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## Message from the President

Summer is finally here. Yea! Leave it up to Indiana to take us from cold to hot without much middle ground.

**BIG Thank you to Barb Zupan and her committee for coordinating the Plant Auction in May and to Rosie Lenihan for being our auctioneer.**

Wow are we busy this Summer. A short list of some of the activities we as Hendricks County Master Gardeners are involved in since my last letter and for the Summer.

- \* Plant Auction in May for our yearly scholarship, \$1,716 was earned
- \* Farmers Markets- June-August in Avon, Plainfield and Danville
- \* Tours of fellow MG gardens
- \* Helping out at the Plainfield Garden Tour in June
- \* Picnic in July
- \* County Fair Booth in July
- \* State Fair Booth in August
- \* Planning for AIG in the Fall
- \* Taking on the MG State Convention in 2018
- \* Working at the Plainfield Correctional Center
- \* Helping children plant a garden at Van Buren School
- \* Boot Camp Training for the MG help line

I am very proud of our group. Each of us has a talent to share. What better way to help others than "TEACH" them about gardening and nature.

I look forward to a busy summer with everyone. Until next month stay busy outdoors!

Becky Troutman, President



## Member Meetings & Information

### Summer Meetings & Tours

**Date:** June 21, 2016 6:30 P.M.

#### **Avon Outdoor Learning Center**

Meet at the Cabin (South of the school buildings) for a tour and presentation. 7237 E US 36, Avon

**Date:** July 26, 2016

#### **Summer Picnic and Awards Night**

Meet at Kerry Cates' home (see directory).

**Date:** August 16, 2016 6:30 P.M.

#### **Tippecanoe County Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden**

3150 Sagamore Parkway South (US 52), Lafayette, IN  
Location is next to the Tippecanoe County Extension office.

Meet at the gardens in Lafayette at 6:30  
or

Meet at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds at 5:00  
(to carpool).

### 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.

## Volunteer and Educational Opportunities

### **Open Gardens**

June 25 11:00 A.M. to 2 P.M. at Steve Pearl's home.

June 30 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Ginny Brandgard's home.

If you would like to offer an open garden please let Vicki Coleman know of the date and time.

### **Hendricks County 4H Fair**

July 17 to July 22.

Contact Vicki Coleman. Volunteers are still needed to work in the Master Gardener Booth.

### **Master Gardeners for Plainfield Garden Tour**

*From Terri Tram*

The 8th annual Plainfield Garden Tour will be held on **Saturday, June 18th**, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and **Sunday, June 19th**, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. They are adding an education piece to the tour this year. Several gardens will have a content "expert" to help educate the public on garden related subjects. One of those gardens will have an "Ask a Master Gardener" table manned by two Hendricks County Master Gardeners who will be available to answer general gardening questions. It is understood that you will not have all of the answers but could direct the visitor on the correct path to finding a solution. In return for your time, you will receive volunteer hours for Master Gardeners. This is an opportunity for Master Gardeners to do what we do best - educate the public.

We would like two Master Gardeners per two-hour shift. Depending on the number of volunteers, the volunteers may work more than one two-hour shift.

Please e-mail me at [Hayladyjrin-mail@yahoo.com](mailto:Hayladyjrin-mail@yahoo.com) or contact me at (317) 919-7679 to volunteer. Provide your name, e-mail address, cell phone number, preferred day/time to volunteer, and Master Gardener experience level (i.e. Intern, Master Gardener, etc.).

### 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.

### ANR Educator Report

It's hard to believe that summer will officially be here in just a few weeks. Community farmers markets have begun and people have been busy planting, weeding and tending to their gardens and flower beds. And at last, we have had some beautiful, sunny weather the last couple of weeks after what seemed like endless rain. Our Master Gardener Education Center launched a soft trial run on Thursday, June 2.

A giant thank you to Jerry McIntyre, Class of 2016 Intern, for working side by side with me as we develop procedures and record logs for the Center. Jerry along with Master Gardener Intern, Cathy Dunn, answered phone calls and emails as they worked a soft launch of the new Master Gardener Education Center. They assisted with identifying plant samples, a spruce canker, wild strawberry control and more during the soft launch!



*Jerry McIntyre and Cathy Dunn at work on June 2*

Jerry McIntyre has had over 12 years of experience working in a Master Gardener Education Center as a Connecticut Master Gardener and he has been a tremendous help as we launch this effort here in Hendricks County. Jerry has agreed to serve as a Project Lead. Jerry is searching for volunteers to staff the Resource Center in 3 hours shifts (9 am -12 pm and 1 pm – 4 pm). Master Gardeners will receive 3 hours of volunteer time plus travel time for each 3 hour shift they work. If you are interested in volunteering in the Education Center, please email Jerry at [jdmcintyre@gmail.com](mailto:jdmcintyre@gmail.com). We have worked very hard on this Center and we are so excited to get it officially opened for business this month! Home garden, lawn and tree questions can be emailed to the Education Center at [hcmghelp@line@gmail.com](mailto:hcmghelp@line@gmail.com).

Reminder: Please turn in your volunteer hours by June 30th to be considered for the July summer awards. For those of you who think you may be close to advancing levels, please get your hours turned in ASAP.



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### Farmers Markets Schedule

The summertime Farmers Markets in Hendricks County are in full swing now. Hendricks County Master Gardeners will have an information booth at several of the market sessions.

Town	Days/Time	Ends	Master Gardener Booth Days
Avon	Tuesdays 4 to 7 pm	9/29	2nd Tuesday each month
Plainfield	Wednesdays 4 to 7	9/14	3rd Wednesday each month
Brownsburg	Thursdays 4 to 7	9/8	None
Danville	Saturdays 8 to 1	9/3	3rd Saturday each month
Pittsboro	Saturdays 8 to 1	9/3	None

### Hendricks County Fair

The 2016 Hendricks County 4H Fair is from July 17th to July 23rd. The Master Gardeners will have an information booth at the Fair. The booth will be located in the expo hall.

### Upcoming Events of Interest to Master Gardeners:

**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. Registration is available on the website.