

# HENDRICKS GARDENER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

## President's Message

Hello Master Gardeners. Wow! Punxsutawney Phil nailed it this year, especially as far as February was concerned. Here's to hoping that the March thaw continues and we can get an early start to spring this year.

Thanks to all who attended our February meeting. We had between 40 and 50 members tuning in. I know most of us would much prefer to meet in person-- we will get back there eventually. We continue to evaluate the option of in person meetings each month. But for the time being Zoom is definitely the safest way to meet. Although vaccinations are underway and cases have been dropping, we are not out the woods yet. We will err on the side of keeping our members safe and comfortable. So keep an eye on your email for meeting announcements and arrangements. Thanks again to Jeff Pell for graciously facilitating the Zoom arrangements.

One of my current top priorities is to make special effort to keep our membership informed of ongoing activities, events, updates and opportunities. A great avenue to this end is through the monthly Newsletter. If you have information to share, please send it to Ed Freeman as soon as possible before the first of each month. And please be sure to read the newsletter to stay in tune.

We are still planning on GFAA 2021. No surprise it will look very different than GFAA's of past. The Committee is working hard 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. And FYI, we already have a number of vendors who have reserved their place at GFAA.

Another event coming up in May is the Annual Plant Sale and Auction. If interested in helping, please contact Barb Pantos. As plants start to pop in the next couple of months, start thinking about plants you need to thin and can donate.

Wishing everyone Good Health and Safety, stay positive. Remember to look for enjoyment in the simpler things, and use your gardener skill in remaining adaptable. Looking forward to a positive year in 2021. Hope to see you at our March meeting.

*Steve Pearl, President*

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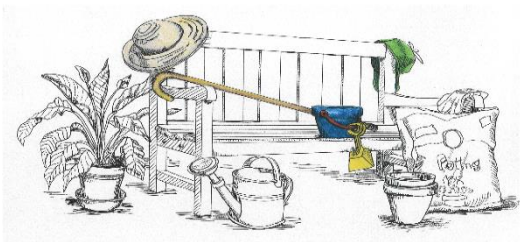
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### **GFAA Update**

We are still planning on GFAA 2021 on April 24<sup>th</sup> with setup on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The GFAA Committee is working hard on the details and is implementing 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 February 8<sup>th</sup>. We will conduct this years show with at least three big changes for epidemic safety:

1. We will not have a food vendor, although we are working on having box lunches available for volunteers or vendors.
2. 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.
3. We will need to be ready to limit the number of people in the building and control crowding.

The committee has been evaluating floor layouts with more spacing and fewer total vendors than usual. Booths remain at 10' x 10' but they 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 March 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **Plant Sale Update**

The annual plant sale is scheduled for May 18. Keep it in mind as you work on your Spring landscaping updates. Barb Pantos is coordinating the plant sale.

### **2021 Membership Dues**

The PayPal link is no longer available for this year. If you still have to pay your dues, there are two ways to pay with a check:

1. Mail to the HC Extension Office, 1900 East Main Street, Danville, IN 46122-0007
2. Pay in person at a meeting.

## HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

### 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