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## Message from the President

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MASTER GARDENERS!**

Welcome to 2017. For some reason I remember writing my name and the new date in school after New Year's Eve when I was ten. I sat for a moment and thought—another year I am so old. It's hard to see that far in the future when you are younger. Now that I am "older" planning for the future is important. I bring this up as a new season for Master Gardener's is starting.

We are hitting the road running On January 17<sup>th</sup> for our first meeting. Our own Colletta Kosiba is speaking on "Growing Up", using vines and trellises. We will again be thinking SODOTO. (See one, do one, train one) What is this you ask? This is to remind us to step out of our comfort zone, do something different, take on a committee/leadership role to keep our Master Gardener chapter GROWING. We will discuss the possibilities at our January meeting. I have already heard from a few of you who have decided to lead a committee. A Double Whammy Thank you. I am excited to get the year started. We are always stronger when we work together.

Come grow with us this next year. You will not regret it.

See yall soon.

Becky Troutman, President



## Member Meetings & Information

**Date:** January 17, 2017

**6:30** Social Time

**7:00** Business Meeting

**Presentation: “Growing Up—Vertical Gardening”** by Colletta Kosiba. Add romance to the garden with climbing, trailing and cascading plants. Plus! Learn how structures move the focal point up and give you extra space.

### 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.

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

## Demo Garden Updates

The next planning meeting for the demo garden are:

January 9th, 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

February 6th, 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

## 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 keynote speakers are now secured as reviewed at the November meeting.

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.



### ANR Educator Report

Happy New Year! I know I am looking forward to 2017 and all that it will bring. I know we already have some exciting things we are in the process of growing here in Hendricks County next year. I always think the New Year is a good time to pause, reflect and look forward. I know I spent some time over my winter break to do that myself. It never ceases to amaze me what a dedicated group of volunteers can do. I am so proud of the Hendricks County Master Gardener Association and all that we have accomplished. As I write this, the weather outside is in the single digits. I know this is the time of year we start receiving our seed catalogs in the mail. As you pour over the pages with excitement and anticipation of what you hope to plant this spring, I encourage you to take some time to reflect on all that you have done and all you will do with the many opportunities ahead of us in the upcoming year or two. I know I am looking forward to all that we will grow together in 2017.

Congratulations to the following Master Gardeners who advanced levels and received recognition at the awards ceremony in December:

- Master Gardener: Donna Grimm, Debbie Kovacs, Renee LaFollette, and Kraig Baker
- Advanced Master Gardener: Teresa Byington, Jerry McIntyre, Mary Susnosky, Dick Meier, Cathy Dunn, and Spence Gibbs
- Bronze Master Gardener: Jan Myers
- Gold 1500 Master Gardener: Steve Pearl, Barb Zupan\*

\*Note: We made an error in our calculations and unfortunately missed awarding Barb Zupan who advanced to Gold 1500 Master Gardener at our winter awards ceremony. Our apologies to Barb for our oversight, but please join me in applauding her for her award. We hope to award her a certificate at an upcoming monthly meeting.

The long awaited online Master Gardener volunteer management system is finishing up its pilots and will be launching out to counties this month. Janet and I will receive training in the new system next week. Our old database will be going away. We have been very busy trying to get our volunteer hours entered and organized anticipating this transition. Please be patient with us as we learn this new system and I will keep you posted as I learn more about it.

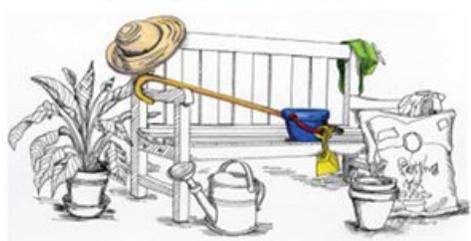
I am currently working on our annual report that we submit to the State Coordinator each year to be compiled into one Indiana Master Gardener annual report. Stay tuned for updates on our compiled numbers for 2016. I will share those in the next newsletter.

Happy New Year!  
Angie Tilton



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Hendricks County Master Gardeners  
**Spring Gardening Show**



**Gardening for All Ages**  
Hendricks County Fairgrounds  
April 22, 2017 9 to 4



**Adventures in Gardening**  
October 7, 2017

