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Message from the President

President's Letter – March 2018

I hope everyone enjoyed the spring like weather in February, temperatures in the 60's and spring-like torrential rain. We all know it is still too early to do much in the garden, Mother Nature can be fickle probably has more winter in store. But fear not, with the schedule HCMG has this spring, it will be summer before we know it.

We had great attendance again at our February meeting, and got to hear Teresa Byington's wonderful presentation on Roses in Today's Garden. There are several of us (myself included) who have not done much with roses, but may have to give them a try after listening to Teresa. At our March meeting, John Thieme will be the presenter, his talk will be "Where Have All the Butterflies Gone"

A special THANK YOU goes out to Bruce Crum. Bruce has graciously offered to host the 2018 HCMG summer picnic at the Crum Estate. The date of the picnic will be Tuesday, July 24th, more details will follow as we get closer. And by the way, we are still looking for a chair person to organize and help Bruce prepare for the event. Please let me know if you are willing and interested.

The spring of 2018 is going to be a great time for HCMG members, especially if you are looking to log volunteer hours. We are still seeking volunteers for our major 2018 events, GFAA and the Master Gardener State Conference, as well as our regular HCMG activities such as the Plant Sale and Farmers Markets. Please consider signing up and supporting these events. If you are seeking the challenge of leadership role, we are still looking for a few Chairs including the Danville Farmers Market, Summer Picnic, and a Co-Chair for GFAA children's booth.

As always, I want to thank everyone who is are working so very hard on the State Conference which is getting closer each day, and those working on GFAA which is even closer than the State Conference. Also, thank you to all those who have been working on the Demonstration Garden, Scholarship, Plant Sale, and all the other programs. And a special thanks to all those who have stepped up to be committee chairs.

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 March 20th.

Steve Pearl, President



Member Meetings & Information

Social Time 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

Presentation 8:00 pm

Where Have All the Butterflies Gone?

With John Thieme

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 March 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

Thursday Tour Updates-

Woody Warehouse in Lizton is the first visit for the County Garden **Tour #1**. This is a family wholesale business that specializes in native trees and shrubs. They recently added a new propagation warehouse that utilizes Solar tube powered in-floor heat. In addition, they were recently nominated for Outstanding Business by Indiana Urban Forest Council. Woody Warehouse specializes in their trademark Root Force System which encourages fibrous root development at every step of the growing process. Ninety-five percent of the trees they grow are from seed collected by hand from native tree stands in our region. Join your fellow master gardeners to observe the propagation greenhouses and view the acres of native trees.



Avon Gardens is one of the three lovely gardens on Country



Garden Tour #2. Avon Gardens is five acres of botanical gardens with more than 3,000 varieties of annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. This past year, the National Hosta Society and the National Iris Society held their conventions in Indianapolis and Avon Gardens was a stop on each society's garden tour. Karen Robbins continues to update and expand the gardens and recently added a new pond and planted over 100 new varieties of daylilies.

Looking for Silent Auction Items - Please contact Kathleen Hutton.

Registration is open. 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 92 days to State Conference.

Jan Myers, Co- Chair Rosie Lenihan, Co-Chair



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