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## President's Message

Greetings Hendricks County Master Gardeners & Interns,

AIG was another grand event for our organization. Our Silent Auction fund raiser totaled \$1659 which is entirely directed to our Scholarship fund. Thank you again to all our Master Gardeners who donated to our Silent Auction/Scholarship fund raiser. The new year means a new Scholarship Committee and communicating to students that we have Scholarship money to award.

Bob Iames presented "Our Garden in Winter" at the October MG Meeting. It's hard to think of snow and ice on trellis and fence rails right now - thank goodness - but with our gardens rather bare after fall clean-up it does help us focus on planning for next year.

Angie Tilton, our ANR Educator, will be our program presenter at the November 17th meeting.

Her program is "Purdue - Hendricks Co - Master Gardeners".

As a reminder, HCMG are decorating a tree at the Fairgrounds/Convention Center. If you have saved dried materials for the tree please bring them to the Extension Office on Monday or Tuesday, November 23 and 24 - Office hours 8 - 4. If you would like to participate in decorating the tree on Tuesday, November 24, please contact me. We are particularly in need of dried money plant.

Congratulations to the members of the 2016 HCMG Executive Board beginning January 1, 2016!!!

President	Becky Troutman
Vice-President	Vicki Coleman
Secretary	Jan Myers
Treasurer	Karen Smith
Communications Director	Ed Freeman

They will begin forming new committees at the January meeting. Please begin thinking how you will volunteer to serve our Association too.

Please remember to bring your checkbook or cash for reservations for our December 8th Christmas Party at the Fairgrounds.

Our HCMG Cookbook endeavor has come to a close. Our profit is \$358. Thanks again to the committee who began this effort 3 years ago and to Jan Myers for seeing it through this year.

"Grow Interns - Grow Master Gardeners"

- Rosie Lenihan



## Member Meetings & Information

### Meetings

**Date:** November 17, 2015

**Social Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Business Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.

**Presentation:** "Purdue-Hendricks County Master Gardeners" follows the business meeting.

Our ANR Angie Tilton will present a refresher on Master Gardener topics such as volunteer hours, ideas for new projects, and future development. There will be time for Q&A.

**Date:** December 8, 2015

**Awards Night and Christmas Dinner:** Reservations required.

We will enjoy a social hour from 6-7 with appetizers, beer, wine, soda and water and our buffet dinner will be served at 7pm. We will enjoy fellowship, appetizers and Christmas music in one of the large halls. Then at 7pm we will move to the next room and enjoy our meal and recognition event. The caterer for the evening is Brad and Christine Born owners of the Mayberry Cafe.

The awards and recognition events will follow dinner.

The cost for the evening will be \$25 per person. We will accept reservations at the November 17th Master Gardener meeting. Please be prepared to secure your reservation with a check or cash. We are unable to accept credit or debit card payments.

To mail your payment, please see the instructions in your email. All reservations must be made by November 18th.

### 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.

## 2016 Master Gardener Classes

Hendricks County's Master Gardener Classes will begin on January 7th next year (2016). Requirements to be a MG include:

- Attend MG training program classes, which will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday evenings, with the final class planned for April 7th.
- Achieve rank of Intern by completing the training classes and passing the exam
- Complete 35 hours of volunteer service within 2 years of attending the training class
- To maintain active status as a MG, complete 12 volunteer hours and 6 education hours per year.

The cost for class materials is \$120. Registration is now available. For complete information and registration materials go to the Hendricks County Extension website page at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Hendricks/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=12475>.

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

## 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.

## 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

It is hard to believe that I have now been with Purdue Extension-Hendricks County for six months. Time flies when you are having fun! I am looking forward to presenting at the November MG Association meeting and I hope that you will all join me that evening. This is a great time for you to get to know me more, as well as for me to get to know all of you better. I welcome each of you to bring your questions with you, as there will be time after my presentation for some Q&A. A few things that I plan to talk about in my presentation include: a brief refresher on volunteer hours and training hours (I have been getting a lot of questions lately), ideas for future Master Gardener projects, and my future vision for the Purdue Master Gardener Program in Hendricks County moving forward. As you know, we were without the direction of an ANR Educator for nearly 8 months, and I am excited to be here to help support you all and move the Hendricks County Master Gardener program forward once again- as I am sure you are as well. Everyone who attends the presentation will receive one hour of training for attending. I truly hope you will join me for this presentation and Q&A session. See you there!

### Upcoming Events of Interest:

**November 16, 6:00 p.m.:** Purdue University Horticulture and Landscape Architecture free seminar. P. Clifford Miller on "The Emotion of Place and the Plants Within". Flyer is in your email.

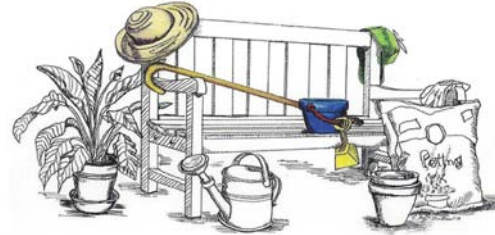
**June 16 – 18, 2016:** Master Gardener State Conference at the Four Points by Sheraton, West Lafayette. For more information: <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/mg/2016StateConf.html>



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## 2016 Events Update

### Hendricks County Master Gardeners Spring Gardening Show



### Gardening for All Ages

Hendricks County Fairgrounds

April 23, 2016 9 to 4



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#### Free Admission

- Garden Speakers
- Gardening Vendors
- Gardening Help Desk
- Trees & Seeds
- Children's Activities

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See last year pictures on Facebook.