

HENDRICKS GARDENER

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PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

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President's Message



What – 2023 is over? Can I just say last year flew by! As I reflect on 2023, it was a very good year for us. GFAA had record attendance; AIG knocked it out of the park with a great line-up of speakers and a very successful silent auction; the plant sale was amazing; our demonstration gardens received Honorable Mention from All-American Selections; and we ended the year with a very nice winter dinner. THANK YOU for everything you do to make this organization successful.

I would like to welcome our two new board members – Barb Pantos, Vice President and Martha Rardin, Treasurer. They have both been working hard learning their new roles. I am very excited to have them join the board. A BIG Thank You to our outgoing board members – Teri Mitchum and Andria Grady. We appreciate your dedication!

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and had time to relax and enjoy the beauty of the season. The next meeting is January 16th. I will not be at the January meeting. Florida sunshine is calling my name!
Debbie

Annual Winter Awards Dinner Highlights

Our annual Winter Dinner & Awards Night on December 12th was definitely enjoyed by all who attended! The beautifully decorated tree, wintery themed lighted table decorations, gorgeous 4-H poinsettias (given away in a drawing) all created a festive atmosphere. Our caring MGs donated diapers for the Hendricks County Department of Children's Services emergency care program.

Social hour included appetizers provided by Hendricks Regional Health, and wine/soft drinks donated by our MGs. Our talented bartenders, Terry Meingasner and Rhonda Orem, served drinks with a smile! The "MG Belles," were back and performed to Burl Ives' "Holly Jolly Christmas."

The delicious meal, catered by "What's Cooking," was selected by a survey at a recent MG meeting. The dinner entertainment was by the Danville HS Show Choir, under the direction of Lorie Dilanchian. The program was "Ancient Nostalgic Hit Songs from Early Rock-n-Roll." Many of us could remember the tunes from back in the day!

We celebrated MGs who achieved new award levels and received certificates and badges from Jeff Pell. Congratulations to all for their dedication, volunteer hours and continuing education to support our mission and programs. Thanks to Winter Dinner co-chairs, Suzy Freeman and Kathleen Kindred for planning this annual festive and fun event! Kudos to everyone else who helped make it happen for all to enjoy.

Be sure to check out all of the photos displayed below!



Happy New Year! 2024

Congratulations Master Gardeners Who Achieved New Award Levels!



MASTER GARDENERS: Front row; Ann Wynn, Katelyn Rush, Terri Rosner, Cindy Pierson, Robin McNabb, Pam Hoffman, Cheryl Clarkson, Annette Brown, Marli Mondry, Back row; Debra Pease, Amanda Lucas, Joseph Knueven, Mark McNabb, Tony Corrice, Nancy Callhan, Nicole Manley Not pictured: Rhonda Orem, Susan Alexander, Sue Carey, Jeff Cunningham, Bruce English, Lorrie Freeman, Ted Freeman, Jennifer Scheib, Biljana Tygert, Charles Zauss



ADVANCED MASTER GARDENERS: Front Row; Ann Wynn, Cindy Pierson, Robin McNabb, Marian Knueven, Pam Hoffman Back Row; Tracy VanTryon, Valerie LeGacy, Debra Pease, Mark McNabb, Joseph Knueven, Kathy Abel, Patricia Forner Not pictured: Linda Kanouse, Jennifer Scheib, Biljana Tygart, Rhonda Orem



BRONZE MASTER GARDENERS: Jo Vickery, Cindy Pierson, Dee Dee Moore, Annella Abel, Carrie Little, Barb Pantos, Debra Pease. Not pictured: Debbie Baker, Dennis Nelson, Suzanne Roehling



SILVER MASTER GARDENERS: Bruce Crum, Sara Fenton Not pictured: Andria Grady



GOLD MASTER GARDENERS: Kathleen Hutton Kindred, Steve Somermeyer, Kim Somermeyer

January Meeting

Our next meeting is 1/16;
6:30 Social Time & refreshments
7:00 Business meeting
Program: "A Winter Sowing Workshop".
Our own Steve Pearl will be presenting winter seed sowing methods and tools for success. We will also involve members in a workshop in which they can complete a winter sowing project. Anyone interested is asked to bring a clean, clear, plastic 1 gallon milk jug, and a packet of perennial seeds of their choosing. All other materials will be provided. It may be winter, but that does not stop us from gardening!

