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## President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners and Interns,

As Gardeners we think of spring as our "busy season", and it seems like our near-autumn timeframe is right there, too. Many of us attended Karen Chapman-Smith's Open Garden to see her koi pond, vermiculture composting in a wooden/metal trunk, plants with history and stories to tell. What a great place to visit!

We gave Jon Cain a MG best wishes for retirement and are thankful for John Orick being in attendance for our August meeting with 68 people in attendance. Carrie Tauscher, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, reminded us why identifying trees is no walk in the park. It is not just simple leaf identification. Leaf margins and petioles, leaf arrangements, different types of buds, bud scars, bark and fruits all enter into the process of identifying trees. Did anyone put their new knowledge to work and try to identify a mystery tree?

Now we have Adventures In Gardening to continue to promote, HCMG Bylaws to process, Danville Ellis Park Teaching Learning Garden to plant for fall, Farmers' Markets to attend and 2015 HCMG Board to nominate. Oh yes, and we all garden at home, so Dottie Warner's (Frazee Garden) September program " Alternatives to Higher Cost Plants" will certainly be timely!

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

- Rosie Lenihan

## A Special Message from Jon Cain

MG's and Interns,

This is a note to say a big "Thank You" for the great retirement gift. You are a very generous group! Also for the cards and good wishes expressed to me in conversations. However, I think I should be the one giving a gift to all of you – for being such a great group to work with over the years. Many of you have heard me say, "It's great to be able to get paid to do such enjoyable work." That has been a true statement. I wish I had more time to get to know the newer members better – I know you are going to be great additions to HCMG.

In case you want to say "Hi" sometime, I'll be retaining my email - [joncain@purdue.edu](mailto:joncain@purdue.edu) - into retirement and my cell phone will remain 317-435-0303. Keep up the great work and I'll probably drop in some time to check up on all of you.

Now to get to that weeding that hasn't gotten done at home.

- Jon Cain

## Member Meetings & Information

### September Meeting

**Date:** September 16, 2014

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

**Speaker:** "Alternatives to Higher Cost Plants"  
Dottie Warner, Frazee Gardens

**Location:** Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds

### 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.

## Teaching-Learning Garden Dates

Please join HCMG for Teaching-Learning Garden sessions at Ellis Park in Danville on the following dates. All are welcome.

### **September 24 - 6:30 p.m.**

- Fall planting for bulbs and rhizomes and décor from the garden

### **October 16 - 6:00 p.m.**

- Saving seeds from the garden, fall garden cleanup, and tender plants: what to dig and how to store

## Cookbooks for Sale

Don't miss your chance to pick up the HCMG Cookbook during the last Farmers' Market dates of 2014. Cookbooks are \$8 and include 250 recipes.

### [Avon Farmers Market](#)

(4-7 p.m. on Tuesday)

- September 9

### [Plainfield Farmers Market](#)

(4-7 p.m. on Wednesday)

- September 17

### [Brownsburg Farmers Market](#)

(4-7 p.m. on Thursday)

- September 18



## 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.

- 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 (See page 5 for details)
- 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)

## Jon Cain Retires After 26 Years with Purdue Extension

Jon Cain started his career as a vocational agriculture teacher in Wabash County, followed by time working for the USDA, Indiana University- Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI), and Indiana University-Kokomo (IUK). At IUPUI and at IUK, Jon worked in continuing education programs, off-campus programs, scholarship, and career development.

Jon came to Purdue Extension as the Brown County Extension Educator and Ag/Natural Resources (ANR), where he served for 8 years and then moved to Bartholomew County for 3 years. In both counties, Jon started the Master Gardener programs. He completed his service as Extension Educator and ANR, with 15 years in Hendricks County.

Jon contributed to the Master Gardener (MG) program statewide by serving on the Purdue MG Leadership Issue Based Action Team (IBAT) Advisory Team formed to develop and launch Purdue Master Gardeners...Growing Through Leadership.

During the August 14 meeting, the Hendricks County Master Gardeners received a visit from John Orick who helped formally thank Jon Cain, Purdue Extension Educator and Master Gardener (MG) Coordinator Hendricks County, for 26 years of service. Jon's last day was August 29.

HCMG wishes Jon the best in his retirement and would like to once again thank him for his service to Purdue Extension and 15 great years in Hendricks County!



Left to Right: Rosie Lenihan, HCMG President; Jon Cain, Hendricks County Extension Educator; and John Orick, Purdue MG State Coordinator



Rosie Lenihan, HCMG President, thanks Jon Cain, Extension Educator, for his years of service during the Hendricks County MG Association meeting on August 19, 2014.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Help Needed for Adventures in Gardening

Bev Russell is requesting seeds, bulbs, and corms collected by Master Gardeners to be used for Adventures in Gardening (AIG) on October 4. Please be sure to mark any items you donate with the variety and botanical name. Items can also be packaged on October 3 from 1-4 p.m. during AIG set up.

Bev is also in need of dried flowers and/or herbs such as lavender, celosia, etc. and neat seed heads such as Echinacea, Baptisia, Dill, etc. Grasses are good additions, as well. Those items will be used to create small bunches to place on tables for decoration and each attendee will be able to take one home.

Please contact Bev with questions.

## Volunteer & Educational Opportunities

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- The HCMG Board is in search of members for the nominating committee. Please email [hcmg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com) or contact a board member if you are interested.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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.

## 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 is the event chair. Awards will include First, Second, Third, Best of Show and Gardeners' Favorite.

To be considered for the Gardeners' Favorite Award, you may submit your entry during the September meeting or to Judy Kenninger or the Extension office by Oct. 2. Entries received in time for Gardening for All Ages will be displayed during the seminar and attendees will select the Gardeners' Favorite winner. All entries must be submitted by 7 p.m. on Oct. 21. The awards will be presented at the conclusion of the October meeting.

### Categories

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.

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:

- September - Avon Farmers Market (Second Tuesday)
- September - Plainfield Farmers Market (Third Wednesday)
- September - Brownsburg Farmers Market (Third Thursday)
- September 24 - Teaching-Learning Garden: Fall planting (bulbs and rhizomes) & Décor from the garden - 6:30 p.m. • Ellis Park, Danville
- October 4 - Adventures in Gardening Seminar (See registration form on page 6 of this newsletter) • HC Fairgrounds
- October 16 - Teaching-Learning Garden: Saving seeds, fall garden cleanup, and tender plants - 6:00 p.m. • Ellis Park, Danville
- 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*, *Fallscaping: Extending your Garden Season into Autumn*, and *The Nonstop Garden - Easy Designs and Smart Plant Choices for Four-Season Landscapes*.

### Jerod Chew, Marion 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](http://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.

- \$35 Early Bird Registration (by Sept. 12)     \$45 Regular Registration (by Sept. 26 to guarantee lunch)



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