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## President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners and Interns,

There goes Spring and here comes Summer! Our MG Plant Auction this month went well, we had lots of plants and garden "things" and a good group to buy them. Some Putnam County MGs, after purchasing lots of items, took our remaining items for their sale May 30th - working together. Our earnings from the Auction were \$1243.50 plus \$145 in cookbook sales. Thank you all for donating and attending.

We have also awarded our 2015 HCMG Scholarship to Mr. Chancellor B. Clark who will be attending Purdue University West Lafayette in the fall. A check for \$1500 from HCMG will be issued to Purdue for Chancellor's fall and spring terms (\$750 per term).

MG Volunteer Hours must be received in the Extension Office by Friday, June 5, for MG badges/awards this July at our Annual Picnic. Picnic will be held at my home on Tuesday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. More to follow.

Be sure to review the information about new Purdue policies for Master Gardeners on page 4 and on the website.

June 16th we will have a program on Garden Yoga at 7:00 p.m. in Classrooms A-B-C. Members only. Please see Page 2.

Vicki Coleman is still looking for volunteers for the MG Booth at the Hendricks Co. Fair. Please contact Vicki. If you have an idea for the booth - Please, please call Vicki.

Thinking HC Fair - keep thinking and planning to exhibit in Open Class at the Fair. Questions, please contact a Board Member.

Teresa Byington's Open Garden is June 11th. See Page 3.

In the fall - pending SQUASH growth - we will be having a show and tell of the different type squash we have grown this summer. AND we hope to have some refreshments from those squash. Keep growing and trying new squash recipes for future *opportunities!* to share!

In September - date to be determined - we will have a MG Extra - Plant Exchange - like we did last year. So if you didn't thin your beds enough for the Plant Auction, here's another attempt.

We have sent 400 copies of our AIG flyer to the 2015 MG Conference in Evansville. The world will know about AIG - if we all keep telling our friends.

Still growing Interns!

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

- Rosie Lenihan

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## Member Meetings & Information

### June Meeting

**Date:** June 16, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 p.m

**Events:** Yoga for Gardeners with instructor Crystal Crews

**Location:** Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds—Expo Hall

YES, there will be a meeting **June 16th**. This meeting was not included in the handbook. It is a bonus meeting because we usually don't have a meeting during the month when we have a bus trip scheduled.

**Please note the schedule for the evening. Yoga for Gardeners will begin at 7:00pm. We will have a short break with snacks, followed by the business meeting at approximately 8:00pm. Due to limited space, this is a members only class.**

The Yoga for Gardeners class will help you learn simple yoga poses that you can use to relieve the stresses on your body that gardening may cause. The class will be gentle on our garden weary bodies and help us prepare for the busy summer ahead. Bending forward to pull weeds or plant can strain the lower back, hips, neck and shoulders so we will be practicing poses to relieve tightness in those areas. No previous yoga experience is necessary. Crystal Crews has been teaching yoga in Hendricks County for 12 years and is an avid gardener who took the MG class in 1999.

No mats are required. We will not be lying on the floor. We will be working from standing and seated positions, using chairs. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and rubber soled shoes, so you can move easily and safely. It is advisable that you don't eat heavily for an hour to two before a yoga class.

Questions about Yoga for Gardeners should be directed to Barb Zupan at [bsz@indy.rr.com](mailto:bsz@indy.rr.com)

### Summertime

The July pitch-in picnic and awards night will be on July 21 at Rosie Lenihan's residence.

The trip to Missouri Botanical Gardens is cancelled—an insufficient number of participants signed up to make the bus charter practical.

### 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](#).

## 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.

## Open Gardens

Teresa Byington is hosting an Open Garden for HCMG members on Thursday, **June 11th** from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Her address is 3588 Romar Dr in Brownsburg.

Teresa's garden is a large cottage garden that weaves together her love of roses and their companions. Roses alongside annuals, herbs, shrubs, trees, perennials and a few veggies fill this garden. Fences, arbors, gates and a small potting shed/garden office (many built by Teresa's husband, Greg) add support and additional cottage charm.

As you will recall, Teresa gave us a wonderful presentation on Roses at our April meeting. Now, we have an opportunity to visit her garden. So, enjoy the visit and please keep in mind the Open Garden Visitor Etiquette:

- Stay on paths. Do not walk into gardened area unless permission is given.
- Do not pick any flowers or dead-head any plants (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 touring their garden.

