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President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners and Interns,

Remember when we didn't have much going on in January and February? Welcome to July!!

Hendricks County Fair is quickly approaching. Open Class exhibits are to be brought to the Fairgrounds between 9 a.m. and 12:00 noon on July 18th. For information for exhibiting in Open Class please access the Open Class Catalog on the Extension website at:

<https://haven.agriculture.purdue.edu/DepotWS/File.ashx?t=f&i=20374>

Contact Vicki Coleman for educational items for our MG Booth at our Fair. Visitors to our booth will receive a MG Cookbook. Food and Food Preservation Grand Champions at the Fair will be awarded MG Cookbooks as well. These awards are funded as a memorial by a Hendricks Co. family.

MG Picnic and mid-year MG Awards is at my home on Tuesday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. To sign-up please click on <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848aaa82da2fd0-hcmg> Angie Tilton, ANR, will be collecting MG info to meet PU regulations. Please see Angie's notes on page 3.

Our second annual MG Plant Exchange will be Tuesday, September 8th, 6:30 – 8:00 in Classrooms B-C. More to follow.

Many of you are working on committees for our October 3rd Adventures in Gardening (AIG). And this is the time to remind your friends what a great educational experience this will be – new speakers, hands-on container planting, “how-to” books for sale, and great silent auction items to buy. And even electronic registration is in the making.

And don't forget the Indiana State Fair and the Master Gardener booth there.

“Grow Interns – Grow Master Gardeners”

Rosie Lenihan



Member Meetings & Information

July Meeting

Date: July 21, 2015 **Time:** 6:30 p.m

Events: Awards Night and Pitch-in Picnic

Location: Rosie Lenihan Residence

Our annual awards night has a Mexican fiesta theme for the pitch-in this year. Please sign-up for the food item(s) you are bringing. This includes you in the count so we know how many are attending. You can access the sign-up page by following this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848aaa82da2fd0-hcmg>.

Summertime

Date: August 18, 2015 **Time:** 5:30 p.m

Events: Eskenazi Sky Farm Tour

Location: Eskenazi Hospital, Indianapolis

Eskenazi Sky Farm is a 5,000 square foot garden on the 7th floor rooftop of Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis. Hendricks County Master Gardeners have the opportunity to tour this facility on **August 18th** at 5:30 p.m.

Due to the limited spaces available for this tour, Master Gardeners and Interns must sign-up by **July 31st**. Spouses and guests will be added to a wait list and will be allowed to attend if space is available in the order in which they signed up on the wait list. If you cannot be there and ready for the tour to begin at 5:30, please do not sign up. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the June and July meetings, or you may contact Barb Zupan at bsz@indy.rr.com to sign-up.

Additional information regarding parking and directions will be sent to those who sign-up for the tour. There is a cost for parking, so you may want to consider carpooling.

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.

Volunteer and 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.
- Sign up at to volunteer for the Purdue Master Gardener Plant Info to Go booth at the state fair. Slots are still available on Sunday August 9th. Use <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848aaa82da2fd0-state> to sign up.
- 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).

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

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From Our ANR

YOUR ACTION REQUIRED! New Purdue Master Gardener Policy

By now you have all heard that there is a new Purdue Master Gardener Policy. We are in the process of getting all Hendricks County Master Gardeners integrated into the system. **This means all Master Gardeners who wish to remain active must take action before September 1, 2015.**

So, here is what you need to do to be integrated into the new policy:

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

Return a completed and signed Purdue MG Volunteer Application and Agreement form to Angie Tilton. You can scan them and email them to tilton@purdue.edu or you can snail mail them to Purdue Extension- Hendricks County office at PO BOX 7, Danville IN 46122. You can access the form on the MG website or Purdue-Extension Hendricks County's website.

Provide evidence of government-issued photo ID- **this must be done in person**. Please do NOT mail a copy of your driver's license to the office. We must check all photo IDs in person. You can come to the Purdue Extension- Hendricks County office anytime Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm to have your photo IDs verified in person. In addition, Angie and Chase will be at the July Picnic to check IDs and we will also check IDs at upcoming MG monthly meetings.

So, please remember to get those photo IDs checked in person and please submit your completed and signed Volunteer Application and Agreement forms asap. Thank you to all those who have already submitted their forms and had their IDs checked. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Tilton at 317-745-9260 or tilton@purdue.edu

State Fair Shifts Still Available!

Hendricks County Master Gardeners will be staffing the Purdue Plant Info to Go booth at the Indiana State Fair on Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9. There are still time slots available. To sign up for a shift, please visit:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848aaa82da2fd0-state>

Sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis and are only reserved by signing up at the link above.

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.

In addition there will be four short presentations on **Gardening in Unconventional Places**.

New this year—silent auction:

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 and let her know what you will be donating. Donations are needed by September 1st in order to prepare bid sheets and assemble baskets.

Register and pay online, or download registration forms on the website.



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