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President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners & Interns!

As stated at our October MG meeting, "MG membership approved HCMG Bylaws document, effective December 1, 2014, has been filed with the Hendricks County Extension Office on October 14, 2014." Thank you Bylaw Committee for your effort and dedication.

That said the Board has offered sign-up sheets for the following committees:

- HCMG Operations Manual Committee
- HCMG Insurance Committee
- Plainfield Boy Scouts - Eagle Project

Sheets will again be posted at our November session/Auction for volunteers.

MG Christmas Tree Decorating Committee volunteers are ready to decorate a tree in the Fairgrounds Auditorium on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:00 p.m. Chair is Laura Wilbur. The tree will be decorated with natural materials from MG yards and gardens. If you have materials to donate please bring them to our November Auction on November 18th. Please see list of possible plants/materials at <http://hendricksgardeners.com>.

Karen Robbins, Avon Gardens, presented a dual program at our meeting - Cutting Gardens and Closing the Garden for Winter. As many times as we close these gardens there is always more to learn. And for Cutting Gardens - ideas to consider for winter dreams and spring planting. Karen also generously donated \$75.00 to our Scholarship Auction.

MG Scholarship Auction will begin on November 18th right after elections of 2015 officers. Please invite your family and friends to attend. Of course we will have refreshments - but even more - the Auction has had baked goods, art, garden hardscape (benches, plant stands, metal work), handmade cards, aprons, gift certificates, Christmas decor and gifts - if you are willing to part with them. So bring money - cash or checks please. Time spent on items for the Auction will be considered as Volunteer Hours - with good judgment.

Check our Facebook for pictures of Scholarship Auction items! And keep checking back.

Stephanie Cohen's books sold out so quickly at AIG that Bev and Board are offering a quick sale of all the books sold at AIG. The price may be a little higher to include shipping charges. Please visit <http://www.hendricksgardeners.com/> under Members for the list. If you are ordering, please print, copy and send it with your check to Jill Clouser at 5510 E CR 700 N, Brownsburg, IN 46112 by Thursday, November 13. Books should arrive within 2-3 weeks and will be made available for pick up at the Extension Office.

Planning on attending the MG Christmas Party on December 2 at Dawson's Too? See page 2 of this newsletter for RSVP instructions.

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

- Rosie Lenihan

Member Meetings & Information

November Meeting

Date: November 18, 2014

Time: Social Time 6:30 p.m./Election 7 p.m.
Auction to follow

Events: Election of Officers for 2015
HCMG Annual Scholarship Auction

Location: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds

Please bring donations for the auction. Images of auction items will be posted to the HCMG Facebook page prior to November 18. Please email images of items you will be donating to hcmg.communications@gmail.com to help promote this event.

Cash and check will be accepted as payment for auctioned items. Guests are welcome.

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.

Topic and Speaker Ideas for 2015 Meetings

Determining topics and finding speakers for the monthly meetings is the responsibility of the vice president. However, doing this job well requires input from members.

In 2013, HCMG conducted a survey which was most helpful in determining topics for monthly meetings. There is no survey planned for this year, but the board is requesting member feedback to assist the incoming vice president with planning for 2015.

Please send any ideas for topics and recommendations for speakers to hcmg.communications@gmail.com. Emails will be held until after the election and then forwarded to the newly elected vice president.

2014 HCMG Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for the final meeting of 2014, the Hendricks County Master Gardener Christmas Party:

Date: December 2, 2014

Time: Social gathering at 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 7:15 p.m.

Location: Dawson's Too (773 E. Main St., Brownsburg)

Cost: \$20 per person, checks made payable to HCMG
There will be a cash bar. A vegetarian meal will be available, but must be requested at time of reservation.

RSVP: RSVP with payment to Becky Troutman
(1707 Sparrow Court, Brownsburg, IN 46112)
no later than November 11, 2014.

Questions can be direct to painterher2@att.net
or 456-5091.

