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President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners & Interns!

Spring! This spring brought HCMG a new ANR Educator - ANGIE TILTON! Welcome Angie, we have so many opportunities for you. Welcome to Hendricks County and to a wonderful group of Master Gardeners!

Spring! And all it brings - weeds, perennials, blossoms, GFAA and dandelions! I saw a quote...Dandelions - Some see a flower Some see a weed! Forget you are over 21, what would you see if you were 4 again?



Our April meeting program "Just Like Hairstyles, Roses have Evolved Since the 80s" will be presented by our HCMG Teresa Byington, our own rose expert. You don't need to grow roses to appreciate them, but after Teresa's presentation we may all want to shop for roses.

Thinking of GFAA, we still have a few booths available if you know a vendor with garden related items. Please plan to volunteer as much and as often as your schedule permits and report those hours. Set up day is Friday, April 24 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Dig out those GFAA red shirts for Saturday, April 25th - and your name badge.

And as you clean out your stash of garage and storage items, please consider donating them to the Gardeners' Closet at our GFAA event. Please contact Becky Troutman if you need items picked up or have questions regarding donations - blooming plants, like primrose, always looks great for sale in this booth.

And after GFAA comes the MG Plant Auction on Tuesday, May 19th. The sooner the plant is dug, potted with TLC, the better it looks at the Auction.

Send your reservation to Barb Zupan for our Bus Trip to Missouri Botanical Garden on Saturday, June 27th. Registration for the trip is on our website.

One more shout for Volunteer Hours - badges for MG Certification Levels will be presented at our July Picnic - but first must be submitted, keep reporting!

Happy Spring to each of you.

We are still growing Interns....

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

- Rosie Lenihan



Member Meetings & Information

April Meeting

Date: April 21, 2015

Time: Social Time 6:30 p.m./Business meeting 7 p.m.

Events: Presentation: Teresa Byington —**Just Like Hairstyles, Roses Have Evolved Since the 80's.**

Location: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds

Teresa Byington loves to dig in the dirt and gets plenty of opportunities to do just that as she cares for her large cottage garden that consists of about 200+ roses (hard to get an exact count) and their companions. She is currently a Master Gardener intern working to get her “wings” in the Master Gardener program. She is a member of the American Rose Society and the Indianapolis Rose Society where she serves as Vice President/Program Director. She serves as a juror for the Biltmore International Rose Trials.



She will attend her 3rd invitation only P. Allen Smith's Garden Blogger event in May where she has the opportunity to learn from garden experts and social media experts from around the world, as well as garden trends and new garden products.

She is the co-host of the Rose Chat Podcast— the only show on the airwaves dedicated to growing roses and rose culture— everything from the incoming ARS president and vice presidential candidates to rose growers, enthusiasts and hybridizers. This popular podcast, now in its 3rd year, has had over 360,000 downloads and is available on demand at rosechatpodcast.com.

Her blog, The Garden Diary, tells of her adventures in the garden and in life, as well as promotes roses as an integral part of the landscape. Teresa's garden consists of many rose varieties from Hybrid Teas and landscape roses to Old Garden Roses. She loves to create flower arrangements to share with friends and family as well as those who live in area nursing homes.

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.

- Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month.
- 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 [on the website](#).

Meeting Minutes

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

2015 Master Gardener Classes

Hendricks County's Master Gardener Classes have usually started in January of each year. However, this year we are without an ANR Educator until recently. The ANR Educator is responsible for conducting the classes.

We will post further information about the schedule for classes here and on the website as it becomes available.

The Extension

Our new ANR educator, Angie Tilton, has started work. Welcome Angie.

Extension Homemakers are inviting the public to a financial seminar on April 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be sessions on “Senior Scams and Identity Theft”, “Is On-Line Banking Safe?” and “Asset Protection”. Admission is free—registration is required by April 22. Contact Carol Pearson (745-9260 or clpearson@purdue.edu) to register.

