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President's Message



Summer – It's here. Has everyone been doing a rain dance? It's definitely been dry so far. July is going to be a busy month for us. The County Fair is the week of July 16th. A big THANK YOU to everyone who signed up to volunteer. The week after the fair is our picnic at Tree Frog Gardens in Danville. See details in the article. A special meeting will be held at the picnic before we eat. The board will be asking members for approval to increase the budget for the website development. The meeting will be brief and will only involve discussion and vote on the budget amendment.

Tammey sent an email on June 21st about volunteer opportunities for the State Fair Greenhouse Garden. Sign-up for this is done through the Sign-Up Genius link in the email not the MG calendar. There will also be volunteer opportunities for the Master Gardener Booth at the State Fair. Information will be sent out once we receive it. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and spending time in their gardens. I look forward to seeing everyone at the fair and picnic.

Hendricks County Fair Update

ADVENTURE AWAITS at the 2023 Hendricks County 4 H Fair, July 16 - 22. If you were not able to volunteer, think about attending as there are fun things to see and do for everyone!



Tickets will be e-mailed 2 or 3 days before the fair begins from Home Town Tickets. If you have not received your ticket prior to your day to volunteer, please check your spam, then contact Tammey Gillespie. Parking is available in the grass lot at the far North Gate. There may be some spaces in the lot by the Expo Hall.

The booth will be located in the Expo Hall. Last year was very cold inside and very hot outside so come prepared. Feel free to bring water bottles and snacks. There will not be a place to secure valuables. You will have time to go get food or walk around during your shift. Please check in with Dennis Nelson, first shift and Vicki Coleman, second shift to see where you are needed.

The kids' area will have crafts and games. We will be handing out string bags and bracelets donated by the fair. The MG area will have a kids' game. We will answer gardening questions and provide info on the next class. The demo garden volunteers will greet people, walk around and answer questions about the garden. If it is extremely hot, volunteers can switch in and out of the demo garden. There will be a sign-in sheet at the booth for volunteers. We will be keeping a count of the visitors for the booth and the demo garden.

An email will be sent out regarding the time for setting up and filling bags. Also, if you volunteered to bring in plants, the time will be included. If you have any questions, please send me an email. HAVE FUN, ENJOY, EAT LOTS.
Vicki Coleman, Fair Chair



Happy 4th of July!



Annual Summer Picnic

Our always delicious and fun summer picnic is on July 25 at John Chapin's Tree Frog Gardens; 3160 S. 125 W. Danville, IN 46122.



Parking will be on the road. We suggest that people carpool; meet at fairgrounds or at Sharon Miller's as she lives near John. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring fold up chairs and a side dish to share – last name;
A – M: salads & sides
N – Z: desserts

You will enjoy seeing John's beautiful gardens and he will have plants for sale. He can accept Venmo but prefers cash or check. If you have any questions regarding the picnic, please contact, Karen Smith and Kathleen Kindred, Picnic Coordinators

Adventures in Gardening

Our annual Adventures in Gardening (AIG) seminar is Sat. Oct. 7 at the Hendricks Fairgrounds Conference Center. The theme this year is "Whoo's in Your Garden." Stay tuned for the presenter and topic line up. Registration will begin 8/1 through 9/19 on our website. Please note: no late registrations will be accepted. Cost is \$35 which includes continental breakfast, lunch & snacks. Registration and payment (check or charge) must be received by 9/19.



AIG has a silent auction. Please consider donating items such as themed baskets, autumn and holiday decor, new or very gently used garden related items, gift cards,

artwork etc. We are dedicating the auction to Nancy Rice, who did a phenomenal job coordinating the auction last year, despite significant health challenges.



AIG Has New Logo!

Did you see that AIG now has a logo? We are so excited to have one after all of these years. Our thanks to multi-talented Becky Troutman for designing the perfect logo!



GFAA 2024

Mark your calendars now for our 37th Annual GFAA on April 27, 2024! After setting records for attendance and income this year, the committee will begin planning activities this fall. Leadership of the Children's Activities and Gardener's Closet will be changing. We so appreciate the years, dedication, and contributions of Kerry Cates and Becky Troutman.

Thanks again to all of the Master Gardeners who helped make GFAA 2023 such a success and a special thanks to our committee members who helped plan and put together the event.
Kim and Steve Somermeyer
2024 GFAA Cochairs

Teresa Byington Wins Award of Excellence at National Rose Convention



Congratulations to Teresa Byington, who recently received an award at the American Rose Society's National Convention in Louisiana. Her certificate states that Petite Peach (BYIbloomthymeme) was awarded the Award of

Excellence from AOE testing in the no-spray category. To read more about her exciting accomplishment with this beautiful rose, click or copy this link:



<https://thegardendiary.com/2023/05/12/bloom-thyme-friday-and-the-award-goes-to/>
See Teresa's article on Roses on page 4.



MG Eloisa Garza also attended the convention and was there to celebrate with Teresa and enjoy roses!

