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President's Message – October 2019

Fall is officially here, which means it is almost time to put our gardens to bed for the winter. I don't know about you, but this time of year I am about ready for a break from the gardening chores. I think the dryness this year is promoting the feeling of being tired of the tending and watering. Although I am certain I will be ready to go again by the end of January and chomping at the bit until spring.



It was great to see everyone at the September meeting; attendance was great! I counted 62 on the sign-in sheet. We learned from Cody Flint why many trees in the electric utility right-of-way are trimmed so awkwardly, and the reasons for it. And of course, as always there were a lot of good munchies. Thank You to Ann Selvy and all the members who brought in those wonderful snacks. Please make sure our next meeting of October 15th is on your calendar, it is an important meeting in which you will be electing the 2020 officers, and I would love to see us top the September attendance.

This last weekend HCMG hosted Climate For All Ages, a.k.a. Adventures in Gardening. It was a fantastic event as we knew it would be. Attendance was good, everyone seemed to be really enjoying the presentations, and I heard Continued on page 2...



Becky Troutman

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a lot of good comments. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Rosie Lenihan and ALL the volunteers who made this event possible. And by the way, we are looking for an AIG Chairperson for 2020, the event is scheduled for October 10th of 2020.

Speaking of 2020, we are still looking for several 2020 committee chairs and co-chairs. Please take a look at the back of the September agenda for a listing of the 2020 Chair positions and give serious consideration to volunteering. I will include an updated Chair listing on the back of the October agenda.

Martha and John Rardin have been working hard on planning the December 10th Winter Dinner and Awards and need a little help. We need volunteers to help with decorations, bartenders, and set-up/clean-up, if you can help please contact Martha.

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 31st. You may enter your hours at any time, but October 31st is the deadline for those who have moved up a level to receive their award in December. If you qualify for the next level, please let Janet Cunningham know which makes her job a little easier.

As I mentioned at the September meeting, it has been a rough summer. In a short 3 months we lost two active members, two dear friends, Joyce Karns and Rhonda Legan. Needless to say, it hit many of us pretty hard; and they will be dearly missed. Joyce and Rhonda were both very fond of the Master Gardeners as demonstrated by their commitment, and I know they would want us to carry on and keep doing the service we do. I hope you will join me in striving to make HCMG the best it can be in their honor.

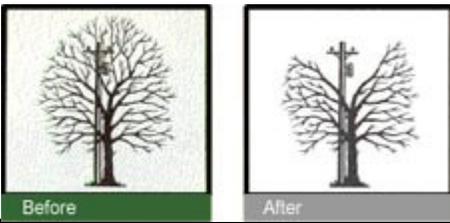
I hope to see everyone at our upcoming meetings on October 15th and November 19th. Also please make sure your calendars have December 10th marked for our annual Winter Dinner and Awards. More details on the dinner will be forthcoming.

Steve Pearl, President



Reminder:
October 31 is the deadline for reporting Education and Volunteer Hours for December awards presentation.

Thanks to **Cody Flint**, arborist for IPL for his September meeting presentation regarding safe line correction. Right Tree



ing issues and considerations for aesthetic and plantings in power dora. Right Place

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- October 15** - John Thieme, "Invasive and Intrusive Indiana Insects"
- October 31** - Deadline to enter volunteer and education hours earned to be recognized at the December awards presentation. If your cumulative hours promote you to a higher membership status, reporting such to Janet Cunningham is helpful. (See a table of hours associated with each status on page 10 of the member handbook.)
- November 19** - Wayne Tucker, "Pollinators"
- December 10** - Christmas Get together and Awards Dinner

Holiday Gathering 2019



Can you hear the faint sounds of the coming holidays? Our tradition has been to celebrate the achievements of our members and gather in December for a nice celebratory meal, good conversation and friends. Our Hendricks County Master Gardener Annual Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday, December 10th. We will open with appetizers and cocktails at 6 pm and move to our dinner at 6:30 pm. We have secured The Rusted Silo for our caterer - a local favorite!

We also need volunteers to help with decorations and entertainment and to help out in other ways as needed. If you would like to earn volunteer credit while planning and delivering our holiday party, please call or email Martha Rardin. Please leave a message when you call. (Contact information available in the member directory.)

Please mark your calendars, and please submit your educational and volunteer hours by the deadline so that your contributions can be recognized at our December 10th gathering.



Election of Officers Scheduled for October Meeting

At the September 17th meeting the nominating committee presented a slate of officers to the membership for voting at the October 15th meeting. The organization greatly appreciates these members who are willing to lead us through the 2020 year! The nominees include:

President - Steve Pearl

Treasurer - Teri Mitchum

Vice President - Sara Fenton

Communications - Judy Kenninger

Secretary - Cathy Frederick

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

From the Archives 2012



At left is a team of Master Gardeners at the Danville Farmers' Market: Chuck and Pat Dallas, Robin-Elizabeth Parsley, Steve Pearl, Rhonda Legan, and Sue Wood.



Master Gardeners maintained the two gardens in front door area. They were lovely with hardy plants, and all who entered enjoyed and praised our hard work. Eloisa Garza and Jim Trocha are shown above.

Climate for All Ages



Austin Pearson



Colletta Kosiba



Michael Homoya



Thanks, Rosie!



Ben Cohen



Irvin Etienne