There are many educational programs offered by Master Gardener organizations throughout Indiana. Check the extension web page for more information about these—it is updated regularly. See <https://extension.purdue.edu/Hendricks/>

Volunteers Needed for Open Gardens

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.

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.

Contribute to the Newsletter

Chairing a committee? Know about an interesting event? Have some timely garden advice? Giving a presentation somewhere? Need volunteers for a project?

Keep your fellow members informed. Contact Ed Freeman to get your info into the newsletter or on the website

Master Gardener Presentations

May 12--6:30 p.m. Perennial Plant Exchange

Coletta Kosiba

Brownsburg Library: 450 South Jefferson Street--call 852-3167

Since 2001 area gardeners have been dividing their perennials and bringing them to the Brownsburg Library plant exchange. Please bring 4-6 plants (in pots or bags) Please label variety. Popular gardener speaker Coletta Kosiba will give information on where and how to care for the plants.

June 10-- 6:30 p.m. —"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly": Insects in the Garden"

Coletta Kosiba

What you should know about the insects that inhabit your garden and landscape. All the good they do will amaze you. Ninety eight percent of insects are beneficial. So do not spray everything that moves! Insect are part of the important web of life. There are a few nasty ones and we will talk about how to control the Bad Bugs. Coletta Kosiba 2500 Gold Master Gardener; Indiana Master Naturalist.

Missouri Botanical Gardens

Hendricks County Master Gardeners are planning a bus trip to Missouri Botanical Garden (MoBot) on June 27th. The bus will depart from the Hendricks County Fairgrounds at 6:30 am and return by 10 pm. More info and a reservation form are included in back of the newsletter and on the website. This is going to be a great trip. There has been a lot of interest expressed by members and non-members in this trip.

We expect to sell all 55 seats and potentially have a wait list. So, get your reservations in early and be sure to get in on a fun-filled day with fellow Master Gardeners and other garden enthusiasts. To get an idea of what MoBot has to offer, check out their website: missouribotanicalgarden.org.

Contact Barb Zupan at bsz@indy.rr.com with your questions.

Gardening for All Ages Update



"Gardening for All Ages" is almost here—April 25th is the date. Our sponsors this year are Hendricks Power, Lawson & Co., Ray's Trash, and Dammann's Nursery. Exhibitors are signing up for booths. We are excited to have Stream Cuisine as our food vendor. This is Courthouse Ground's mobile food service. They will be offering a menu that includes breakfast and lunch items.

There will be four informative seminar sessions. Speakers and topics for this year are:

10:00 am	Fall Gardens	Chuck and Pat Dallas
11:00 am	Plant Propagation Basics	Magen Eller
1:00 pm	Growing Orchids	Dick Wells
2:00 pm	Worm Composting	Becky Troutman

Don't forget about saving your newspaper sleeves for wrapping the sapling trees. Bring them to any upcoming meeting for Roxanne McGlone. If you have garden magazines that you hate to throw away, bring them along. We will distribute them at the Gardener's Closet. And don't throw that old planter, or garden tool away, if it's able to be sold at a garage sale price! Save your collectibles for our Gardener's Closet. If you can set these used items aside until April 24, that is best. If you don't have room to store them until that time, feel free to bring items to the April meeting and give to Becky Troutman, Ed or Suzy Freeman.



Upcoming Events

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

- April 25, 2015 - Gardening for All Ages • HC Fairgrounds Expo Hall
- June 4-6, 2015 - Purdue Master Gardener State Conference • Evansville
- October 3, 2015 - Adventures in Gardening (Note: Changed from previously published date) • HC Fairgrounds

Statewide Events

[See the Purdue website](#) for statewide Master Gardener events.

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

Volunteer & Educational Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteers are needed for the Master Gardener booth at the Earth Day plant sale at McCloud Nature Park on April 18.. Please contact Nancy Rice. Volunteers will be briefed on the plants being offered before the sale so that they can be prepared to answer questions.
- The HCMG Board is in search of members willing to host plant digs to provide plants for the 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.

