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Message from the President

Happy September to all Master Gardeners and Interns,

The summer has been very busy for our chapter. Garden visits, July picnic/awards and the Farmer's Markets.

On August 23rd, 12 of us made the trip to the Tippecanoe County Master Gardener display gardens. Wow what a fantastic garden. If we choose to have a display garden at the fairgrounds seeing these areas will get us off on the right foot. I came away with ideas to incorporate in my own garden.

AIG is almost upon us! October 15 is just around the corner.

Register Now by mail or online. Go to the website for forms and even to pay the \$45 fee. The registration deadline is October 10th. Check out the five fascinating presentations you will hear. Come to hear them and enjoy meeting other Master Gardeners from around Indiana at the included continental breakfast and lunch Bid in the silent auction. Shop.

We still need volunteers—see page 2 for details. Master Gardeners and Interns too--contact Theresa Mathieson to volunteer.

We need Donations For the AIG Silent Auction—Donate new or gently used items. Please contact Barb Zupan at bsz@indy.rr.com, or 317-839-4186 to make your donation by **October 1st**. A description of the item and its value are needed in order for a bid sheet to be prepared for each item. Last year we exceeded our goal of funding the scholarship program for the year. With your donations, we can do it again!

Pre-Order the books you want from the AIG book sale

The list of available books is attached to the end of this newsletter. Pay when you pick up the books with cash, check, and debit or credit card. Last pre-order at the September meeting.

A HUGE thank you to the following MG's/Interns: Ed and Suzy Freeman, Neeta Steinbrook, Steve Pearl, Terri Tramm, Mary Susnosky, Terry Meingasner, Rhonda Legan, Jackie Rosales, Donna Grimm, Robin Elizabeth Parsley. I couldn't have done any of the Farmer's Markets without you.

August 25th I again had the privilege to address a new Intern class. WELCOME INTERNS!!!!

Our members are glad to have y'all on board.

Regular meetings start back up on September 20th. The nominating committee is meeting before our next meeting. I urge each of you to consider serving in a position if asked. We are stronger working together.

See you in September.

Growing Together

Becky Troutman, President

Member Meetings & Information

Regular meetings resume in September

Date: September 20, 2016

Social Time: 6:30 P.M.

Business Meeting: 7:00 P.M.

At this meeting we will be introduced to the slate of volunteers nominated to lead our group next year. We will vote on the nominees in our October meeting.

Presentation: **Fall Gardening** by Chuck and Pat Dallas

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 education 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.
- AIG volunteers needed:

Volunteers are greatly needed to make this event happen. You will have a chance to sign up at the September MG meeting, but if you want to reserve your favorite volunteer spot then please e-mail Theresa Mathieson (tmmathieson@yahoo.com), and tell her which job you prefer.

Here are the remaining volunteer slots:

Set up with Steve Pearl—**unlimited number on Friday afternoon**

Packet prep with Shirley Gates- **need 3 on Friday after noon**

Decorating with Jill Clouser- **need 4-5 on Friday**

Book sales with Robin-Elizabeth Parsley-**need 2 on Friday and Saturday**

Hospitality with Roxanne McGlone-**need 4 mostly on Saturday**

Stampers-**need 6 following lunch on Saturday**

Greeters-**need 2 on Saturday morning early**

Registration table-**need 1 on Saturday morning**

Timers-**need 1 all day Saturday**

Clean up ---**unlimited number on Saturday afternoon**

2018 Updates

Hendricks County will host the Purdue Master Gardener State Conference on June 7-9 2018 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Conference Center.

The steering committee met several times over the summer, and began contacting potential key speakers and recruiting committee chairpersons.

Detailed results from the 32 members who answered the survey questions about possible topics are attached to this newsletter.

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ANR Educator Report

Demonstration Garden Kick-off Meeting:

Anyone interested in serving on a subcommittee to create a demonstration garden at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds, should plan to attend the kickoff meeting on Thursday, September 15 from 6- 7 pm at the Fairgrounds. This will be the first meeting where I will introduce the project goals, budget and seek leadership for this project. If you would like to help in this effort, please mark your calendars and plan on joining us!

Indiana Local Food Summit:

Thursday 6 October 2016
 Ivy Tech Culinary and Conference Center
 2820 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis
 Registration \$30 (Early Bird by 15 September)
www.conf.purdue.edu/infoodsummit

At this first-ever statewide local food gathering, you can network, learn and share with other people working in local food system development from around Indiana. The Indiana Local Food Summit, organized by Purdue Extension in collaboration with several partners, will have focused networking and learning around:

- Food Hubs
- Farm to School
- Food Councils
- Food Business Development
- Healthy Food Access

We would be excited to see you there and support you in strengthening our local and regional food systems across the state! Your \$30 registration includes a locally sourced lunch, catered by Ivy Tech Culinary Students.

VISIT THE REGISTRATION PAGE TO LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP:

www.conf.purdue.edu/infoodsummit

Save Your Cut Plants!

Planning ahead for this winter, the MGs are usually asked to decorate a holiday tree at the Fairgrounds. In preparation for this, please save your cut plants- flowers, stems, and pods from your gardens. If you have plants to contribute, please contact Rosie Lenihan.



