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## Message from the President

Hey to all Master Gardeners. Happy Summer!

I just returned from the Master Gardener's State Conference in West Lafayette. It was my first conference and I really enjoyed it and learned a lot. That's the point right? Two ideas I took from the meeting. One, the more we have high tech the more we need high touch. Two, Master Gardeners help to foster the curious mind. I am proud to be part of an organization that does so much for our fellow Hoosiers. The Master Gardeners in Indiana donated 31 tons food that we help grow. We donated our time (volunteer hours) to the tune of enough to equal 70 years of full time employment. 70 years! Think about that. Within that 70 years who knows how many people were inspired, challenged and educated. Amazing. Go Master Gardeners!!!



- Hot off the presses. Our next Master Gardeners training class will be this Fall. It starts August 25th and goes through December 1st, Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon. There are some new topics as well as standard ones. Angie said she likes to change it up.
- Remember the MG help line. It is on Wednesdays from 9-Noon, 1-4.
- We are at the Farmers Markets in Avon, Plainfield and Danville one day each month. See page 3
- Today we had our first Garden visit. Steve Pearl hosted from 11:00-2:00. Thank you Steve.
- If y'all are in Danville make sure you keep your eyes on the new park going in on the right/north just past the Square. A group of us are helping to design the plantings. MG's serving our communities.
- Remember hours turned in after the June 30th cut off date will be applied to our December awards/party program.
- July 26th is our annual picnic/awards program. Make sure if you are in town to come visit and cheer for those MG's moving up with their badge requirements. It will be a Cowboy Picnic, at Kerry Kates House starting at 6:30. We will send out directions closer to the meeting. Yee Howdy!
- Thank you to those MG's donating their time to the Plainfield Garden tour on June 18th/19th. Thanks to Terri Tramm for organizing the affair.

See y'all at our picnic.

Becky Troutman-President

## Member Meetings & Information

### Summer Meetings & Tours

**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

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.

## Save the Date in 2018

Hendricks County will host the Purdue Master Gardener State Conference in 2018. Expect a short update at the July picnic.



**Save the Date**

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## ANR Educator Report

### ANR Educator Report

Happy July! Although summer seems to have just arrived, I am already planning for the fall with another Master Gardener Basic Training class. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 9 am – 12 pm at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Classes will begin on August 25 each consecutive Thursday until December 1<sup>st</sup>. Information on this fall’s class and how to register can be found at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/hendricks/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=17855>. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Purdue Master Gardener, please be sure to help spread the word.

The Master Gardener Education Center had a very successful launch last month. Jerry McIntyre, Project Leader, reports that the first month has been fairly smooth and that volunteers are easily handling the volume of traffic coming into the Extension office. We are gearing up to advertise the Education Center to the public through local papers, social media, farmers markets, etc. The Education Center is open each Wednesday from 9 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 4 pm. Inquiries related to home garden, lawn, tree, plant or pest issues can be emailed to the Education Center at [hcmghelp-line@gmail.com](mailto:hcmghelp-line@gmail.com) or can be called into the Extension office at 317-745-9260. To date, Master Gardener volunteers have resolved 28 inquiries for the month of June. If you are interested in volunteering to work in the Education Center, please contact Jerry McIntyre at [jdmcintyre2013@gmail.com](mailto:jdmcintyre2013@gmail.com). A big thank you to all the Master Gardeners that have already volunteered or who have signed up to work.

Lastly, I anticipate the Master Gardener State Office to be sending out a call for the State Fair soon. Once I am assigned a date and time, I will be sending out an email seeking volunteers to help staff the Master Gardener booth. Be sure to watch your inboxes for an email calling for volunteers from Janet in the next week or so.

### 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.
- Think about how you would like to volunteer to help us host the 2018 Indiana State Master Gardeners Conference.



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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:

**October 15, 2016:** Adventures in Gardening at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Registration is available on the website.