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Message from the President

HAPPY FALL to all Hendricks County Master Gardeners and Interns.

Here I sit at my kitchen table with the doors open and a glorious breeze blowing. The bugs and birds are outside letting me know that cooler days are coming. I can be hopeful.

66 Members and Interns attended our first meeting after the summer break.. WOW! Thank you to all in attendance.

The nominating committee presented the candidates for the HCMG Board in 2017. They are: Becky Troutman – President, Vicki Coleman – Vice President, Terri Tramm – Secretary, Ron Stoner – Treasurer and Ed Freeman – Communications Director. We will vote at our October meeting. Thank you to Eloisa Garza, Rita Kerner and Jill Clouser for working on the committee.

AIG, Adventures in Gardening, is coming soon. Set up is Friday, October 14th starting at 10:00 a.m. with Packet People needed at 12:00 noon. Saturday comes early. Volunteers are needed starting at 7:00 a.m. unless you hear differently from Committee heads.

*Remember: **BADGES**

On October 8th at 10:00 a.m. Bruce Crum has invited us for a Fall Garden Walk. Come ready to have a wonderful walk.. Bruce has a low trailer pulled by a tractor for those needing assistance.

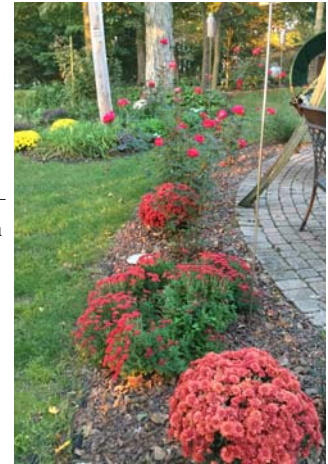
October 18th is our regular meeting date. Peter Goldbrough will be speaking on GMO's. What are they? Why do we have them? Are they safe? Come and find out.

Please contact Judy Kenninger to volunteer for our Winter/Christmas Party. You can find her contact info in our hand book.

*** Turn in your volunteer and educational hours. Awards coming in December.

I look forward to seeing y'all at our next meeting. Come grow with us! We are stronger together.

Becky Troutman, President



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Member Meetings & Information

Date: October 18, 2016

Social Time: 6:30 P.M.

Business Meeting: 7:00 P.M.

We will vote on the nominees for 2017 HCMG officers in our October meeting. The committee has nominated:

Becky Troutman, for President
Vicki Coleman, for Vice President
Terri Tramm, for Secretary
Ron Stoner, for Treasurer
Ed Freeman, for Communications Director

Presentation: **GMO** by Peter Goldsbrough

The presentation will follow the business meeting. Dr. Goldsbrough is a Professor in Purdue's department of Botany and Plant Pathology. His research has focused on the response of plants to their environment and their molecular defenses against damaging chemicals, metals, and drought.

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

Wanted—Dried Plants for Fairgrounds Christmas Tree

Please save dried plants for decorating the Christmas Tree at the fairgrounds—especially money plants. —Rose Lenihan

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.
- AIG volunteers needed: If you haven't signed up but would like to help, both Setup on Friday afternoon and Cleanup on Saturday after the event can use “walk-in” volunteers.

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 current Master Gardeners on the steering committee include Jan Myers, Rose Lenihan, Theresa Byington, Cathy Frederick, Ed Freeman, Chuck Dallas, Pat Dallas, Vicki Coleman, Martha Rardin, Ginny Brandgard, Theresa Mathieson, and Jill Clouser. Chat with committee members to keep up to date or to let us know how you want to help.

2016 Events Update

Upcoming Events of Interest to Master Gardeners:

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

Tomato Grafting Workshop at Southwest Purdue Agricultural Center (SWPAC)(Vincennes)

Grafting has the potential to control soilborne diseases and increase yield of high tunnel grown tomatoes. To help tomato growers learn grafting technology, we plan to organize tomato grafting workshops at SWPAC this fall. The workshops will be conducted on Nov. 14, 16, 17, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (EST). The workshop is free, but please call us to register and pick the day that works best for you. To ensure every participant receives adequate hands-on practice opportunity, no more than 10 participants will be accepted on each day. To register, please call Barb Joyner at 812-886-0198. (This program is intended primarily for farmers)

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