

# HENDRICKS GARDENER

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## President's Message – September 2019

WOW! Summer is over, how did that happen? Although along with Fall, most of us will welcome temperatures that are a little cooler with a little less humidity. We have had a great year thus far with a wonderful GFAA, a fun picnic, 2 interesting field trips, several interesting presentations, as well as other successful events and projects. We will kick off our fall on September 17<sup>th</sup> with a presentation about being a city arborist which promises to be interesting, followed closely on September 28<sup>th</sup> by Climate for All Ages (a.k.a. Adventures in Gardening) which will be a wonderful event.



As some of you are aware, HCMG has already begun preparing for 2020. The Nomination Committee will recommend a slate of officers for 2020 at the September meeting, which will be voted on by the membership in October. We are also working to fill the various committee chairpersons for 2020. There will be some new positions available in 2020 which I will discuss at the September meeting. Please start thinking about which committee you may be willing to lead, there are lots of opportunities available.

We are just starting a new, interesting project with Sycamore Services, assisting them in planning and developing a Sensory Garden. Thank you to Colletta Kosiba, Carol Gillaspay and Susan Gackenheimer for volunteering for Continued on page 3...



Becky Troutman

# CLIMATE FOR ALL AGES



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Saturday, September 28th, 2019

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

1900 E Main St  
Danville IN 46122

## Speakers Include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please advise of any special needs and/or dietary restrictions

See HCMG Website for more details: [www.hendricksgardeners.com](http://www.hendricksgardeners.com)

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the project, and a BIG THANKS to Susan for her willingness to take the lead.

Please remember to log onto the Master Gardener Management System and complete your Annual Agreement if it is due. If your agreement is due, you will see a message as soon as you log on. Also, please remember to enter your volunteer and training hours for 2019 by October 31<sup>st</sup>. You may enter your hours at any time, but October 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for those who have moved up a level to receive their award in December.

I hope to see everyone at our upcoming meetings on September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>. Also please make sure your calendars have December 10<sup>th</sup> marked for our annual Winter Dinner and Awards, more details on the dinner will be forthcoming.

Steve Pearl, President



### Library Gardening Events

#### **Plainfield Library Plant Exchange**

**September 4 at 6:30 pm**

It's back for its 16th year! This popular program with our plant exchange expert Colletta Kosiba returns Wednesday evening, September 4th. Please bring 4-6 individually labeled plants to trade for new plants. Colletta will give gardening tips for each perennial, and then you will get to pick a few of your favorites to take home. Autumn is a great time to divide plants and get your garden ready for the next growing season. Don't have any plants to exchange this year? Come anyway, this is a great informative program, and many gardeners bring extra plants to share. For more information, call the library at (317) 839-6602.

#### **Avon/Washington Township Library Fall Decorating**

**September 11 at 6:30pm**

Fall is wonderful time of the year to use the autumn harvest of corn stalks, gourds and pumpkins to brighten up your entrance, your yard and home. We will talk about all the flowers to use in the fall. Ideas on pumpkin carving, center pieces, using luminaries and a few cute recipes. Here is a program filled with ideas for autumn decorating inside the house and outside. Popular speaker Colletta Kosiba will inspire you. For more information, call the library at 317-272-4818.



### *Sneak Peeks for Upcoming Meetings*

**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



### State Fair Booth

Hendricks County Master Gardeners, Suzanna Heller, Steve Jones, and Colletta Kosiba pictured here worked the State Fair booth answering questions on trees, hostas, raised beds, and many more topics.



### From the Archives

In 2008 master gardener intern Karen Klemmson worked with the Avon Library to create a butterfly garden with Monarch butterflies being the special interest.

Now in 2019 Librarian Darlyn Haskett still maintains the garden; raising and releasing Monarchs.



Karen Klemmson

Darlyn had Colletta present her “Monarch Wonder” program for close to 60 children and adults in June. Colletta “becomes” the monarch- telling of her journey to Mexico. After the program, the same butterfly garden that was started in 2008 was visited. The Garden is mature and producing monarch caterpillars. Another Hendricks Co. Master Gardener success. \*\*\*(Karen moved to Pennsylvania)

