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## Message from the President

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS MASTER GARDENERS AND INTERNS

December 13<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas Party where we get together, have fun and celebrate our wonderful Master Gardener Chapter.

The past 2 years have been a journey for me. A quest of sorts as I set out to push myself into somewhat uncomfortable territory and to challenge myself to do something that ordinarily would not be my first choice. I have always been a hard worker but would be the person that would wait to be given directions. I am so thankful that the selection committee saw potential in me for being President. The past two years have been filled with hard work and some hair pulling to be sure but also these past two years have afforded me the opportunity to step outside my comfort zone. If you want to become part of an organization, put yourself in a place of direction. You feel so much more a part of something when you work for the common good by taking on a "Committee Head Role".

I have enjoyed immensely representing this wonderful Master Gardener Chapter and am very thankful for my Board members. One always hopes to have smooth sailing during your reign but at times events are out of your control. The Hendricks County Board members were ready to step in and handle the trenches when I had to take a leave of absence.

In conclusion I want to encourage each of you to "step out" of your comfort zone and pick something you think you couldn't possibly do. I have grown in my abilities to take charge and

I am proud of the work we have done as a group to grow our chapter and look forward to working with the new President elect Steve Pearl and Vice President Cathy Dunn.

Thank you for this two year opportunity.

Becky Troutman, President

Remember, Gardeners are the BEST people.



## Member Meetings & Information

**December 13, 2017 (Wednesday)**

### Annual Christmas Dinner

Social Hour 6:00 – 7:00pm

Festive Catered Buffet Dinner 7:00pm

This will be a festive occasion with a social hour, buffet dinner, dessert, live entertainment and our annual awards/name badges presentation. It's at the fairgrounds. Reservations required..

### 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 except summer months..
- 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.

## 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.*

## 2018 Events

### Purdue Master Gardener State Conference 2018

**June 7-9 2018**

The information and registration website for the event is at :

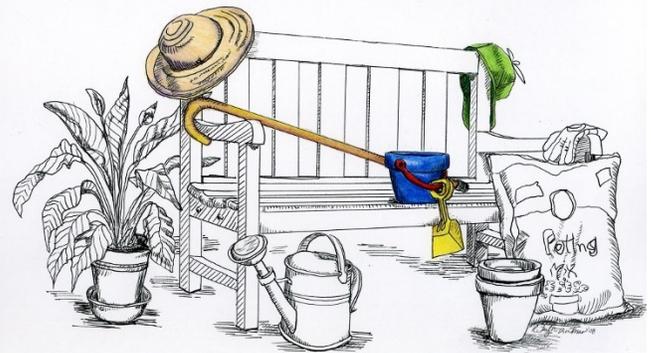
[www.purduemgconference.com](http://www.purduemgconference.com)

AND

[www.indianamastergardeners.com](http://www.indianamastergardeners.com)

The website now has detailed speaker and event information. Check it out for a good idea of what the conference will be like.

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



**April 28, 2018**



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