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Farmers Markets



Master Gardeners had a booth once a month at the Danville, Plainfield and Avon Farmers Markets. The group in the picture staffed the booth at the last market for us this Summer—a rainy Saturday morning in Danville.

Upcoming Events of Interest to Master Gardeners:

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.

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

Saturday, September 17, 2016 —8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 Lake County Master Gardeners Association—Autumn Splendor (Seminar) Merrillville, IN. More info:
www.lakecountymastergardeners.com

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

HCMG 2018 STATE CONFERENCE SURVEY MONKEY RESULTS

Your HCMG 2018 State Conference Steering Committee has collected the results of the Survey conducted July 25 through August 1, 2016. Thirty-two HCMG responded to the survey plus the Committee received a few emails offering suggestions to which we have responded.

The Survey announced the 2018 State Conference Theme:

Gardening Outside & In
(Tagline to the Theme is forthcoming)

Survey results per question: “Other” indicates write-in suggestions

Q1.	Which of the following topics would you select for the “Gardening Outside” portion of our 2018 MG State Conference:	Responses
	* Composting 101	31.25%
	* Urban Trees	31.25%
	* Herbs - for us and the rest of nature	31.25%
	* Monarchs	34.38%
	* Succulents for the Midwest	31.25%
	* Small Space Gardening	46.88%
	* Seeds - maturing, collecting, processing, storing	37.50%
	* Water Wise	21.88%
	* Native Plants of Indiana	56.25%
	* Perennial Plants	37.50%
	* Other - Companion plants - Gardening for Pollinators/Beekeeping	
Q2.	Which of the following topics would you select for the “Gardening Inside” portion of our 2018 MG State Conference?	
	* Tools - ergonomically correct - beginners to physical challenged	45.16%
	* Growing your own power food and drinks	32.26%
	* Green Living	25.81%
	* Growing Stress Reduction	25.81%
	* Farm to Table Food	41.94%
	* Cultivate Gardening - promoting the love of gardening	32.26%
	* Gardening Head to Toe - from hats to sore feet	38.71%
	* Other - Growing Herbs & Houseplants	

Book Descriptions from Publishers

(1 of 2)

Title/Author	Description
Sleep, Creep, Leap/ Benjamin Vogt	AIG speaker's stories of his 1500 native prairie over 3 years.
Medicinal Herbs: A Beginner's Guide/ Rosemary Gladstar	Intro for gardeners, natural health devotees, and self-sufficiency enthusiasts
Starter Vegetable Gardens/ Barbara Pleasant	How to Start, Maintain and Expand an organic veggie garden even in the smallest of spaces
One Magic Square Vegetable Gardening/ Lolo Houben	Expanded 2nd edition of techniques to coax an abundance of produce from 3 square feet
Carrots Love Tomatoes/ Louise Riotte	How to use the natural attributes of plants to strengthen and support each other when planted together
Uncommon Fruits for Every Garden/ Lee Reich	Plant selection, cultivation, propagation, & maintenance for 23 fruits carefully chosen for their flavor, ease of care and cold hardiness
Homebrewer's Garden/ Joe & Dennis Fisher	How to grow Hops, brewing herbs and malt grains in a backyard or sun facing porch
Backyard Homestead/ Carleen Madigan	Best Advices for producing your own food: growing fruits, veggies, and herbs, making cheese, raising chickens & keeping bees
Backyard Homestead Book of Building Projects/ Spike Carlson	76 projects to equip all aspects of backyard sustainable living with simple illustrated instructions using basic tools and building materials
Weedless Gardening/ Lee Reich	Introduces a system that protects the soil, contributes to plant health, reduces water consumption and mitigates weed problems by keeping seeds dormant
Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden/ Jessica Walliser	Hands on guide feathers a natural and sustainable way to control pests
50 High Impact, Low Care Garden Plants/ Tracy DiSabto-Aust	50 show stopping plants anyone can grow
Continuous Container Gardens/ Sara Berg Townsend	Innovative system for creating stylish containers that change with the seasons
Planting in a Post Wild World*/ Thomas Rainer/Claudia West	Designing plantings that function like a naturally occurring plant communities
Secret Lives of Backyard Bugs/ Judy Burris	Up-close and personal tour of the hidden lives of spiders, beetles, butterlies, moths, crickets, grasshoppers and other backyard residents. Teacher's Choice Award Winner.
Family Butterfly Book/ Rick Mikula	How to ID, care for and raise butterflies in your backyard
Camp Granny	130 green activities with timeless grandparenting advice

