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## President's Message

Greetings Hendricks County Extension Master Gardeners and Interns,

Happy New Year to each of you! Our first meeting of the year is Tuesday, January 20th, at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. The MG Board will furnish refreshments for the meeting. Anyone who would like to bring items for "door prizes" is always most welcome to do so. We will begin social time at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Our program for this meeting will be presented at 8:00 p.m. by John Chapin on the subject of Viburnums. As we may remember from previous programs provided by Chapin, we learn about the varieties of the plant, the soil, the requirements and feel like we are visiting with a friend! Speaking of friends, please remember your friends are always welcome to attend one of our educational programs.

We will have sign-up sheets for several volunteer projects. Pens for sign-up will be provided!

The 2015 Member Handbook and Directory is scheduled for February distribution. If you have any changes to name, address, telephone or email please contact Jan Myers at [jan061859@aol.com](mailto:jan061859@aol.com). All Interns and HCMG who are current on dues will be listed (unless requested otherwise). Dues are payable to HCMG, P.O. Box 7, Danville, IN 46122-0007. Dues are \$15 per individual and \$25 for a couple.

Planning even beyond our "Gardening for All Ages", the Indiana State MG Conference will be hosted by Evansville on June 5 - 6, 2015. They are EVEN having the first State Conference Plant Auction - we're just ahead of our time (our Plant Auction is May 19). Check out their website [www.swing.org](http://www.swing.org).

We are still growing Interns....

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

- Rosie Lenihan



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## Member Meetings & Information

### **January Meeting**

**Date:** January 20, 2015

**Time:** Social Time 6:30 p.m./Business meeting 7 p.m.

**Events:** Presentation: John Chapin on Viburnums

**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.

- Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month.
- 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.

## Topic and Speaker Ideas for 2015 Meetings

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.

Help keep meetings interesting. A good speaker on a fresh topic makes a meeting come alive. Please send any ideas for topics and recommendations for speakers to [hcmg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com).

## 2015 Master Gardener Classes

Hendricks County's Master Gardener Classes have usually started in January of each year. However, this year we are without an ANR Educator until Jon Cain's replacement is appointed. The ANR Educator is responsible for conducting the classes.

We will post further information about the schedule for classes [here](#) and on the website as it becomes available.

## 2015 Membership Dues

HCMG will begin collecting 2015 membership dues on January 1, 2015. Dues for individuals are \$15 and couples are \$25. Pay at the meeting or mail a check to HCMG, P.O. Box 7, Danville, IN 46122-0007

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

## 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 [hcmg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com). You will be contacted early in 2015 to arrange the date and time, and get the information out to the membership.

## Contribute to the Newsletter

Chairing a committee? Know about an interesting event? Have some timely garden advice? Giving a presentation somewhere? Need volunteers for a project?

Keep your fellow members informed. Contact Ed Freeman to get your info into the newsletter or on the website

**Gardening for All Ages is on April 25 this year.** This is a big event, so there are numerous opportunities for volunteering. Check the sign up sheets at the meeting, find your niche, and join this year's crew. Maybe you can give a presentation to visitors—



Or there are lots of jobs to be done at the show. Setup, cleanup, greet visitors—



Or answer garden questions



Or help in the Children's booth—



Or work in the seed and tree booths.

## 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
- October 10, 2015 - Adventures in Gardening • HC Fairgrounds

### **Statewide Events**

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

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>

## Volunteer & Educational Opportunities

### **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 or email [hcmg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com) 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 email [hcmg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com) or 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.



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