2024 Membership Dues

From Bruce Crum:
This is a reminder if you want to appear in the 2024 HCMG Directory, Membership Dues for 2024 are due by January 31st. Please remember that to be an HCMG member, you must sign the Annual Purdue Volunteer Agreement on the MG Manager website. If payment of dues creates a hardship for anyone, please contact Membership Chair, Bruce Crum or President, Debbie Off and we will work something out.

Dues are the same as 2023: \$15 per individual or \$25 per couple. There are three options to pay:
1. Mail a check to the Extension Office, Attn: Hendricks County Master Gardeners, PO Box 7, Danville, IN 46122-0007.
2. Pay by cash, check, or credit card at the January 16th business meeting
3. Use Paypal or credit card through the HCMG website in the Members section - <https://www.hendricksgardeners.com/members.html>

Thank you to those who have already paid. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either me at joandbrucecrum@aol.com or Debbie Off at offmycase2003@yahoo.com

GFAA Update

From Kim & Steve Somermeyer:
Our 37th Annual Gardening for All Ages event will occur on April 27, 2024.

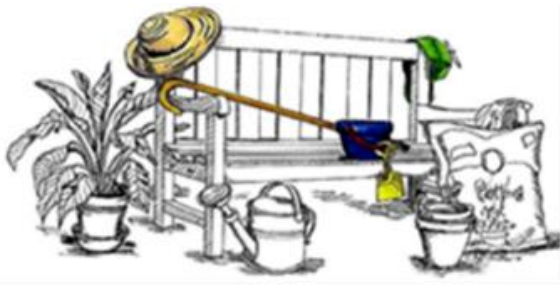
SHOUTOUT for HCMG speakers! Looking for three more volunteers to present on gardening related educational topics. We have so much gardening skills to share. Potential topics include, basic vegetable gardening tips, succulents, growing flowers for cutting/arranging; however, we are open to your ideas! Thanks to Deb Pease who has volunteered to provide education on self-contained watering, as was highlighted in our demo garden last summer. If you are possibly interested in presenting, please contact Carol Gillaspy, gillaspy.carol@yahoo.com or Kathe Rae, krrae@comcast.net

The committee continues preparations, which began in the fall. Here are a few key highlights:

- Chuck and Pat Dallas have secured vendors for 73% of our available booth space! Only 17 booths remain. Teri Mitchum is providing support and learning their outstanding vendor recruitment processes. Steve Pearl continues his magic in the Sudoku game of planning the layout!
- DeeDee Moore obtained more bulbs and a commitment for a soil contribution from Lowes in Avon. The bulbs are being stored in a large cooler at the Fairgrounds, which is completely full!
- Two workshops have been secured; Sarah Wolf – tree planting, and Tom Setser – trapping critters. We hope to secure a third workshop. Please send suggestions to Carol Gillaspy or Kathe Rae.
- Be on the lookout for an e-mail regarding ordering a GFAA logo t-shirt in springy colors. Prices will be included in the e-mail. We need a minimum order of 24 t-shirts to place the order. Pam

Hoffman and Cheryl Clarkson are organizing.

- Postcard ordering underway, coordinated by Ann Wynn.
- **Supplies needed; if you have any of the following, please bring to monthly meetings;**
 - 4" – 5" pots for use with the spring bulb project
 - Plastic newspaper sleeves or clean grocery veggie bags for the tree giveaway
 - Shredded paper and/or paper free of staples, which can be shredded for the trees



- ❖ January 16th – General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- ❖ February 20th – General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- ❖ March 19th - General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- ❖ April 16th - General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- ❖ April 26th – GFAA Set-Up; Hendricks Power Expo
- ❖ April 27th – 2024 GFAA; Hendricks Power Expo
- ❖ May 21st – Plant Sale and Auction – Cartilage Barn
- ❖ July 23rd – MG Picnic (location TBD)
- ❖ September 17th – General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- ❖ October 5th – AIG; South Hall
- ❖ October 15th - General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- ❖ November 19th - General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- ❖ December 10th – Winter Dinner and Awards, North and South Halls

Winter Awards Dinner!





