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President's Message

Welcome to Spring! Welcome to the wild and crazy weather we get here in the early spring, but bulbs are sprouting and things should be looking up soon. The Groundhog really blew his prediction this year, but his term of prediction is now past, so right or wrong, we are done with him.



Gardening for All Ages is just a couple weeks away, so if you are not already excited, FIRE UP! it's time to really start getting excited. Kim & Steve have done a fabulous job putting things together and are working on some final details (they are also very nervous, so give them an encouraging pat on the back any chance you get). Chuck & Pat went above and beyond this year, the booth spaces are already sold out with a great variety of vendors. Becky has done some extra dumpster diving and has acquired so much merchandise for the Gardener's Closet. We had to expand the Closet and will likely have to re-load after some of the merchandise sells. Free Seeds booth has been redesigned to hopefully contain the line and we have added a HCMG Book Sales Booth. All the Chairs have been working hard getting ready and it promises to be a really great show!

If you haven't already signed up for a GFAA activity, please visit MG Manager, "Volunteer Ops" to see where help is needed. Even if don't sign up, please come when you are available, and we will find something fun for you to do. We have not posted sign-ups for Friday set up or Saturday clean-up,

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Becky Troutman

Last minute GFAA reminders

1. Seed sorting parties! **Monday April 1 from 1-5PM** and **Tuesday April 2 from 5-9PM**. In classroom A. Over 200 pounds of seed packets to sort out, come join the fun and conversation!
2. Set up **Friday April 12 at 10AM** to finish. **NEED EVERYONE AVAILABLE! COME WHEN YOU CAN!** We will be setting up tables, chairs, signage and drapes; preparing trees for distribution; preparing goody bags for visitors and vendors; setting up our own areas (children's, gardeners' closet, garden wizard, seeds, trees, MG information, books, greeters, door prizes); We will assist vendors unloading starting at 2PM.
3. Day of show **Saturday April 13**. *Please park in the west gravel lot.*
 - a. 6 – 8:30AM Last minute preparation

Get Growing!



Get Expert Advice From:
Exhibitors • Master Gardeners • Speakers

EDUCATION SESSIONS:

- 9:30– 10:00** Hydroponics presented by Kyle Billman
- 10:10 – 10:50** Choose your Weapon
(Garden Tools) - Colletta Kosiba
- 11:00 – 11:30** Easy Composting for Homeowners -
Todd Mathieson
- 11:40 – 12:10** The Truth about GMOs - Megan Eller
- 12:20 – 12:50** DIY Drip Irrigation - Jason Paff
- 1:00 – 1:30** Growing Tomatoes - Kelly Allen

What:
Gardening
for All Ages

When:
April 13, 2019
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where:
Hendricks County
4-H Fairgrounds
& Conference
Complex

(1900 E Main St. Danville IN)

TAKE HOME:
Free Trees • Free Seeds
Free Purdue Publications

SHOP FOR:
Plants • Flowers • Tools
Landscaping Items

ENJOY: Family Activities
Door Prizes • Food

This is a **FREE** Event produced by the
Hendricks County Master Gardeners

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PROGRAM

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simply because we need everyone who is available. GFAA is a major event for us and only succeeds with the support of everyone. Yes, there is some hard work, but it's fun. It is a great opportunity to work beside and get to know your fellow Master Gardeners and earn volunteer hours at the same time. How could it get any better?

By all means, SPREAD THE WORD using whatever means are available to you. Don't be afraid to REPEAT YOURSELF, again & again. I always hear from people who say "they forgot what day it was scheduled", or they got busy and "forgot it was going on". Please make sure all your friends and neighbors know about GFAA through whatever avenues of communication you have. Over the last several years we have had attendance in the neighborhood of 1,500. Wouldn't it be great if we could get that up to 1,800, or even 2,000?

GFAA is BIG and it's CLOSE, but we must not forget there are many other activities happening. The Education Center is back, and open. The Plant Sale & Auction is coming up, so don't forget to scout out what plants you will dig. If you haven't seen the new 2019 member directory, WOW!!! It is really great. Jan did a fantastic job. If you didn't get yours, they will be available at the April 16th meeting. Look for updates on these and other activities in this newsletter.

Our next HCMG meeting is April 16th, only 3 days after GFAA so we can celebrate a great event. The April meeting also happens to be the last general business meeting until September. Hope to see everyone on the 16th.

Steve Pearl, President

Master Gardener Plant Sale and Auction

May 21, 2019

Hendricks County Fairgrounds Expo Hall

Doors open at 6 pm for shopping followed by the auction at 7 pm. We typically introduce our scholarship winner at this event and have a very brief business meeting prior to the auction. We will accept donations from 3:30 pm until 5:45 pm.

Just a reminder, all healthy plants need to be labeled. Please provide common name, scientific name and cultivar (if known). Growing conditions, bloom time and plant size are also helpful. Customers also appreciate pictures, if available. We would like a wide variety of plants, so please no more than 4-5 pots of the same plant. If you have a rare plant to donate, please let the volunteers know the day of the sale. We might want to include that special plant in the auction. We also accept garden goods such as pots, decor items, etc for the auction.



Beginning in April, Cathy and Barb will need flat cardboard trays for plant transport. Flyers will be provided at the April meeting for distribution at your workplace, local businesses or your church. Plant labels / extra pots will also be brought to the April meeting for anyone needing those supplies.

