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Discovering the Benefits of Beekeeping

February 19th

Eloisa Garza presents the rewards
of beekeeping which extend
beyond honey and pollination.

Learn how to Start Your
First Bee Hive.

JOIN US AT 6:30 TO MINGLE AND
MUNCH! MEETING BEGINS AT 7 PM AT
THE HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



FOR TO THE BEE
THE FLOWER IS A
FOUNTAIN OF LIFE
AND TO THE FLOW-
ER
A BEE IS A
MESSENGER OF
LOVE
AND TO BOTH,
BEE AND FLOWER,
THE GIVING AND
THE RECEIVING
IS A NEED AND
AN ECSTASY

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Mission statement:

The mission of the Master Gardener Program is to provide current, research-based, home horticulture information and education to the citizens of Indiana through Purdue University Extension programs and projects.



Becky Troutman



JIM TROCHA
President;
Hendricks County
Master Gardeners
Association

A Letter From Our President...

I would like to Welcome the Intern Class of 2013 to the Hendricks County Master Gardeners. We're glad you made the commitment to take the class, you'll be glad you did. Thanks to Pat Harmon for her help with managing and greeting the intern class with a friendly face every week.

We had a great meeting in January with a large turnout. Special thanks to Colletta Kosiba for her presentation of 2012: The year in review. It was also great to see how freely this group of volunteers give of their time and effort, as they signed up for the many different 2013 projects.

A special thanks again to Jill Clouser, our 2012 Intern of the year, and Beverly Russell, our 2012 Master Gardener of the Year. Thanks for all you have done to make 2012 so successful.

I would like to thank all of you, for all you do to make the Hendricks County Master Gardeners such a great organization to be associated with. It's great to be working with so many people of like minds, willing to share their gifts.

We are off and running into 2013, as plans are being made for our many projects. Our spring show "Gardening for All Ages" is set for April 20th of this year. If any of you know of quality garden oriented, vendors that would be a nice addition to our show, let me know. I'll contact them to see if there is interest.

A special thanks to Suzy Freeman, who is kind enough to be organizing our scholarship committee, more about this at our February meeting.

A number of our members made the trip to Valparaiso Saturday, Jan. 19th for the Porter County Master Gardeners show. If you ever get the opportunity to attend this show, do it. The speakers, vendors and Master Gardeners make this show well worth the time.

Don't forget to think about a few family recipes that will go down in literary history when added to our future cook book. More on this later.

I would like to thank all of you for the chance you've given me in leading this organization for the second year. I truly enjoy all the energy we have as a group and the friendship and fellowship that goes with being a Master Gardener.

Have a great February.....remember Groundhog Day the 2nd, and Valentines day the 14th.

Jim



**Please contact the president at least 5 days prior to the meetings about business or committee reports so that information can be put on the agenda for the meeting
Thank You**

To all MG Members and Interns: As an organization, we would like to have lots of photos to document our projects and activities! If you have a camera and would like to participate, please bring your cameras along to MG events to record the things we do. We would like to have several *dedicated* photographers at our events. **Jackie Rosales** will post a sign-up sheet for those interested, at our meeting in February. Getting into the habit of bringing a camera along and capturing the moment, will also get you in practice for our **Annual Photo Contest in September!**



Oh the many things we do....

Behind the scenes, as some of you may know, the Master Gardener Association Board members work diligently to provide a year full of timely and interesting programs, to meet the needs of the organization and benefit the community. Ideas are brought up and discussed and a great year has been planned for 2013.



What is a meeting without great things to eat?

President, Jim Trocha, Secretary, Cathy Dunn, Treasurer, Linda Rogers, Co-Secretary, Dan Dunn, Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ashby and Vice-President, Jackie Rosales, planning the 2013 programs



Our last meeting, January 15th, the evening began with a wonderful slide presentation given by **Colletta Kosiba**, which highlighted our Master Gardener members participating in the many different activities and programs that we were a part of in 2012. It brought back some really good memories and some serious laughter. We always have a GREAT time participating in all that we do. Following the presentation, **Steve Pearl**, who applied for a grant from **Duke Energy** for the Master Gardeners Association, presented a check to **Carol Ford** to be used for the Outdoor Learning Center, which is an extraordinary learning center for the young people of our community. Awards were given to **Beverly Russell** as **Master Gardener of the Year**. Beverly has been a Master Gardener since 1997 and has been active in many different programs in the Association. In particular, she has organized the entire Fall Seminar, **Adventures In Gardening**, with great success. Thank you Beverly for all that you do! **Jill Clouser** was awarded **Intern of the Year**. Personally, I don't recall an event that Jill wasn't a part of. Jill's seemingly tireless efforts earned her a total of 60 hours of volunteer time in 2012, earning her Advanced Certification in less than a year. Congratulations to both of you!



