

Hendricks County Master Gardeners
Minutes of the November 20, 2018 Meeting

Wonderful refreshments were provided by members of the Refreshment Committee; Ann Selvy (Chairperson).

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Steve Pearl, 2018 Hendricks County Master Gardeners (HCMG) President. Steve started the meeting by introducing Jeff Pell, the new Hendricks County Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator. After a great round of applause, Jeff introduced himself. He then announced there will be Master Gardener (MG) classes in 2019 in Hendricks County. He encouraged the membership to review the volunteer statistics on the Purdue MG website to see how valuable MG are to the State of Indiana. Steve then showcased the volunteer sign-up sheets for the newly created Photography Committee and Speakers Bureau Committee. Pam Brown is the Photography Committee Chair. Colletta Kosiba is the Speakers Bureau Committee Chair.

At 7:10 pm Steve introduced Dick Wells from Hilltop Orchids who presented the evening's program on the "Care and Culture of Orchids". Dick and his son also had orchids and fertilizer for sale.

The General meeting began at 8:15 pm.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Steve Pearl asked for the October meeting minutes to be approved as posted on the HCMG website, e-mailed earlier this month with the November meeting agenda, and included on the handout at tonight's meeting. Sarah Fenton motioned to accept the October meeting minutes. Teri Mitchum seconded the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Steve Pearl said the Treasurer's Report was on a handout and asked if anyone had any questions. No one did.

Veronica Mount, 2019 Communications Director Elect, encouraged input from the membership for newsletter material.

Theresa Mathieson, 2019 Vice President Elect, encouraged written input for speaker ideas for the 2019 monthly meetings.

Becky Troutman, Demonstration Garden Committee Chair, said that the garden is resting and so are the members of the Demonstration Garden Committee. The committee is always looking for new members. The committee has purchased three benches with a HCMG plaque on them to be used in the garden area. Dick Meier showed the membership the Honorable Mention certificate received after he submitted information about the Demonstration Garden to the All American Selections Landscape Design Challenge. The 2019 season in the Demonstration Garden will focus on container and vertical gardens. The Demonstration Garden Committee is looking for a vintage farm wagon.

Jan Myers, HCMG Christmas Party Committee Chair, reminded everyone that the HCMG Christmas Party will be on December 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the North and South Halls at the HC Conference Center. Food will be catered by the Rusted Silo in Lizton. The speaker will be Bill McKnight, the Mad Mushroom Guy, and his presentation will be Gardening Under the Influence. The tickets will be \$25 and need to be purchased by December 1, 2018.

Deloris Elza, Christmas Tree Decorating Committee Chair, announced that the Christmas Tree is decorated and beautiful in the South Hall.

Carol Gillaspay, Sheltering Wings Committee Chair, reported that the committee met on October 31st. They are hoping to train as a group in January. She asked for donations of new or gently used gardening tools. The committee has requested a budget amount of \$200 for 2019. The results of the soil test of the garden site have not been received yet. The committee is looking for more members. Steve Pearl added that training for this project will count as volunteer hours. It involves a background check and drug test. HCMG will cover the cost of the required drug testing.

Steve Somermeyer, 2019 Gardening For All Ages (GFAA) Committee Co-Chair, was not present but sent in a report stating that GFAA is in need of speakers for 30 minute presentations. A meeting of committee chairs will be held in early December.

Housekeeping Items

Dues for 2019 are \$15 for a single member and \$25 for a couple. These can be paid at the first meeting in January or can be mailed to Janet Cunningham or Ron Stoner. Dues must be in by January 15th in order for the member to be included in the 2019 directory.

Volunteer and education hours need to be input in MG Manager. Steve stressed that the Annual Agreement must be signed each year. Dues will not be accepted for members who do not sign the Annual Agreement.

Steve also asked members to upload a photo of themselves to MG Manager.

There are three garden stones left over from the 2018 State Conference. They are available for \$55 and would make a great Christmas gift!

Opportunities for 2019 are listed on the back of the agenda. Deloris Elza will be the 2019 Plainfield Farmers Market Committee Chair and the 2019 Christmas Tree Decorating Committee Chair.

Check your spam folders for e-mails from Janet Cunningham or from Purdue MG Program

Study Abroad is available for Master Gardeners. Check the Purdue MG website for information.

New Business

Photographers are encouraged to sign up for the new Photography Committee to be chaired by Pam Brown. She will need a crew of people to call on.

A Speakers Bureau has been established and needs volunteers. It will be chaired by Colletta Kosiba. Colletta has also agreed to be the HCMG Historian.

Audience to Members

- Marilyn Novit is moving and has some garden things for sale.
- Cathy Rae has Hyacinth Bean Vine seeds to give away.
- Bruce Crum has been busy spraying Bush Honeysuckle on his property. He explained that this is the best time to spray it because it is most visible now.
- Becky Troutman said that she has been using the Hilltop Orchids fertilizer on all her plants and is amazed at how well they are doing. Sarah Fenton suggested that HCMG buy a large bag of the fertilizer to share or sell among the membership. Aleta Griffin suggested keeping the fertilizer in a glass jar to keep moisture out. (it is sold in plastic containers).
- Colletta Kosiba was excited to tell the membership that she used a hedge trimmer on her many and large hydrangeas. Saved her a lot of time and effort!

Steve Pearl called out door prize numbers, prizes courtesy of Barb Zupan.

Steve Pearl asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Robin-Elizabeth Parsley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Fenton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote and the business meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

As Terri Tramm, 2018 HCMG Secretary was unable to attend this meeting, Theresa Mathieson, 2019 Vice-President Elect took minutes at the meeting and prepared the minutes. Terri Tramm later reviewed, updated, and submitted the minutes. Many thanks to Theresa!

Submitted by,

Terri Tramm
2018 HCMG Secretary