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President's Message

Greetings Hendricks County Extension Master Gardeners & Interns,

What a busy month - from plant digs for the Auction, spring walk with Bruce Crum, round-up of GFAA, continuation of Constitution & By-Laws Committee, Teaching-Learning Garden development and approval, Danville Geranium Festival, Outdoor Learning Center Plant Sale, and HCMG Plant Sale and Auction! What else because we do have a life beyond Master Gardeners! It has been a lot of work, and just as much fun and socializing.

Much of the work we have accomplished brought us to the HCMG Plant Sale and Auction. I've unofficially added Plant "Sale" to our efforts since we did in fact have items to sell at the auction. And sell we did! Combined auction and buy-it-now tables earned us over \$1,800. Working together certainly pays off!

There will not be a meeting in June. The bus trip to Yew Dell Botanical Gardens and Hidden Hill Nursery is June 7. And guess what? The Interns will (finally) have their last class on June 10.

In July, we focus on the MG Booth at the Hendricks County Fair. Anyone with new ideas to add to the booth, please contact Vicki Coleman. Our intern graduation and summer picnic and awards is July 15. Consider bringing a dish from "Our Best Recipes" HCMG Cookbook and please RSVP to hcmg.communications@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can determine how much food we will need.

Speaking of graduation, Leah Marie Jones, from Danville High School, was awarded the HCMG Scholarship. She will be attending Purdue this fall majoring in Agribusiness.

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

- Rosie Lenihan

Volunteer & Educational Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities

NEW! The HCMG Board is still in need of a Chair for the HCMG Photography Contest which will take place at the October 21, 2014 meeting. Please contact Rosie Lenihan for more information.

NEW! HCMG is looking for members willing to offer garden tours at their homes to other interns and members. If you are interested in hosting a tour, please email hcmg.communications@gmail.com and provide your desired date, time and types of plants you have to share (i.e. Bruce Crum recently did a tour focused on native plants and wildflowers). A board member will contact you to get any additional details needed.

NEW! Master Gardeners Magen Eller and Karen Chapman-Smith will be chairing a new project to create a Teaching-Learning Garden at Ellis Park in Danville. Volunteer opportunities will be available.

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.

Master Gardeners Teach

"Monarch Butterfly Wonder"

- **Dates:** June 24, 2014 at 12 p.m. and June 26 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Brownsburg Library Children's Department (450 S. Jefferson, Brownsburg)

Here is a great opportunity to take the grandchildren to a free nature program. Indiana Master Naturalist Colletta Kosiba tells a story in the first person of how she (a Monarch butterfly) begins as a tiny egg and ends up spending the winter in Mexico! This is the incredible tale of monarch migration and their life.

HCMG Training Opportunities for Educational Hours

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

Volunteer Hours Form

A new electronic version of the volunteer form is now available and will be posted to the members section of the website.

Annual HCMG Photography Contest

The HCMG annual photography contest will take place at the October meeting. The contest is open to all Hendricks County Master Gardeners and Interns and takes place during the meeting.

Categories for Entry

- Single Blooms
- Garden Landscapes
- Winged Things
- Unclassified (Must be garden-related)

Guidelines

- Images are to be photographed in 2014 only.
- Please print 5"x7" images and mount and mat them to 8"x10". Include your name, title, and category on the back of each submission.
- You may enter one image in each category.

Awards

Awards will include First, Second, Third and Best of Show.

Winning images will be displayed at Adventures in Gardening! Everyone is encouraged to submit images and join in the fun.

Member Meetings & Information

June Meeting

There will not be a June meeting. The bus trip to Yew Dell Botanical Gardens and Hidden Hill Nursery is June 7.

July Meeting

The July meeting will be our summer picnic and include intern graduation and member awards. To determine the amount of food needed, the HCMG Board is asking everyone planning to attend to RSVP to hcmg.communications@gmail.com. Members can bring one additional guest.

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.

Upcoming Intern Classes & Speakers

- 6/3/14 "Lawns"
Jon Cain, ANR/ECD Educator (Hendricks County)
- 6/10/14 "Weed ID & Pesticide Safety"
Jon Cain, ANR/ECD Educator (Hendricks County)

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

2014 Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be at Fairgrounds.
Social time 6:30 p.m.; Business meeting 7 p.m.; Speaker 8 p.m.

- 6/7/14 Bus Trip to Yew Dell Botanical Gardens and Hidden Hill Nursery
Departs Fairgrounds at 7am sharp; returns by 8pm
- 7/15/14 Intern Graduation, Summer Picnic, and Awards
Washington Township Park - Pavilion
- 8/19/14 Tree Identification Workshop
Carrie Tauscher, IDNR
Location TBD
- 9/16/14 "Alternatives to Higher Cost Plants"
Dottie Warner, Frazee Gardens
- 10/21/14 "Cutting Gardens; Closing the Garden for Winter"
Karen Robbins, Avon Garden
Photo Contest
- 11/18/14 HCMG Annual Scholarship Auction
Election of Officers for 2015
- 12/2/14 Christmas Party
Dawson's Too (775 E Main St., Brownsburg)

2014 HCMG Scholarship Recipient Announced

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipient of the \$1,500 HCMG Scholarship for the 2014-15 academic year is Leah Marie Jones.

