

HENDRICKS GARDENER

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PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

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President's Message

Anticipation, An-ti-si-pay-yay-shun is making me wait, keeping me way-yay-yay-atin...

That must be my song of spring – wanting to get going, knowing the need to wait a bit longer, but really ready to get on with it! Some things can be done, sure, but the majority need to be saved for a little longer. Or so they say 😊



This is the month though, the anticipation is building, the preparations are continuing, days are counting down - - for GFAA! So many ways to share our interest in growing, sharing, and enjoying being out and about in the spring. And the joy

of cleaning out closets and garages to share our extras with others in the Gardeners Closet! Whew - what's not to love!

Do try to take in some of the fun provided by MG groups in other counties. Of course, they won't hold a candle to ours, but there are always new things to learn, and fun sights to see, and bring some ideas back to share with us.

Speaking of sharing... we will have the fertilizer purchased from Hill Top Garden ready for purchase at the April meeting. It is very potent, you only use 1/2 teaspoon per gallon of water. This is not an organic fertilizer, but really encourages bloom. It will sell for \$5 per pound. Fertilizer sale will be at our meeting, not at GFAA, so that we are not competing with any vendors.

Come on Spring!

Sara Fenton, President

Communicate

It is very important to keep our members informed. A great avenue to do this is through the monthly Newsletter. The input received this month has been very much appreciated.

Next Meeting

Our speaker for the 19th meeting is Gaye Hammond, "Color and the Wow Factor, from Drab to Dynamic, via Zoom. Gaye is located in Houston. Gaye is the Past President of the Houston Rose Society. She is a life member and steward of American Rose Society and serves as the chair of the Development Committee of the national organization.

HCMG 2022 Directory

The 2022 Directory is currently in final review and our goal is to be getting it out in a month or so.

Rotational Grazing Workshop

Bree Ollier, Resource Conservationist at Hendricks County SWCD, sent us this message:

"Spring is right around the corner and that means Porter Farms workshops are too! I have attached the flyer for our April workshops; April 14th Cover Crop Termination and Raised Bed Gardening hosted by the SWCD and April 22nd High Tunnels hosted by Urban Soil Health and Indiana Association of SWCDs."

Details for these two events are:

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

Cover Crop Termination & Raised Bed Gardening

April 14th 5:30pm
Hosted by Hendricks County Soil & Water Conservation District
RSVP to brianna.ollier@in.nacdnet.net

Soil Health in High Tunnels

April 22nd 10am
Hosted by Urban Soil Health (IASWCD)
Register here: [Soil health in high tunnels Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Gardening for All Ages - April 23, 2022

We are closer and closer to GFAA 2022! The committee is hard at work with final plans and preparations. As a reminder, "ALL HANDS-ON DECK" on Friday April 22, starting at 10AM at the expo hall. During this time, we will be setting up the greeting area, educational sessions room, bagging trees, stuffing goody bags, setting up tables, chairs and our own booths – Children's Activities, Seeds, Trees, Garden Wizard, MG educational booth and our snack area. No signup required, just show up whenever you can.



Specific volunteer slots are posted in MG Manager for Saturday, April 23. We added additional slots this year for folks to be available to assist wherever needed so that we all can have a lunch break or a chance to hear our fantastic speakers! We are so proud to have this lineup with a combined 95 years of Master Gardener experience! (See below) All hands-on deck for teardown and cleanup at 4PM. Amazing how fast we can cleanup compared to setup!

Suzy, Steve, and Kim spoke to the class members in training now. Jeff will be instructing them on how to volunteer. We felt enthusiasm amongst the students! We would like to ask that everyone reach out to these students and welcome them to GFAA! Hopefully they will all be interns later this spring and we will be greeting them at our monthly meeting!

The free gardening classes being offered at GFAA this year are:

Colletta Kosiba- "Out With the Bugs"

Magen Eller- "Science Backed Companion Planting"

Jackie Rosales- "Common Butterflies in Indiana"

Rosie Lenihan- "What DO Master Gardeners DO?"

Becky Troutman- "Love Your Houseplants and They Will Love You Back"

John Dottenwhy- "Keeping your Ground Moist with Drip Irrigation"

GFAA Gardener's Closet

As you know, the Gardener's Closet is an important part of GFAA, and Becky Troutman has done an excellent job once again.

Gardener's Closet is trying something new this year. We are going to have a "SILENT AUCTION" featuring wildlife prints. The prints were donated by a Master Gardener member. Each print is signed by the artist and very nicely framed. The bidding on the prints will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



You do not need to be at the auction to win but will need to pick up the print at the end of the day or make other arrangements. You will be able to bid on the paintings or offer the "TAKE HOME" price and the print will no longer be available.

Please refer to print photos and frame measurements below.



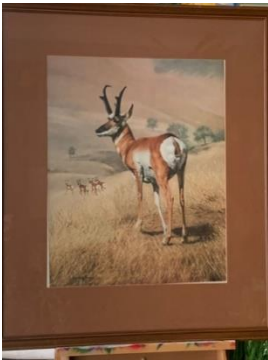
Imperial Eagle, Artist Guy Coheleach, 23 7/16" x 19 7/16", 1974, Starting Bid \$45, Take Home \$70



Canada Goose, Artist Richard Sloan, 33 1/4" x 38 11/16", Starting Bid \$50, Take Home \$100



Alert and Waiting, (Gyrfalcon) Artist Don Richard Eckelberry, 1972, Starting Bid \$50, Take Home \$100



Antelope, Artist Charles Frace", 35 1/4" x 30 2/16 », Starting Bid \$45, Take Home \$75.

Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale and Auction

Sat, May 17, 2022

6 to 8 PM

Auction at 7 PM

Hendricks County Fair Grounds- Cartlidge Barn

Rain or shine. Lines begin to form early.

Bring your wagons, boxes and gardening questions. Master Gardeners will be available to help you select plants and answer questions.

Varieties of annual flowers, herbs, Indiana Native Plants, sun / shade perennials, and bulbs all for reasonable prices. Stay for the auction that offers a variety of items.

Rosefest 2022

The Indianapolis Rose Society and the Hamilton County Master Gardeners invite you to a day filled with beautiful roses, rose growing demonstrations, rose garden tour, free roses to first 40 guests, an ARS accredited rose show and wonderful speakers.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 9 am – 3 pm

HAMILTON CO 4H FAIRGROUNDS

2003 E PLEASANT STREET

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SPEAKERS:

Diane Sommers, President of the American Rose Society

PROGRAM: Rose Classifications ... Something for everyone!

Diane Brueckman, Retired St. Louis Botanical Rose Garden Director and current owner of Rosey Acres Rose Nursery.

PROGRAM: 2022 New Rose Releases

All the proceeds from any money made go towards our on going programs such as:

Scholarship, Demonstration Garden, Sheltering Wings, Correctional Facility Garden.

The "CLOSET" will continue to offer interesting, new, used and collectible items to be purchased at WONDERFUL prices. Make sure you allow time to come and browse. Our volunteers have been helping at the Closet for a number of years. Deals Galore!!!

2022 Calendar

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

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Oct 18 - General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C

Nov 15 - General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C

Dec 13 - Winter Dinner & Awards South Hall