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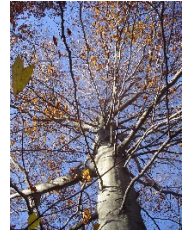
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Message from the President

The days are flying by. It seems I just wrote my President's letter for last month's October newsletter and now it is almost November.

This past growing season has sharpened my observation skills trying to keep up with my 2 young grandchildren. If anyone needs a boost in "nature excitement" just hook up with the youngest of humans. Their zest for knowledge and unbridled enthusiasm is a tonic for these aging bones.

Even as the vegetable/perennial season is winding down our Master Gardener group is revving up for a busy last couple of months and planning for the coming year. A huge Thank you to Theresa Mathieson, Jill Clouser and crew. Our 2016 AIG workshop was a great success.



I met with about 12 other MG's on Tuesday night to brain storm ideas for our upcoming Demonstration Garden in 2017. We dreamt big with suggestions of what we want now and what we want in the future of the project. Please consider becoming involved with this project.

Of course we will kick into high gear for the 2018 State Master Gardener Conference June 7-9, 2018. At our last regular meeting we were 597 days away. We are even closer now. I encourage seasoned Master Gardeners as well as our Interns to become involved. Find an area you are interested in, contribute your time and skills. I can guarantee you will "grow" and learn something new. Do this and still have fun. Gardeners ARE the best people.

Let's grow together!

Becky Troutman - President



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Member Meetings & Information

Date: November 15, 2016

Social Time: 6:30 P.M.

Business Meeting: 7:00 P.M.

Presentation: **Aquaponics** by Missy Carrell

Find out about this farming method which Ponderosa Aqua Farm uses to grow crops year round with less water and land use than conventional methods.

Date: December 13, 2016

Christmas Dinner and Awards Night: At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Conference Center.

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 next year please let Vicki Coleman know.

Wanted—Dried Plants for Fairgrounds Christmas Tree

Please save dried plants for decorating the Christmas Tree at the fairgrounds—especially money plants. Tree Decoration will be on November 28th at 6 p.m.

—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 next year—staffing the 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.

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 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.



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ANR Educator Report

Please remember to submit your hours to the Extension office. Hours for badge level promotions in December are now past due. However, if you have not submitted your hours for this year, please turn them in now. Our reporting year runs **November 1 - October 31**. To remain active, Master Gardeners must turn in 12 volunteer hours and 6 education hours. Be sure to submit your hours **today** if you haven't already!

It also that time of year again to re-sign the Master Gardener Volunteer Policy Agreement. These are due annually and were emailed out to you in October. If you have not yet submitted yours, please be sure to sign yours and turn it into the Extension Office. If you need a form emailed to you, contact the Extension office and Janet will get one emailed or mailed to you. These are required to be completed in order to remain a Purdue Master Gardener.

The Garden Demonstration Committee has been meeting to make big plans for a new demo garden on the Fairgrounds. If you are interested in participating, please contact Debbie Kovacs. Her contact information can be found in MG Directory or you can notify Janet Cunningham and we will get you added to our committee.



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Adventures In Gardening



Well attended and informative. Speakers (shown above) were Benjamin Vogt, Jim McCormac, Colletta Kosiba, and Terry Plank. Thanks for coming, hope to see you again next year.