2015 Membership Dues

HCMG will begin collecting 2015 membership dues on January 1, 2015. Dues for individuals are \$15 and couples are \$25.

Please pay your dues by January 31, 2015 to guarantee inclusion in the 2015 Member Handbook and Directory.

Volunteers Needed for Open Gardens

Volunteers are being sought to host Open Gardens in 2015.

HCMG refers to them as Open Gardens rather than Garden Tours because all we ask you to do is open your garden to members. Open Gardens are very informal with no expectation to do anything out of the ordinary to your garden, no expectation to serve refreshments, no muss or fuss—just relax and let members enjoy your gardens with you.

Members enjoyed several Open Gardens in 2014. Each of the gardens was very different from the next. There was something to be learned in each and every garden, no matter how large or small.

If you would like to host an Open Garden in 2015, please email to hcmg.communications@gmail.com. You will be contacted early in 2015 to arrange the date and time, and get the information out to the membership.

2014 Photography Contest Winners

This year, the HCMG's annual photography contest had a new award, Gardeners' Favorite, which was selected by attendees at Adventures in Gardening.

Awards

Gardeners' Favorite:

- Kerry Cates, "Happy As a Moth"*

Winged Things:

- First, Jackie Rosales, "Giant Swallowtail"
- Second, Kerry Cates, "Happy As a Moth"*

Single Bloom:

- First, Jackie Rosales, "Spacecoast Daylily"*
- Second, Theresa Mathieson, "Found My Slipper"

Garden Landscape:

- First, Karen Monesmith, "Untitled"
- Second, Kerry Cates, "Water Hyacinth in Pond"*

Unclassified:

- First, Jackie Rosales, "Milkweed World"*
- Second, Suzy Freeman, "Remember January"

A special thanks goes to Deborah Ashby for judging the contest.

*Not pictured.



Jackie Rosales, "Giant Swallowtail"



Theresa Mathieson, "Found My Slipper"



Karen Monesmith, "Untitled"



Suzy Freeman, "Remembering January"

2014 Adventures in Gardening

Another year has come and gone and once again we had a very successful Adventures in Gardening with 120 people registered for the day on October 4, and coming from Ohio, Evansville, South Bend, near Louisville. We had very good comments on the speakers, the programs offered and the enjoyable day with book sales, vendors, good food, displays and dried flower favors for everyone.

This event could not have taken place without the help of committee chairmen, the many volunteers, and our Master Gardeners who attended. The auditorium was beautiful and there were many good comments about the warm and friendly atmosphere – thanks to all of you! A special thanks to Kerry Cates for being co-chair and enthusiastically taking on duties and challenges helping with the many details.

Our keynote speaker, nationally known author and gardener, Stephanie Cohen, was very knowledgeable and entertaining. We know she loved to talk and really enjoyed coming, as you will see by her following comments. Stephanie made sure that no one knew she was feeling badly and almost had to cancel the night before, and I'm almost certain that no one knows that she is almost 80, pretty spunky lady I would say! We sold out of her books and will be ordering more, she will be glad to hear that!

Thanks again to everyone for helping with a great day and education for all. Your help, always with a smile and an "I'll be glad to", is greatly appreciated. You are the best!

- Bev Russell

Dear Bev,

I made it home by 10 o' clock. I slept really late this morning. The first thing I wanted to was send you a thank you.

Having dinner at your home and sleeping over made it easier on me. You and your friends made a great welcoming committee Friday night. Dinner was delicious, but the conversation was interesting and fun.

I want you to tell your committee they were really phenomenal. Everyone did an excellent job. I love it when master gardeners run the show and do such a fabulous job. Even the vendors were really nice I talked to all of them. I hope everyone was pleased with the amount of attendees, the yummy food, and the program. So many of the attendees thanked me for coming, and I felt right at home.

I cannot thank you enough for taking such good care of me. You are the best. The more I thought about all the challenges you have had in your life and how you have overcome them was truly amazing. You are one fantastic lady

I hope you and your "little princess" have a wonderful holiday and a great year.