Drip Irrigation Presentation

John Dottenwhy, the "water guy" provided a demonstration on drip irrigation in the Demo Garden. He showed the various parts/supplies needed, discussed watering options & timers, contrasted buried vs. on top of the soil lines, shared where he orders supplies, & answered many questions. The drip system in our welcome & raised bed gardens in recent



years has eliminated MGs carting jugs of water. Our thanks to John for his informative & helpful presentation!



Demonstration Garden



The demo garden has a theme this year; "whimsical" as we are entered in an All American Selections

contest. The MGs who adopted the raised beds have added a lot of creative and whimsical décor, in addition to vegetables and flowers. Becky Troutman hosted a



whimsical craft day at her home to add décor to the entrance garden area.



A group of MGs planted some perennials,

funded by the HC Fairgrounds, in planters with brightly colored arrows. The planters will be placed around the grounds directing fairgoers towards the demo garden. The plants will be cared for by the MGs, who will plant them in beds this fall. Thanks to Dennis Nelson for making the arrows; Kathy Abel, Barb Pantos and Martha Rardin for obtaining the plants. Kudos to other MGs including interns for helping to plant and maintain them. Being a master gardener is such fun!



Paint & Plant at Avon Park

MGs Carol Gillaspy & Karen Smith provided a fun flower pot painting & planting class through the Avon Parks Department. The poor air quality likely affected the attendance, but those who came had a great time painting & chatting. Thanks Carol & Karen!



Upcoming Events:

July 6 4:00 – 7:00 Terra Flora Garden Tour
July 8 9:00 – 2:00 8047 Goat Hollow Rd.
Martinsville, IN

July 13 – 15 Tree Frog Gardens Summer
Plant Sale 10:00 – 4:00

July 25th, Summer Picnic at Tree Frog
Gardens

August 6 Avon Gardens “Art in the Gardens
Festival” 12:00 – 8:00 Free admission

2023 Calendar

- July 16 – 22 Hendricks County Fair
- July 25th, Summer Picnic at Tree Frog Gardens
- September 19th, General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- September 28th, Tour of Beasley Orchard \$12/person (sign up in August)
- October 6th, AIG Set Up; North/South Halls
- October 7th, AIG; North/South Halls
- October 17th, General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- November 21st, General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- December 12th, 2023, Winter Awards

ROSES FOR YOUR GARDEN By Teresa Byington

As you may know I grow a lot of roses in my large cottage style garden! Roses ranging from the oldest historical 'Old Garden Roses' to new shrub roses that have not yet been released! Many of my roses are blooming machines that I think would work well in any garden, especially in the Midwest! So, let's talk about some of my favorites...

MOTHER OF PEARL

If you follow me on Instagram, you know I have been obsessively posting pictures. This peachy/pink grandiflora is a power bloomer from late spring to fall. She holds on to her clusters of blooms for a very long time! She is a black spot resistant rose requiring very little care.



MUSIC BOX



This lovely rose is from the Easy Elegance Collection. This collection was bred to be very easy care and disease resistant. Music Box has medium sized Hybrid Tea shaped buds and blooms that start out yellow and move to pink edges then finish as an open bloom that is dusty rose. She has a nice fragrance.

SAVANNAH

A very fragrant Hybrid Tea but don't worry when I say Hybrid Tea - she is one of the most disease resistant roses in my garden. She can take the heat and humidity. She is stunning and a profuse bloomer. When she is in bloom, she will stop you in your tracks!



PLUM PERFECT



This rose is new to me, but it is all that my friends have told me it would be. The color of this gorgeous bloom catches your eye and the closer you get the better it is. These beauties are born in sprays and have a nice fragrance.

REMINISCENT PINK

A brand new release from Proven Winners, but with classic old world charm. I had the privilege of growing this rose as a test rose before the release and she has totally exceeded my expectations. She is fragrant, very disease resistant, and heat tolerant.



EASY ON THE EYES



A gorgeous open bloom that the pollinators love with an outstanding fragrance that we all love! This rose has season long, start to finish loveliness. And the colors on these blooms - WOW!

QUIETNESS

A gorgeous shrub rose with Hybrid Tea like blooms. This shell pink color is just yummy! I have several of these roses and have had them for at least 7 years and it is a very easy care and just beautiful. She works so well in arrangements too.



PETITE PEACH



Petite Peach is my new rose. This beauty came to me as a sport on the Petite Pink - another favorite rose four years ago. Last month Petite Peach

was awarded the American Rose Society's 2024 Award of Excellence in the no spray division. This tells us the rose has been trialed all over the country for 2 years and has emerged the winner! Yes, it is a winter hardy shrub with excellent disease resistant and she blooms all summer long! It is for sale at High Country Roses.



WHERE TO FIND?

Of course, always check your local nurseries but if you can't find them, there are some excellent online sources that I use every year.

Heirloom Roses
(<https://heirloomroses.com>)
I highly recommend the roses from Heirloom. They are committed to doing the research to ensure the health of the rose.
<https://rosechat.podbean.com>

High Country Roses
(<https://www.highcountryroses.com>)

I hope you found a rose (or two) on this list that you just can't live without -- it will make us kindred spirits, as I have that problem all the time. If you want to know more about my garden adventures, follow my blog at THEGARDENDIARY.com. If you have additional questions, email me at TeresaByington@gmail.com.