

# HENDRICKS GARDENER

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## President's Message

It is hard to believe that 2018 is almost over, and it's that time of year when we reflect on the past year and give thanks for our blessings. I feel so proud and blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, hard working group of people as you, and most of all, I am blessed to call you friends. I want to shout a heartfelt thanks to all of you for all your contributions in 2018. The office of President always has its trials, but thanks to you it has been a labor of love and I feel worthwhile.

2018 was a great year for the Hendricks County Master Gardeners. We hosted a wonderful Gardening for All Ages, we hosted a fantastic State Conference, we made significant progress on our Demonstration Garden, and that is just name a few of our accomplishments. And we did all this without the support of an ANR/MG Coordinator, which just goes to show the strength of our organization. A few of you have felt the later part of the year was a little slow without Adventures In Gardening, I too felt like something was missing. But some of us did need a well-deserved break after the marathon spring, and fear not, AIG will be back in 2019.

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## Growing and Caring for Orchids



At our November 20 meeting, Dick Wells, owner of Hilltop Orchids near Cloverdale, Indiana, gave us some basics for success with these exotic plants.

### Dates to Remember:

December 11, 2018 - 6:30

HCMG Winter Dinner and Awards

January 15, 2019 - 6:30 social, 7:00

Regular monthly meeting

April 12, 2019 - Set up for Gardening for All Ages

April 13, 2019 - 9:00 to 4:00

Gardening for All Ages

May 21, 2019 - HCMG Plant Auction and Sale

September 27, 2019 - Set up for Adventures in Gardening

September 28, 2019 - Adventures in Gardening

December 10, 2019 - HCMG Winter Dinner and Awards

### **(President's message continued)**

I want to take this opportunity to issue a warm welcome to our new ANR/MG Coordinator, Mr. Jeff Pell who started on November 12<sup>th</sup>. I am confident that Jeff will be great in this position. I am looking forward to working with Jeff, both to assist him in his new position any way we can, and for his support in moving our organization moving forward. If you haven't, please find an opportunity to meet and welcome Jeff.

And lastly, even though the year is not quite over, a BIG THANK YOU to our outgoing Board Members, Ed Freeman and Ron Stoner, and to our intern VP, Bruce Crum. We greatly appreciate your service to HCMG. And a welcome to our new Board Members for 2019, Theresa Mathieson, Joyce Karns and Veronica Mount (and of course to our continuing Board member, Terri Tramm).

On behalf of HCMG, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone December 11<sup>th</sup> at our Winter Dinner & Awards, and next year on January 15<sup>th</sup> for our first general meeting.

Steve Pearl, President

## Meet Jeff Pell...

Jeff Pell has recently joined the Extension staff as the Ag and Natural Resources and Community Development Educator in Hendricks County. He has served in an Extension Educator capacity for the past 17 years working with youth and adults in 4-H and Agriculture. His experience has provided so many opportunities professionally and has given him the opportunity to work with some amazing people in his tenure.

He grew up on a dairy farm in Clay County and was involved in 4-H and FFA which created his passion for agriculture. Prior to joining Extension in 2002, he received a B.S. degree in 1996 in Animal Sciences from Purdue University and an M.S. degree in Agriculture from Murray State University in 2001. Before pursuing a Master's Degree, he worked in the Animal Health and Lab Diagnostic area.

He is looking forward to this opportunity and new role in Extension and is really excited about all the great things and projects the Hendricks County Master Gardeners are working on for 2019. He also hopes to work with many of you as you develop and complete your volunteer hours as Master Gardeners. Your role as Master Gardeners is a valuable asset to many individuals in the county and is very much appreciated. Outside of Extension he enjoys exploring the outdoors, watching Purdue sports and spending time with his family.



Thanks to the Master Gardener elves for bringing Christmas décor to the Conference Center! The tree was decorated with natural materials from MG yards and gardens.

### **Master Gardeners Speaker Bureau**

A speaker's bureau has been established to serve our community.

We receive requests for a programs for local civic groups.

As a Volunteer

-You would do a program 30-40 minutes.....

-Only on the topic you wish to speak on

--Does not have to be a PowerPoint program

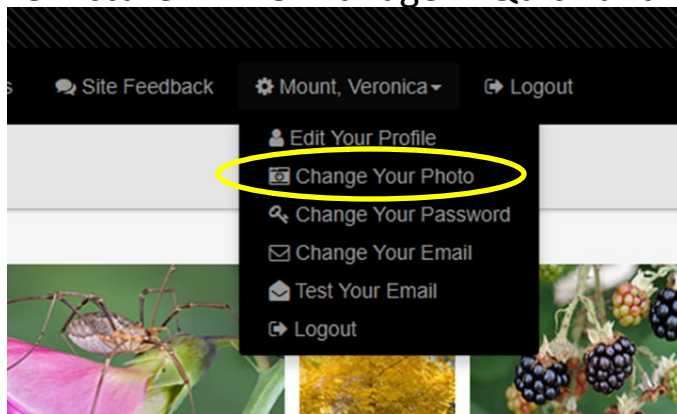
--Chairman willing to assist on creation and share materials

--Plus advise, help or listen to a practice session

Colletta Kosiba Chairman call at 317-852-5973

## Profile Picture in MG Manager - Quick and Easy

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1. Log into the MG Manager Home Page  
<https://www.purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/>
2. Click on your name to see a drop-down list of actions you can perform.
3. Click “Add Your Photo” or “Change Your Photo”
4. Read the notes about adding a photo file. Then click “Choose File”

### IMPORTANT NOTES

4.

- Your photo file must end with an extension of .jpg. (*Be aware that simply renaming a file that is not actually a JPEG file will not work*)
- Provided your photo does not exceed the limitations noted below, the server will automatically resize your photo for use on the web site (500 px wide).
- Your photo must not exceed the following specs:
  - 3000 pixels wide
  - 4Mb file size
  - 72 dpi to minimize file size and download time

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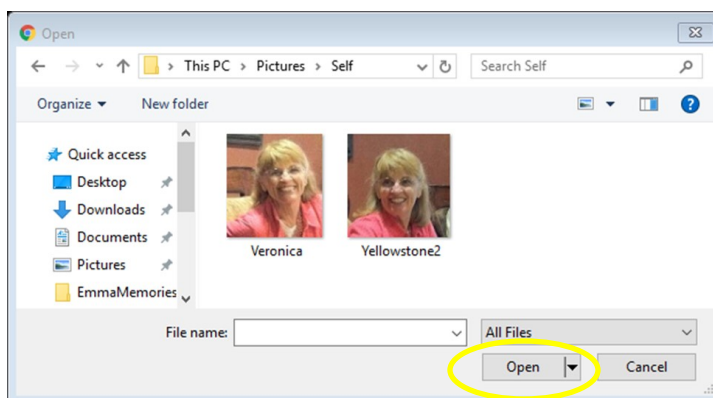
5. A window will open to allow you access to all the files on your computer. Navigate to the folder where your photo is stored.

6. Click on your photo to select it.

7. At the bottom of the window, click “Open”

8. You will be looking at the Important Notes screen again. In the “Select Photo” field you should see the name of your photo file. To complete the task, click “Upload”

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