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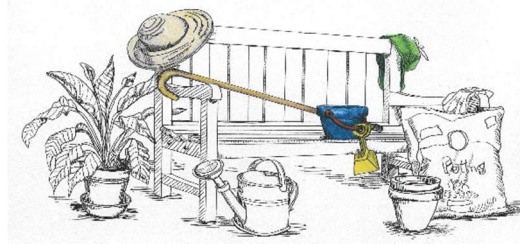
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President's Message

It was great to see many of you at our January meeting. It felt like it had been a long time since our November meeting and December Awards dinner.

It's time to get excited about Gardening for All Ages 2020. GFAA Chairs Kim and Steve Somermeyer, along with their area chairs, have been very busy working on the planning and details for the event on April 25. Vendor booth sales are going well. Volunteers are needed. Please be aware that chairs may ask you to use the MG Management System Calendar and Volunteer Sign Up feature. If you'd like to volunteer for a particular area, you may contact the area chair (if you know who that is) or feel free to contact Kim and Steve or me.

GFAA is not the only project off to a quick start. The Demonstration Garden Committee is making plans for the new growing season, Debbie Off is preparing the 2020 Directory (with photos), Colletta Kosiba is leading the Speakers Bureau, Susan Gackenheimer is planning the Sycamore Services' Sensory Garden, and Vicki Coleman, Suzanne Heller and Sue Squiller are getting the Education Center up and running. As usual, our members are working very hard, which will make 2020 exciting.

Also, our Historian, Colletta Kosiba, has asked that members who have newspaper articles, older newsletters or anything else that may be of interest contact her.

I want to thank Carol Gillaspay and Susan Gackenheimer for stepping up to chair the 2020 Adventures in Gardening. They will be looking for area chairs and volunteers in the near future, so please consider helping them out.

And just for the fun of it, a little trivia. HCMG's annual garden show was started 33 years ago in 1987. It was first known as the "Lawn and Garden" show. The show was renamed "Gardening for All Ages" in 2008 when Rose Lenihan revamped the show, and Becky Troutman created and donated the show logo.

Our next HCMG meeting is February 18. I hope to see everyone then.

Steve Pearl, President

Climate Change is Topic at February 18 HCMG Meeting

Our February speaker is Jeff Haverly of the Heartland chapter of Elders Climate Action, a group that believes American elders have the potential to become a leading force in combating climate change. The group became official in October 2019, and includes all of Indiana and the bordering regions in Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois. They focus on education and development of green awareness and a sustainable climate mindset in our communities and governments. Their goal is to leave a legacy of a peaceful and sustainable planet.

According to their website, "We are primarily baby boomers. Having come of age in a time of social activism, we know what power citizen voices can have in shaping public policy. We are grandparents and concerned elders who accept our role as guardians of future generations. We recognize that if we do not do something now, our grandchildren and future generations will suffer from our inaction."

Haverly is a retired engineer who has sailed the oceans, worked in power generation and is committed to advancing awareness of the science of climate change.

Also, mark your calendars for our March 17 meeting when the topic will be Ponds and Raingardens with Aquatic Designs of Monrovia, Indiana.

Member Information Updates

GFAA: Becky Troutman is asking members to keep saving anything that can be used/repurposed in the garden or garden rooms. These garden-themed items will be sold in the Gardeners' Closet booth during the event.

GFAA T-shirt orders: HCMG members can now choose from a multitude of colors and styles

for this year's GFAA! We are offering short-sleeved and long-sleeved shirts in eight colors, including royal blue, Kelly green, pink, purple, charcoal grey, light blue, lime green and cardinal red (the original). A pull-over hoodie with pouch is also available but does not come in lime or pink.

Costs by type and size:

- Short Sleeved T-Shirt in S,M,L,XL - \$13, XXL - \$14, XXXL - \$15
- Long Sleeved T-Shirt in S,M,L,XL - \$16, XXL - \$17, XXXL - \$18
- Hoodie in S,M,L,XL - \$29, XXL - \$31, XXXL - \$33

Samples will be available at the next two HCMG meetings (2/18, 3/17) and at the March 12 intern class. Orders and payment will be taken as well. If you are not available at any of the above meetings/classes, call or email Suzy Freeman (317-730-5954 or ejfandtsf@gmail.com) or Sharon Miller (317-476-4868 or scare2m@gmail.com).

Checks should be made payable to HC Master Gardeners with the memo field "GFAA T-Shirt." If paying by mail, send to the Purdue Extension Office, PO Box 7, Danville IN 46122, and clearly mark your check as shown above to ensure you are credited for the payment.

All orders should be paid by March 31 so shirts can be distributed at the April 21 HCMG meeting. Intern shirts will be taken to the intern class for distribution. Shirts can also be picked up at GFAA setup on April 24 or by 8 a.m. on the morning of April 25.

Sheltering Wings Project: Anyone interested in working with the Sheltering Wings team to establish their garden is urged to attend an information and strategic planning meeting on Wednesday, February 12, at 6 pm at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. For more information, please contact Carol Gillaspay (317- 646-2014 or gillaspaycarol@yahoo.com).

Upcoming Dates to Remember

February 18 • Monthly Meeting-Climate Change
March 17 • Monthly Meeting-Ponds and Raingardens
April 25 • Gardening for All Ages
September 10 • 2020 Purdue Extension Master Gardener State Conference
October 10 • Adventures in Gardening