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Message from the President

We made it through January, which brings us that much closer to Spring. 2018 seed and Garden catalogs are arriving. Early bloomers will soon be up. Warmer weather should be just around the corner.

Thanks to all of you who braved the very cold evening to attend my first meeting as President. We learned a little about the behavior of our furry friends who enjoy our gardens, yards and homes (sometimes to our dismay), while being entertained by the humor and tales from Tom Setser. In February we will shift gears a bit and learn about "Roses for Today's Gardens" from Teresa Byington, who is not only a Master Gardener but also the President of the Indianapolis Rose Society.

We pretty well wall-papered all the white boards with sign-up sheets, and we are still looking for volunteers for our major 2018 events: GFAA and the Master Gardener State Conference, as well as our regular HMCG activities. At our February meeting we will also have a few new sign-up sheets for other activities including our May Plant Sale and Auction. There are lots and lots of opportunities for volunteer hours this year, please sign up and support these events. If you are willing to take on a leadership role, we are still looking for a Chair and a Host for our Summer Picnic, and Chairs for the Danville and Plainfield Farmers Markets.

The HCMG Board has been working hard to get our members compliant with Purdue requirements in the Master Gardener Management System. Thank you for your patience and efforts to update your MG Manager system accounts. Please remember that it is each member's responsibility to enter ALL OF THEIR OWN volunteer and educational hours, including the hour of education credit for our monthly meetings.

We have not received any word on progress to find a new MG Coordinator (ANR). The position is posted, along with several other vacant ANR positions. We now have permission to open our Education Center on schedule in March, even without local ANR oversight if necessary.

I want to thank everyone who is working so hard on the planning and details for the state conference which is getting closer, more so than most of us want to admit. Also, thank you to all those who have been working throughout the winter on the Demonstration Garden, GFAA, and other programs. And a special thanks to all those who have stepped up to be committee chairs which is really helping me out.

Remember to keep your calendars open for April 27th & 28th for GFAA (and set up day), and June 7th, 8th & 9th for State Conference. I hope to see everyone at our regular HCMG meeting on February 20th.

Steve Pearl, President

Member Meetings & Information

Social Time 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

Presentation 8:00 pm

Roses for Today's Gardens by Theresa Byington, President, Indianapolis Rose Society

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.

Gardening for All Ages



April 28, 2018



Time to Get Ready for GFAA!

Volunteer: Sign up sheets at the February Meeting.

Lead: Co-chair needed for the Children's Booth

Save: Newspaper bags for tree distribution

Find: Items for the Gardener's Closet

2018 Events

... The SHORTS...

Purdue Master Gardener State Conference 2018

June 7-9 2018

. New Shorts Scoop and reminders regarding OUR Purdue 2018 HCMG State Conference. Here you will find requests for volunteer service, donations, thoughts and suggestions. Steering Committee is forming more committees and sub-committees and looking for You to volunteer your time and your suggestions.

Stage Decorating Committee – asking to “borrow”

HCMG outgrown badges. Since your name is printed on yours, they will easily be returned after Conference. Please help...loan your badges to a Décor Committee person* or leave with Janet in the Extension Office. PLEASE KEEP your current badge, just loan those you have “outgrown” – Intern, Master Gardener, Advanced MG, etc.

*Décor Committee – Cheryl Calder, DD Dottenwhy, Deloris Elza, Sara Fenton, Shirley Gates, Rita Kerner, Teri Mitchum, Rosie Lenihan

Also seeking volunteers for some great paper mache “opportunity”!! Contact Rosie

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 your suggestions. Please contact Kathleen Hutton.

Registration is now open. Printed flyers with forms are mailed to master gardeners who have attended previous State Conferences and each Extension office has a small supply. Printable forms are available for downloading on the conference website, On-line registration and payment is also available on the website: www.purduemgconference.com.

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

Keep thinking - less than 118 days to State Conference.

Jan Myers, Co- Chair

Rosie Lenihan, Co-Chair



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