

HENDRICKS GARDENER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

President's Message

HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ARE AMAZING: The best words I have to describe GFAA 2021 is WOW! Even with being out of practice, poor weather, downsizing, and our sudden relocation, you guys still pulled off a GREAT SUCCESS. Congratulations and THANK YOU to our tremendous Chairs, Kim & Steve Somermeyer and the GFAA committee members for their planning and preparations, and to all of those who volunteered and worked so hard at the event.

Our April meeting, which now seems so long ago, was fun and interesting. We heard from Scott Cochran from Aquatic Designs on Ponds and Water Features. A big THANK YOU to Jeff for taking care of the Zoom set up, the Owl Pro feature really made the hybrid type meeting easier and a bit more friendly to all.

Looking forward to May, we will have the Annual Plant Sale and Auction in the Cartlidge Barn on May 18th, so mark your calendars. Dig your plants about 2 weeks prior so they look their best. More info on the next page!

April was our last business meeting until September, when the slate of officer candidates for 2022 will be announced. It is time to start thinking about 2022 officers. Kudos to Vicki Coleman, Jackie Rosales and Sue Squiller for serving as the Nomination Committee. Due to our bylaws term limits, there will be at least one officer vacancy. If you would be interested in serving our members by becoming an Officer, please contact one of the committee members.

Now that we are back up and running on activities and events, it is very important to keep our members informed. If you have information to share, please write it up and send to Ed Freeman for the newsletter as soon as possible before the first of each month. And please be sure to read the newsletter to stay in tune.

One of the best things about GFAA was seeing everyone again. I couldn't count how many times I overheard "haven't seen you for over a year". Hoping we get to see each other more as things pick up, but in order for that to happen we need to stay safe and healthy. Please continue to take the prudent precautions and take care of yourselves. See everyone at the May Plant Sale.

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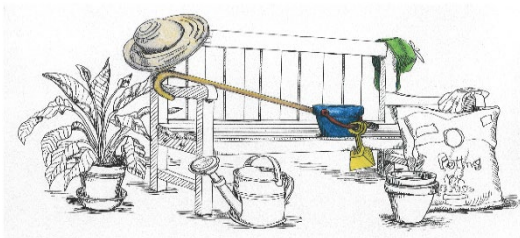
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April 2021





Plant Sale

The HCMG Plant Sale and Auction is just a couple weeks away! Please plan to join us on May 18th at 6PM at the Cartlidge Barn at the Fairgrounds. Thank you to everyone who signed up as Volunteers for the event - it is very much appreciated. Hopefully, you've identified the plants in your garden you will be donating for the sale. We ask that you give the plants at least 10 days in a clean pot with good soil prior to donating. We will take donations starting at 3 PM until 5:30PM at the Cartlidge Barn. Volunteers will price and place the plants, bulbs, etc. on the appropriate sales table, with actual sales beginning at 6PM. The Auction will begin at 7PM. If you have bushes, trees, special plants or garden art to place in the auction - let the intake Volunteers know. The Public is invited to attend the event, so let your friends and neighbors know, too.

If anyone needs plastic flowerpots for their contributions, please give me a call and I will get them to you. Plant Sale Kits with tags and plant identification cards are available from Janet Cunningham at the Fairgrounds office. Any questions, call, text or email Barb Pantos.

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.

Help Line Update

The Home, Landscaping, Garden Help Line will open on May 11. There will be two shifts 9-12 and 1-4 in Classroom D. Watch for an email about sign-ups in the next couple of days. An instruction sheet will be e mailed to all that sign up and a copy will be in the cabinet. It is basically the same as 2019. If you are an intern or you do not feel comfortable working alone, please email Vicki and she will be sure there is a Master Gardener to work with you. If you have any questions please let her know.

Sycamore Update

Carol Gillaspay and Susan Gackenheimer met with Sycamore Services Annex on 3/19/21. The Sycamore Annex added a new section to the sensory garden this spring with the addition of new cement walkways. Our original plan was for Phase 1 (Gazebo, garden and one walkway). We are now working on a plan for Phase 2 (the new walkways, sensory stations, retaining wall). To aid us in planning and planting these two Phases, we are looking for plants to add to the project that are durable and sensory stimulating. To keep costs down for Sycamore, we are asking for plant donations (Natives would be a plus) from anyone that has extra plants from their gardens. Sycamore is reaching out to local businesses to see what they can get in the way of plant material, mulch and hardscape. If you have plant donations email Susan or Carol.

Sheltering Wings Update

Some of the classes this year are Effective Gardening and Container Gardening. We will be offering something new in the way of Herb Gardening. Volunteers are still needed to teach some of the classes.

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2021 Events Calendar

May 18, 2021	Plant Sale & Auction	Hendricks Power Expo
July 18 - 24, 2021	County Fair	TBD, Expo and/or Demo Garden
July 13, 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

** Times will be announced at a later date.*