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President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners & Interns,

September is here, and —even though right now it feels like August just came late—the days are definitely getting shorter and Fall is coming. HCMG gets back to our regular routine of business meetings on the third Tuesday evening this month.

AIG is just a month away. Contact Theresa Mathieson if you still haven't volunteered and want to. Remember we are including a silent auction in AIG this year and there is no other auction in November. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used for our scholarship fund. We are asking for HCMG items--homemade/baked items, art-crafts, containers, etc. Please let Barb Zupan know what you will be donating. Registration for AIG is still open, both by mail and on-line.

The Nomination Committee for 2016 Officers (Nancy Barnett, Bruce Crum and Dale Olson) has been at work. The election will be at the October meeting this year. If you are interested in running for MG Board office/officer, please contact a Nomination Committee person or strongly consider serving when they contact you. If you willing to chair a committee or project for 2016 please contact the 2015 Board. The 2016 Board will need that information in November to begin their planning.

Martha Rardin and the Christmas Event planning committee should have arrangements finalized sometime this month.

The November meeting will be a standard business meeting with a presentation, not a fund raising auction. Angie Tilton has agreed to do the presentation.

Grow Interns, Grow Master Gardeners!

Rosie Lenihan



Member Meetings & Information

Meetings

Date: September 15, 2015

Social Time: 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Regular business meetings resume in September. The presentation in September will be "Season of Herbs at White River Gardens" by Sue Arnold. Note: the date shown for this meeting in the 2015 handbook is incorrect. September 15th is the third Tuesday in September and is the correct date for the meeting.

Date: October 20, 2015

Social Time: 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Election of next year's officers is at the October business meeting. The presentation will be "The Garden in Winter" by Bob Iames. Hear how to keep gardens interesting during the winter months with berries, barks, and colorful conifers.

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 new ANR educator.

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.

Master Gardener Extra

Theresa Byington will present information on using social media on October 15 in the evening. Location to be determined. The session will be open to all Hendricks County MG's. It will be especially useful to potential organization leaders and committee chairpersons.

2016 Master Gardener Classes

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

- Attend MG training program classes, which is approximately 13-14 weeks in length, 3 hours in the evening, one class per week
- Achieve rank of Intern by completing the training classes and passing the exam
- To become a certified Purdue Master Gardener, must complete 35 hours of volunteer service within 2 years of attending the training class
- To maintain active status as a MG, must complete 12 volunteer hours and 6 education hours per year.

Anyone interested in the class and who can commit to the above requirements can sign up to be contacted when details are finalized. Sign up is available by contacting the extension office, visiting the master gardener booth at a farmer's market, or by using the contact form on www.hendricksgardeners.com.

Direct questions to Angie Tilton at 317-745-9260 or email tilton@purdue.edu.

We will post further information about the schedule for classes here and on the website as it becomes final.

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.
- October 3, 2015 - Adventures in Gardening — HC Fairgrounds (Volunteer and Educational opportunity). Contact Theresa Mathieson to volunteer.

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

New Purdue Policy – YOUR ACTION REQUIRED

Just another 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 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

Upcoming Events of Interest:

September 12, 2015: Gateway to Gardening- a symposium sponsored by Kosciusko MG Association. Contact Kelly Heckaman at 574-372-2340 or kheckaman@purdue.edu for more information.

September 15, 2015, 7:30 am: 2016 Agricultural Outlook hosted by Purdue Extension- Hendricks County. This program will help farmers, land owners, input suppliers, and those interested in agriculture to make better business decisions in the coming year. The program is free, however pre-registration is required. Breakfast will be provided, graciously sponsored by Specialty Hybrids. Please register to the Extension Office at 317-745-9260 or stan-le19@purdue.edu by Friday, September 11

September 17 -18, 2015: Purdue Rainscaping Education Program (2 day format) at IUPUC campus in Columbus, IN.

Program Brochure: https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/rainscaping/Documents/Rainscaping_Final_Web.pdf

Registration: https://edustore.purdue.edu/wk_sessions.asp?itemID=22061

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

Registration and silent auction begin at 8:00 A.M.

Programs from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P. M.



Frederick Rice will be the feature speaker. His two presentations will be “**Structure and Structures**” and “**Vines and Climbers**”.

Broch Martindale will present “**Container Gardening**”. Attendees will have the option of staying for a Fall Container workshop where they can create a container to take home.

In addition there will be four short presentations on **Gardening in Unconventional Places**. Speakers include: David King, ISDA Program Manager—Local Foods; Elizabeth Garver, Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Dan McCord, Hamilton County Urban Conservation Association; and a representative of the Boiler Green Initiative for Rooftop Gardens.

This year, Adventures in Gardening (October 3rd) will include a silent auction as a fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Let's give our attendees some awesome items to bid on. (Don't forget, we are attendees too, so we get to bid.) We have such a diverse membership with so many talents – artists, bakers, woodworkers, bee-keepers to mention a few. Just imagine all the items we will have on the auction block! The silent auction committee will also be assembling baskets of smaller donated items, so if you have new or very gently used small items (gloves, tools, seeds, bulbs, books, etc), please consider donating them. Contact Silent Auction Chair, Barb Zupan at bsz@indy.rr.com and let her know what you will be donating. Except for perishables Barb needs the donations by September 15th in order to prepare bid sheets and assemble baskets.

Register and pay online, or download mail-able registration forms at <http://www.hendricksgardeners.com/aig2015flyerweb.html> .



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