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Message from the President

Welcome to 2018, and welcome to all the fun weather that comes with winter. But keep your chin up, I have already received one seed catalog, so they are coming, and within a month or so many of us will be getting our winter dirt fix starting seeds for our 2018 gardens.

Typically, this time of year is a time to relax a little, and recuperate from the Holidays. Many of our members, however, are already busy preparing for our 2018 events. We will be hosting the 2018 State Master Gardener Conference on June 7th, 8th, & 9th. Several members have been working on the planning and preparation for this event for over a year, and there is a lot yet to be done. And of course, we will of holding Gardening For All Ages on April 28th, planning for which has already started as well. These two activities will continue to have many members busy between now and the event, and both will require the support of many volunteers.

Planning on the Demonstration Garden also continues, although the physical development is taking a winter break, planning for spring continues with the goal of having the gardens in tip top shape by the State Conference. We will be adding additional raised beds and a selection of other types of raised gardens, signage, walkways and even a storage shed. The Demo Garden Committee will be looking for volunteers to "adopt" and care for various portions of the gardens. Look for more details on this in the near future.

So as you can see, 2018 is going to be a busy year, and the activities above are just a few that are planned. So please give consideration to signing up when you see the volunteer signup sheets at our monthly meetings. And also, please give consideration to taking on a leadership or chair position for one of our activities.

In closing, I have been a Master Gardener for 7 years and in that time I have grown to admire and respect the organization, and highly value its members as friends. I am both honored and humbled to have been selected to serve the membership as President for 2018. Becky did a wonderful job as President the last 2 years, and I will do my best to live up to the expectations for the office based on the standards she set.

Steve Pearl, President



Member Meetings & Information

Date: January 16, 2018

Social Time 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

Presentation 8:00 pm Nuisance Wildlife Control by Tom Setser, DNR Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator

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.

A New Years Thought

Our New Year's Resolution could be to thank the Hendricks County community for their assistance in making our Master Gardener Association the strong, educational entity that it is—many times working in the background. At the Fairgrounds we have the Complex Staff, Steve Patterson and Roger Keen, who over the past year continued as friends of HCMG -

- providing the site for Demonstration Garden, including the Pollinator site
- assisting HCMG with trenching, topsoil and mulch preparation and other parts of the site preparation, saving much time and money
- Providing facilities and support for GFAA and AIG

Extension Office Staff, Beth Switzer and Janet Cunningham who have -

- supported HCMG through GFAA, AIG and last minute monthly meeting efforts and continuing our mission without an ANR in place
- promoted the purpose of Master Gardeners through the Extension Board and conveying the value of our Extension efforts to the County Commissioners

2018 Events

Purdue Master Gardener State Conference 2018

June 7-9 2018

This is the beginning of monthly Newsletter notices/updates for OUR Purdue HCMG State Conference. Here you will find requests for volunteer service, donations, thoughts and suggestions. Steering Committee will be forming more committees and looking for your input.

We are continuing to identify potential Sponsorship/ Donors. You don't need to do the asking, but that's good too. In addition we are looking for Silent Auction Items - again, you don't need to do the asking, but that's good too. Steering Committee can make contacts from you suggestions.

Suggestions, questions - please contact a Steering Committee Member or Co-Chair.

Keep thinking - less than 140 days to State Conference.

Jan Myers, Co- Chair

Rosie Lenihan, Co-Chair

Gardening for All Ages



April 28, 2018



Time to Volunteer for GFAA!

Sign up sheets will be available at the January Meeting



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