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HENDRICKS GARDENER

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HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Outgoing President's Message

It's hard to believe this will be my last message as President. Just as the seasons, my term has happened one day at a time and sometimes seemed never ending, then all of the sudden it's over.

With COVID the last couple years it seems like our progress has been slow or non-existent. But thinking back the 4 years of my term as President, this can't be further from the truth. During my term we have successfully hosted a Master Gardener State Conference (which is no small feat), we have hosted 3 Gardening for All Ages and 3 Adventures in Gardening, we have implemented a photo Directory, established the Speakers Bureau, revised our Bylaws adding Assistant Treasurer and Project Coordinator to the Board, started new projects at Sycamore Services and Sheltering Wings, expanded the Demo Garden, and much much more. Not to mention, many of us *have gained the life-long valuable experience of using Zoom.*

And while a President often gets credit for things that happen during their term, the credit for all of our accomplishments belongs to you. You have provided many of the ideas, provided the support and refinement necessary for development, and of course, you provided the effort that it takes to implement. So the credit goes to you.

I want to thank all of you for your support and confidence. Thanks to all who have volunteered your time and knowledge, without all of you nothing we do would happen. Thank you to all those who have stepped up to serve as a committee chair or in a leadership role, your willingness to lead has been so important. And thanks to all the Board members I have served with, and there have been quite a few, you have provided me with such good advice and guidance. You may hear me say these thank you's a couple of times, and that's ok, it is well deserved. Because of all of you, HCMG has proven to be a strong and resilient organization which has really shown through the recent COVID years. I am proud of HCMG, and YOU, and honored to have served you as President.

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PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Moving forward, I am confident you will provide Sara with the same support you have provided me. I have known Sara many years and I have every confidence in her. She will serve you well as President, we are in good hands.

I look forward to seeing everyone next year. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! And above all, stay safe and healthy.

Steve Pearl, Outgoing President

Communicate

It is very important to keep our members informed. A great avenue to do this is through the monthly Newsletter. If you have information to share, please write it up and send to Carl Osborn as soon as possible before the first of each month. And please be sure to read the newsletter to stay in tune.

Next Meeting

Our speaker for the January 18th meeting is Bree Ollier, Resource Conservationist, Hendricks County SWCD. Her presentation will be on Soil Health and Conservation Practices for the Homeowner.

Hendricks County Master Gardeners Welcome New Members

At the Hendricks County Master Gardeners Annual Christmas meeting, we were entertained by the Danville High School Show Choir. Awards were also presented:



Becoming a New Master Gardener by completing 40 educational hours and 40 volunteer hours: Cal Sundine, Glenda Prysock, Jurgita Pichon, Carl Osborn, and Valerie LeGacy. Not pictured above: Stanley Ames and Andrea Grady.

Master Gardeners who achieved new levels:



Advanced Master Gardener- Annella Abell (pictured here), Andria Grady and Betsy Voigt (not pictured).



Bronze- Debbie Off, Sue Squiller, Margie Bontrager, Sharon Miller, and Sue Leuschke.



Silver- Steve Somermeyer.



Gold 1000 Suzy Freeman



Gold 3500 Colletta Kosiba.



Gold 4500 Steve Pearl.

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2022 Calendar

January 18, 2022 General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
February 15, 2022 General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
March 15, 2022 General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
April 19th, 2022 General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
April 22, 2022 GFAA Set Up Hendricks Power Expo
April 23, 2022 GFAA Hendricks Power Expo
May 17th, 2022 Plant Sale Hendricks Power Expo
September 20th, 2022 General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
October 7, 2022 AIG Set Up North & South Halls
October 8, 2022 AIG North & South Halls
October 18th, 2022 General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
November 15th, 2022 General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
December 13th, 2022 Winter Dinner & Awards South Hall

2023 Calendar

January 17, 2023 General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
February 21, 2023 General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
April 28, 2023 GFAA Set Up Hendricks Power Expo
April 29, 2023 GFAA Hendricks Power Expo
October 6, 2023 AIG Set Up North & South Halls
October 7, 2023 AIG North & South Halls