

# HENDRICKS GARDENER

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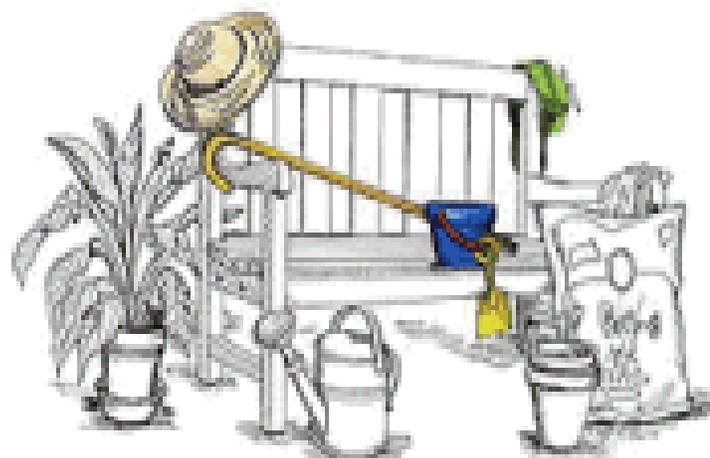
## President's Message – December 2019

It was great to see everyone at the November meeting; we once again had a very good attendance. I know everyone was disappointed that our presenter was not able to make it; but life happens to all of us, including our presenters. My apologies to all who were there. I should have had a back-up plan or substitute speaker, but I obviously was not prepared for that eventuality.

It's hard to believe, this will be the last newsletter of 2019. It's been a great year with a very successful GFAA and AIG, great progress in our Demo Garden, several new projects such as Sycamore Services and Sheltering Wings, and many other projects and activities too numerous to mention. It's also been a very difficult and sad year with the loss of two dear friends, Rhonda and Joyce. I want to thank EVERYONE for all the support you have provided to HCMG in all our successful efforts, and just as important, the support you have provided to each other during the difficult times.

As I announced at the meeting, the Board has established membership fees

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Becky Troutman

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to be the same for 2020, \$15 per individual and \$25 per couple. Many of you paid your 2020 membership at the November meeting – Thank You. The Deadline for paying 2020 dues in order to appear in our membership Directory will be at the meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Dues will be accepted anytime during the year, but those paying after January 21<sup>st</sup> will not be included in the Directory. You also must be current with signing your Purdue Annual Agreement to be included in the Directory.

The Photo Directory which debuted this year proved to be very popular, so we are planning on printing a photo directory again in 2020. We have photos of most of you, but if your photo is not in the 2019 directory, or you want a different photo in the 2020 directory, please get a photo to Debbie Off and Colletta Kosiba. ALSO, please review your information in the 2019 directory. If anything has changed (address, phone or email), please send changes to Debbie Off and Janet Cunningham. Also, please remember to sign into your MGMS account and update this information in your profile in the MGMS directory.

Lastly, a special THANK YOU to our outgoing Board Members, Terri Tramm, Veronica Mount and Becky Troutman. It's been wonderful working with you on the Board, and I really appreciate all the help and support you have provided me.

I wish all of you the VERY BEST OF HOLIDAYS. I hope everyone gets to spend time with family and friends, please be VERY SAFE in your Holiday travels. I hope to see you at the Winter Dinner & Awards on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and at our first meeting of 2020 on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Steve Pearl, President



### From the HCMG Speaker's Bureau...

This message was received from the Boone County Master Gardeners:

**The Master Gardeners of Boone County** would like to thank you (Becky Troutman) for presenting at our meeting yesterday. We're sorry that you experienced technical problems and couldn't show your PowerPoint, but your talk was very informative and entertaining and somehow the PowerPoint didn't seem to be missed. Your demonstration about making a worm bin as well as the examples of what the products looked and smelled like, definitely dispelled any reservations about doing worm composting.



### Hendricks Master Gardeners at FFA Convention

The FFA (Future Farmers of America) - all 40,000 - held their national convention in Indy at the end of October. Nine Hendricks Co. Master Gardeners worked as Judges in Floraculture Area, along with our MG leader John Orick and former master gardener head Rosie Lerner. We all received letters of thanks from these incredible students. My letters were from Nebraska, Louisiana, Florida, Delaware and North Dakota which just shows you what a grand opportunity it was to meet young people. Think about volunteering next year. CK

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

**December 10** - Winter Dinner and Awards Dinner, 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds, RSVP by December 4

**December 26** - Fairgrounds Tree TakeDown, 9:00 am - noon at the Fairgrounds

**January 21** - First Master Gardener meeting of 2020

## End of Year Reminders:

**2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES** - Membership Dues for 2020 are due by January 21st if you want to appear in the Directory. (We will accept dues any time during the year, but must set a deadline for including you in the Directory). Dues are the same as 2019: \$15 per individual and \$25 per couple. Dues may be mailed to the Extension Office address on page one of this newsletter, or paid at the January 21st business meeting.

**DIRECTORY INFORMATION** - Please review your information in the 2019 directory. If anything has changed (address, phone or email), please send changes to Debbie Off and Janet Cunningham. Also, please remember to sign into your MGMS account and update this information in your profile in the MGMS directory.

**DIRECTORY PHOTOS** - If you do not have a photo in the 2019 Directory, or if you would like a different photo in the 2020 directory, please send the new photo to Debbie Off and Colletta Kosiba. While you're at it, please upload your photo to the Master Gardener Management System directory.

**ANNUAL PURDUE MG AGREEMENT** - Please be sure you have electronically signed the Annual Agreement as required by Purdue. If your Annual Agreement is due to be signed, you will get a message when you log onto the Master Gardener Management System. We require the agreement to be current before we include you in the 2020 Directory. More importantly, for liability reasons Purdue will not allow you to volunteer as a Master Gardener if the agreement is not current.

**VOLUNTEER & EDUCATION HOURS** - Please stay current on entering your Volunteer & Education hours in the Master Gardener Management System. Even though we are past the deadline for 2019 awards, it is still important to keep your hours current.

**WORKING WITH MINORS CERTIFICATION** - Purdue requires we review the Working With Minors information and take the quiz every 2 years. It is easy to forget when we last received the certification, but its not easy to check and see if your are current. At last check we had 3 members who had expired certifications, and 17 more that will expire by GFAA 2020. Thus I recommend everyone be certified every year, including those who are not planning on working the GFAA Children's booth because you never know when you may be find yourself working with a minor. Certification is easy, and takes no more than 5-15 minutes. The link to the Working With Minors certification may be found in the MGMS, go to "Volunteer Opportunities", instructions and link are contained under "Working With Minors Training". You will need to copy the link and paste it to your URL. Note: You do not need to sign up in MGMS to take the training.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED** - Our Photography Coordinator, Pam Brown, has asked for volunteers to who are interested in taking photographs at some of our events next year. If you are interested in being a HCMG Photographer, please contact Pam Brown or Steve Pearl.



## Sycamore Services

### Sensory Garden

Hendricks County Master Gardeners Steve Pearl, Colletta Kosiba, Carol Gillaspay, Annella Abell, Susan Gackenheimer, and Clarissa Petery helped clients of Sycamore Services plant spring bulbs in their new garden. This is the part of the new sensory garden that Master Gardeners are helping to work on.



# Santa's Helpers Decorate Fairgrounds Tree



You can help with the Tree  
Takedown December 26  
9:00 am to noon!

