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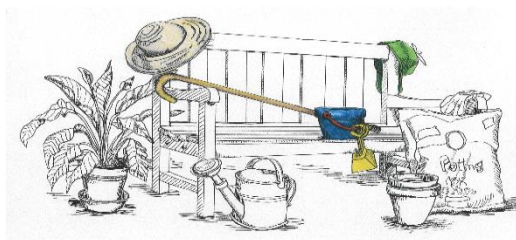
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HENDRICKS GARDENER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



President's Message

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners. I hope everyone is getting used to writing "2021", the annual memory test. If you haven't noticed the days are already getting longer, a good sign of things to come. We can all be sure that winter is not done with us yet, but in a couple weeks we can expect the first spring bulbs to start popping. It only gets better from here.

Thanks to all who attended our first general meeting in January of 2021. Even though we held the meeting totally via Zoom, it was a great attendance with almost 50 members tuning in. Thank You to Colletta for her wonderful and enlightening presentation at the January meeting, and as always, a big Thank You to Jeff Pell for facilitating the Zoom arrangements. In the interest of keeping our members safe and comfortable, I anticipate the February meeting will also be via Zoom. Continue to watch your email for meeting updates.

During this time we need to make special efforts to keep our membership informed of ongoing activities, events, updates and opportunities. If you have information to share, please send it to Ed Freeman as soon as possible before the first of each month.

At the January meeting the membership approved the budget for 2021. This budget looks very similar to past budgets, but like 2020, at the end of the year we do not expect actual revenue or expenditures to exactly match the budget. We will just move forward, be conservative in our expenditures and make whatever adaptations are appropriate and prudent.

Wishing everyone Good Health and Safety, stay positive. Remember to look for enjoyment in the simpler things. Looking forward to a positive year in 2021. Hope to see you at our February meeting.

Steve Pearl, President

2021 Membership Dues

In order for you to appear in the 2021 HCMG Membership Directory, you needed to submit your dues payment by Jan. 31. However, we will accept dues any time during the year. Dues are the same as 2020: \$15 per individual and \$25 per couple. Make checks payable to HCMG. There are two ways to pay:

1. Mail to the HC Extension Office, 1900 East Main Street, Danville, IN 46122-0007
2. Use Paypal through the link at www.hendricksgardeners.com/members.html

The link will continue to be available through February.

Interns from the 2020 Spring and Fall classes have a year of complimentary membership. You do not need to pay dues.

If the payment of dues creates a hardship, please contact Membership Chair Bruce Crum or President Steve Pearl.

When you're paying your dues, please also sign the Annual Volunteer Agreement on the Purdue MG Manager website. This is a requirement for all members.

GFAA Update

We are still planning on GFAA 2021 on April 24th, the GFAA Committee is working hard on the details. No surprise it will look very different than GFAA's of past. The Committee is working on ideas and changes that will keep volunteers, vendors and visitors safe. If you are interested in participating with any of the GFAA sub-committees, either at the event or in preparation, please contact Kim & Steve Somermeyer.

The GFAA committee met again on January 11th. We will conduct this years show with at least three big changes for epidemic safety. We will not have a food vendor, although we are working on having box lunches available for volunteers or vendors. Sadly, we have been unable to find a safe way to implement the Children's Booth, so it will not be included in this years GFAA.

The committee has been evaluating floor layouts with more spacing and fewer total vendors than usual. Booths remain at 10' x 10' but the aisles and layouts will be rearranged to avoid crowding.

We are working on plans for the educational sessions.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 8th. See next month's newsletter for an update.

If you have suggestions and ideas for GFAA, or to volunteer for setup or the event, please get in touch with Kim or Steve Somermeyer or one of the committee chairs.

Education Center Update

We intend to get the Education Center up and running again in 2021. Probably in April. Like GFAA, we may have to make some changes in how we manage it. Contact Vicki Coleman to volunteer for the Education Center.

New Interns and Awards

Congratulations and Welcome to all our Interns from the Spring and Fall 2020 classes on their completion of the class. We look forward to working with you and getting to know you. Also congratulations to our members who achieved their next level awards in 2020, including Kathe Rae and Susan Gackenheimer (Advanced), Teri Mitchum and Sara Fenton (Bronze), Kim Somermeyer (Silver), and Dick Meier (Gold 1,000) and Steve Pearl (Gold 4,000).

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2021 Events Calendar*

January 19, 2021	General Meeting	Classrooms A, B & C
February 16, 2021	General Meeting	Classrooms A, B & C
March 16, 2021	General Meeting	Classrooms A, B & C
April 20, 2021	General Meeting	Classrooms A, B & C
April 23, 2021	GFAA Set Up	Hendricks Power Expo
April 24, 2021	GFAA	Hendricks Power Expo
May 18, 2021	Plant Sale & Auction	Hendricks Power Expo
July 18 - 24, 2021	County Fair	TBD, Expo and/or Demo Garden
July 20, 2021	MG Summer Picnic	Becky Troutman's
Sept. 21, 2021	General Meeting	Classrooms A, B & C
October 8, 2021	AIG Set Up	North & South Halls
October 9, 2021	AIG	North & South Halls
October 19, 2021	General Meeting	Classrooms A, B & C
Nov. 16, 2021	General Meeting	Classrooms A, B & C
December 7, 2021	Winter Dinner & Awards	South Hall

2022 Calendar

January 18, 2022	General Meeting	Classrooms A, B & C
February 15, 2022	General Meeting	Classrooms A, B & C
April 29, 2022**	GFAA Set Up	Hendricks Power Expo
April 30, 2022**	GFAA	Hendricks Power Expo
October 7, 2022	AIG Set Up	North & South Halls
October 8, 2022	AIG	North & South Halls