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President's Message – November, 2019

It was good to see everyone at the October meeting. I hope everyone enjoyed learning about Spiders from John Thieme. Who knew that there could be up to a million spiders per acre of land (a tidbit I decided best not shared with my granddaughter)? Well, John knew; he always knows so much and has informative presentations to pass along no matter which bug or insect he is talking to us about.



Congratulations to our new HCMG Officers for 2020! Our new Officers are: Sara Fenton - Vice President, Teri Mitchum - Treasurer, Cathy Frederick - Secretary, and Judy Kenninger - Communications Director. A Big Thank You to the new Officers for their willingness to serve, I look forward to working with them. Also, Congratulations, and thank you to Bruce Crum for becoming the Backup Treasurer. Although the Backup Treasurer is not a position currently mentioned in our Bylaws, it will be a wonderful addition to have the security of a backup. For anyone who was not at the October meeting, the current Board approved Teri Mitchum as interim Treasurer for the remainder of 2019, and Bruce Crum to become

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backup immediately. These appointments are effective as of October 15th, and they will assume the duties of the position as soon as we get the paperwork done with the Bank.

Martha Rardin and her committee have been working hard on the details for the Winter Dinner & Awards event on December 10th. More details pertaining to the event are available later in this newsletter. I believe Martha is still looking for a few volunteers to help with the event, if interested please let Martha know.

Prior to the November HCMG regular meeting, I will be asking the Board to establish the fees for 2020 membership dues, which we will announce at the meeting. Dues may be paid any time after they are established, I anticipate a deadline of January 21st for those wishing to appear in the HCMG Directory. We will be accepting payment of Dues, as well as reservations for the Winter Dinner & Awards at our meeting on November 19th. For your convenience I will try to have someone there with a card reader, but checks will always be accepted.

Speaking of the Directory, everyone seemed to really like the Photo Directory this year, so we are planning on a Photo Directory again in 2020. Several of our members did not get their photos in this year's directory. If you would like to have your photo added, or if anyone would like to update their photo, please send to Debbie Off and myself. To be included in the Directory, you have to be up to date with your Dues, and up to date with signing the Purdue Annual Agreement.

I am always amazed at how quickly our members step up and fill the various Chair and leadership positions each year. For 2020, out of about 30 positions all but just a few have been filled. Although one of those is a key position, the 2020 Adventures in Gardening Chairperson. I know that many of you are more than capable of coordinating AIG, and I am sure you know there will always be members willing and ready to help. So please give it careful consideration; we need to find someone to lead this charge sooner rather than later.

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. Although it is past the due date for hours to be counted toward the 2019 awards, you may enter your hours at any time and keeping your volunteer hours up to date is important.

And one more note, we need for more people to take pictures at our meetings and events. Please remember to take a couple pic's, even with your phone, and get those to Veronica for the Newsletter and Colletta for the historical perspective. I hope to see everyone at our upcoming meeting on November 19th as this will be our last general business meeting for 2019.

Steve Pearl, President

Tree Decorating at the Fairgrounds

A fun annual event at this time of year, is the decorating of the Master Gardener Christmas Tree for the Fairgrounds. The decorations are nature made; dried flowers, decorative grass, pinecones, etc. It is beautiful each year! If anyone would like to help, you can sign up through the Master Gardener Management System. (<https://www.purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/>) Just go to the calendar and click on:

'The Winter (Christmas) Tree Decorating Extravaganza' and sign up.

The day is Nov 25th, 9 – Noon.

If that doesn't work in your schedule (or just want more fun J), sign up for

'The GREAT Winter (Christmas) TREE TAKE DOWN!!!!'

Dec 26th, 9-Noon.





Holiday Party 2019

Our Annual Hendricks County Master Gardener Holiday Party is almost here! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun event on Tuesday, December 10, South Hall, Hendricks County Fairgrounds.

