey | Angeline Workover |



Master Gardener

- April Blevins
- Magen Eller
- Jenny Green
- Jan Myers
- Terri Tramm
- Marie Frazier
- Susie Kelly
- Mike Kidwell
- Vicki Kidwell
- Howard Lacey
- Jaime Routon

Advanced Master Gardener

- Veronica Mount
- Debbie Baker

Bronze

- Susan Wood
- Bruce Crum
- Sandy Johnson

Gold

- Barbara Zupan

Gold 1500

- Rosie Lenihan

Gold 2500

- Colletta Kosiba



HCMG Receives 2nd Place Award in Search for Excellence at the State Conference

Hendricks County Master Gardener, Inc. was recognized for the garden education project at the Plainfield Correctional Facility at the 2014 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference in the Search for Excellence, receiving a second place award.

The Plainfield Correctional Facility (PCF) is a medium security adult male facility. Volunteers from Hendricks County Master Gardeners, PCF officers, offenders and staff members, joined to participate in this new gardening venture. Hendricks County Master Gardeners assisted PCF staff by working with offenders and staff to teach them proper gardening techniques while establishing gardens on facility grounds.

During growing season from May 2013 - October 2013 (20 weeks) approximately 20 offenders worked daily on the following tasks: planting, watering, weeding, Insect/disease management, Compost fertilizing, Harvesting and packaging. PCF offenders contributed 14,000 hours while participating in the project and Hendricks County Master Gardeners contributed 410 hours training offenders and staff about gardening and assisting with the maintenance of the gardens.



Program Chair Eloisa Garza discusses the Plainfield Correctional Facility with a conference attendee.

HCMG Open Gardens

HCMG Vice President Barb Zupan originally proposed the idea of open gardens this year, and many of us have enjoyed the results of her wonderful idea. Several Master Gardeners and Interns have offered up their gardens for us to visit.

Jackie Rosales shared her lovely setting with lots of interesting facts regarding seed propagation. She has meadows and perennials and tomatoes from across the ocean, and a palette of zinnias that brought smiles to all of us.

Barb Zupan showed off plants in sun, shade, bog, and free day lilies, plus a little quiz regarding poison ivy and something else.

Mike and Vicki Kidwell's gardens offered perennials in brilliant abundance. When they told us their plant sources, would you believe it was garden club auctions and the MG auction! With all the waves of color, there was a wonderful espalier with "bouqueted" clusters of pears.

Sharon Miller's gardens showed a backdrop of nature that held our attention with awe, including a tree line that was stunning. Besides perennials that she keeps moving to meet her artist needs, there is a pin oak that had lost its leader and upper 1/3 of the tree, but with care and hope has completely recovered.

On the other side of gardening are vegetables! Kelly Allen's Plainfield vegetable garden and roadside stand is ALL that - vegetables galore. She has hand dug and hand washed over 1,400 pounds of potatoes this year, which is part of what is available. This garden is at its peak and if you do want to see it, give Kelly a call.

If you would like to offer up an open garden at your home, please contact a board member or email hcmg.communications@gmail.com.

By Rosie Lenihan



Images from Barb Zupan's garden.

Upcoming Events

HCMG Annual Photography Contest

This year's annual photography contest will take place during the **October 21, 2014** meeting. The contest is open to all Hendricks County Master Gardeners and Interns. Judy Kenninger will be the chair.

Categories for Entry

Single Blooms, Garden Landscapes, Winged Things, Unclassified (Must be garden-related)

Guidelines

- Images are to be photographed in 2014 only.
- Please print 5"x7" images and mount and mat them to 8"x10". Include your name, title, and category on the back of each submission.
- You may enter one image in each category.

Awards

Awards will include First, Second, Third and Best of Show. Winning images will be displayed at Adventures in Gardening! Everyone is encouraged to submit images and join in the fun.

Other Events

[Click here](#) for more information on upcoming HCMG events. Be sure to mark your calendar for the following events:

- August-September - Avon Farmers Market (Second Tuesday)
- August-September - Plainfield Farmers Market (Third Wednesday)
- August-September - Brownsburg Farmers Market (Third Thursday)
- August 1-17 - Indiana State Fair • Q & A Booth
 - For those attending the fair, be sure to take time to visit the Marion County Master Gardeners have a demonstration garden at the NW corner of the Indiana State Fairgrounds (1201 E 38th St, Indianapolis).
- October 4 - Adventures in Gardening Seminar • HC Fairgrounds
 - View the attached flyer for more information and registration details.
- October 21 - 2014 HCMG Photography Contest • HC Fairgrounds
- November 18 - Scholarship Auction 6:30 pm • HC Fairgrounds
- January 2015 - New Master Gardener class begins • HC Fairgrounds
- March 14-22, 2015 - Flower and Patio Show • Indiana State Fairgrounds
- April 25, 2015 - Gardening for All Ages • HC Fairgrounds Expo Hall
- June 4-6, 2015 - Purdue Master Gardener State Conference • Evansville

Statewide Events

[Click here](#) for statewide Master Gardener events.



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The Hendricks County Master Gardeners present
2014 Adventures in Gardening

October 4, 2014 · 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. · Hendricks County 4-H Conference Complex (Danville, IN)

Featured Speakers and Topics



Stephanie Cohen, the "Perennial Diva"

Stephanie Cohen has taught herbaceous plants and perennial design at Temple University for over 20 years. She was the founder and director of the Landscape Arboretum at Temple University, Ambler and is a contributing editor for "Fine Gardening", The HGTV Newsletter, is on the advisory board for "Green Profit", "Green Scene" a publication for PHS, and a regional writer for the Blooms of Bressingham Plant Program. She has lectured coast to coast and appeared on QVC TV as the "Perennial Diva."

Books will be available for sale and personal signing, including *The Perennial Gardener's Design Primer*,

Jerod Chew, Marlon County Soil and Water Conservation District

"Caring for the Land – The Root of Today's Conservation Efforts"

Take a closer look into the natural resource concerns that we face today and how we are connected to them.

Bill Fielding, Roadside Services Coordinator IN Department of Transportation

"Managing Invasive Species = Survival of Native Species"

Learn about the roadside vegetation policy being implemented this year to help battle invasive species while managing the roadsides to support pollinators and other beneficial insects.

Eloisa Garza, Hendricks County Master Gardener

Hear about an exciting education program at the Plainfield Correctional Facility (PFC) to create vegetable and flower gardens with a goal of donating 100% of the harvested produce to local food banks.

2014 Adventures in Gardening Registration Form

For additional information, visit hendricksgardeners.com or contact Chase Stanley at 317-745-9260. Please print form information.

Name (as to appear on your name tag): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____ County: _____

Are you a Master Gardener? Yes No

Special needs and/or diet: _____

Select the applicable registration payment below (Checks should be made payable to Hendricks County Master Gardener, Inc.):

Mail Registration Forms and Payment to Hendricks County Extension Office, Attn: Master Gardeners, PO Box 7, Danville, IN 46122.

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch.



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