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President's Message

Happy February to all Master Gardeners and Interns.

For those of you that were at our first meeting for 2016 I thank you. If you were unable to attend the January 19th get together I encourage you to attend our next meeting February 16th. Each person makes our organization stronger by his/her presence and ideas.

As I am fast approaching a mile stone birthday I have come to the conclusion that getting older does at times have its perks. One learns patience and the awareness that not everything worth while comes all at once. Gardening incorporates this same philosophy. We as gardeners plant in the Spring with hope and anticipation of what will grow and fill us with contentment and even a sense of accomplishment at the end of the growing season. I do have to admit however that my patience is tried as I wait for Spring to arrive and I am able get my fingers in the dirt. Spring is only 54 days away. Oh JOY!

A reminder: Membership dues to Karen Smith by the end of February.

Her address is 1777 E CR 400 S, Clayton, IN 46118, checks made payable to HCMG, \$15.00 for single, \$25.00 for couple

Speaking Opportunities:

*Plainfield Church, Rachael Circle, Tues April 12th, 7:00

Think Green for the Year is their focus, contact Becky Troutman, painther2@att.net

*Mother/Daughter Banquet, Eternal Life Baptist Church, Mooresville,

May 7th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., 30-45 minutes, speak about our organization and gardening tips, contact Charlene Baker, 317-679-1048 chuckybaker@sbcglobal.net

Here is a list of the committees for y'all to think about and ones that we need volunteers to sign up to help. All lists will be at our February meeting.

Welcome Committee, Audit Committee, Hendricks Co. Fair Booth, Plant Auction Committee May 17th, Display Window-March, April, May & August, Farmers Markets, Summer Picnic/Awards, Avon Learning Center, Plainfield Correctional Center, Christmas Party/Awards, Membership Directory, Scholarship Program

Remember the SODOTO as you decide with what committee you can help. (See One, Do One and Train One) Step up and keep our GREAT group going.

Respectfully until next time and see you at the next meeting!
Becky Troutman - President



Member Meetings & Information

Meetings

Date: February 16, 2016

6:30 Social Time

7:00 Business Meeting

8:00 Presentation — see website for update.

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 began on January 7th. Requirements to be a MG include:

- Attend MG training program classes. (This year's classes are 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.

Direct questions to Angie Tilton at 317-745-9260 or email tilton@purdue.edu.

Reminder—Dues

Members, please pay your dues for 2016. \$15 per person or \$25 per couple is due. Mail them to Karen Smith (1777 E CR 400 S, Clayton, IN 46118) or bring them to the February meeting.

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.
- See the President's letter on page 1 for a list of 2016 opportunities.
- See Angie Tilton's report on page 3 for two new opportunities this year—staffing a new resource center and developing a demonstration 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

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ANR Educator Report

Submitted by Angie Tilton

It is hard to believe that it is already February. Spring will be here before we know it! I have two exciting projects that I am seeking assistance from Master Gardeners on this spring: 1. Demonstration Garden at the Fairgrounds and 2. Master Gardener Resource Center. Please read the project description of the two projects below and consider signing up to volunteer if you are interested.

1. **Demonstration Garden:** The Fairgrounds would like to have a new feature added to the facility as part of Indiana's Bicentennial and have asked Purdue Extension's to create a demonstration garden on the Fairgrounds that would be available for the public to walk through during the County Fair in July. At this time, I am looking for volunteers who are interested in helping to design, build and plant the garden this spring. I am also looking for volunteers who would be interested in leadership roles with this project too.

2. **Resource Center:** The Extension office receives hundreds of phone calls every year on various backyard horticulture and gardening questions, concerns and inquiries. To help meet these needs in the community, I will be developing a Master Gardener Resource Center at the Extension Office. Master Gardeners will staff the Resource Center and assist with public inquiries related to backyard horticulture and gardening. I am in the process of developing a training session in partnership with Purdue Extension Hamilton County for Master Gardeners interested in staffing the Resource Center. I am searching for volunteers who would be willing to attend the training and consider helping to staff the Resource Center. (Those volunteers who sign up will be notified first of the training opportunity.)

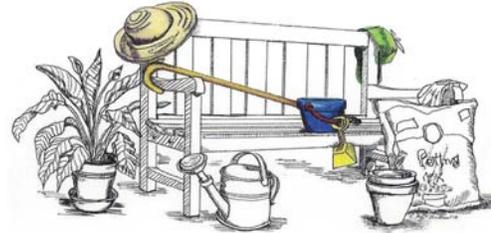
I had a sign-up sheet at the January meeting and I will continue to bring one to future meetings. If you are interested in volunteering and haven't been able to sign up at one of the meetings, please email Janet at jcunningham@purdue.edu or call the office at 317-745-9260 and let us know which project or projects you would be interested in volunteering for.

As you will see in the President's letter, there are plenty of other exciting opportunities to get involved in and volunteer. I am really looking forward to all that the Hendricks County Master Gardeners have planned for 2016. There are certainly some exciting things growing here already!



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**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

www.hendricksgardeners.com

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program contact the Extension office at (317) 745-9260.

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>

