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President's Message

Make New Friends... That's Us!

One of the hardest parts of these last couple years for me is not being able to get together with friends. Zoom meetings let us see each other's faces, but that's just not the same. It's too easy to zone out and take a (mental) nap and not really be connected.



Sara Fenton

Now that we can carefully get back together, let's get acquainted with other members of our group. It's so natural to buddy-up with people you already know, but I'm asking you to grow! Talk with someone new, sit near a different person

when you come to our meeting – and make a new or better friend!

All the slots to act as host for the intern class have been filled. Thanks to all who signed up. This is a great way to encourage members of the class series to want to join our group. It also helps with getting in volunteer hours. Jeff can really use the help getting things set up for and cleaned up after each meeting, and you get a nice review of the

information presented. If you cannot be there for the time you signed up, please arrange for someone to cover the session.

I'll be on vacation for the February meeting but will find a way to join you mentally. Inspecting the flora of Florida comes to mind...

Sara Fenton, 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 (hcmg-carl@carlosborn.com) 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 February 15th meeting is Ren Hall, DNR Nursery Inspector and Compliance Officer. Her presentation will be "What's Lurking In Your Landscaping?" I won't spoil it by telling you "what's lurking", so you should attend the meeting to find out.

In Memory of Linda Weddle

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Linda Weddle. She was a member of the



Hendricks County Master Gardener family since 2010, and I know that she will be really missed. Our thoughts are with her family.

HCMG 2022 Directory

Please review your information that was included in the previous HCMG Directory. I have been reviewing the membership data that we have for all of you and there are a few "gaps" that really need to be filled in.

We are working very hard to complete the 2022 Directory and will be getting it out in a month or so. I wish I could promise that the Directory will include

2022 Officers

Sara Fenton, President Debbie Off, Vice President Teri Mitchum, Treasurer
Bruce Crum, Assistant Treasurer Sharon Miller, Secretary Carl Osborn, Communications Coordinator
Karen Chapman-Smith, Project Coordinator

pictures this year. I continue to work toward that goal, but technology seems to be playing cruel tricks on me.

We do have membership pictures from the previous directory, as well as pictures from your Master Gardener Management System (MGMS) accounts. If you have not included a photo in the previous Directory and/or did not add a picture to your MGMS account, we will have a camera at the February meeting so that we can capture your smiling faces.

Gardening Resources on the Web

There is a wealth of gardening information available to us on the Web, and we will be passing on these resources as we discover them.

First of all, for those of you who use Facebook, Hendricks County Master Gardeners has an excellent page at [https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=hendricks%20county%20\(in\)%20master%20gardeners](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=hendricks%20county%20(in)%20master%20gardeners). For those of you who do not “do Facebook”, I will be including information included on that page in future Newsletters.

There was a fantastic article on the Web that discusses software that can be used to identify plants that we encounter. It can be found here: [Plant identification? There’s an app for that—actually several! - Landscaping \(msu.edu\)](#). I reached out to the author, Dr. Erin Hill, and she was kind enough to provide an update... “Picture This” is still the most accurate, with a 70% accuracy. The “Picture This” app is available for free in the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

Also on the Web, our very own Teresa Byington sent a note to Sara Fenton about upcoming meetings of the Indianapolis Rose Society (<https://indianapolisrosesociety.com/2022-programs-events/>).

I also found out that Teresa has an excellent blog “The Garden Diary” that focuses on “roses and their companions”. You can access her blog at [The Garden Diary](#) and can sign up to follow her blog and receive email notifications of her new posts.

Finally, many of us know John Chapin of Tree Frog Gardens ([HOME \(treefroggardens.co\)](http://HOME(treefroggardens.co))). On his site he maintains a very informative blog.

As we find more helpful links from the Web we will pass them on. If you have sites that you would like to share with us, please contact Carl Osborn hcmg-carl@carlosborn.com

2022 Calendar

- February 15 - General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
 - Ren Hall, DNR – “What’s Lurking in Your Landscaping?”
- March 15 - General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
 - Bill Daniels (Brown County Master Gardener “Native Seed Collecting and Germination Boxes”
- April 19 - General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
- April 22 - GFAA Set Up Hendricks Power Expo
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- May 17 - Plant Sale - Cartlidge Barn
- Sept 20 - General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
- Oct 7 - AIG Set Up North & South Halls
- Oct 8 - AIG North & South Halls
- Oct 18 - General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
- Nov 15 - General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C
- Dec 13 - Winter Dinner & Awards South Hall