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## President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners & Interns,

July - what a busy and fun month for HCMG. In a capsule here's what I know we did - and probably a bunch more...

Manned Avon, Danville and Plainfield Farmers' Markets at least once a month at each location - answered lots of questions and collected name of more people who are interested in the MG Program.

Hendricks Co. Fair MG Booth planned, set up, manned throughout the Fair. See Vicki's new layout for the booth on page 2. And Thank YOU, Vicki for chairing this big endeavor!!

Formed the MG Nomination Committee for 2016 Officers. Those volunteering to serve are Nancy Barnett, Bruce Crum and Dale Olson. As members we all serve sooner or later. If you are interested in running for MG Board office/officer, please contact a Nomination Committee person or strongly consider serving when they contact you.

Held our annual MG Picnic and Award social with 60+ people attending. Thanks to the Committee and all you food donors.

Thanks to MG who have presented educational programs to community and social groups Moved HCMG into the high tech world with on-line registration through PayPal - now available for AIG.

Filled Committee Chair positions for AIG.

Becky Troutman has cancelled her Open Garden for this year. Maybe next year ....

So thinking AIG...Jan Myers needs a of couple people to assemble the program books when they are finalized. Becky Troutman needs two or more people to help with the decorating. Overall, Theresa needs many volunteers. Please contact Theresa. And to put a new spin on our show we are having a Silent Auction during AIG. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used for our scholarship fund. We are asking for HCMG items -\_homemade/baked items, art-crafts, containers, etc. Please let Barb Zupan know what you will be donating.

And, back to Officers and planning for 2016, if you are interested in serving or chairing a committee or project for 2016 please contact the Board. The 2015 Board will collect that information for the 2016 Board. Elections will be in October and the new Board may appreciate having information to begin their planning.

Please keep our second annual HCMG Plant Exchange in mind as you thin those garden beds. This is an Exchange for MG only = not a sale. Date: Tuesday, September 8th, 6:30, Fairgrounds.

Grow Interns, Grow Master Gardeners!

Rosie Lenihan



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## Member Meetings & Information

### 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, sign ups closed on [July 31st](#). If you have signed up please be there and ready for the tour to begin at 5:30.

### Meetings

**Date:** September 15, 2015  
**Social Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Business Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.

Regular business meetings resume in September. The presentation in September will be "Season of Herbs at White River Gardens" by Sue Arnold. Note: the date shown for this meeting in the 2015 handbook is incorrect. September 15th is the third Tuesday in September and is the correct date for the meeting.

### 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.

## At the Fair



Visitors getting info at the Hendricks County Fair Booth

## 2016 Master Gardener Classes

Hendricks County's Master Gardener Classes will begin in early January next year. Requirements to be a MG include:

- Attend MG training program classes, which is approximately 13-14 weeks in length, 3 hours in the evening, one class per week
- Achieve rank of Intern by completing the training classes and passing the exam
- To become a certified Purdue Master Gardener, must complete 35 hours of volunteer service within 2 years of attending the training class
- To maintain active status as a MG, must complete 12 volunteer hours and 6 education hours per year.

Anyone interested in the class and who can commit to the above requirements can sign up to be contacted when details are finalized. Sign up is available by contacting the extension office, visiting the master gardener booth at a farmer's market, or by using the contact form on [www.hendricksgardeners.com](#).

Direct questions to Angie Tilton at 317-745-9260 or email [tilton@purdue.edu](mailto:tilton@purdue.edu).

We will post further information about the schedule for classes [here](#) and on the website as it becomes final.

## Volunteer and Educational Opportunities

### Volunteer Opportunities

- 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). Contact Theresa Mathieson to volunteer.

## 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

## From Our ANR

### New Purdue Master Gardener Policy – YOUR ACTION REQUIRED

Just another friendly reminder that in order to be in compliance with Purdue's new MG Policy, to please do these 2 important things before September 1:

Have your photo ID checked in person at the Purdue Extension -Hendricks County office anytime Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm. **This must be done in person. Please do NOT mail a copy of your driver's license.**

Complete and sign a Purdue MG Volunteer Application and Agreement form to Angie Tilton. Forms are available on the MG website. You can scan and email completed forms to [tilton@purdue.edu](mailto:tilton@purdue.edu) or snail mail them to Purdue Extension- Hendricks County office at PO BOX 7, Danville IN 46122

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](mailto:tilton@purdue.edu)

#### Two dates to add to your list of events (if not already on there):

September 17 -18, 2015: Purdue Rainscaping Education Program (2 day format) at IUPUC campus in Columbus, IN.

Program Brochure: [https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/rainscaping/Documents/Rainscaping\\_Final\\_Web.pdf](https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/rainscaping/Documents/Rainscaping_Final_Web.pdf)

Registration: [https://edustore.purdue.edu/wk\\_sessions.asp?itemID=22061](https://edustore.purdue.edu/wk_sessions.asp?itemID=22061)

June 16 – 18, 2016: Master Gardener State Conference at the Four Points by Sheraton, West Lafayette. For more information: <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/mg/2016StateConf.html>

## 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**. Speakers include: David King, ISDA Program Manager—Local Foods; Elizabeth Garver, Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Dan McCord, Hamilton County Urban Conservation Association; and a representative of the Boiler Green Initiative for Rooftop Gardens.

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](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.

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



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