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President's Message – May 2019

At last, Spring finally seems to be here. Trees are budding out, green grass, the smell of freshly mowed lawns, and plants are popping up everywhere. Time for spring fever, a favorite time for Master Gardeners.

Well, another Gardening for All Ages is in the history books, and a great one it was. We hosted a record attendance this year of over 1,700. Even after being part of GFAA for 9 years, I am still amazed at the magnitude of the event and how it all comes together. It is way bigger than any one of us, but certainly



not too big for us as a team. Congratulations and a huge Thank You to GFAA Chairs Kim & Steve Somermeyer, all the area Chairs, as well as each and every one of you who helped in so many ways. I am so proud to be part of this event, and proud to be a part of this group of people, you are GREAT!

As you start your spring planting, be sure to leave room for some of the great plants you will find at the HCMG Plant Sale & Auction on May 21st. Or better yet, dig some plants to donate to the sale & auction and make even more room. Remember to dig plants a week or so in advance to give them time to establish and look their best.

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Don't forget our new Speakers Bureau. If you or anyone you know needs a garden topic speaker for your groups and clubs, contact the Extension Office. Keep an eye on your email for volunteer and educational opportunities and remember many of our sign-ups will use the MG Manager System.

We are still in need of Master Gardeners to host Open Gardens. Gardens need not be show quality, we all have weeds and we all know that any garden or landscape is always a "work in progress". The point is to share your ideas, plantings and accomplishments with other Master Gardeners. Date and time is at your convenience, you decide. If interested in hosting an Open Garden, just let me know.

Lastly, as I mentioned in our April meeting, Theresa Mathieson will soon be leaving us to be closer to family. I know all of you join me in wishing Theresa the best in her new endeavors. Theresa, WE WILL MISS YOU!

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 start accepting donations at 3:30 pm until 5:45 pm.

Just a reminder that 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.

Cathy and Barb will need flat cardboard trays for plant transport. Since the sale/auction is open to the public, we can always use more refreshments. Contact Ann Selvy to contribute.

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

Webinar Education Hour:

How to Make an Under the Sink Compost Bin Using Red Worms

May 23, 2019 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Presented By: Amy Alka

Purdue Extension - Randolph County

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/y83ma4k4>



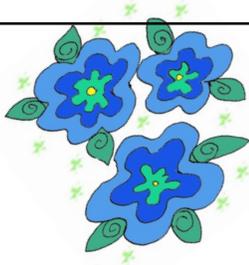


*Scenes from
Gardening For All Ages
2019*



Historians:

Send photos or any artifacts to Colletta Kosiba to put in our history file. All information will be digitally saved so take a photo of it and send that. Send any contributions to Colletta or to the Extension Office at hendrces@purdue.edu.



Congratulations!!

Our HCMG president and his wife, Steve and Sue Pearl, were recently honored by the Avon Library for their service!

Speakers Bureau

Colletta has 24 PowerPoint presentations to share with anyone who would like them. Use some of the slides or the entire program. Contact her or call the extension office (317-745-9260) to volunteer for a presentation.

At the April meeting Colletta was seeking someone to do a program for the IN Enchanted Fairy Festival in May. Rosie Lenihan, "Fairy Garden Queen", stepped up to do the program. Please know that you do not have to be a member of the speaker's bureau to present. The bureau members have prepared programs for the public to choose from when a request is made; but no one speaks on fairy gardening, so Rosie volunteered to present.

Call for Open Gardens

Any Master Gardener can host an Open Garden. Please contact Becky Troutman 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.

Dates to Remember:

May 5 - author Andrea Wulf speaking at Deer Zink Pavilion at Newfields

May 11 - Putnam Co. Master Gardeners auction, 9:15, Putnam Co. Fairgrounds

May 21 - Hendricks County Master Gardeners auction/sale, open sale: 6:00, auction 7:00

June 21 - Purdue Master Gardeners State Garden Tour, Floyd County

July 14 - County Fair Booth (set up Friday July 12 TBA)

July 23 - HCMG picnic, Arbuckle Park - Bundy Lodge

September 17 - HCMG General meeting

September 28 - Adventures in Gardening (set up Friday, September 27)

October 15 - HCMG General Meeting

November 19 - HCMG General Meeting

December 10 - Winter Dinner & Awards

