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President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners and Interns,

Our September 16 meeting provided us with lots of happenings and information from and for our 46 members in attendance. Proposed revisions and updates to HCMG Bylaws were presented, discussed and approved. Details have been included in the September 2014 minutes, which are posted on the [HCMG website](#) under the members section.

For the record, an annual Indemnification Policy has been issued for HCMG with quarterly fees. John Orick, Master Gardener State Coordinator, has indicated it is unlikely HCMG will have a new ANR Educator before the end of the year. Additional details surrounding this news can be found in the September 2014 minutes. Although alternative suggestions have been given to compensate for the vacant ANR position, the information provided by John Orick stands.

Dottie Warner's presentation on "Alternatives to Higher Cost Plants" provided several points on tips in the trade and retail of plants.

Adventures in Gardening, October 4, will have occurred by issuance of this newsletter. We had 115 registered as of October 1. Thanks to all who volunteered and attended.

The Nominating Committee is accepting names of those interested in serving on the 2015 HCMG Board. Please contact one of the following if you are interested: Steve Pearl, Chairman; Ginny Brandgard; or John Rardin.

The Fairgrounds is ordering two Christmas trees and lights for the auditorium/halls. In past years HCMG has decorated a tree with dried materials, such as hydrangea, celosia, dill, branches, leaves, etc. We have been asked to "do it again" and Extension Homemakers are being offered the second tree to decorate. The fairground will set up tree with lights and dismantle and store it after the holidays. MG would be responsible for putting up and taking down decorations. If you have materials to share, please start saving them. This is a one morning event, so no project form is required. The sign-up sheet for the chair and volunteers to decorate the tree will be posted at the October meeting. In the meantime, please direct questions to me at lenihrose1161@att.net

Don't forget to bring your elephant ear bulb (to see whose grew most) and submissions for the Photo Contest to the October meeting.

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

- Rosie Lenihan



2014 HCMG Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for the Hendricks County Master Gardener Christmas Party:

Date: December 2, 2014

Time: Social gathering at 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 7:15 p.m.

Location: Dawson's Too (773 E. Main St., Brownsburg)

Cost: \$20 per person, checks made payable to HCMG
There will be a cash bar. A vegetarian meal will be available, but must be requested at time of reservation.

RSVP: RSVP with payment to Becky Troutman (1707 Sparrow Court, Brownsburg, IN 46112) no later than November 11, 2014.
Questions can be direct to painterher2@att.net or 456-5091.

Member Meetings & Information

October Meeting

Date: October 21, 2014

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

Speaker: "Cutting Gardens; Closing the Garden for Winter"
Karen Robbins, Avon Garden

Contests: Photography Contest and Elephant Ear Bulb Contest

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

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.

- 10/21/14 "Cutting Gardens; Closing the Garden for Winter"
Karen Robbins, Avon Garden
Photo Contest (See page 3 for full details)
Elephant Ear Bulb 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)

Teaching-Learning Garden Dates

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

October 16 - 6:00 p.m.

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

Submit Entries for October Photography Contest

The HCMG Annual Photography Contest will take place during the **October 21, 2014** meeting. The contest is open to all Hendricks County Master Gardeners and Interns. 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 to Judy Kenninger or the Extension office by Oct. 2 or bring it to Adventures in Gardening by 9 a.m. Entries by these deadlines will be displayed during the Gardening for All Ages seminar where 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.

Volunteer & Educational Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities

- **NEW!** Volunteers are needed to decorate a Christmas tree at the Fairgrounds on behalf of MG. MG will be responsible for putting up and taking down decorations. If you have materials to share, please start saving them. The sign-up sheet for Chair and volunteers will be posted at the October meeting. In the meantime please direct questions to Rosie Lenihan.
- 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 for 2015. If you are interested in hosting a tour, please email hcmg.communications@gmail.com.
- 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.

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.

2015 Officer Elections

Elections for 2015 HCMG Executive Board offices will be held at the Nov. 18, 2014 HCMG meeting. Offices to be elected are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Journalist (to become Communications Director effective Dec. 1, 2014). Anyone interested in seeking an Executive Board office should contact one of the Nominating Committee members directly (do not use the hcmg.communications@gmail.com email address). Nominating Committee members and contact information are:

Ginny Brandgard	317-839-7375	ginnybrandgard@aol.com
Steve Pearl	317-839-6361	steve.pearl53@yahoo.com
John Rardin	317-298-7205	rardinfamily@sbcglobal.net

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates to the membership at the Oct. 21st HCMG meeting. Anyone interested in seeking an office is encouraged to contact a Nominating Committee member by that date in order to receive proper consideration by the membership. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor prior to elections at the Nov. meeting.

HCMG bylaws require that an absentee ballot be published in the October newsletter. Since the timing of the October newsletter precedes presentation of candidates to the membership, the absentee ballot to follow is a "write in" style ballot, with no candidate names listed. Candidates receiving votes using this ballot must be properly nominated and qualified. A revised absentee ballot including candidate names will be published in the November newsletter prior to elections. **Absentee ballots must be received by the Extension Office c/o Chase Stanley no later than noon EST on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.** Member's name submitting the absentee ballot must be included for verification of active status.

Hendricks County Master Gardener, Inc. 2015 Executive Board Officer Election Absentee Ballot

President (vote for one)

Vice President (vote for one)

Secretary (vote for one)

Treasurer (vote for one)

Journalist / Communications Director (vote for one)

Member name submitting ballot: _____

Name of member submitting ballot must be included for verification of active status. Absentee ballots must be received by Extension Office c/o Chase Stanley no later than noon EST Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

Upcoming Events

Other Events

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

- 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 and Elephant Ear Bulb Contest • HC Fairgrounds
- November 18 - Scholarship Auction 6:30 pm • HC Fairgrounds
- December 2 - Christmas Party (Registration Required) 6:30 p.m. • Dawson's Too (773 E. Main St., Brownsburg)
- 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.

NEW! The Purdue Master Gardener Program has entered the world of social media with a brand new Twitter account. Follow them at <https://twitter.com/PurdueMG>



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