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President's Message – August 2019

It doesn't seem like it was that long ago we were wishing for Summer, with warmer temperatures and dryer weather; and now we have it! Maybe even a little "warmer" than we were hoping for, and for some a little dryer. But summer is far from over even though nurseries are putting plants and patio gear on clearance. Please keep safety in mind. As summer goes on, many insect populations will continue to increase (including wasps & yellow jackets) until freeze, so be aware and take precautions.

We have had a busy and successful summer. A few of the activities included 2 informative field trips to the Deam Herbarium and the Riverdale Restoration Project & EcoLab (thanks to Becky Troutman); an Open Garden (Karen Smith); a successful County Fair booth despite the intense heat (Vicki Coleman); 2 County Fair presentations (Jackie Rosales and Dick Meier); a great summer picnic with WONDERFUL weather (ordered up by Judy Kenninger); Farmers Markets (Pat & Chuck Dallas and Deloris Elza); Education Center (Sara Fenton and Vicki Coleman); and of course, a lot of work in the Demonstration Garden which looked great for the County Fair (Becky Troutman, Terri Tramm, Jackie Rosales and Dick Meier). In addition to the Chairs/Leaders listed, a HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with these projects, which are too many to mention.



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Becky Troutman

CLIMATE FOR ALL AGES



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Saturday, September 28th, 2019

8:45AM - 3:30 PM

HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

1900 E Main

Danville IN 46122

Speakers Include:

Austin Pearson, ANR Educator,
"Climate's Impact on
Horticulture"

Michael Hoyoma, Adjunct
Professor Biology, IUPUI,
"Shifting Baselines: Indiana's
Natural Landscape of 1816 and
Today"

Colletta Kosiba, HCMG,
"Poison In My Garden?
Really!!"

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

Irvin Etienne, Horticulture Display Coordinator at Newfields,
"When Pretty Ain't Enough"

Registration Fee: \$25. Includes 5 Speakers, Lunch and Snack.

See HCMG Website for more details:

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Summer activities continue in August with manning the State Fair Master Gardener booth on August 8th, the Education Center each Thursday, Farmers Markets, and continuing work in the Demonstration Garden in preparation for Climate For All Ages. In addition to these activities, there is still time if any members would like to host an open garden or other get-together activity. We all are interested in seeing each other's gardens, landscapes and ideas. Gardens need not be show quality, we all have weeds and understand weather impacts, and we all know that any garden or landscape is always a "work in progress".

August is also not too soon to start getting excited about Climate For All Ages (aka Adventures in Gardening) which will be on September 28th, with set up on September 27th. The CFAA committee led by Rosie Lenihan has been very busy planning the event which promises to be a fantastic day of presentations (which count for Education Hours). In the meantime, you can review the list of speakers and register through the HCMG website. The price is right, \$25 for all the presentations and lunch.

As always, I must mention the Master Gardener Management System. Remember to watch the calendar and volunteer opportunities and get your volunteer and education hours entered. I anticipate the deadline for getting your hours entered for December awards will be around October 31st, I will confirm that deadline at a future date.

Our next HCMG general meeting will be Tuesday, September 17th. Of particular interest for this meeting will be presentation of the slate of officers for the 2020 HCMG Board, to be elected in October. LAST CHANCE, anyone interested in being on the 2020 HCMG Board should contact a member of the Nominating Committee, Rosie Lenihan, Sara Fenton and Steve Somermeyer.

Hope to see everyone in September if not before.

Steve Pearl, President



Sneak Peeks for Upcoming Meetings

Here are the remaining meeting speakers/programs for the months of September to December of 2019:

September 17 - Aren and Cody Flint (Dee and John Dottenwhy's daughter and son-in-law), Commercial and City Arborists, speaking on their jobs and what it is to be an arborist for a city government

October 15 - John Thieme, "Invasive and Intrusive Indiana Insects"

November 19 - Wayne Tucker, "Pollinators"

December 10 - Christmas Get together and Awards Dinner



Plant Notes from Colletta Kasiba

A lovely 3' tall native plant for your shade garden

White baneberry (*Actaea pachypoda*)

One of the plant's outstanding features is its berries, which are white with what appear to



be black (but are actually deep purple) "pupils"; thus the alternate common name of "doll's eyes." These unique berries are supported on stems that are an attractive deep-pink. Poisonous berries



Master Gardeners on the Road

What a GREAT field trip. Our little group met at the new fountain and landscape restoration project at the Allison Mansion on the campus of Marian University. Our first tour was conducted by a very knowledgeable Deb Lawrence. She gave a fantastic background of the founding fathers of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and their contribution/houses and estates of the surrounding area. One of our regular meeting speakers in April, Barth Hendrickson, spoke about the Restoration of Riverdale. This was a follow up to that presentation.



Our second tour was conducted by Restoration Ecologist, Stephanie Schuck. We saw another area being restored since 2000. It was the vision of Jens Jensen who was the original landscaper of the Allison Estate. He was a man ahead of his time, believing that everyone should have access to "Green Space". The time was 1911-1914. Wow!



Scenes from the Hendricks County Fair - 2019



Picnic Fun at Arbuckle Park

