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Message from the President

Go Master Gardeners and Interns!!!

What a FANTASTIC Gardening for All Ages this year. The entire building was buzzing with activity. I saw smiling faces and spoke with many people expressing their appreciation for our club and the special touches we always add to the event. Thanks to all who participated in making the event a success. Special thanks to Ed and Suzy Freeman for leading the charge again.

May 16th is our Plant Auction and is the last "regular meeting" before our summer activities. We will have a short business meeting and introduce our choice for the HCMG Scholarship of 2018, then proceed with the auction. Encourage your friends to come and bid on plants for their own gardens.

Stay tuned for updates and reminders for June, July and August activities.

Once again, I am so very proud to be a member of the great organization HCMG.

Gardeners are the BEST people.

Come Grow with Us,

Becky Troutman, President



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Member Meetings & Information

Date: May 16, 2017
6:00 Buy Now Tables open
7:00 Auction Begins

Annual Plant Auction

Gardeners need plants. Want to try something new? You might find it at the plant auction. Like last year, a wide variety of plants will be available at set prices on the "Buy Now" tables, and specially selected plants will be auctioned to the highest bidders at the auction. See more info on page 3.

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

Use the Purdue MG Manager system on-line. You must register to use the system. *Register for Purdue MG Manager here:* www.purdue.edu/mg-volunteer. *There is a video on how to register at:* <http://tinyurl.com/ze9jaz3>. You will need to obtain the county code first from the extension office.

Enter all volunteer and educational activity from last November forward. The system will also accept entries (that you have not submitted previously) for older unreported activity that you want to catch up with.

Volunteer and Educational Opportunities

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"

Educational

See this month's ANR report for a discussion of qualifying educational activities.

Open Gardens

If you would like to offer an open garden please let Vicki Coleman know.

Demo Garden Updates

Serious labor in the demo garden this month. Time to volunteer if you want to be a laborer.

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 information and registration website for the event is www.indianamastergardeners.com.

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, Jill Clouser, Steve Pearl, and



Kathleen Hutton. Chat with committee members to keep up to date or to let us know how you want to help. Think about how you would like to volunteer to help us host the 2018 Indiana State Master Gardeners Conference.

From Our ANR

One more reminder to active Master Gardeners that we have now transitioned to the new Purdue MG Manager online system. That means Master Gardeners enter ALL of their volunteer and education hours. This is something all MG's must do in order to report hours and stay active- receive a minimum of 12 volunteer hours and 6 education hours per year. If you have not registered, please do so today at: <https://www.purdue.edu/mg-volunteer>. If you have any questions, please call Janet Cunningham in the Extension office. If you don't have access to a computer, we have guest computers in the Extension Office that you can use to register and enter your hours—please make an appointment with Janet, Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4

I recommend that you check with me if you are in doubt on what counts and doesn't count for volunteer or education hours before you attend an event or volunteer. Just send me an email if you have any questions and I am happy to work with you to determine if it counts or doesn't count for MG hours.

Monarch Alert!

If you are purchasing Milkweed plants to feed monarch butterfly caterpillars be aware that the National Garden Club is warning that members have found Tropical Milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) which was treated with systemic neonicotinoids in some Southern U.S. outlets. The specific plants included the insecticide information on a tag. This kind of insecticide will persist in the plant, and may kill Monarch caterpillars that feed on it. If you are buying Milkweed plants for a butterfly garden check the labels first.

The Milkweed species in the specific instance cited is a tropical American native that has become a popular perennial in warmer areas because of its long flowering period and brightly colored flowers. It is attractive to Monarchs. This species is not frequently used below zone 8. But the use of systemic insecticides is common in ornamental plants, so use care.



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2017 Events Update

HCMG PLANT AUCTION



WHEN
Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Doors & Buy Now Tables Open 6 pm
Auction 7 to 8 pm

WHERE
Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds
Expo Hall

ON THE BLOCK
Native Plants
Perennials
Garden Goods

(many of these plants are from local gardens and have thrived there, making them ideal for any gardener)

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