Thanks so much,
Stephanie Cohen



2015 Officer Elections

Elections for 2015 HCMG Executive Board offices will be held at the Nov. 18th HCMG meeting. Offices to be elected and the candidates nominated for each office are as follows:

President	Rosie Lenihan
Vice President	Barb Zupan
Secretary	Judy Kenninger
Treasurer	Karen Smith
Journalist*	Ed Freeman

*Journalist position to become Communications Director effective Dec. 1, 2014

Nominations are still being accepted and will also be accepted from the floor the at the Nov. 18th meeting prior to elections. Anyone interested in seeking an Executive Board office should contact one of the Nominating Committee members directly. Nominating Committee members and contact information are:

Steve Pearl	317-839-6361	steve.pearl53@yahoo.com
Ginny Brandgard	317-839-7375	ginnybrandgard@aol.com
John Rardin	317-298-7205	rardinfamily@sbcglobal.net

An Absentee Ballot is provided below for active members wishing to cast a ballot but who cannot attend the November 18th meeting. Candidates receiving "write in" votes using this ballot must meet the qualifications as described in the HCMG Bylaws, and must be properly nominated prior to the election. **Absentee ballots must be received by the Extension Office c/o Chase Stanley no later than noon EST on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.** Member's name submitting the absentee ballot must be included for verification of active status.

Hendricks County Master Gardener, Inc. 2015 Executive Board Officer Election Absentee Ballot

President (vote for one):

Rosie Lenihan _____

Vice President (vote for one):

Barb Zupan _____

Secretary (vote for one):

Judy Kenninger _____

Treasurer (vote for one):

Karen Smith _____

Journalist / Communications Director (vote for one):

Ed Freeman _____

Member name submitting ballot: _____

Name of member submitting ballot must be included for verification of active status. Absentee ballots must be received by Extension Office c/o Chase Stanley no later than noon EST Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

Upcoming Events

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

- November 18 - Scholarship Auction, starts at 7 p.m. • HC Fairgrounds
- December 2 - Christmas Party (Registration Required) 6:30 p.m. • Dawson's Too (773 E. Main St., Brownsburg)
- March 14-22, 2015 - Flower and Patio Show • Indiana State Fairgrounds
- April 25, 2015 - Gardening for All Ages • HC Fairgrounds Expo Hall
- June 4-6, 2015 - Purdue Master Gardener State Conference • Evansville

Statewide Events

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

The Purdue Master Gardener Program has entered the world of social media with a brand new Twitter account. Follow them at <https://twitter.com/PurdueMG>

Volunteer & Educational Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities

- **NEW!** Volunteers are needed for the Insurance Committee. Please contact a Martha Rardin for more information.
- **NEW!** Volunteers are needed for the Operations Committee. Please contact a board member or email hcmg.communications@gmail.com for more information.
- Volunteers are needed to decorate a Christmas tree at the Fairgrounds on behalf of MG. MG will be responsible for putting up and taking down decorations. If you have materials to share, please bring them to the November 18 meeting. Please contact committee chair Laura Wilbur with questions.
- The HCMG Board is in search of members willing to host plant digs to provide plants for next year's plant auction. Please email hcmg.communications@gmail.com or contact a board member if you are interested.
- HCMG is always in need of volunteers for committees and projects. Full project descriptions and volunteer opportunities will be posted on the HCMG website under the "Members" tabs.

Hendricks County Master Gardeners Teach

"Monarch Butterfly Wonder" - Colletta Kosiba

November 13, 2014 at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Call 317-839-6602 to register).

A Monarch butterfly begins as a tiny egg and ends up spending the winter in Mexico! You will hear the amazing story of how these beautiful insects reproduce, what Monarchs eat and how you can help by planting the foods they love in your yard. These winged jewels are threatened and need our help to survive. This is the incredible tale of Monarchs migration and their lives.



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