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## President's Message

Greetings Hendricks County Extension Master Gardeners & Interns,

The HCMG Vice President's major role is to plan our programs. Barb Zupan scoped out and planned the wonderful bus trip to Yew Dell Botanical Gardens and Hidden Hill Nursery on June 7. The group almost filled the lower portion of the bus with plants., many of which we had never seen - really! On the ride there, Kathy Frederick had organized games and door prizes galore, including gift cards from Avon Garden, Country Harmony, Cox's Plant Farm, Dammann's, and Frazee's. Everyone had a great time, good box lunches, snacks and gracious donors. Thanks to Kathy Frederick and Barb Zupan for all their work on this trip. Plans may be happening for a 2015 Bus Trip.

July 9th is the first MG Teaching-Learning Garden session at Ellis Park at 7 p.m. The location is near the gazebo on left as you enter from Rockville Road. This session will be focusing how to plan a garden and site preparation. All are welcome.

Plans are underway to post a few MG/Interns Open Garden locations where visitors can see what you have or maybe just chat up gardening. If you would like to invite HCMGs and Interns to see your gardens please contact a Board Member or respond to [hcmg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com).

In July, the focus turns to the HCMG Booth at the Hendricks County Fair. Anyone with new ideas to add to the booth, please contact Vicki Coleman.

Purdue Extension's 100th Anniversary is this year. Extension includes 4-H (youth), Homemakers, Master Gardeners and Agriculture (farms and environment). Extension can serve many individuals, homes, communities and businesses. "Beat the Drum for Extension" is the theme for the 100th Anniversary Reception at the Hendricks County Fair (July 13-19) to be held the afternoon of July 17 from 2-3 p.m. in the Board Room. All HCMGs are welcome to come by.

The HCMG intern graduation, summer picnic and awards take place July 15. Consider bringing a dish from the HCMG Cookbook "Our Best Recipes" and **please RSVP to [hcmg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com) if you plan to attend** so we can determine how much food we will need.

At the picnic, be sure to sign up for 2 free tickets to Adventures In Gardening on October 4. The early bird value is \$70.

Ugliest Tomato Contest will happen at the August Meeting. Again, all are welcome.

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

- Rosie Lenihan



## Volunteer & Educational Opportunities

### Volunteer Opportunities

- **NEW!** The Outdoor Learning Center will host a work day on Saturday, July 12, starting at 8:00 a.m. The goal is to start cutting back the growth from paths and trails before school starts in late July. Work will probably wrap up by noon or 1:00 p.m., but volunteers can leave at any time. Volunteers should dress and prepare for being in a wooded environment. Gloves and water are strongly recommended and everyone should bring their favorite loppers or cutting tools. Please contact Steve Pearl with any questions.
- 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.
- 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](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com).
- 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. Members can sign up to volunteer at upcoming member meetings. The first session is July 9, 2014.
- 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

#### "Container Gardening"

- **Date:** July 23, 2014 at 10:15 a.m. as part of the Family Fun Day at the Putnam County Fair
- **Location:** Putnam County Fairgrounds (191 N US Hwy 231, Greencastle, IN 46135)

Have you ever been stumped by what to plant in a pot or how to arrange the plant material that goes in it? Master Gardener Colletta Kosiba will explain how and what to plant for a fantastic container this year. This program is free with fair admission. For more information, please call 765-653-8411.

## 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

### **July Meeting**

The July meeting is the summer picnic, awards and intern graduation. HCMG furnishes the meat, drinks and table service. This is a pitch-in, so consider bringing a dish from the HCMG Cookbook. RSVP to [hcmg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com). When you RSVP, please indicate if you are bringing one other person with you.

**Date:** July 15, 2014

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Washington Township Park - Pavilion

### **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 [hcmg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:hcmg.communications@gmail.com) with information you would like to include in the newsletter. Information must be received no later than four days after each monthly membership meeting to be included in the following month's newsletter.

## 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.

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| 7/15/14  | Intern Graduation, Summer Picnic, and Awards<br>Washington Township Park - Pavilion   |
| 8/19/14  | Tree Identification Workshop<br>Carrie Tauscher, IDNR<br>Location TBD<br>Ugliest Tomato Contest                                 |
| 9/16/14  | “Alternatives to Higher Cost Plants”<br>Dottie Warner, Frazee Gardens   |
| 10/21/14 | “Cutting Gardens; Closing the Garden for Winter”<br>Karen Robbins, Avon Garden<br>Photo Contest<br>Largest Elephant Ear Contest |
| 11/18/14 | HCMG Annual Scholarship Auction<br>Election of Officers for 2015  |

## Members in the Community



Pat and Chuck Dallas would like to thank all of the members who have helped staff the HCMG booth at local farmer's markets to date, including Jackie Rosales, Jill Clouser, Laura Wilbur, Robin Parsley, Ed Freeman, Susie Freeman, Terri Tram, Pat Geer and Shelley Jackson.

