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## President's Message

Greetings Hendricks County Master Gardeners & Interns,

Another great month in the garden. And we have a 20 year Hendricks County Master Gardener - Colletta Kosiba! Congratulations, Colletta, you certainly have had an impact on HCMG and we were happy to celebrate your achievement at our September meeting.

At the meeting, Sue Arnold, Marion County Master Gardener, gave us a great presentation and a view of White River Gardens' four seasons of herbs. Sometimes we may forget herbs, too, can play a role in the winter garden.

AIG was another grand event for our organization. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with it. Thank you to all our Master Gardeners who donated the great items for our successful Silent Auction/Scholarship fund raiser. And to all who bid.

Bob Iames will present "Our Garden in Winter" at the October MG Meeting. I was fortunate to attend a Bob Iames presentation at Hosta College earlier this year. Think you will learn a lot from him, perhaps by helping us look at those January-March gardens from another view.

So thinking of the four seasons of gardening, as you put your gardens in order this fall, please save flowers, leaves, pods, etc. to decorate the MG tree at the Fairgrounds/Convention Center. Once again we have been asked to decorate the tree with dried "things". There are many "things" to add to the tree - right now I can think of pinecones, grasses, dogwood bursts, zinnias hydrangea, cockscomb, money plant - on and on. If you would like to participate in decorating the tree on Tuesday, November 24, please contact me.

Also at the October MG Meeting will be election of 2016 HCMG Officers. Bruce Crum has circulated the slate of officers:

President	Becky Troutman
Vice-President	Vicki Coleman
Secretary	Jan Myers
Treasurer	Karen Smith
Communications Director	Ed Freeman

\* If you are interested in any position, please contact Nancy Barnett, Bruce Crum or Dale Olson. Nominations may also be made from the floor for all officer positions.

Our December 8th Christmas Party will be held at the Fairgrounds. This year the committee is taking a difference approach - providing us time to socialize before our dinner. Tentative plans -

Social Hour -	6:00-7:00 pm	- Hall A	- Beer and wine donated
Dinner	7:00 pm	- Hall B	
Awards	8:00 pm	- Hall B	(turn in those hours)

more to come...

"Grow Interns - Grow Master Gardeners"

- Rosie Lenihan

## Member Meetings & Information

### Meetings

**Date:** October 20, 2015

**Social Time:** 6:30 p.m. **Presentation:** 7:00 p.m.

**Business Meeting:** 8:00 p.m.

The presentation precedes the business meeting to accommodate the speaker's travel time home. Election of next year's officers is at this business meeting. The presentation will be "The Garden in Winter" by Bob Iames. Bob lives in Englewood, Ohio with his wife Karen. He works at the 173 acre Lange Estate in Ludlow Falls, Ohio as a groundskeeper.

He describes himself as a plantaholic. In his garden are 300+ varieties of day lilies, 450+ varieties of Hosta, and over 300 dwarf, rare and unusual conifers, his favorite, plus much more.

He is a member of The American Conifer Society, Miami Valley Hosta Society, Miami Valley Rose Society and Ohio Valley North American Rock Garden Society.

The Miami Valley Hosta Society is the host of Hosta College, an annual event in Piqua, Ohio. A few of our members have attended, and last year Rosie and Barb enjoyed a class given by Bob and another instructor on Winter Interest in the Garden.

Bob is also the host of "Bob's Garden Fair", an annual event held in September. For this event, Bob opens his fabulous gardens to the public and has several vendors of unusual plants and garden items.

**Date:** November 17, 2015

**Social Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Business Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.

November will be a regular meeting (not an auction). Angie Tilton will do the presentation. Come and hear your ANR educator.

**Date:** December 8, 2015

**Awards Night and Christmas Dinner:** 6:00 p.m. social hour, 7:00 p.m. dinner. At the fairgrounds. Reservations required.

### 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 [on the website](#).

### Meeting Minutes

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

## 2016 Master Gardener Classes

Hendricks County's Master Gardener Classes will begin on January 7th next year (2016). Requirements to be a MG include:

- Attend MG training program classes, which will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday evenings, with the final class planned for April 7th.
- Achieve rank of Intern by completing the training classes and passing the exam
- Complete 35 hours of volunteer service within 2 years of attending the training class
- To maintain active status as a MG, complete 12 volunteer hours and 6 education hours per year.

The cost for class materials is \$120. Registration is now available. For complete information and registration materials go to the Hendricks County Extension website page at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Hendricks/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=12475>.

Direct questions to Angie Tilton at 317-745-9260 or email [tilton@purdue.edu](mailto:tilton@purdue.edu).

## Master Gardener Extra

Theresa Byington will present information on using social media on October 15 at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The session will be open to all Hendricks County MG's. It will be especially useful to potential organization leaders and committee chairpersons.

## Volunteer and Educational Opportunities

### Volunteer Opportunities

- 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.

## 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

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## From Our ANR

### Master Gardener Hours Deadline—October 30.

Please submit your Master Gardener Hours by October 30th so we can include them in recognitions at the December awards night.

### New Purdue Policy – YOUR ACTION REQUIRED

Our final friendly reminder that in order to be in compliance with Purdue's new MG Policy and to **REMAIN A HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER** please do these 2 important things ASAP. The deadline was September 1. If you missed this deadline, **please take action NOW!**

Have your photo ID checked in person at the Purdue Extension -Hendricks County office anytime Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm. **This must be done in person. Please do NOT mail a copy of your driver's license.** If you are having difficulty getting to the office during business hours, please let us know. We will work with you as best as we can to ensure we can check your ID in person.

Complete and sign a Purdue MG Volunteer Application and Agreement form to Angie Tilton. Forms are available on the MG website. You can scan and email completed forms to [tilton@purdue.edu](mailto:tilton@purdue.edu) or snail mail them to Purdue Extension- Hendricks County office at PO BOX 7, Danville IN 46122

Thank you to all those who have already submitted their forms and had their IDs checked.

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Tilton at 317-745-9260 or [tilton@purdue.edu](mailto:tilton@purdue.edu)

### Upcoming Events of Interest:

**June 16 – 18, 2016:** Master Gardener State Conference at the Four Points by Sheraton, West Lafayette. For more information: <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/mg/2016StateConf.html>

## Adventures in Gardening Update

October 3, 2015

It was a great seminar!



**Our Speakers (left to right) Dan McCord, Elizabeth Garver, Frederick Rice, and Broch Martindale.**



**At the Container Workshop**



**Judy won the bidding for the bench**

See many more pictures on Facebook.



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