## 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

## Our New ANR

Hello Hendricks County Master Gardeners! My name is Angie Tilton and I am the new Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) and Community Development (CD) Extension Educator. I joined the Purdue Extension- Hendricks County team at the end of March.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Science from Purdue University and a Master of Science in Geology from Indiana Purdue University in Indianapolis. I have 15 years of work experience in natural resources management and public education and outreach. Most recently I served as the Healthy Rivers Initiative (HRI) Liaison for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Division of Fish & Wildlife. Prior to my role as the HRI Liaison, I served as the Indiana Project WET (**W**ater **E**ducation for **T**eachers) State Coordinator with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and served as the Water Quality Educator for the Tippecanoe County Soil & Water Conservation District. When I am not working, I enjoy learning how to grow vegetables in my raised garden beds and canning the fruits of my labor when I am successful.



The first several weeks have been a whirlwind as I've traveled around meeting people from the community and learning more about all that Hendricks County has to offer. I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the Gardening for All Ages event or various events throughout the county. I have heard great success stories about the Master Gardeners in Hendricks County and I am honored to serve as your county's coordinator. Please give me a call at 745-9260 or email me at [tilton@purdue.edu](mailto:tilton@purdue.edu) if you have any questions, need anything or just want to introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting each of you and I am excited to jump in and see what's blooming in Hendricks County!

## Master Gardener Presentations

**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.

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## Adventures in Gardening Update

**October 3, 2015**

**Registration and silent auction begin at 8:00 A.M.**

**Programs from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P. M.**



Frederick Rice will be the feature speaker. His two presentations will be "Structure and Structures" and "Vines and Climbers".

Broch Martindale will present "Container Gardening". Attendees will have the option of staying for a Fall Container workshop where they can create a container to take home.

New this year—silent auction:

What is the most fun part about going to a conference? It is the shopping! All the garden goodies. Who can resist? And, don't you just love it when you have the opportunity to buy hand-crafted items? This year, Adventures in Gardening (October 3rd) will include a silent auction as a fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Let's give our attendees some awesome items to bid on. (Don't forget, we are attendees too, so we get to bid.) We have such a diverse membership with so many talents – artists, bakers, woodworkers, bee-keepers to mention a few. Just imagine all the items we will have on the auction block! The silent auction committee will also be assembling baskets of smaller donated items, so if you have new or very gently used small items (gloves, tools, seeds, bulbs, books, etc), please consider donating them. Contact Silent Auction Chair, Barb Zupan at [bsz@indy.rr.com](mailto:bsz@indy.rr.com) and let her know what you will be donating. Donations are needed by September 1st in order to prepare bid sheets and assemble baskets.

# New Purdue Master Gardener Program Policy- Your Action Required!

Submitted by Angie Tilton

There is a new Purdue Master Gardener Program Policy that took effect on September 15, 2014. Purdue has asked that we integrate all Master Gardeners into the new policy by September 2015. As you know, we have been without a Master Gardener Coordinator as the Ag/Natural Resources Extension Educator position has been vacant until recently. That means, we now only have a few short months to get everyone integrated into the new policy. **This means all Master Gardeners who wish to remain active must take action before September 1, 2015!**

## What is required by Purdue Master Gardener volunteers?

All **current and new** Master Gardeners must:

Read the MG Program Policy Guide (MG-5-W). This can be downloaded for free from Purdue's Education Store at: [https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?item\\_number=MG-5-W#.VWhyN2NgSVo](https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?item_number=MG-5-W#.VWhyN2NgSVo)

Return completed and signed Purdue MG Volunteer Application and Agreement form to Angie Tilton (annually)

Provide evidence of government-issued photo ID (one time requirement)

Purdue Extension office staff will complete sex and violent offender registry checks (annually)

Report volunteer activity and educational training hours to Angie Tilton for approval (annually)

**Why did we need an updated policy?** The update brings the program into compliance with Purdue's interim volunteer policy. The new policy defines relationships and roles for volunteers and Purdue. It also provides clarification of administrative policies for the program and brings consistency to the administration of the program.

## Upcoming presentation on the new policy:

There will be a brief presentation at the MG meeting on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> following yoga. I will have hard copies of the new program policy to distribute, as well as Volunteer Application and Agreement forms. Purdue Extension office staff will also be on hand to collect signed forms and verify state issued photos IDs. We will also be available during the MG picnic on July 21<sup>st</sup> to check photo IDs and collect completed forms. MG can also stop by the Purdue Extension- Hendricks County office any time Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4 pm before September 1, 2015 to return signed and completed forms and to have their photo IDs checked. Again, **all MG's must return a signed and completed Volunteer Application and Agreement form and provide evidence of a government-issued photo ID by September 1, 2015.**

For those of you who can't attend the presentation there is a training video available at <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/hendricks/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=8009> for your review. You can also download the new policy guide and new volunteer forms at this website as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 317-745-9260 or [tilton@purdue.edu](mailto:tilton@purdue.edu)

## 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.
- 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.
- October 3, 2015 - Adventures in Gardening — HC Fairgrounds (Volunteer and Educational opportunity).



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