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Message from the President

Spring is here!

Attending a “Flower/Garden Geek” workshop over the weekend has made me more than ready to be outside and in my garden. Nature is always inspiring as it wakes up for another season of growth.

I am excited to announce that at our March meeting the membership voted “YES” to host the 2018 Master Garden Conference. Wow! We will be able to showcase our Hendricks County Master Gardener Group and let others know what great organization exists in the Western suburbs of Indianapolis. I appreciated everyone and their varied opinions at the meeting. I would also like to thank Kelly Allen for her informative and funny presentation on alliums.

As the gardening season is now ramping up make sure you check out what’s going on in our area:

April 11th Indianapolis Hosta Society (Free) “Chasing the Rare and Unusual in Shade Gardens”, presented by Gene Munch at Holliday Park nature center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis, 6:30

April 13th (Free), “Container Gardening”, presented by Colletta Kosiba at the Brownsburg Library, 6:30. Call for reservations 317-852-3167.

April 24th is the deadline for the HCMG scholarship applications to be turned in.

April 29th, 4-7 and April 30th, 9-3, Avon Outdoor Learning Center Plant Sale (Great plants and a fundraiser for the OLC. Helping out can be volunteer hours)

We work together and our group is stronger.

See you in April

Becky Troutman



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Member Meetings & Information

Meetings

Date: April 19, 2016

6:30 Social Time

7:00 Business Meeting

8:00 Presentation — Backyard Poultry by Andrew Brake.

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 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 after the most recent business meeting.

Reporting Volunteer Hours

The reporting form is on the website. You can download the blank form and use it to report with a pen. 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 are using Firefox or Chrome as your web browser please be sure you are NOT using the default PDF readers that come with these to submit your forms. They are just readers, they will not save a filled in PDF form—even though it looks like they are working — and they will not warn you that they are not saving your content.

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

2016 State Conference

Registration is open for the Purdue Master Gardeners State Conference at the Four Points Sheraton in West Lafayette June 16-18. Final registration deadline is May 1. For forms and more information see:

<http://www.tippecanoemastergardener.org/2016-mg-conference/>

Volunteer and Educational Opportunities

Master Gardener Resource Center “BootCamp”

From Angie Tilton

Each year, our office receives numerous calls from homeowners looking for gardening and landscape advice. As you may be aware, I have been working to create a Master Gardener Resource Center in Hendricks County to focus our efforts on helping home gardeners with their questions and concerns. This Master Gardener Resource Center could be manned daily, weekly, or monthly depending on the interest level from the group. I have created a survey to gauge your interest level and availability to help in the Master Gardener Education Center. Please answer the brief survey questions below which will help me to create and provide a training for all volunteers willing to help with the project. Please note that those Master Gardeners who attend the training will be required to volunteer in the Education Center a minimum number of hours per year. To access, the survey:

https://purdue.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hjfSAhMatxAnpH

Responses are due no later than, Saturday, April 9th.

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.
- Please consider volunteering for two new opportunities this year—staffing the new resource center and developing a demonstration garden at the Fairgrounds.

From Members

From Theresa Byington

More Garden Fun and Education Too!

As a Master Gardener and member of the Indianapolis Rose Society, I have the pleasure of learning from some of the best of the best from both organizations.



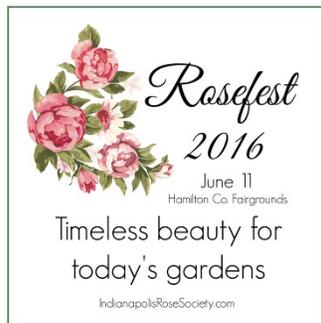
Whether you are new to roses or have been growing them a long time, I invite you to join me at one of Indianapolis Rose Society's meetings or garden tours this growing season. We have some amazing learning opportunities planned. Many of the meetings qualify for Master Gardener educational hours. All our meetings are open to the public, so you are good to invite your friends. We meet in charming Zionsville at the Sullivan Munce Center. (Link [http://](http://sullivanmunce.org)

sullivanmunce.org)

COMING UP!

On April 12 @ 6:30 pm, we will have two Mini Programs, one on growing roses in containers and one on companion plants for roses. As with each meeting, we will have a round table discussion and end our evening with a raffle—prizes for the lucky ones.

