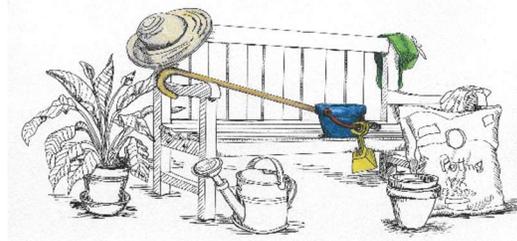


# HENDRICKS GARDENER

## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



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### President's Message

We had great attendance again at our February HCMG meeting; I enjoyed seeing everyone. The Climate Change presentation was on one of those subjects that can be uncomfortable, but is important to be aware of.

Gardening for All Ages is just a month away! Kim and Steve Somermeyer, as well as the area Chairs, have preparations well underway for a great show. Please consider volunteering as this is a major event and only succeeds with everyone's support. You can get to know your fellow Master Gardeners and earn volunteer hours at the same time. You will receive an email notification to volunteer through the Purdue Master Gardener Management System. Also, we're asking everyone to complete the Purdue Working with Minors Certification Training; it's mandatory if you are working in the Children's Booth. The link is on the MG Manager under Volunteer Opportunities; you'll need to copy the link and paste it to your browser. And by all means, mark your calendar for GFAA April 25, and set up on 24. Spread the word to friends, family and neighbors at every opportunity – GFAA is on April 25!

However, GFAA isn't the only activity we're working on. Colletta Kosiba asks that you share the availability of our Speakers Bureau with any organization you're part of and welcomes your participation. Barb Pantos is chairing the May Plant Sale and Auction on May 19. It's not too early to start thinking about what plants you can donate. Volunteers are also needed for the Demonstration Garden, the Education Center (which will open around May 1, contact Vicki Coleman), Sheltering Wings (contact Carol Gillaspy), and Sycamore Services (Susan Gackenheimer).

Colletta Kosiba is also the Historian for Hendricks County Master Gardeners. If you have any old newspaper articles, photos or newsletters, send them to her.

Our next HCMG meeting is March 17, which will be very close to the first day of spring! I hope to see you there.

*Steve Pearl, President*

## Upcoming HCMG Meetings

At our March 17 meeting, Aquatic Designs of Monrovia, Indiana, will be discussing Ponds and Raingardens. In April, we'll learn more about the Future Farmers of America program in Hendricks County.

## Plans Underway for GFAA

Our annual Gardening For All Ages show is just around the corner. Please invite your friends and family to join us Saturday, April 25 from 9 am to 4 pm.



The educational sessions for this year are:

- **9:30 – 10:15 WORMS: How to Get Nature's Recyclers Working For You** — Amy Sieferman, HC Solid Waste Outreach Coordinator.
- **10:15 – 11:00 Beneficial Insect Predators** — Bob Bruner, Extension Educator, (on left above) Clay County
- **11:00 – 11:45 Pruning Ornamental Trees and Shrubs** — Nancy Rice, HCMG
- **12:30 – 1:15 CARING FOR YOUR HOUSEPLANTS: Keeping them Healthy and Happy!** — Colletta Kosiba, HCMG (on right)
- **1:15 – 2:30 POLLINATORS - Current Threats and What YOU Can Do to Help** (includes tour of pollinator patch in demo garden, weather permitting) Terri Tramm, HCMG

The Garden Wizard team needs volunteers to help plan and put the booth together. They are also in need of prairie drop seed grass and stonecrop sedum. If you can help, please contact Magen Eller (magen.eller@gmail.com).

GFAA signup is now available in MG Manager. Please note that setup is on Friday, April 24, at 10 am and does not require signup because we need all hands on deck! For Saturday, each GFAA area has shifts available, please sign up!

The Children's Booth is extremely popular and takes many volunteers to make these fun and creative activities available. Please consider helping in that area and don't forget to take your "Working with Minors Training." The link to the training is also available in MG Manager.

If you have any questions about GFAA 2020, please contact Steve (steve@somermeyer.com) or Kim Somermeyer (kimberly@somermeyer.com) if you have any questions!

## Member Information Updates

In order to increase access to HCMG records, materials on our group's history as well as flash drives with 25 easy-to-present programs are now available in the metal cabinet in Classroom D at the HC Fairgrounds. Janet in the Extension office has a key to the classroom and the cabinet, so it can usually be accessed during normal business hours. Look for the sign below.



## Speakers' Bureau

The HCMG Speakers' Bureau remains active. In February, Becky Troutman spoke on what a Master Gardener is and how to become one to 30 members of the Friendly Garden Club, and Colletta Kosiba spoke on "Great Landscaping Ideas" to the 35 ladies of the Hendricks County Garden Club.

At 6:30 pm on March 18 at the Brownsburg Library, Colletta will be speaking on Gardening for Butterflies. Often described as "flying flowers," butterflies are beautiful and interesting creatures. By planting a butterfly garden with the right kinds of plants and flowers that butterflies love to feed on and lay eggs on, you can attract butterflies throughout the growing season. Butterfly gardens can be any size - a window box, part of your landscaped yard, or even a wild untended area on your property.

