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President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners & Interns!

Here's a capsule of our HCMG session (was not a meeting) on November 18th -

- The Master Gardener State Coordinator, John Orick, has agreed to allow Chase Stanley to review HCMG Volunteer Sheets and approve hours per guidelines provided by Jon Cain. Anyone with volunteer hours that have not yet been submitted, please do so. This decision certainly serves as a vitamin shot for HCMG!
- The election of Officers for 2015 was chaired by Steve Pearl. See page 2 for the election results.
- Bev Russell, after more than ten years of chairing Adventures In Gardening (AIG), has announced she is "retiring" from AIG, but certainly not from HCMG! Thank you Bev for all your work, ideas, and wonderful HCMG Educational Seminars!
- The first Open Garden for 2015 will be offered by Teresa Byington and will occur in early June so we can view, and smell, her many roses.
- The Scholarship Auction was held. Thank you to all who came, donated and bought \$534 of items in support of our Scholarship Program. Record low temperatures and high winds had a negative impact on the auction, resulting in fewer donations, fewer attendees, and a lower than expected income. Let's all hope for better weather and results in 2015.
- We sold all AIG books from 2013 and 2014.
- Purdue Extension gave us over 50 t-shirts "Beat the Drum for Extension", celebrating 100 years of Extension, which were shared with those present. Thanks, Extension!

In addition to our November session, MG Christmas Tree Decorating Committee volunteers really made us shine! The tree was decorated on November 25 with natural materials from many yards and gardens. Thank you so much! The tree is beautiful and is in the Fairground's Auditorium if you have a opportunity to see it.

HCMG certification awards were presented at our Christmas Party December 2. The Board selected Steve Pearl as 2014 Master Gardener of the Year and Terri Tramm as 2014 Intern of the Year. Congratulations to all for your efforts to enrich the volunteer program of HCMG. Thank you also to Becky Troutman for all the planning and work for the Christmas Party!

The 2014 MG Board would like to wish Interns and Master Gardeners a Merry Christmas and thank you for your support as we served the organization in 2014.

As the 2014 MG Board comes to a close a big salute to April Blevins and Jill Clouser who are stepping away from Board duties - April to get married and Jill to play with grandkids! Your work, directions, suggestions and friendly smiles are most appreciated. Now you can chair a committee!

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

- Rosie Lenihan

2015 HCMG Board Members Elected

Congratulations to the 2015 HCMG Board Members elected during the November 2014 meeting and a special thanks to the Nominating Committee for their hard work and to everyone who voted. Contact information for all new board members has been included on page 1 of this newsletter.

- Rosie Lenihan, President
- Barb Zupan, Vice President
- Karen Chapman, Treasurer
- Judy Kenninger, Secretary
- Ed Freeman, Communications Director (Title effective 12/1/14)

Topic and Speaker Ideas for 2015 Meetings

Determining topics and finding speakers for the monthly meetings is the responsibility of the vice president. However, doing this job well requires input from members.

In 2013, HCMG conducted a survey which was most helpful in determining topics for monthly meetings. There is no survey planned for this year, but the board is requesting member feedback to assist the incoming vice president with planning for 2015.

Please send any ideas for topics and recommendations for speakers to [Barb Zupan](#).

Member News

2015 Dues

HCMG will begin collecting 2015 membership dues on January 1, 2015. Dues for individuals are \$15 and couples are \$25.

Please pay your dues by January 31, 2015 to guarantee inclusion in the 2015 Member Handbook and Directory.

2015 Bus Trip

A group has been formed to plan a bus trip for 2015. Details will be released as they are available.



The HCMG Christmas tree was decorated by the following interns and MGs: Aleta Griffin, Sharon Miller, Ann Sidener, Laura Wilbur, and Barb Zupan.

Member Meetings & Information

January Meeting

Date: January 20, 2015

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

Speaker: "Viburnum"
John Chapin

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 Ed Freeman with information you would like to include in the newsletter (i.e. events, volunteer opportunities, pictures, etc.).

2014 Christmas Party

The HCMG Christmas Party took place on December 2 at Dawson's Too in Brownsburg. The group enjoyed entertainment by the Brownsburg Madrigals and a visit with Jon and Shirley Cain. This year's award for Master Gardener of the Year was presented to Steve Pearl and the Intern of the Year went to Terri Tram. Additional awards related to master gardener hours and status were announced and are listed below. Congratulations to all!

Moving from Intern to MG

Joan Miller
Ann Sidener
Shirley Gates

Moving to Advanced MG

Jenny Green
Terri Tramm
Magen Eller

Moving to Silver

Pat Dallas
Chuck Dallas
Jill Clouser

Moving to Gold 1000

Steve Pearl

Moving to Gold 2000 and 2500

Beverly Russell



Steve Pearl
Master Gardener of the Year



Terri Tramm
Intern of the Year



Jenny Green



Pat Dallas, Chuck Dallas, and Jill Clouser



Steve Pearl and Bev Russell

Happy Holidays

Volunteers Needed for Open Gardens

Volunteers are being sought to host Open Gardens in 2015.

HCMG refers to them as Open Gardens rather than Garden Tours because all we ask you to do is open your garden to members. Open Gardens are very informal with no expectation to do anything out of the ordinary to your garden, no expectation to serve refreshments, no muss or fuss—just relax and let members enjoy your gardens with you.

Members enjoyed several Open Gardens in 2014. Each of the gardens was very different from the next. There was something to be learned in each and every garden, no matter how large or small.

If you would like to host an Open Garden in 2015, please email to [Barb Zupan](#). You will be contacted early in 2015 to arrange the date and time, and get the information out to the membership.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteers are needed for the Insurance Committee. Please contact Martha Rardin for more information.
- Volunteers are needed for the Operations Committee. Please contact a board member for more information.
- The HCMG Board is in search of members willing to host plant digs to provide plants for next year's plant auction. Please contact a board member 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.

Upcoming Events

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

- 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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