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## President's Message

Greetings Hendricks County Extension Master Gardeners & Interns,

What a great turnout of people at our February Meeting! Once again, our new interns were well represented. At that meeting, the 2014 Member Handbook and Directory was distributed to active members and interns present. For that huge endeavor, we want to thank Theresa Mathieson for organizing, collecting, and typing the book. Thanks also to Karen Chapman-Smith and Marie Frazier for proofreading and to Jeff and Nancy Barnett who assembled and labeled it all. It's a great book, and you all did a great job!

John Chapin, Chapin Landscaping, presented "Hydrangea for the Midwest Garden." It was a wonderful program, full of great information, tips, and pictures for our 75 people in attendance. Thank you, John!

We can't really work in the garden yet, but we can start preparing our tool sheds and garages for the season. There is always another opportunity to get close to the outdoors. As you begin to ready your tools and clean up pots, please consider setting aside items to donate to the HCMG Gardening for All Ages (GFAA) Gardeners' Closet. The Gardener's Closet is where HCMG sells garden related items – new or used. Items for sale have included things like hardscape, bulbs, plants, tools, books, magazines, stakes, etc. It's a great place to shop and proceeds from the Gardener's Closet help to fund GFAA.

While you are looking around at your stash of gardening items, remember that HCMG will be in need of 12-14 unique containers to use for the Plant Auction on May 20. These containers will be planted, given lots of TLC through April, and brought to the Plant Auction to be sold. If you have a container to donate, please bring it to the March meeting. If we receive more containers than we can plant, they will be sold at the GFAA Gardener's Closet.

HCMG is also looking for yards where we may dig plants for the May Plant Auction. Besides our own yards, sometimes we hear of a property that needs to be cleared, or plants that need a new home. If this type of project comes within your ear shot, please keep the Plant Auction in mind.

Finally, the HCMG has been asked for a list of Programs which could be presented to schools, clubs, etc. If you have a program that could be offered, please contact a board member.

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

- Rosie Lenihan

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## Gardening For All Ages Update

There are just eight weeks left before Gardening for All Ages. Vendors and sponsors are signing up, the speakers schedule is nearly ready for announcement, and key committees are hard at work. It's going to be a great show.

There is still room for volunteers in critical areas such as staffing the Master Gardener Booth for a two hour shift. For those who haven't volunteered yet, please consider doing so and sign up at the March meeting - time is getting short. Help with set up and preparation the day before the show (Friday, April 25) is invaluable, so please consider assisting that day, as well.

## HCMG Logo Ideas Needed

HCMG is in the process of refining its communications materials and branding. As a part of this process, the communications team and HCMG board are revisiting the logo currently in use and would like to open the door for other options to be considered. All submissions, along with the current logo, will go up for vote by the membership to make the final decision on what we use moving forward.

Any member interested in submitting a HCMG logo must do so by May, 1, 2014. Submissions must be from members only. Direct submissions and questions to April Blevins at [hcmg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com). The final logo may be recreated electronically by a professional graphic artist. The criteria for submissions is as follows:

- Must be a design that can be easily recreated in an electronic format so it can be reproduced at any size.
- Should include no more than 4 colors and look good in black and white.
- Is simple, identifies the organization clearly, and defines what is unique about HCMG.
- Has a timeless quality – the logo will not become dated.
- Reinforces the brand name or tagline or both.
- Fits in the spaces in which it will most likely appear – has the most advantageous (vertical/horizontal) orientation.
  - Including, is recognizable in small (e.g. business card) spaces.
  - Can be used in conjunction with the official Master Gardener logo and any associated Purdue logos.
  - Has recognition at maximum distances.
  - Is able to be easily recreated for use on collateral materials, including shirts, print materials, signage, etc.

## Volunteer & Training Opportunities

### HCMG Volunteer Opportunities

- HCMG is always in need of volunteers for committees and projects. 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.

### HCMG Training Opportunities for Educational Hours

- "How The Pros Propagate Plants" - Dammann's Greenhouse (4914 Rockville Rd., Indianapolis) will host a behind the scenes tour and hands-on learning experience on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Dammann's will also be having their annual open house on this date and have scheduled a "No Dig Gardening" seminar for the general public at 11:00 a.m. HCMGs are welcome to attend. To attend, be sure to sign-up at the meeting. If you cannot sign-up at the meeting, please [email Barb Zupan](mailto:Barb.Zupan@dammannsgreenhouse.com) no later than Friday, March 21, 2014. Do not email Barb if you have signed up at the meeting.
- On a late March or early April weekend Bruce Crum will lead a group through the trails on his property near Brownsburg pointing out native plants and wildflowers and other "growing things." Additional information forthcoming.
- HCMG members can receive training hours for attending 2014 Master Gardener certification classes. For class information, [click here](#).

## Member Meetings & Information

### 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

Following Jessica Norcross' short presentation on Water Conservation, Barb Zupan will lead a hands-on workshop in making rain barrels. Six rain barrels will be sold at the end of the evening. If you are interested in a chance to purchase one of the rain barrels, bring your checkbook and be sure to enter your name in the rain barrel lottery at the greeter's table. Only those who win will pay. The exact price is not yet know. It will be determined by the cost of materials and will be posted at the greeter's table.

### 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

### Upcoming Intern Classes

3/4/14 - "Native Plants and Wildlife"

Speaker: Colletta Kosiba, Eagle Creek Park Naturalist and 2007 Honeywell Award winner for Excellence in Horticulture

3/11/14 - No class

3/18/14 - No class; HCMG Association Meeting

3/25/14 - "Backyard Fruit Production"

Speaker: Jim Barbour, retired Horticulture Educator

[Click here](#) for additional information on intern classes.

## 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 the following free classes:

- March 5 - "Butterfly gardening"  
Brownsburg Library, 7 p.m. (Call 852-3167 to register)
- March 12 - "Herbs; Myths, Truths, Fairy Tales"  
Brownsburg Library, 7 p.m. (Call 852-3167 to register)
- March 13 - "Container Gardening"  
Plainfield Library, 7 p.m. (Call 839-6602 to register)
- April 2 - "Expert garden tips"  
Brownsburg Library, 7 p.m. (Call 852-3167 to register)

### HCMG Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for more information on upcoming HCMG events.

### Statewide Events

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



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