Ms. Jones is a senior at Danville High School, currently ranked 27 out of a class of 198 graduating seniors. She plans to attend Purdue University this fall where she will be majoring in Agribusiness in the College of Agriculture at Purdue West Lafayette.

Ms. Jones was an excellent candidate with many accomplishments, including 2 years on the National Honor Society, 4 years of service on the Danville High School student council, 3 years as part of Danville FFA, and representing the State of Indiana at the National FFA Leadership Conference in 2013. In 2012, she received second place in the State Horticulture Science and Management Leadership competition and first place in the district. She has also been awarded multiple blue ribbons and honors by Hendricks County 4-H, which she has been participating in for 10 years.

Members in the Community

The lure of free plants for their gardens brought 19 area residents to the Brownsburg Library's 13th Annual Perennial Plant Exchange moderated by Hendricks County Master Gardener Colletta Kosiba. Colletta offered tips on plant needs, growth habits and care.

Master gardeners Jill Clouser, Terry Meingasner and Cecelia Blazier brought plants to exchange and helped with identification.

This free program is held each year in May at the Brownsburg Library. Attendees are asked to bring four to six of their favorite perennial plants



Master Gardener Colletta Kosiba explains to Mary Ellen Machan and Sue Scher the merits of the daisy.

HCMG had great representation at the Geranium Festival by Ed and Suzy Freeman, Magen Eller, Suzy Kelly, Mary Susnosky, Chuck Dallas, Rhonda Legan, and Pat Dallas.



Cheers to Members from Members

Pat and Chuck Dallas would like to thank everyone who helped in the Master Gardener Booth at GFAA this year for their great work, including Jackie Rosales, Dale Olson, Magen Eller, Steve Pearl, and Suzy Freeman.

Cookbooks for Sale

The HCMG Cookbook will be for sale at the following Farmers Markets on the dates noted below. Cookbooks are \$8 and include 250 recipes.

[Avon Farmers Market](#) (4-7 p.m. on Tuesday)

- June 10
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9

[Plainfield Farmers Market](#) (4-7 p.m. on Wednesday)

- June 18
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17

[Brownsburg Farmers Market](#) (4-7 p.m. on Thursday)

- June 19
- July 17
- August 21
- September 18



Upcoming Events

Open Garden Hosted by Kelly Allen

Master Gardener Kelly Allen will open her garden to allow members to come see a real vegetable garden in progress.

Dates: June 19 and 26, July 10 and 17

Time: Visitors are welcome in the day or evening.

RSVP: Call Kelly to RSVP

Attending later in the season will allow members to see more growth since it will be closer to harvest. Anyone visiting should wear shoes that can get dirty and in the evening hours, bug spray is recommended. This offer is weather dependent as visitors will not be able to get to the gardens if there are heavy rains. Kelly also noted that if these dates do not work for some members, they are welcome to call to schedule a different date and time.

Adventures In Gardening

Adventures in Gardening (AIG) is the HCMG's annual gardening seminar. This year AIG will take place on October 4, 2014 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. The featured speaker is nationally famous author and gardening expert Stephanie Cohen (AKA "The Perennial Diva"). Attendees will also learn about water conservation, native plants and invasive species. For more information on this or any other HCMG activity, call the Hendricks County Extension office at 317-745-9260, visit hendricksgardeners.com, follow us on Twitter [@HndrixCoGardens](https://twitter.com/HndrixCoGardens), or "like" us on Facebook.

Other Events

[Click here](#) for more information on upcoming HCMG events. Be sure to mark your calendar for the following events:

- May-September - Danville Farmers Market (Third Saturday)
- June 12-14 - Purdue Master Gardener State Conference • For more information, visit www.2014indymgconf.org
- June 21-22 - Plainfield Garden Tour • For more information, visit www.plainfieldgardentour.com
- June-September - Avon Farmers Market (Second Tuesday)
- June-September - Plainfield Farmers Market (Third Wednesday)
- June-September - Brownsburg Farmers Market (Third Thursday)
- July 13-19 - Hendricks County Fair • Q & A Booth
- August 1-17 - Indiana State Fair • Q & A Booth
- October 4 - Adventures in Gardening Seminar • HC Fairgrounds
- November 18 - Scholarship Auction 6:30 pm • HC Fairgrounds
- January 2015 - New Master Gardener class begins • HC Fairgrounds
- March 14-22, 2015 - Flower and Patio Show • Indiana State Fairgrounds
- April 25, 2015 - Gardening for All Ages • HC Fairgrounds Expo Hall

Statewide Events

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



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