Spring is coming!—Local Plant Sales

Saturday, April 18, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM—Earth Day Native Plant Sale, benefiting Hendricks County Parks and Recreation – McCloud Nature Park, North Salem. Many selections from over 1,000 plants. Free entrance. Master Gardeners will be on hand to provide information about plants.

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM—Many different plants offered by vendors at “Gardening for All Ages,” .

Friday, May 1 4:30 PM—7:00 PM & Saturday, May 2 8:00 AM—2:00 PM—Avon Outdoor Learning Center—Native Plant Sale. Free entrance.

Saturday, May 9, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM --Danville Downtown Merchants’ Association Geranium Festival—Farmers’ Market and many other vendors, including the plant booth of the Hendricks County Garden Club. Free entrance.

Saturday, May 9, 10:15 AM – 12:30 PM – Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society (INPAWS) Native Plant Sale –Park Tudor Gym, 7200 North College (entrance off 71st St.), Indianapolis. Auction of rare and prime specimen plants at 11:00 AM. Free entrance.

Saturday, May 16, 8:00 AM –3:00 PM –Hamilton County Master Gardeners Plant (including Iris) Sale. “Expanded selection of Indiana natives, perennials, annuals, vegetables and trees. Bearded Iris Sale (dug to order at iris bed). Hamilton County Fair Grounds. Free entrance.

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 PM—Hendricks County Master Gardeners annual plant auction. Hendricks County Fairgrounds.



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Hendricks County Master Gardener Bus Trip 2015

When: Saturday June 27th

Where: Missouri Botanical Garden (MoBot)

Cost: \$66.00 per person

Includes:

- Bus fare (includes driver tip)
- Admission to Missouri Botanical Garden
- Guided Tour
- Snacks and water on return trip

Reservation for members plus one is today through April 30th. Payment in full is required at the time of reservation. Reservation will be open to the public and other organizations May 1st – May 22nd. If we do not have at least 45 paid reservations by May 22nd, the trip will be canceled. All payments will be held until the trip is confirmed. Payments will be returned if the trip is canceled. Due to the requirement to have 45 paid attendees, we cannot refund reservations. The bus capacity is 55. Once we have 55 paid reservations, we will maintain a wait list. Anyone who needs to cancel at that point will have the option of “selling” their ticket to someone on the wait list. It is your responsibility to notify the registrar named below so that we have a correct and complete list of all on board, but YOU must transact the money.

The bus will depart from Hendricks County Fairgrounds at 6:30am EST sharp, and will return by 10:00pm.

Lunch will be ON YOUR OWN. You can bring your own, or purchase on site. There is ample space on the bus for small personal size coolers, and there is space in the cargo area if you choose to bring a large cooler. MoBot has a restaurant and a café. Menus are available on their website www.missouribotanicalgarden.org.

Important information regarding the bus contract: no alcohol; no red, orange or grape colored drinks allowed. You may leave personal items on the bus, and you will have access to the bus while it is parked at MoBot should you need to retrieve items or load purchased goods. Yes, MoBot has a very nice gift shop and you may find something you cannot live without!

HCMG 2015 Bus Reservation Form

Payment must accompany reservation.

Name _____

Tour (choose one): (1) Garden including Japanese Garden ___ or (2) Victorian District ___

Plus One Name _____

Tour (choose one): (1) Garden including Japanese Garden ___ or (2) Victorian District ___

Phone number or email address _____

Cell Phone - required to contact members while at MoBot, if needed _____

Number in party _____ X \$66 = _____ Total Remittance

Please indicate if you have special seating or other requirements for this trip

Checks payable to **HCMG**
Send completed reservation form and payment to:

Barb Zupan
1207 Reeves Rd
Plainfield, IN 46168