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# HENDRICKS GARDENER

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### President's Message – July 2019

Summer is finally here, so let's slow down a little on the Spring rains, right? Although I must say, most of my plants are really loving all the rain, especially the Hostas & Ferns, gardens are beautiful. Not so much for the plants I haven't gotten in, hard for them to enjoy the rain if they are not in the ground. And it's also been great for the weeds, I am sure most of you are like me, I've got some serious weeding to do. At least they pull easy in the damp soil, but they also seem to pop up again right behind you.



We had an interesting and informative field trip on June 18<sup>th</sup> to the IU Deam Herbarium. We learned about Plant Classification, as well as some of the history and importance of plant classification, and got to see where and how they store 155,000+ plant samples. You may recall they gave the presentation at our January HCMG meeting. It is always fun to make a visit after hearing a presentation. If you missed it, you still have another field trip opportunity. On July 9<sup>th</sup> we will be visiting the Riverdale Restoration and EcoLab at Marian University, they gave the presentation at our April HCMG meeting. If you would like to join us, please let Becky Troutman know as soon as possible. A big Thank You to Continued on page 2...



Becky Troutman

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Becky for organizing the field trips, she has stepped in and is really working hard as Vice President.

Many of you stopped by the Open Garden at the “Smith Chicken Ranch”, and WOW, Karen and Wayne have really put a lot of work into their property. Converting lawn to natives, restoring native habitat, raising vegetables, chickens, and keeping bees, I have to wonder, what do they do with all their spare time? After all, they don’t have to spend as much time mowing. THANK YOU, Karen & Wayne, for your hospitality.

Summer has just begun so we still have lots of time for other members to host a visit to their 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”. OR, another idea would be to host a “Gardening in the Driveway” (not necessarily in the driveway), which is simply to host an opportunity for MG’s to get together and visit with each other. No special event or program, just a social gathering to talk gardening. Hold it outside or on a patio, bring your own drinks and snacks, no special preparations. If interested in hosting either of these activities, or any other activities you can think of, please let me know.

As I mentioned last month, we are continuing to utilize the Master Gardener Management System (MGMS) more and more. We are beginning to put more of our HCMG events on the calendar, including signups for the events with volunteer opportunities. I encourage all members to take a little time and browse the MGMS to become more familiar and comfortable with it. Its even easier if you book mark MGMS, so there is no sweat in logging in.

Remember to hold the date of July 23<sup>rd</sup> for the HCMG Summer Picnic, and July 14<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> for our HCMG County Fair booth. Sign Ups for the County Fair booth are currently live on MGMS.

Finally, I am sorry that I must end on a sad note. As most of you are aware HCMG member Joyce Karns passed away on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Joyce has been a Master Gardener since 2016 and was our 2019 Treasurer. Joyce was also active in Hendricks County Garden Club, Hendricks County Homemakers and other volunteer organizations. Joyce was a very active and contributing member of HCMG and was quite excited to be a Master Gardener. Joyce was a beloved, very dear person, she will be missed.

I am sure I will see some of you at the fair, hope to see everyone at the picnic.

Steve Pearl, President

#### **Speakers Bureau:**

Colletta Kosiba has 24 PowerPoint presentations to share with anyone who would like them. Contact her to use some of the slides or an entire set to present a program.

Refer to your HCMG Directory or MGMS Directory if you need her contact information.

#### **Master Gardener History Help**

If you took photos at GFFA, Colletta needs your photos to archive them. She also needs any photos you have of planting at police academy, farmers markets, or demonstration garden at fair grounds. Email your photos to Colletta Kosiba. Refer to your HCMG Directory or MGMS Directory if you need her email.

#### **From Archives:**

Congratulations to **Chuck Dallas, Pat Dallas, Becky Troutman, and Anne Selvy**, who received Master Gardener status the summer of 2008 at the summer picnic. Happy 11th Anniversary! We are proud of you and all the things you have contributed to our organization since 2008.

## **County Fair Booth Sign-Up**

The MGMS (management system), has the MG Fair Booth volunteer time slots all set up to begin sign ups. To sign up just:

- 1- sign into your MGMS account.



From your home screen:

- 2- click on the 'Volunteer' button on the right hand side.
- 3- click on 'MG COUNTY FAIR BOOTH', DATES July 12 – July 19.
- 4- scroll down to whatever date is good for you and click sign up for the time slot.
- 5- Click confirm sign up.

Now you are signed up for this time/date.

If you need help, please feel free to email Janet Cunningham in the office.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- July 2 - Open Garden at HCMG Demonstration Garden 6:00 pm at Fair-grounds**
- July 9<sup>th</sup> - Riverdale Restoration and EcoLab at Marian University**
- July 14 - County Fair Booth (set up Friday, July 12)**
- July 23 - HCMG picnic, 6:00 pm at Arbuckle Park - Bundy Lodge**
- September 17 - HCMG General meeting**
- September 28 - Climate For All Ages (set up Friday, September 27)**
- October 15 - HCMG General Meeting**
- November 19 - HCMG General Meeting**
- December 10 - Winter Dinner & Awards**



## Open Garden Night

Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm

at

Demonstration Garden

The 4-H Fairgrounds

Come to this Open Garden to get ideas and become familiar with the garden. This will especially be helpful if you are able to volunteer during the fair. Last year there were several visitors who came through the garden.

Many volunteers have given their time and talents to make this garden a great educational area for visitors. There has been so much work done in the Demo Garden and it is looking fantastic!

## July Meeting - Summer Picnic

Please join us and bring your guest(s) at our summer picnic that will take place on **July 23** at the recently remodeled Bundy Lodge (7024 Lucas Dr.) in Brownsburg's Arbuckle Acres Park. For those who don't live in Brownsburg, this is also an excellent opportunity to see the recently reopened "downtown."



The event starts at **6 p.m.** The HCMG will provide fried chicken. We are asking those with last names from A-O to bring side dishes, salads and appetizers; all others should bring desserts. The group will provide drinks, plates, cups and flatware as well.

Please RSVP to Judy Kenninger so we know how many to plan for.