Our evening will start with appetizers, beer, wine and water at 6pm and followed by dinner catered by The Rusted Silo at 6:30 pm. Our program will feature The Children's Ballet from Danville. The children will perform selections from The Nutcracker for our enjoyment. We will also have time for a remembrance for HCGM members we have lost this year. Our Awards Ceremony will recognize all our members and their achievements this past year. We will end our evening with a holiday sing-a-long led by our own Margie Bontrager.

The fee for this event is \$30 per person. We will be accepting RSVP's until December 4th. We will be taking RSVP's and payments at the Tuesday, November 19th Monthly Meeting. We prefer checks or cash but will accept credit card payments on the evening of November 19th.

Make your check out to 'Hendricks County Master Gardeners' and please note on your check that this is for the HCMG Holiday Party.

Or you may mail your RSVP and payment to:

Hendricks Co Extension Office
MG Holiday Party
P O Box 7
Danville, IN 46122

Our Master Gardener Group is a vibrant, amazing group of individuals that collectively contribute heartily to our communities. Please plan to join us on December 10 to celebrate the holiday season, our accomplishments, and enjoy fellowship as well as The Children's Ballet performance.

If you have any questions, please call Martha Rardin (phone number is in the directory).

Hendricks County Master Gardener Training Class Being Offered in 2020

The Hendricks County Extension Office is excited to announce that the next Hendricks County Master Gardener Class will be offered starting January 8th. Please help the Extension Office promote this opportunity to the public. We hope to have the registration available in the next couple of weeks. I will send out the complete details via email for all of you to help promote. The programs will be held every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex. The first class will start on January 8th with the last class occurring on April 15th. The Purdue Master Gardener Program makes the latest information about gardening and home horticulture available to individuals with a deep interest in gardening.

Purdue Master Gardener Volunteers help others grow by sharing what they learn and by leading educational gardening activities in their communities. For further information and how to register for this year's class, contact the Purdue Extension Hendricks County Office at 317-745-9260 or email Jeff Pell at jpell@purdue.edu.

As part of the program, you'll attend 15 weeks of classes. Each class lasts three hours. You'll learn more about:

- Soils and Plant Nutrition
- Plant Disease and Diagnosis
- Woody Ornamentals
- Pollinators and Pollinator Protection
- Fruit Gardening
- Landscape Design
- Pesticide Safety and Pesticide Alternatives
- Plant Science
- Lawn Care
- Weed Identification and Control
- Animal Pests and Invasive Species
- Vegetable Gardening
- Insect Identification and Control
- Herbaceous Ornamentals

Sycamore Project News

Sycamore Services offers programs to adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and other conditions that can limit participation in life's daily activities. Sycamore approached us asking if we could help with planning and instruction on putting a Sensory Garden to stimulate the senses of their clients, and we gladly accepted the opportunity. We are starting this fall by planting spring flowering bulbs.

The Sycamore Project received a donation of bulbs from Colletta Kosiba which fellow members helped to dig. On October 23, these members arrived armed with shovels: Steve Pearl, Steve Somermeyer, Annella Abell, Susan Gackenheimer, Clarissa Petery, Kathy Moran and Margie Bontrager. After digging in hard ground, they moved to the fruit tree bed where several hundred were dug. Colletta thanks all for their hard work!

We successfully dug the daffodils, and now we are ready to plant them. The basic holes for the bulbs have been dug so there won't be a lot of extra digging but the holes may need some deepening and widening.

We plan to plant on **Tuesday, Nov. 5th at 9:30am.**

Please let Susan know if you plan to participate.



The crew at work.



This will be the new home for the flowers.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 5 - Bulb Planting at Sycamore Center, 9:30 am, Contact Susan Gackenheimer for more info

November 19 - Wayne Tucker, "Pollinators", 6:30 pm social time followed by program/business meeting

November 25 - Fairgrounds Tree Decoration, 9:00 am - noon at the Fairgrounds

December 10 - Christmas Get together/Awards Dinner, 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds, RSVP by December 4

December 26 - Fairgrounds Take Tree Down, 9:00 am - noon at the Fairgrounds

January 21 - First Master Gardener meeting of 2020