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## Message from the President

Hey to all of YA'LL Hoosier Master Gardeners and Interns,

After a crazy couple of weeks in Chicago my husband, daughter and I returned to Brownsburg. I emptied the car and immediately went outside to my yard. I spent two hours pulling weeds and puttering around. My daughter asked, "Where did Mom go?" My husband answered, "Your mom goes to her garden when she is stressed or needs to think." How many of us use Nature and our desire to be part of it to make us whole. This desire and teaching others to grow is what our MG group is all about.

The Summer months are here at last and our "Group" is very busy. We have Two Open Garden Walks coming up. One is at Cathy Frederick's on June 5th from 5-7 pm. Our second one is at the home of Barb Zupan on June 27th from 1-5:30 pm. As always garden visits are wonderful ways see what fellow MG's have done in their yards and of course to visit with each other.

On Saturday, June 10th we are going to visit the Garfield Park Conservatory at 2:30. The MG's will have a tour and be able to wander the gardens. Why not arrive early and have a picnic lunch. If you are attending please contact Vicki Coleman so she is able to have a head count for the tour.

Our Summer Picnic is going to be at Steve and Kim Somermeyer's home and vineyard. Weather permitting we will have a vineyard tour and receive "EDUCATIONAL CREDITS" for the event.

Look to our website for information about the comings and goings of our summer activities.

Gardeners are the BEST people.

Come Grow with Us.

Becky Troutman, President



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## Member Meetings & Information

**Date:** June 10, 2017

**1:30** Meet at Fairgrounds to ride share (optional)

**2:30** Tour Begins

### Garfield Park Conservatory Tour

Address: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46203. Admission is \$2.00. For more information about the conservatory see [www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org](http://www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org)

**Date:** July 25, 2017

**6:30** Summer Picnic

At Steve and Kim Somermeyers vineyard at 2010 N County Road 300 E, Danville.

### 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.

### 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](http://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 November 2016 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

The conservatory tour is a qualifying educational activity.

### Open Gardens

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

## Demo Garden Updates

Serious labor continues in the demo garden.. 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](http://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.

## 2017 Events Update

### Adventures in Gardening

October 7, 2017



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