

## February 2014

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## President's Message

Greetings Hendricks County Extension Master Gardeners & Interns,

Welcome to our 48 new Master Gardener Interns! We are so glad you are attending this class, and we sincerely want for you to grow.

Can you believe one-twelfth of 2014 is behind us, and it's almost too cold to pickup a gardening catalog? But we have learned a new word - Vortex!

As we move into February and continue to rework calendars, files, and tax receipts, this could be a good time to make a checklist for accumulated Master Gardener volunteer hours. Maybe those hours aren't so hard to recall as you weed through 2013 materials. Volunteer Hours and Training Received Reporting Form may be found at [www.HendricksGardeners.com](http://www.HendricksGardeners.com) under "Members" and then "Forms to download and print". Even if you are not concerned about your level of Master Gardener certification (because you just like Master Gardeners), we do need those hours reported. Here's why:

- Hours are included in reports to County Commissioners & Purdue to show funding dollars are being used wisely for Hendricks County, hence, ANR - Jon Cain's position.
- State and Community Grant applications require reporting on number of active members and number of hours involved for a project/request.
- Hours convey to the public how much HCMG, Inc. brings and gives to our communities.

Of course, we volunteer to earn those hours. Gardening for All Ages is rapidly approaching on April 26. There are at least 22 other committees, events and programs for 2014 where volunteer hours are aplenty!

The 2014 Member Handbook and Directory is scheduled for February distribution. If you have any changes to name, address, telephone or email please contact Theresa Mathieson at [ttmathieson@yahoo.com](mailto:ttmathieson@yahoo.com). All 2014 Interns are listed (unless requested otherwise) and all HCMG who are current on dues are also listed. Dues are payable to HCMG, P.O. Box 7, Danville, IN 46122-0007.

Volunteer, grow, and meet an Intern!  
"Grow Interns, grow Master Gardeners"

- Rosie Lenihan



## Gardening For All Ages Needs Volunteers

Gardening For All Ages is scheduled for April 26, 2014, which is just twelve weeks away. This show is only possible because of the enthusiastic efforts of volunteers. There are numerous tasks to do, and each represents an opportunity to earn volunteer hours. This is a great opportunity for interns to get a head start on volunteer hours, get to know fellow master gardeners, and have fun creating a big event. Below is more detail about this event and the help needed.

**Show Preparation** – Committees are already working to prepare for the show. Volunteers for these committees will work to sign up vendors, prepare seed packets and trees, create publicity and signs, etc.

**Show Set Up Day** – Show set up day is Friday, April 25, 2014. Volunteers are needed to set up the facility, HCMG spaces, and to help vendors put booths in place.

**Day of Show** – On the day of the show, HCMG employs a large number of volunteers. Specific tasks such as staffing the information booth, helping in the children's area, distributing trees or seeds, and welcoming visitors are just a few ways to help. Volunteers are also needed to "float" and handle jobs that come up during the day.

**How to Sign Up** – Add your name to the volunteer sign-up sheet at an upcoming monthly meeting or email Ed Freeman at edfreeman@tds.net to help. Volunteers can sign up for a specific job or opt to be assigned a role. Be sure to specify your time availability.

## Volunteer & Training Opportunities

### 2014 Master Gardener Certification Class

HCMG members can receive training hours for attending 2014 certification classes. For class information [click here](#).

### Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show

Volunteer to staff the HCMG Booth at the Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show. Volunteers will answer gardening questions from the public as they go through the exhibits. Interns are welcome to sign up and will have an experienced MG at the booth with them. Even though most of these shifts have been filled, volunteers who can fill in if there are cancellations are desired. Contact Jon Cain for more information.

- March 13 – 6:15 to 9 p.m. (1 opening)

### 2014 Committees and Programs

Below is a list of committees and programs in need of volunteers for 2014. Please contact a board member to be connected to the committee chair for more information. Full project descriptions and volunteer opportunities will be posted on the HCMG website under the "Projects" and "Members" tabs.

- Adventures In Gardening (AIG)
- Avon Outdoor Learning Center
- Christmas Party & Awards
- Community Parks
- Cookbook Sales Support Team
- Copy Makers (For Handouts)
- Danville Geranium Festival
- Fairground Display Window (January - April & September)
- Farmers' Markets
- Gardening For All Ages (GFAA)
- HCMG Handbook & Directory
- Hendricks County Fair Booth
- Intern Gardening 101
- Marketing - Photographers, Branding, Graphic Design, Web, PR
- Photo Contest
- Plainfield Correctional Facility
- Plainfield Garden Tour
- Public Relations
- Refreshments
- Social Media - Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Scholarship
- Summer Picnic - Intern Graduation - Awards

## Member Meetings & Information

### February Meeting

“All About Hydrangeas”

**Speaker:** John Chapin, Chapin Landscaping

**Date:** February 18, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Time)

**Location:** Hendricks County Fairgrounds

### March Meeting

Water Conservation & Rain Barrel Workshop

**Speaker:** Jessica Norcross, Hendricks County Soil and Water Conservation District

**Date:** March 18, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Social Time)

**Location:** Hendricks County Fairgrounds

### 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.
- 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 [here](#).

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes will be posted [here](#) no more than one week after the most recent business meeting.

### Contribute To Upcoming Newsletters:

- Contact April Blevins with information you would like to include in the newsletter (i.e. events, volunteer opportunities, pictures, etc.). Information must be received no later than four days after each monthly membership meeting to be included in the following month's newsletter.

## Intern Classes & Speakers

### February 4

“Soils and Plant Nutrition”

**Speaker:** Chris Parker, ANR Educator, Morgan County Ext.

### February 11

“Vegetables”

**Speaker:** Jim Barbour, retired Horticulture Educator

### February 25

“Plant Problem Diagnosis”

**Speaker:** Gail Ruhl, Purdue Plant & Pest Diagnostic Lab

## News & Events

### HCMG Scholarship

The HCMG Scholarship application is active and can be accessed by [clicking here](#). The scholarship amount is \$1,500 and the application is due by April 11, 2014. Please help to spread the word about this program.

Contact Thomas May if you have questions regarding the scholarship or want to be involved with the committee.

### Hendricks County Master Gardeners Teach

Colletta Kosiba will offer a free hydrangea workshop at the Brownsburg Library on February 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

”Why Doesn't My Hydrangea Bloom?”

Hydrangeas are divided into four main groups. Learn their requirements. To Prune or not? Find out the answer to “Why doesn't my hydrangea bloom?” You should have at least one of these marvelous plants with amazingly large blooms in your yard!

Call 317-852-3167 to register.

### Statewide Events

[Click here](#) for statewide Master Gardener events.



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