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President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners & Interns!

HCMG April Meeting was loaded with much activity and updates - Teresa Byington gave us a wonderful Rose presentation - complete with prizes and surprises. And what do we like more than free prizes and good education. Thanks Teresa!

GFAA was another great success. Larger attendance, more visitors attending our Educational Programs, vendors happy. This just keeps getting better. Kudos to all Lead Chairs, Committee Chairs, presenters, volunteers - to us ALL! We are HCMG and WE did well!!

While we were being dazzled at our MG Meeting with info and Rose program, Magen Eller was presenting a Gardening Checklist to the Hendricks Co. Purdue Alum Association. They too have a scholarship program. Partnering with us for education the Purdue U Alum Association donated \$100 to our HCMG Scholarship Fund. Thank you, PU Alum of Hendricks Co!!

Next is our May 19th Plant Auction at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 on Tuesday, May 19th. See page 2 for more about the Plant Auction.

Van Buren School project update from Martha Gooldy:

Seeds, donated by MG were planted in the raised beds. Students included— were 4 first grade classes, a second grade class, a fourth grade class, and an after school program for children who are living in area motels and other environments that lack outdoor areas to play. They also observed different kinds of seeds to describe how they were alike and different. Each participating teacher was given a packet of radishes and cheesecloth with instructions on how to sprout radishes to demonstrate seed germination and what is going on under the soil. Beds are very small but everyone had some "dirt time". Thank you HCMG from Martha and students

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 - June 5th if final date to submit to be counted for Picnic presentations in July!

As we are planting our gardens and beds consider items for exhibiting at the Hendricks Co. Fair. Open Class books for exhibit information are available in the Extension Office. And our HCMG challenge to grow a different type squash - to show at a fall meeting!

Plainfield Garden Tour - June 20 & 21 would like to have HCMG help. If you are interested please contact Michelle Tramm (listed in directory) or myself.

Thank you Bruce Crum for another great walk through your woods on April 28th! MG and guests certainly appreciated your sharing, knowledge, and even your humor. These MG Extras are just the icing on the cake to be a HCMG.

Still growing Interns!

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

- Rosie Lenihan

Member Meetings & Information

May Meeting

Date: May 19, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m

Events: Plant Auction (no business meeting)

Location: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds—Expo Hall

Fraze's donated soil to the Fairgrounds who are sharing it with us for any major Plant Digs. Thank you Frazee and the Fairgrounds! Plants scoop —

- Plants should be dug as soon as possible so that they look great at the Auction
- Please tag plants with common name, light preference (sun/shade), height, size, etc.
- Plant may be brought to the Expo Hall at the Fairgrounds on Monday, May 18, 4pm - 7 pm or
- Bring them to the Auction early on the 19th
- Items welcome to Auction include plants, bulbs, trees, shrubs/bushes, vegetable plants, hardscape, tools
- If you have any question please contact me.
- OH, and buyers with cash and check money, please. No credit cards!



HCMG Cookbooks will be on sale at the auction at \$5.00 per copy!

Summertime

See information about Missouri Botanical Gardens for the bus trip in June. The July pitch-in picnic and awards night will be on July 21 at Rosie Lenihan's residence.

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

The extension office booth getting ready at GFAA:



Open Gardens

Teresa Byington will host an Open Garden on June 11th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Teresa's address is in the directory.

If you would like to host an Open Garden in 2015, please email to hcmg.communications@gmail.com. We will contact you to arrange the date and time. 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 —just relax and let members enjoy your gardens with you.

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 Colletta 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. Colletta 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.

There are still available seats, and they are now open to non-members. 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 Recap



It was a dark and stormy day—but Gardening for All Ages was bright and cheerful and busy from open to close. Above: the Rose Society Booth. Below: Magen Eller and Ed Olsen staff the Master Gardeners Booth.



Below: The Garden Wizard again attracted a lot of attention with novel planting ideas.



Upcoming Events

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

- 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

- Contact Vicki Coleman to volunteer to staff the Master Gardener Booth at the Hendricks County Fair—July 19 to July 25.
- 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, 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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