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## Message from the President

A belated Happy Thanksgiving to all Hendricks County Master Gardeners and Interns. I sent GOOD LUCK WHAMMIES to our Interns who were taking their test on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

I want to say thanks for a job well done in 2016. I truly appreciate the members of the Hendricks County Master Gardeners. I challenge each of you to take on something different next year. Step out of your comfort zone, stretch your abilities and your mind. We need everyone. Each person has a unique gift to bring to our group and I ALWAYS appreciate input and suggestions from the crowd. I look forward to serving our group next year. I am thankful to be a part of a group that works at making our sometimes goofed up world a better place.

Peace of the Season.

Becky Troutman, President



*The 2016 Christmas Tree at the Conference Center*



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## Member Meetings & Information

**Date:** December 13, 2016

**Christmas Dinner and Awards Night:** At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Conference Center. (Reservations Only)

**6:00** Social Hour

**7:00** Dinner

**Date:** January 16, 2017

**6:30** Social Time

**7:00** Business Meeting

**Presentation: “Growing Up—Vertical Gardening”** by Colletta Kosiba. Add romance to the garden with climbing, trailing and cascading plants. Plus! Learn how structures move the focal point up and give you extra space.

### 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 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 members page of the website after the most recent business meeting.

## Reporting Volunteer Hours

The reporting form is on the website. You can download the blank form and use it to report with a pen. Or you can fill out your downloaded form with your computer using Adobe Acrobat reader IX or later or Acrobat DC. If you use your computer and the Adobe free readers it will set your fonts up, standardize your date formatting, and automatically add up the hours you are submitting. Take a quick look at the form instructions you will find on the website. If you are using Firefox or Chrome as your web browser please be sure you are NOT using the default PDF readers that come with these to submit your forms. They are just readers, they will not save a filled in PDF form—even though it looks like they are working — and they will not warn you that they are not saving your content.

If you have questions or problems using the form, please let the webmaster know.

## Volunteer and Educational Opportunities

### Open Gardens

If you would like to offer an open garden next year please let Vicki Coleman know.

### 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.
- Think about how you would like to volunteer to help us host the 2018 Indiana State Master Gardeners Conference.

## Demo Garden Updates

The next planning meeting for the demo garden are:

January 9th, 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

February 6th, 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

## 2018 Updates

Hendricks County will host the Purdue Master Gardener State Conference on June 7-9 2018 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Conference Center.

The keynote speakers are now secured as reviewed at the November meeting.

The Master Gardeners on the steering committee include Jan Myers, Rose Lenihan, Theresa Byington, Cathy Frederick, Ed Freeman, Chuck Dallas, Pat Dallas, Vicki Coleman, Martha Rardin, Ginny Brandgard, Theresa Mathieson, and Jill Clouser. Chat with committee members to keep up to date or to let us know how you want to help.



### ANR Educator Report

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> we had 19 new Master Gardener Interns complete the Basic Training Course, take and pass the required final exam. Congratulations to the following new Hendricks County Master Gardener Interns: Debra Benjamin, Pamela Brown, Cheryl Calder, Deloris Elza, Sara Fenton, Larry Freeman, Laurie Johnston, Donna Jones, Lois Klubens, Teri Mitchum, Joyce Newlin, Barb Pantos, Darla Peoples, Jack Segner, Sue Squiller, Judy Straub, Steve Straub, Ann Unger, Carol Weaver. And congratulations to Dick Meier, Master Gardener who took the class as a refresher this year and also passed his exam again. Please join me in welcoming these new interns to our Association. I know we are all very excited to have these talented gardeners join our group!

Again, just another friendly reminder to turn in your signed Volunteer Agreement Forms to our office. Thank you to those of you who have already done so.

I want to thank you all for a very successful 2016. I say every day how blessed I am to be in Hendricks County and have the opportunity to work with such dedicated volunteers. You all inspire me every day. I wish you all happy holidays and a very happy and healthy New Year!

#### New Purdue website provides information on GMOs:

A multidisciplinary team of faculty and staff from the Purdue University College of Agriculture has developed a new web site with information that addresses the complex economic, environmental, health and public policy issues related to genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Called The Science of GMOs, the site was specifically designed for users with limited or no scientific background. It features text and videos that clearly explain some of the most important questions agricultural producers and consumers have about GMOs. The site can be accessed at <https://ag.purdue.edu/scienceofgmos>.



Hendricks County Master Gardeners  
Spring Gardening Show

**Gardening for All Ages**  
Hendricks County Fairgrounds  
April 22, 2017 9 to 4



**Adventures in Gardening**  
October 7, 2017



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