Carol Ford and Steve Pearl



Beverly Russell
Master Gardener
of the Year



Jill Clouser
Intern of the Year



Thank you all for attending the January meeting



Eloisa Garza introduced Intern, **Bob Paige**, on staff and a part of the Master Gardener project at the Correctional Facility Vegetable Garden in Plainfield . With guidance from the Master Gardeners and the dedication of the administration and staff, The program at the facility produced 2,300 lbs. of produce that were given to local food pantries. The purpose of this project is designed to provide the skills and education necessary to aid in the life and the future of offenders when they are released and rejoin society. While some may

not want to participate in this program, creating presentations or the development of lessons plans, are encouraged, as these can be delivered by others who wish to participate. The facility looks forward to the delivery of a greenhouse in February which will facilitate the seed starting process on location. If you have extra seeds to donate, they would appreciate the donation.



Debbie Shepherd

Members are encouraged to share their gardening adventures throughout the year and at this meeting, **Debbie Shepherd** shared some garden information and **Pat Geer** shared slides and information on her gardens. Whether you have a story to tell, questions to ponder, or a “Garden Show and Tell”, please participate in the monthly meetings. Also...be prepared to talk about the “**Pest of the Month**” at future meetings. Stories should be brief, but could be wildly entertaining!



Pat Geer

Before the close of the meeting, an announcement was made regarding attending garden shows in Indiana. In order to enrich our minds and advance to higher levels as Master Gardeners, members are encouraged to attend the many Garden seminars and garden shows throughout the state. Several members went to the Porter County Gardening show, Jan 19th, where we attended classes such as Organic Small Space Vegetable Gardening, Beyond Summer Annuals, Stretching Bulb Beauty through the Four Seasons, So Farmer, What’s in My Food, and The New Garden: Foliage, Color and Texture. We had Great Speakers and **there is so much to learn and remember.**



Former Member, **Marlene Mathas**, **Joe Ashby**, Former Member, **Paula White**, **Linda Rogers**, **Jim Trocha**, **Debbie Ashby**, **Cecilia Blazier**, and **Dale Olsen**. Also in attendance, **Jackie Rosales**, **Kerry Cates**, **Rhonda Legan**, and **Karen Halas**, and *maybe* more that I did not see.



Hendricks County Master Gardeners Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 15, 2013

The January meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Jim Trocha. Year 2013 dues must be received by January 31st, to be included in 2013 directory. Awards were presented **Jill Clouser** our 'Intern of the Year' for 2012, for her extensive involvement and volunteer effort in numerous MG activities; and 'Master Gardener of the Year' 2012 was awarded to **Beverly Russell** for her volunteer efforts and the excellent planning for the **Adventures in Gardening Seminar**.

Colletta Kosiba, gave a power point photo review of 2012. The presentation reaffirmed in photos, that in event after event, membership involvement, generosity, and team work are what made 2012 so successful. **Steve Pearl**, retired from Duke Energy requested a grant for the HCMGA and presented it to **Carol Ford** for the **Outdoor Learning Center**.

New Business:

Linda Rogers said tee shirts for GFAA would cost \$15. Payment is due at the time of delivery.

Jon Cain announced that the Indiana Flower and Patio show will have AM time slots for 3-4 people per slot to volunteer for the Master Gardener Q&A booth. A request for PM hours was made for those who work.

New programs to be considered for volunteer hours must be approved by committee before volunteer hours can be counted.

Gardening for ALL Ages: Last year HCMG welcomed more than 1,600 guests. Business cards are available to assist in spreading the word about the show. Setup is April 19th and the show is Saturday, April 20th. We need good, clean used gardening items or new items donated for the Gardeners Closet.

Jim Trocha stated that two of our goals are to encourage and provide guidance in developing community gardens in Hendricks County and to get children into gardening, and appreciate where food comes from and how it is grown. Opportunities to provide guidance for these initiatives are welcome for consideration.

Carol Ford spoke about the Avon Learning Center, and her concern about Ash trees still standing and their ongoing removal and replanting of disease resistance trees. Help is always appreciated at the Center. May 17th and 18th is the date of the annual **Native Plant Sale**. Contact **Pat Harmon** if you would like to volunteer. The need for fundraisers has increased since funding has changed. Facebook users are asked to "like" the Avon Learning Center to position the center for better opportunities.

Two **\$500 Scholarships** will be given in May from the Scholarship Committee. See Suzie Freeman for criteria.

