

HENDRICKS GARDENER

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PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

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President's Message

Spring! It. Must. Be. Spring!

I just saw a kazillion robins zooming through our woods, landing, flipping leaves, looking for tasty things, taking off, and looking happy to be here again! A big pileated woodpecker was going to town on a tree, throwing wood chips five feet away.



Must be some special bugs hiding in there. Are your garden and flower catalogs and magazines dogeared and worn out yet? Ready to start some seeds? Yup, it must be spring!

As our spring meeting schedule heats up, if you are using any of the rooms at the fairgrounds, please remember to put the room back in the arrangement it was in when you arrived. If you take a picture with a phone when entering the room it will help remind you of the set-up you need go back to at the end of the meeting. Also please take out any trash; nobody wants to deal with someone else's leftovers.

There will be lots of opportunities for volunteer hours coming up soon, and many webinars and gardening shows to get in education hours but be sure to enter your hours in the Volunteer Site to get credit for your efforts.

<https://www.purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/>

Get those garden tools ready – it'll soon be time to put them to use!

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 March 15th meeting is Bill Daniels, Brown County Master Gardener and member of Indiana Native Seed Society. His presentation will be "Native Seed Collecting and Germination Boxes" (via Zoom).

HCMG 2022 Directory

It appears that there is an overwhelming consensus that the HCMG Handbook/Directory should contain pictures of the members. Therefore, we will include pictures in this year's directory. We will be including the pictures that we had from the 2020 directory, as well as some updated pictures that have been provided to us.

If you would like to update your picture, a camera will be set up at the March meeting.

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. If you have updated information to include (address/phone) please contact Carl Osborn hcmg-carl@carlosborn.com.

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

We are working very hard to complete the 2022 Directory and our goal is to be getting it out in a month or so.

What To Do In March/April

If you find that you have some time on your hands and want to check out what some of our neighbors are doing, check these out:

1. Putnam County Master Gardener Assn. annual virtual gardening series! This webinar series will take place March 15 - April 26 at lunch time. Attend one session or attend them all! Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/2uhfxvrc>
2. Putnam County Master Gardener Assn. 2022 Garden Fair, March 19 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Putnam County Fairgrounds. Speakers include:
 10:00 am – The Mad Botanist, Bill McKnight discussing “Favorite Shrubs for the Midwest”
 11:30 am – Colletta Kosiba discussing “Annuals are the Costume Jewelry of the Garden”
 1:30 pm – Nathan Edwards discussing “Cultivating Mushrooms at Home”
3. Boone County Master Gardener Assn. annual Gardenfest, Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds, Lebanon, IN. Saturday, April 2nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm. More information can be found at: <http://mastergardenerboonecounty.org/gardenfest/>

Those events will be fun, but you cannot forget:

4. **Gardening for All Ages, April 23, 2022!**
 There is just too much information to share about this event, so be on the lookout for a special edition of the HCMG Newsletter devoted to this event! For now, more information can be found at: <https://www.hendricksgardeners.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/HendricksCountyinMasterGardeners/posts/4939740166147172>

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.

If you want to see what other Indiana Master Gardener Associations are up to:

County	URL
Marion	https://indymcmga.org
Hamilton	https://hcmga.org/
Boone	http://mastergardenerboonecounty.org
Porter	https://www.pcgarden.info/
Gibson	https://sites.google.com/site/gibsoncomg/
Southwest (SWIMGA)	https://swimga.org
Tippecanoe	tippecanoeasterngardener.org
Michiana	www.michianamastergardeners.com
Monroe	www.mcmga.net
Delaware	https://delcomastergardener.org
Hancock	https://hancockmga.com
Sunnyside	https://www.sunnysidemg.org
Lake	https://lcmgain.org

We are in the early stages of fleshing out our website (<https://www.hendricksgardeners.com/>) and will be reaching out to all of you to get your ideas regarding what we should be interested in. This will be an ongoing process, so your input will be greatly appreciated.

We have had several folks suggest that we include a mention for the Central Indiana Garden Exchange ([\(\(20+\) Central Indiana garden exchange | Facebook\)](https://www.facebook.com/centralindianagardenexchange/)). You should check it out!

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

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