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## Message from the President

Howdy Master Gardeners.

Yee Haw! Our 2016 picnic was a great success and a bunch of fun. Some of us even tried Square Dancing. Thank you to Kerry Cates and her wonderful backyard and to Jill Clouser for all her sensational sewing and special touches to the Cowboy theme. Fantastic job ladies! Thank you to all bringing food too.



We had a small business meeting but the main reasons for the evening were to visit and give out awards. I do have to say our Master Gardener group has some of the GREATEST individuals ever. I enjoyed being able to thank in person those MG's taking leadership rolls so far this year. Our club could not function without you.

I was honored to be able to give out awards. The awards are for volunteer and educational hours earned advancing members to the next badge level. Six interns from the Winter 2016 class went to Master Gardener level, 3 Advanced Master Gardeners graduated to Bronze level and 3 Bronze level Master Gardeners moved to the Silver level. A lot of hard work and congratulations to everyone.

Remember to sign up for AIG "Adventures in Gardening" coming October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. While you are signing up don't forget to save slightly used and new garden related items for the Silent Auction being organized by Barb Zupan. This was a very big fund raiser for us and the money goes towards our yearly scholarship.

Be looking for ways to volunteer in the up and coming months for the 2018 Master Gardener State Conference. We will need all hands on deck to help Rosie Lenihan and Jan Myers pull off a great event. I know we can do it.

\*Please remember to wear your badges to events so we can greet each other by name.

Growing together!

Becky Troutman- President

## Member Meetings & Information

### Summer Meetings & Tours

**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.

### 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.

## Save the Date in 2018

Hendricks County will host the Purdue Master Gardener State Conference in 2018.

Purdue Master Gardener **2018 State Conference**



**Save the Date**

June 7-9, 2018 in Danville, Indiana

- Explore gardening in a digital era
- Learn about gardening in your backyard
- Discover the art and science of gardening

Learn more at  
[www.HendricksGardeners.com](http://www.HendricksGardeners.com)

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## ANR Educator Report

Congratulations to the following Master Gardeners who advanced badge levels at the Summer Picnic:

Master Gardener: Cathy Dunn, Spence Gibbs, Brenda Hawkins, Jerry McIntyre, Mariel McRae and Dick Meier.

Bronze: Pat Geer, Dale Olson, Terri Tramm

Silver: Vicki Coleman, Ed Freeman, Becky Troutman

Just a reminder that Master Gardener Basic Training Classes for Fall 2016 start on Thursday, August 25 and will be each consecutive Thursday until December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am – 12 pm at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Thursday. 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!

Hendricks County Master Gardeners will be staffing the “Plant Info to Go Booth” at the Indiana State Fair on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 7 pm and on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm – 7 pm. We still have a few volunteer slots left, so if you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848aaa82da2fd0-state1>

### HELPFUL ONLINE RESOURCE:

The Ohio State University Extension offers the Buckeye Yard & Garden online or BYGL which is an electronic newsletter that provides timely information about Ohio growing conditions, pest, disease, and cultural problems. I have found this weekly electronic newsletter very helpful to give me a heads up on pests that we may see here in Indiana. I know a few other Master Gardeners have also enjoyed this resource too. In fact, Steve Pearl and Ron Stoner used information from a previous newsletter to help them correctly identify Cicada Killer Wasps from a phone call into the Master Gardener Education Center. I highly recommend this resource, especially for those of you who are volunteering in the Education Center.

If you would like to receive these informative newsletters, send an email from the email address you want to receive the newsletter at to: [bygl-alert@lists.osu.edu](mailto:bygl-alert@lists.osu.edu). Use the phrase “Subscribe to BYGL ALERTS” in the subject line. In the email message text area you must also indicate how you want the BYGL information sent to you either via BYGL Alert (Articles sent immediately) or BYGL Digest (Articles will accumulate and only one notice will be sent per day). If you do not select one of these options, you will be automatically enrolled in BYGL Alert.



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## Hendricks County Fair

This year's fair was a big success. We had 1210 visitors to our booth and 27 people interested in taking an intern class. Thank you to all the volunteers who manned the booth. A special thank you to the following master gardeners for their projects and help. To Steve Pearl thank you for your help setting up—same time and place next year. To Jackie Rosales thank you for collecting the bugs. Guess the bug was a big hit. To Terri Tramm for her posters on Monarch Butterflies and garden mistakes thank you. To Rosie Lenihan thank you for another wonderful fairy garden made out of a log and also her compost display. To Becky Troutman for her Sensitive plant, variegated milkweed and worm composting display. To Jan Myers for bringing a beautiful tree displaying volcano mulching. To Shirley Gates thank you for your pot of marigolds, peppers and surprise potato plants from peelings. Thank you to Colletta Kosiba for the Lilies and Purple Cone flowers and catalpa worm. Without these displays we could not have a booth. We also had a Name the Veggie Box and Name the seeds both along with the insects were a big hit with the kids and adults alike.

From: Vicki Coleman

### Upcoming Events of Interest to Master Gardeners:

**August 18, 2016— 6:30 p.m.: Cover Crops in the Home Garden** at the Boone County 4H Fairgrounds. Information flyer is appended to this newsletter.

**September 7-November 2, 2016:** Indiana Master Naturalist Workshop at the Twin Bridges Lodge, County Road 150 E, Danville, Indiana. Meets Wednesday nights 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Danville Parks and Recreation & Twin Bridges RDF

Class size is limited and is on a first come-first served basis.

To register send your name and address, county of residence, phone number and email address, along with a \$50 check payable to Twin Bridges RDF. Send to Attn: Carole Smith, PO box 9, Danville, IN 46122.

For more information go to the IMN website at [in.gov/dnr/masternaturalist](http://in.gov/dnr/masternaturalist).

**September 17, 2016—10:00 a.m.: Hypertufa Workshop** at Chuck and Pat Dallas's residence. Information is appended to this newsletter.

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

Hendricks Co. Master  
Gardeners Present:  
**HYPERTUFA**  
**WORKSHOP**

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
at 10:00 a.m.

\*Limited class size of  
10 people

\*\$25.00 in advance

\*\*Your payment is your  
reservation

\*Advise which project  
you are signing up  
for at time of  
payment

\*All supplies and  
finished **Birdbath** or  
**Planting Trough**  
included

\*Workshop is about 1 ½ hours long

\*Wear something that can get  
dirty and be ready to have FUN!

\*You will be taking home a  
finished project and instructions  
for future care and seasoning

Workshop at Chuck and  
Pat Dallas' home  
1578 N Co. Rd 50 E  
Danville, IN 46122

Send checks made payable  
to Pat Dallas at  
the above address.

Questions? Call Pat Dallas at  
317-745-5715

# Using Cover Crops in the Home Garden



Thursday, August 18  
6:30-8:00 p. m  
Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds  
Farm Bureau Community Building



## *Are you interested in:*

- ◇ Improving the fertility of your garden's soil?
- ◇ Reducing the growth of weeds?
- ◇ Reducing soil erosion?

*If you answered yes to any of these questions, this program may be for you!*

## *Come Learn:*

- ◇ The benefits of cover crops
- ◇ Cover crop species for the home garden
- ◇ How to effectively manage cover crops



## **PRESENTERS**

Karen Fairclough, Byron Seeds

Curt Emanuel, Purdue Extension – Boone County

This program is free and all are welcome!

Please register by calling the Extension Office at 765-482-0750 or send an email to  
cemanuel@purdue.edu

★ Cover crop seed will be available for sale following the program.