Book Descriptions from Publishers

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Title/Author	Description
Nature Connection: Outdoor Workbook/ Claire Walker Leslie	Interactive workbook with dozens of fun things to do outdoors every season. 2011 Teacher's Choice winner
Vitamin N/ Richard Louv	Guide full of practical ideas, advice, and inspiration for creating a nature rich life for kids and adults
What's wrong with my House-plant?/ David Deardorff	How much light, water, fertilizer 100's of indoor plants need and how to identify potential problems and their effective nature-friendly remedies
All the President's Gardens*/ Marta McDowell	From plant obsessed Washington to Michelle Obama's kitchen garden
Homegrown Honey Bees/ Alethea Morrison	Beginner's guide to everything you need to know to keep bees
The Earth Moved/ Amy Stewart	Subterranean adventure introduces the planet's most important gatekeeper: the humble earthworm
<i>Living Landscape/ Darke/ Tallamy</i>	<i>Guide shows how to design a beautifully biodiverse garden with information on the role plants play within larger environment</i>
<i>Bringing Nature Home/ Tallamy</i>	<i>Explores the important relationship between native plants and insects and wildlife</i>
<i>Drunken Botanist/ Amy Stewart</i>	<i>Enlightening Botanical history and science and chemistry of over 1500 plants and fungi with 50 drink recipes and growing tips</i>
<i>Wicked Plants / Amy Stewart</i>	<i>A to Z guide of plants that kill, maim, intoxicate and otherwise offend</i>
FANDEX - Bugs	Images and text in a die cut fan form makes a great family field guide for trips, dinner discussions, and instant reference
FANDEX - Wildflowers	Images and text in a die cut fan form makes a great family field guide for trips, dinner discussions, and instant reference
FANDEX - Butterflies	Images and text in a die cut fan form makes a great family field guide for trips, dinner discussions, and instant reference
FANDEX - Trees	Images and text in a die cut fan form makes a great family field guide for trips, dinner discussions, and instant reference
FANDEX - Birds	Images and text in a die cut fan form makes a great family field guide for trips, dinner discussions, and instant reference
Coloring Book –Wicked Plants	Companion coloring book to Wicked Plants by Amy Stewart
Coloring Book – Coloring Your Seasons	

Adventures In Gardening Book Sale
Pre-Order Form – **DUE September 20, 2016**

Name: _____

Street: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____

Will Pick Up: _____ At AIG _____ At Oct. Meeting _____ Other

Title	Author	Pages	Cost	Qty	Total Cost
Sleep, Creep, Leap	Benjamin Vogt, AIG Speaker		10		
Medicinal Herbs: A Beginner's Guide	Rosemary Gladstar	224	8		
Starter Vegetable Gardens	Barbara Pleasant	180	10		
One Magic Square Vegetable Gardening	Lolo Houben	384	10		
Carrots Love Tomatoes	Louise Riotte	224	8		
Uncommon Fruits for Every Garden	Lee Reich	308	10		
Homebrewer's Garden	Joe & Dennis Fisher	224	9		
Backyard Homestead	Carleen Madigan	296	10		
Backyard Homestead Book of Building Projects	Spike Carlsen	368	13		
Weedless Gardening	Lee Reich	176	6		
Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden	Jessica Walliser	256	13		
50 High Impact, Low Care Garden Plants	Tracy DiSabto-Aust	168	9		
Continuous Container Gardens	Sara Berg Townsend	272	10		
Planting in a Post Wild World*	Thomas Rainer/Claudia West	272	20		
Secret Lives of Backyard Bugs	Judy Burris	136	8		
Family Butterfly Book	Rick Mikula	176	9		
Camp Granny	Sharon Lovejoy	272	8		
Nature Connection: Outdoor Workbook	Claire Walker Leslie	308	8		
Vitamin N	Richard Louv	320	8		
What's wrong with my House-plant	David Deardorff	304	13		

Title	Author	Pages	Cost	Qty	Total Cost
All the President's Gardens*	Marta McDowell	336	15		
Homegrown Honey Bees	Alethea Morrison	160	8		
The Earth Moved	Amy Stewart	240	7		
Living Landscape*	Darke/Tallamy	248	20		
Bringing Nature Home	Tallamy	128	10		
Drunken Botanist	Amy Stewart	400	10		
Wicked Plants	Amy Stewart	256	10		
FANDEX- Bugs			7		
FANDEX- Wildflowers			7		
FANDEX- Butterflies			7		
FANDEX- Trees			7		
FANDEX- Birds			6		
COLORING BOOK – Wicked Plants	Amy Stewart		7		
COLORING BOOK – Color Your Year			7		
			Totals		

*All books are paperback except for Planting in a Post Wild World, All the President's Gardens, and Living Landscapes

If you want The Living Landscape, Bringing Nature Home and The Drunken Botanist books, please pre-order. We will NOT have extras of these for sale at AIG

Send Pre-order Form either paper or electronic to:

Robin-Elizabeth Parsley
163 West St.
Plainfield, IN 46168
beagad@gmail.com

With questions: call or text: 317-522-6356

Please note: For Pre-orders only. We are using the same publisher as we have used last year. If you remember a book you wish you had bought or that you want to buy more of from last year's AIG, please contact Robin-Elizabeth and if the book is still available, she will work with you to order it at the discounted price.

Payment is due at time of pickup of books. Payment needs to be in the form of cash or check at meetings. Credit cards will be accepted if you pick up at AIG.

TO BE FILLED OUT WHEN PAYMENT IS RECEIVED

CASH _____ CHECK # _____