On May 10 @ 6:30 pm, Dr. Mark Windham, Distinguished Professor in Ornamental Pathology from the University of Tennessee, will speak to us about the latest on Rose Rosette. If you have never heard Dr. Windham speak, let me tell you he could be a stand up comedian! Seriously!



June 11 is our ROSEFEST at the Hamilton Co. Fairgrounds and home to a beautiful rose garden. This will truly be a day filled with roses, rose information, roses and rose products for sale and in the afternoon lectures from 3 powerhouses in the rose world! The lectures will be on Old Garden Roses, new sustainable shrub roses and the Earth-Kind growing program. Read on for details... <http://indianapolisrosesociety.com/2016/03/08/rosefest-2016-timeless-beauty-for-todays-gardens/>

July's meeting is just for fun! On July 9 at 6 pm we will have a Wine & Roses Garden Party at the home of one of our members. I assure you this rose garden is something to see and you are welcome to come. Just RSVP.

For a complete list of our meetings ... head over to our website here... <http://indianapolisrosesociety.com/2016/03/15/2016-program-lineup/>

Several of us have been meeting in the Connection Pointe parking lot in Brownsburg around 5:15 pm and driving over to Zionsville together! Join us. Give me a call at 317 514 8999 or email me at teresabyington@gmail.com

Presentations by Members

101 Container Gardening by Colletta Kosiba

April 13 at 6:30

Brownsburg Library, 450 S. Jefferson, Brownsburg

Register at 852-3167

You can create a great looking container

If you have ever been stumped on what to plant in your pot or just how to arrange the plant material? Master Gardener Colletta Kosiba explains how and what to plant for a fantastic container this year. As a bonus view 40 different types of containers already planted. Learn plant selection, color considerations and design rules. Learn what type of soil to use; how to feed and water the plants for long lasting bloom.

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.

Have some gardening experience you would like to share? Perhaps a favorite garden plant or practice? Write an article and submit it for this page.

ANR Educator Report

Purdue University's Working with Minors Certification

Flowers and trees are blooming and Gardening for All Ages is just a few short weeks away! Please see below regarding some recent changes from Purdue University that will impact our spring event. **If you will be working the Children's Booth you must take action by April 18th.**

Over the past several months, the Purdue University Office of the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance has been working to implement campus-wide policies related to programs involving minors. These policies are designed to ensure the protection of minors who participate in any University-supported program or activity.

As a part of the policy, all Purdue Extension Staff and Volunteers, including Master Gardeners who will be working with youth while serving as a Purdue Master Gardener volunteer, will need to complete a training on Working with Minors Certification. **If you will be working at the Children's Booth at Gardening for All Ages, you MUST complete this training by April 18.** If you are NOT planning to work the Children's Booth, you are NOT required to take this training. However, I highly encourage you to do the training so that you are covered, just in case, or so you already have it done for future events that may involve minors. The certification will be good for 24 months (2 years) from the date of completion.

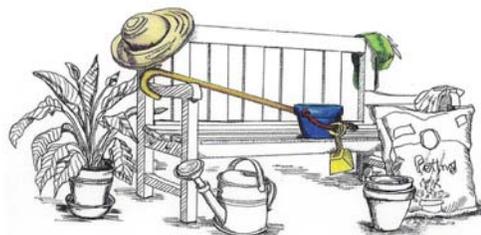
To complete the certification, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/mgminorscert>

The training and quiz completion should only take about 15 minutes on average. At the end of the quizzes, you will see a screen appear noting to print the page or download the PDF for your record. **I recommend that you keep a copy of your responses for your personal record.**

We will have a laptop in our office if anyone should need access to a computer and internet to take the training. Our office is open Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm.

If you have any questions, please call 317-745-9260 or email me at tilton@purdue.edu.

Hendricks County Master Gardeners Spring Gardening Show



Gardening for All Ages

Hendricks County Fairgrounds

April 23, 2016 9 to 4



Presentations —sessions are located in conference 1 and 2, across the hall from the extension office

- 10:00 Rose Varieties for Success**
Theresa Byington
- 11:00 Cover Crops for Gardens**
Bree Ollier
- 1:00 Plantings for Shady Areas**
Colletta Kosiba
- 2:00 Tight Space? Small Footprint High Output Gardening**
Russel Primrose

See last year pictures on Facebook.

Upcoming Master Gardener 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>

October 15, 2016: Adventures in Gardening at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds.



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