Eloisa Garza spoke of the success of the **Plainfield Correctional Facility Vegetable Garden Project**. Even with the weather challenges of 2012, with Master Gardener guidance and the dedication of the administration, staff, and offenders of the Plainfield facility were able to contribute 2,300 pounds of produce to local food pantries. Delivery of a greenhouse is scheduled for February and seed donations were requested. This new program will provide skills and education that will enhance the life and future of the offenders when they rejoin society. Volunteers for presentations, and the development of lesson plans are encouraged. Future goals are for better use of land with native plants, pollinators, with less grass mowing and erosion prevention.

Debbie Ashby suggested and was voted approved to create a M G Cookbook as a fundraiser. Submissions would be requested each month in different categories (salads, desserts, main dish, etc.) The project would take the period of a year to compile and have prepared for the GFAA show in 2014.

Following the business meeting, **Deb Shepherd** shared information about her garden and **Pat Geer** shared images and spoke about her 2012 Garden.

Judy Kenninger reported that HCMG Facebook page needs more "Likes" to get over the 30 mark for more notifications, and don't forget us on **Twitter**. Judy also said to remember they are always looking for more photos to post.

The meeting was adjourned.



To all of my fellow “Down and Dirty Partners” dedicated to this great organization of ours,

I was surprised and very humbled by the distinction of receiving the 2012 Master Gardener of the Year award and the standing ovation I received. It brought tears to my eyes.

So many of you have a passion for taking care of this great earth and helping others to do the same and you are my inspiration for doing the very best I can. Your love and support in every way for me and my great granddaughter, Ashlynn, after the sudden loss of my husband has helped us more than any of you know. Ashlynn and I try to be present in every moment and don't miss a bug, butterfly, sunrise or sunset and even the ice on the tips of the tree limbs that look like diamonds just for us!

The fall seminar is a passion of mine and I try to keep raising the bar every year and sometimes going out on a limb, and you have helped make me look good in every way with your volunteering, comments and suggestions. I owe you my very best for your great help!

Here's to another great year for all of us and I hope we will be able to use a real rain gauge this year instead of Colletta's bottle cap!

Live, think and act for today. Tomorrow may be too late. (Old Chinese Proverb from one of those important fortune cookies).
Wishing all of you the best of years in 2013.



**A Word
of
thanks...**

THE HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS COOKBOOK



The subject of creating a cookbook for a **fundraiser**, was voted on and approved at the January meeting. Our goal is to have this cookbook completed and published in time for the 2014 Gardening for ALL Ages event. I am asking for great, proven recipes of all kinds including Gluten Free. Keeping to one category of recipe at a time, my request for February-March is **Appetizers**. I am sure that **all** of you have some great recipes to share! Please be a part of this project. A form for the recipes will be created and printed out and brought to meetings throughout the year for submission.

*All gardeners learn by
trowel and error!*





EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 9th** Marion County Master Gardeners “**Spring Garden Clinic**” 9am-3pm **Cost: \$25**
Flower and Garden Photography presented by **Joe and Debbie Ashby**
 St. Luke’s Methodist Church, 100 W 86th Street in Indianapolis
- Feb 23rd** Putnam County Master Gardeners “**Beyond the Garden Gate**” seminar
 “**Great Landscape Ideas**” presented by **Colletta Kosiba**
 Other topics include Creating a Natural Habitat, Tomatoes, Organic Gardening,
 and Poison Plant Sonnets
 Putnam County fairgrounds Pre-Registration \$35 or \$60 per couple
 Cost increases after February 11th Contact Jane Jackson 765-720-5212
- Feb 28th** **Hendricks County Pollination Project** meeting is scheduled. Contact Eloisa Garza
 or cards or see their **Facebook** page under events for further information.
- Mar 2nd** “**Spring Tonic**” at Paoli, IN
 “**Best Annuals**” presented by **Colletta Kosiba** at Orange Co. Community Center
 1075 Sandy Hook Road, Paoli, IN.
- Mar 6th** “**Spring Wildflowers**” for Eagle Creek Naturalists **8:30 am at Eagle Creek Park Free**
- Mar 9th** Wabash Valley Master Gardeners “**Gardener's Gathering**”
 “**Native Plants in the Home Garden**” presentation by **Colletta Kosiba**
 On the main campus of Ivy Tech in Terre Haute (812) 877-1936
- Apr 20th** “**Gardening For ALL Ages**” Set up will be April 19th with lots to do.
 This is a great show and lots of fun to participate in! Be sure to sign up.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE GIVING A PRESENTATION, OR KNOW OF ONE THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE MASTER GARDENERS, SO THAT IT CAN BE POSTED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

Think Spring!



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