Including GFAA, the Geranium Festival, and the June Farmer's Markets, the HCMG booth has signed up 32 potential future members.

## June Bus Trip to Yew Dell Botanical Gardens and Hidden Hill Nursery

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Hendricks County Master Gardeners enjoyed a bus trip to Yew Dell Botanical Gardens and Hidden Hill Nursery. Each attendee was eligible for 6 hours of education credit for attending.

The following excerpt of the history of the garden is taken from the Yew Dell website:

“Beginning with 33-acres of Oldham County farmland in 1941, Theodore and Martha Lee Klein spent the next 60-plus years developing an exquisite private estate, a successful commercial nursery and an extensive collection of unusual plants and outstanding gardens. Known locally, nationally and internationally as a first-rate plantsman, Theodore Klein was also a self-taught artisan who personally crafted the buildings and gardens that became known as Yew Dell.”

Attendees saw many of the Theodore Klein’s original plantings in the arboretum – 40 foot tall weeping pines and cypress, 20 foot tall hollies of many cultivars, a magnolia with blooms as large as a basketball, and so many other varieties of trees that were very mature and stately. It was a wonderful display! The structures referred to in the paragraph above included a castle (to serve as a meeting place), a magnificent barn with a basement, a log cabin, the original family home, and a grafting building. According to his son, Jules, who some of us were lucky enough to have as a tour guide, Mr. Klein never laid off his seasonal workers. Instead, he created building projects to keep his staff employed year round. The original greenhouse has been replaced with a larger greenhouse with a green roof. Yes, the backside of the roof was completely covered in succulents! What a wonderful legacy this family has created and now it is shared with the public by the generosity of community, members, volunteers, and The Garden Conservancy.

At Hidden Hill Nursery, Bob Hill, owner of the nursery and gardens, was the tour guide. Bob took the group through many of the “rooms” he has created with unusual trees, shrubs, perennials, and totally unique garden art. One of the rooms was the understorey of a tree that wept to the ground. Another was the “stacked stone” room, where visitors could stack stones in any design, then knock them down and do it all over again. Bob’s sense of humor could be seen throughout the gardens with many whimsical displays of sculpture made from found objects.

The group found the plant selection in the nursery very enticing and kept the cashier very busy. The storage compartment of the bus was nearly full on the return trip. Everyone was enjoying the shopping and the fellowship in the shade area so much so that our departure time was upon us before we knew it.

During the ride home, some discussion started brewing about *the next HCMG trip*. Stay tuned for more to come on that topic!

By Barb Zupan

Visit the [HCMG Facebook page](#) to view more images.



Sculpture at Hidden Hill.



Sunken Garden at Yew Dell



## 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 Farmer’s Market](#)  
(4-7 p.m. on Tuesday)

- July 8
- August 12
- September 9

[Plainfield Farmer’s Market](#)  
(4-7 p.m. on Wednesday)

- July 16
- August 20
- September 17

[Brownsburg Farmer’s Market](#)  
(4-7 p.m. on Thursday)

- July 17
- August 21
- September 18

[Danville Farmer’s Market](#)  
(8 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday)

- July 19
- August 16
- September 20

## 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:** July 10 and 17

**Time:** Visitors are welcome in the day or evening.

**RSVP:** Call Kelly to RSVP . 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.

### **July 16 Open Gardens**

All Hendricks County Master Gardeners and Interns are invited to the following Open Gardens in Danville on July 16, 2014 from 4-8 p.m.:

- Sharon Miller, 2014 Intern - 3748 West CR 200 South, Danville
- Jackie Rosales, Master Gardener - 745 North CR 200 East, Danville
- Mike & Vicki Kidwell, 2014 Interns - 1406 Northridge Dr., Danville

Open Garden Visitor Etiquette:

- Stay on paths, do not venture into gardened area unless permission given.
- Do not pick any flowers or dead-head (the owner may be hybridizing).
- We all have weeds. So let them be.
- These are short visits. Restroom needs should be addressed before arriving at the garden.
- Thank your host for the privilege of getting to tour their gardens.

Please refer to e-mail invitation from Chase, sent June 30th for garden addresses and other details.

### **Other Events**

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

- Through September - Avon Farmers Market (Second Tuesday); Plainfield Farmers Market (Third Wednesday); Brownsburg Farmers Market (Third Thursday); Danville Farmers Market (Third Saturday)
- July 9 - "Site Preparation and How to Plant a Garden" - 7 p.m. • Ellis Park Teaching Learning Garden (near the gazebo)
- 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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