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## President's Message

Happy 2016 Master Gardeners and Interns

Today is actually Christmas Day. It is quiet and I decided to take some time to reflect on this past year and our new year on the horizon.

I want to thank the outgoing board for their hard work and dedication.

We have a myriad of things happening in 2016. Some activities are ones we have each year—others will be new to us. These are a number of the activities in which we will participate:

- Flower and Patio Show Master Gardener Booth Q & A (question and answer)
- Gardening for All Ages
- Visiting gardens during the summer
- Hendricks County Fair Master Gardener Booth Q & A
- Avon Learning Center
- Farmers Markets
- Master Gardener State Conference
- State Fair Master Gardener Booth Q & A
- Adventures in Gardening
- New Projects to be discussed later

I encourage all of us to look at the list and think about what we can contribute to our GREAT organization.

At our November 2015 meeting I asked the Master Gardeners attending to write down their vocational background. What a diverse group we are! Everyone is an individual spoke of our large organizational wheel. In the center of the wheel is our love of gardening, plants and living things. On January 7<sup>th</sup> I have the privilege of meeting the 2016 intern class. There are 30+ signed up and ready to go. Hooray for that! I will share our backgrounds and encourage them to become another spoke on our wheel and make our organization stronger.

Our first meeting for 2016 will be on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Come early and meet someone you don't know.

6:30-7:00 Social Time  
7:00-7:50 Business Meeting  
8:00-9:00 Program

I look forward to this next year as Hendricks County Master Gardener President.

Becky Troutman



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## Member Meetings & Information

### Meetings

**Date:** January 19, 2016

#### **First 2016 Meeting:**

6:30 Social Time

7:00 Business Meeting

8:00 Presentation by Colletta Kosiba:

#### **Plants for Shady Areas**

Ferns flowers and ground cover to plant in the shade for color and texture. Using compatible plants will insure a great outcome. We will explore the array of species that do well in low light areas.

#### **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 members page of the website no more than one week after the most recent business meeting.

## Reporting Volunteer Hours

The reporting form is updated on the website. You can download the blank form and use it to report just like the old form. Or you can fill out your downloaded form with your computer using Adobe Acrobat reader IX or later or Acrobat DC. If you use your computer and the Adobe free readers it will set your fonts up, standardize your date formatting, and automatically add up the hours you are submitting. Take a quick look at the form instructions you will find on the website.

If you have questions or problems using the form, please let the webmaster know.

## Master Gardener Presentations

### **Great Indoor Houseplants by Colletta Kosiba**

January 26 at 6:30

Brownsburg Library, 450 S. Jefferson, Brownsburg

Register at 852-3167

Want a lush green plant on your desk or in the corner by the window? Find out what to buy and how to keep it alive when you get it home. Learn about the hardiest plants, low light plants, air plants, succulents, plants that clean the air, and colorful plants.

## 2016 Master Gardener Classes

Hendricks County's Master Gardener Classes will begin on January 7th. 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).

## New Publication

### **New Purdue Extension Bulletin Available for Free Download**

*Submitted by Angie Tilton*

Do you ever have people ask what they should plant instead of that invasive callery pear tree? The new Purdue Extension bulletin, "Alternatives to Invasive Landscape Species, ID-464-W" can help you answer that! It lists potential alternatives to some of the most notorious and damaging invasive plants in Indiana. This new publication is now available for free download from the Education Store or you can visit: <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/ID/ID-464-W.pdf>

## 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

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## ANR Educator Report

*Submitted by Angie Tilton*

I am excited that 2016 will bring a new Master Gardener Basic Training class here in Hendricks County. I know it has been quite some time since we have had new interns with the lack of an ANR educator for some time in 2014 and early 2015. As I write this, we currently have over 30 people registered and it is likely that a few more will register before the class begins. This is certainly a great opportunity for us to grow more interns and I am excited to meet these new gardening enthusiasts at our first class on January 7.

December brought us a great opportunity to celebrate the great work that our Master Gardeners are doing in our community. Congratulations to the eleven Master Gardeners who advanced levels and were recognized at our December awards ceremony. The following individuals advanced levels: Tammy Kozma (Master Gardener), Maria Mabe (Master Gardener), Teresa Byington (Master Gardener), Mary Beth Shoaf (Master Gardener), Laura Baker (Advanced Master Gardener), Connie Roberts-Carey (Advanced Master Gardener), Ann Sidener (Advanced Master Gardener), Jan Myers (Advanced Master Gardener), Howard Lacey (Advanced Master Gardener), Theresa Mathieson (Bronze Master Gardener), Eloisa Garza (Gold 1500 Master Gardener). Congratulations to each of you and thank you for your time and service.

I'd also like to extend a special thank you to our outgoing board members: President, Rosie Lenihan, Vice President, Barb Zupan, and Secretary, Judy Kenninger for their dedication and strong leadership. Also, a huge thank you to Karen Smith, Treasurer and Ed Freeman Communications Director for all their hard work and support. We are grateful to have both of you continuing to serve on the board in 2016. Please join me in welcoming three new board members - Becky Troutman, President, Vicki Coleman, Vice President and Jan Meyers, Secretary. I look forward to working with our new and veteran board members in 2016. We certainly have some exciting things growing in 2016.....

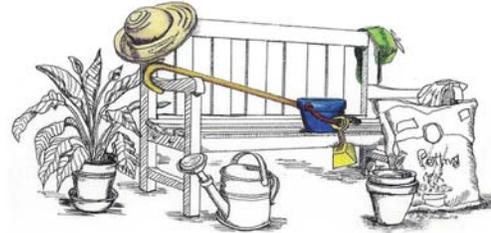
## Reminder—Dues

Members, please pay your dues for 2016. \$15 per person or \$25 per couple is due in January. Mail them to Karen Smith or bring them to the January meeting.



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## Hendricks County Master Gardeners Spring Gardening Show



### Gardening for All Ages

Hendricks County Fairgrounds  
April 23, 2016 9 to 4



**Gardening for All Ages**  
**April 23, 2016 9 to 4**

#### Free Admission

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

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See last year pictures on Facebook.

### Upcoming Events of Interest:

**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>