

# HENDRICKS GARDENER

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HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

## President's Message

Happy Spring! We are well over a week into Spring 2021 now, and things are really starting to pop. Of course, we have to put up with the spring rains, but just remember that is what helps everything grow.

I hope everyone who attended enjoyed the March general meeting. We had an estimated 50 members tuning in. And as always, thanks to Jeff Pell for facilitating the Zoom meeting. It was a very interesting presentation by Kevin Allison on Planting Natives to Attract Beneficial Insects to Vegetable Gardens, which is a new twist on planting natives I have not heard before. I have been planting vegetables near my natives for years, not out of planning but by necessity for space. It was great to hear that something I have been doing is a good thing.

For the April meeting I am planning on going back to a combination of Zoom and In-Person as we did in the Fall. As we did then for safety, we will not have a social time or snacks. As we get closer, I will ask Janet to set up a sign-up sheet on MSGS, so watch your email. By our regular schedule April 20th will be our last general business meeting till September.

The GFAA Committee is deep into planning and the details for GFAA 2021. GFAA will be a GO this year. It will be a transition show, with changes for health and safety. Kim, Steve and the committee are doing a fantastic job in designing a great show with the necessary precautions.

Looking forward to May, we will have the Annual Plant Sale and Auction on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

One of my top priorities continues to be keeping our membership informed. If you have information to share, please send it to Ed Freeman before the first of each month. And please be sure to read the newsletter to stay in tune.

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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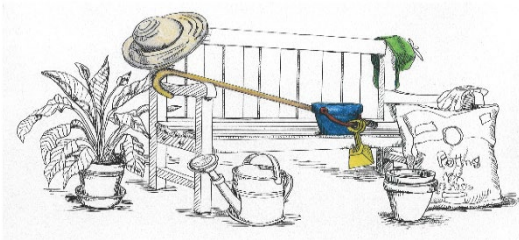
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### **GFAA Update**

There have been a few last minute changes, but GFAA is on course for April 24<sup>th</sup>. The biggest change is in the location—we are moving to the horse barn for this year. This is essentially to allow continued use of the conference facility for the vaccination program while keeping other previous commitments. We are also planning on having a food vendor available.

We will set up space for the presentations in the horse barn.

Thanks to Pat & Chuck Dallas, vendor booths are filling up. We won't have quite as many vendors as in the past in order to provide more spacing, but we will have a very good variety. Sign-up sheets for the various booths and tasks are available on MSGS, so visit the site and sign up for an area where you would like to help. If you are interested in participating in any way not covered by the sign-up sheets or have any questions, please contact Kim & Steve Somermeyer.

The GFAA committee meets again for the final preparations on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **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**

The annual plant sale is scheduled for May 18. If you are interested in helping, please contact Barb Pantos. And as plants start to pop in the next couple of months, start thinking about plants you need to thin and can donate.

### **Demo Garden**

The demo garden creates plenty of opportunities to volunteer—both in caring for the garden and in using it for teaching opportunities. Contact Becky Troutman.

### **Sheltering Wings Update**

Carol Gillaspay met with staff a couple of weeks ago and they are very excited about the upcoming garden and classes. Some of the class topics this year are Effective Gardening and container gardening. This year, we will be offering something new in the way of herb gardening.

Anyone interested in volunteering contact Carol to get signed up for the orientation class the shelter requires. Volunteers are needed to teach some of the classes.

## 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 22, 2022	GFAA Set Up	Hendricks Power Expo
April 23, 2022	GFAA	Hendricks Power Expo
October 7, 2022	AIG Set Up	North & South Halls
October 8, 2022	AIG	North & South Halls