

## **HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS**

Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Business Meeting

**Call to Order & Welcome**~The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Debbie Off, President, HCMG.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**~Minutes of the January 17, 2023 general business meeting were reviewed by attendees. Motion to accept Teri Sundine and 2nd by Ed Freeman. Passed by a show of hands.

**Treasurer's Report and Purchasing Policy**~Teri Mitchum presented the January Treasurer's Report. The Purchasing Policy was also handed out to attendees. We will reimburse sales tax but the purchase must be approved by a Committee Head, President or Treasurer. Please refer to the policy for details.

**Assistant Treasurer, Membership**~~Bruce Crum informed us of 107 paid members. There are a few people outstanding and he will contact them to see if they still want to be included.

**Fairgrounds Presentation**~Steve Patterson was unable to attend, so Debbie Off said our organization will be donating a \$1,000 check to him for the multiple uses of the fairgrounds throughout the year.

**Communications Coordinator, Newsletter, Directory**~Kathe Rae is quite busy with the members directory trying to get photos of anyone needing their picture taken. She is also asking for any content and high resolution photos that might be included in the Newsletter.

**Educator Update** - Jeff Pell was happy to see many of the current MG Interns at the meeting and acknowledged them. There is an opening for the Flower and Patio Show, March 18th. He's looking for two people to help out.

Jeff mentioned that a recent email talked about what are Volunteer hours and also one that is an Advanced Master Gardening Series Event that is free and online.

Hendricks County Master Gardeners are a welcoming, equal opportunity organization open to all people, all ages and does not discriminate. Everyone has equal access, according to Civil Rights as it pertains to this organization.

**Avon Outdoor Learning Center**~Jo Vickery-The 19th Annual Native Plant Sale will be held Friday, May 12th 4:00-7:00 PM and Saturday May 13th, 8:00 am-1:00 pm at the OLC Cabin (behind Maple Elementary School). Plants are delivered on Thursday, May 11th. There will be volunteer opportunities closer to the date posted on the MG Manager.

**County Fair**~Vicki Coleman said the Hendricks County Fair runs July 16-22 and many volunteer slots will be open closer to the date.

For the set up at the fair, she is looking for any ideas to reuse things as plant pots. It does need holes for water to drain.

Also, she's hoping to have many pots of herbs and other plants possibly grown by seed to line the booth. She prefers to give interns needing hours to help with this and volunteers will be given 2 volunteer hours.

**Demonstration/Pollinator Gardens**~Becky Troutman, Terri Tramm~Becky said she was happy to have 21 people at the meeting. There will be a daffodil dig later and she wants all to save mesh bags. Another request is to save colored wine bottles, preferably green and blue. A garden clean up date will be announced when weather and temperatures are cooperating! All American Selections has a Display Garden contest with the theme **Whimsical!** Becky is looking for ideas and would like to enter the contest. In 2018, our Display Garden was voted Honorable Mention in the AAS Landscape Design theme that season.

**Gardening For All Ages 2023**~Kim and Steve Somermeyer~Only 67 more days! Postcards about the event are available at the Extension Office. Suzy Freeman has secured 5 Premier Sponsors to help defray the cost of the event. The booths are sold out! Kathe Rae, Colletta Kosiba, Eloisa Garza, and Jackie Rosales will be speakers for the event. A seed sorting party will be later. Save plastic sleeves and shredded paper for the trees that will be bagged on Thursday evening and finished the next day on Friday in the Expo Hall. Times will be put out later.

**Plant Sale**~Kathleen Kindred mentioned the Plant Sale is May 16th. The location is not determined at this time. Annuals, perennials, houseplants are all needed. There is an auction of nicer donations as well as garden art. Auctioneers are Rosie Lenihan and Dee Elza.

**Scholarship Committee**~Jan Myers and Rosie Lenihan reported, unfortunately, that no one has applied for the two scholarships. Deadline is April 15th. The scholarships have been well advertised, including many articles in The Republican. So, tell all your friends!!

**Adventures in Gardening 2023**~Susan Gackenheimer and Carol Gillaspy, Sara Fenton Susan reminded us the date is October 7th and it is still in the planning stages.

**Sheltering Wings**~Carol Gillaspy said that they are not doing a gardening project this year. Instead, they will do some container gardening in May as well as learn about canning and freezing vegetables. If you volunteer at Sheltering Wings, you need to attend their training, have a drug test as well as a background check before volunteering. Our Working with Minors would also need to be completed. It is very simple and short. The URL is below.

**Speaker's Bureau**~Carol Gillaspy is working to expand her list when a speaker is needed.

#### **Housekeeping Items-Debbie**

Volunteer & Education Hours~<http://jirdie/edu/mg-volunteer/login.php>

Working with Minors Certification~<http://tinyurl.com/Puminorcert>

## **Unfinished Business~**

Pay Your Dues!! [Hendricksgardeners.com](http://Hendricksgardeners.com)

**New Business~**Suzy Freeman had a display of T-Shirts available in short and long in sizes small to 4XL. Colors are Red, Dark Gray and Forest Green. Prices for s m l and xl– short sleeves are \$10. 2xl-\$12, 3xl-\$14, 4xl-\$16. Long Sleeves are \$13 for s m l xl. 2xl-\$15, 3xl-\$17, 4xl \$19. Order and pay by the March 21st meeting and they will be available at the April 18th meeting. Also available at GFAA setup, April 28th and day of the event on April 29th.

**Audience to Members (Questions, Comments, Announcements)~**Sue Squiller brought empty milk jugs and the information to do Milk Jug Winter Sowing. All were taken!! 4H is selling Geraniums for \$2.00 and Wave Petunias for \$5.00. Deadline to order is March 17th and open sales will be Saturday, May 6th from 8am-10am.

## **Adjournment**

Debbie Off asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Teri Sundine motioned to adjourn and Sara Fenton 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by Sharon Miller, Secretary

## **Program:**

### **Gaye Hammond–Gardening in the “Hell Strip”**

#### **Dates to Remember:**

March 21, 2023~HCMG Meeting  
April 18, 2023~HCMG Meeting  
April 28, 2023~ GFAA setup in HP Expo Hall  
April 29, 2023~ **GFAA** HP Expo Hall  
May 11th setup~ May 12-13, 2023~ **Native Plant Sale**/Avon Outdoor Learning Center  
May 11, 2023 Tour of Danville HS FFA greenhouse  
May 16, 2023~ **Plant Sale & Auction**-place to be determined  
September 19, 2023~HCMG Meeting  
September 28, 2023 Tour of Beasleys' Orchards  
October 6th, setup, October 7, 2023~**Adventures in Gardening**, North/South Halls  
November 21, 2023~HCMG Meeting  
December 12, 2023 ~**Winter Dinner & Awards**

