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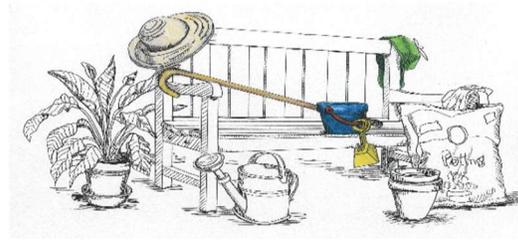
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HENDRICKS GARDENER

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HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners. I hope everyone is having a wonderful Fall season. I'm sure most of you are like me and happy to see the Fall rains finally arrive. I'm not even close to the point where I will complain about rain yet, although I'm sure I will eventually.

For those of you who attended the October HCMG meeting, especially those who attended via Zoom, I apologize for the delays we were having. We found out when we arrived at the Fairgrounds that our meeting had been moved to the North Hall, and we had difficulty getting everything set up, particularly the electronics. Hats off to Jeff Pell who really worked hard to get things working. But looking past the technical difficulties we did have a good meeting, with an interesting presentation on Rain Gardens by Greenscape Geeks. Our November meeting will follow the same format with a combination of in-person and virtual attendance options, so watch your email for a Zoom link or MGMS for in-person attendance sign up. November 17th will be our last business meeting of 2020, and since we are not having the Winter Dinner & Awards, will be the last time many of us are together this year. So, I hope everyone can attend or tune in.

We hosted Adventures in Gardening on October 10th, and it turned out to be a wonderful day with five interesting presentations and was handled such that it was very safe for attendees and presenters. I had initially envisioned a "bare bones" event, but the AIG committee took it well beyond "bare" and made it a well-done event. Kudos go out to the AIG committee (Vicki Coleman, Kathe Rae, D. & John Dottenwhy, Teri Mitchum and Ed Freeman) for their work on the event, with Super Kudos to the co-chairs Susan Gackenheimer and Carol Gillaspy.

Looking forward, I will soon be putting together the schedule for our 2021 meetings and events. At this time, I am anticipating the schedule will look much like any other year, realizing of course that the actual meetings and events will likely look different. One event that is already on the calendar is GFAA which is scheduled for April 24 with set up on April 23. Planning for GFAA has already started but we realize that our GFAA of 2021 will likely not be the same as our prior GFAA events. The GFAA Committee will meet soon to discuss

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how we can offer a safe event under the various possible circumstances that we will face in April.

At the October meeting, the 2020 revision to the HCMG Bylaws was ratified by the membership. A big THANK YOU to the Bylaw Committee for their help in reviewing and putting the new Bylaws together. The Bylaw Committee included Vicki Coleman, Carrie Little, Deloris Elza, Kathe Rae, and Martha Rardin. And of course, the Chairperson, Kathy Moran. Thank you all so much for your assistance in this endeavor.

The new bylaws create two new Executive Board positions, Assistant Treasurer and Project Coordinator, which means our Executive Board now has seven members.

Election of 2021 Officers was also held at the October meeting. I first want to thank the Nominating Committee (Vicki Coleman, Pat Dallas and Chuck Dallas) for their work in recruiting the slate of nominees. Congratulations to the 2021 Officers, Sara Fenton (Vice President), Teri Mitchum (Treasurer), Cathy Frederick (Secretary),

Ed Freeman (Communications Coordinator), Bruce Crum (Assistant Treasurer), and Karen Smith (Project Coordinator). A special thanks to Karen for stepping up at the meeting and volunteering to be Project Coordinator. Thank you to all the 2021 Officers for your commitment and willingness to serve. If anyone noticed one officer missing from the list, you are stuck with me as President for another year. But take heart, under the Bylaws, this will be the last year I can serve on the Board.

Over the past few months, it has been wonderful to see some of you at meetings and events. The November meeting will be the last opportunity for us to come together in 2020, and I really look forward to seeing as many as possible. This has been a long year, and we have a lot of catching up to do. In the meantime, please stay adaptable as we know all gardeners are, and above all STAY SAFE. I hope to see you soon.

Steve Pearl, President

Congratulations to the 2021 HCMG Officers

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Sara Fenton • Vice President

Cathy Frederick – Secretary

Teri Mitchum • Treasurer

Bruce Crum • Assistant Treasurer

Ed Freeman • Communications

Coordinator

Karen Smith • Project Coordinator

Upcoming Meeting Preview

Our November 17 meeting will feature Constance Ferry of Hobbit Gardens. She lives and grows 2.5 acres of organically grown herb and perennial plants and produce on 27.5 acres of woods, ravines, and fields in West Central Indiana. The meeting topic is “Gardening and Our Ecological Footprint: Soil, Diversity and Attention.”

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. as we can't serve refreshments. To attend in person, sign up via the MG Manager so that we stay within social distancing requirements. Everyone else can attend virtually through the Zoom invite, just click on the link and follow the instructions. Both those who attend virtually and in person qualify for education credits and can vote on HCMG business.

There will not be a December meeting, but we will resume in January. Sara Fenton, HCMG Vice President, is putting together a program committee to plan topics for 2021. Please contact her with your ideas for topics and speakers for next year.