Since the sale/auction is open to the public, we can always use more refreshments. Ann Selvy will have a signup sheet for this May event.

If you are interested in a plant dig at your home, please contact Cathy Frederick.

Working with Minors Certification

At the March 19 Executive Board meeting, the Board voted to STRONGLY RECOMMEND that ALL HCMG MEMBERS complete the "Working with Minors" certification annually. The reasoning for this recommendation is that many of our activities such as Farmer's Markets, County Fair Booth, and others will routinely bring us into contact with children. And reality is, you never know when you might find yourself encountering a child when representing the Master Gardeners.

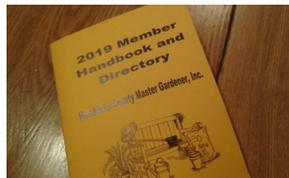
The certification is actually good for 2 years, but we have found that most do not remember the last time they were certified, and if they are due or not. For this reason the Board has strongly recommended that all members take the certification annually to be sure. The certification quiz will require approximately 3-5 minutes of your time, so it is not overly burdensome.

How?

- 1- Sign up for a time slot in the MG manager web site/calendar page;
 - 2- Watch for email message with essential content attachment to read;
 - 3- Go to <http://tinyurl.com/PUminorcert> (copy this link in your url);
 - 4- Complete the two brief certification quizzes that follow.
- Should only take about 15 minutes on average;
- 5- At the end of the quizzes, print the page or download the PDF for your records.

Getting to Know You...

How handy it is to put names and faces together using the new and improved member directory! Thanks, Jan Myers, for taking this useful tool to the next level!!



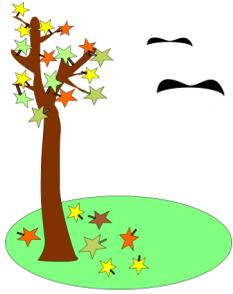
Call for Open Gardens

Any Master Gardener can host an Open Garden. Please contact Theresa Mathieson or Steve Pearl for scheduling. Open Gardens are very informal. No need to worry with garden décor, refreshments, or any special care. You are welcome to do as much or as little as you like. All you need to do is share your garden.

Sneak Peeks for April 16 meeting

You saw his work featured in the Indianapolis Star, (ok, so it was Sept 2018), now you get to meet and learn from Barth Hendrickson! Barth is a landscape architect (with Brown Day Mullins Deardorf) and the mastermind behind the restoration of Riverdale, the James A. Allison Estate, now Marian University. The original landscape was a naturalistic planting design mimicking nature, first planted by Jens Jensen in 1911. Riverdale and the Allison Mansion overlooking the EcoLab at Marian University are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Barth will take us on his journey of restoring the estate grounds to their original and historical glory. Come along and immerse yourself in an Indiana historical and botanical treasure!



Climate For All Ages

Saturday, September 28, 2019

8:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Hendricks County Fairgrounds

Speakers:

Austin Pearson, ANR Educator, “Climate’s Impact on Horticulture”

Michael Hoyoma, Adjunct Professor Biology – IUPUI, “Shifting Baselines: Indiana Natural Landscape of 1816”

Colletta Kosiba, HCMG, “Poison In My Garden ? Really!!!”

Ben Cohen, Small House Farm, “Adaptation: Saving Seeds for Our Changing Climate”

Irvin Etienne, Horticultural Display Coordinator at the Garden at Newfields, “When Pretty Ain’t Enough”



Event Opportunities:

2019 Purdue Master Gardener State Tour - Early registration deadline April 14.

Registration is now open for the 2019 Purdue Master Gardener State Tour, sponsored by Sunnyside Master Gardener Association of Southern Indiana, Purdue Extension Floyd County, and Purdue Master Gardener State Office.

This is a wonderful opportunity to earn up to 4.5 educational hours and network with other Purdue Master Gardeners!

The state tour will **be held Friday, June 21**, 2019, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:15 P.M. (EDT). The day begins at Ivy Tech Community College Sellersburg (8204 Highway 311, Sellersburg, IN 47172), where you will hear guest speaker Matt Bizzell, Horticulture Director of Churchill Downs. Buses leave after the talk for three different tours:

Early registration (March 1 – April 15) - \$80.00 Late registration (April 16 – May 1) - \$85.00

For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.sunnysidemg.org/>.

Questions? Contact Purdue Extension Floyd County Email: gmanders@purdue.edu , Phone: (812) 948-5470

International Master Gardeners Conference

Pennsylvania is hosting this year's International Master Gardeners Conference welcoming more than 1000 participants in June in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The Tours and Field Study Days are shaping up to be a wonderful way to experience the public gardens in the greater Philadelphia region while learning and networking with Master Gardeners across the United States and Canada.

This is a reminder of the Early Registration deadline of April 14th. Check out the website for updated information on all aspects of the conference: <https://www.internationalmastergardener.com> To register, use this link: <http://www.cvent.com/d/hgqxlp>.

Contact deb@internationalmastergardener.com if you have any questions or issues.

Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the third national conference **Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes** held **October 7-10, 2019** at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanic Gardens, Cincinnati, Ohio. Presented in partnership between Michigan State University and North Carolina State University, this conference will continue traditions of connecting current research and educational outreach to participants. Stay tuned as more information about the program becomes available <http://protectingpollinators.org>