

# HENDRICKS GARDENER

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HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

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PURDUE EXTENSION  
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

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## President's Message

What motivates you?

An incredibly blue sky? Sunshine? A clean and tidy flower border? Color variety in those flower beds? Bird song? Sparkling kitchen counters? Organized closets? Joyous laughter? Heartfelt smiles?



We all have a variety of things that motivate us, and different things at different times. As I write this, it's hot spicy chai tea and the relief that we're not sitting outside on the sidelines of a soccer game in the cold, soft

drizzle. We've enjoyed the most beautiful fall for many years. The colors have been spectacular, and more sunshine than ever! At least one prediction that I've heard says we will have more precipitation than usual this winter. May it make up somewhat for the very dry fall. But the sunshine has been so welcome.

Now is the time to take care of our tools, put things away for the winter. But don't put that leaf blower away – it is great for getting rid of that light layer of

snow on the driveway and sidewalks. You know, the kind that doesn't seem that bad, but if you drive and walk on it will turn to ice.

Slowing down outside, finishing the last of the gardening chores, maybe planting a few more bulbs in anticipation of spring. That gives us time to enjoy the peace and quiet and take care of ourselves.

And then come the Holidays!

Trowels put away, for a while...

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 next general meeting will be November 15. The educational topic will be by our own Colletta Kosiba.

She will talk about the **Little Bluestem**, Perennial of the year. It is a mounding grass with narrow green or blue-green foliage. In late summer inconspicuous flowers are held on branched stems above the leaves.

## New HCMG Website

A lot of effort has been expended on the development of the new HCMG website. Igor Kalenny and I continue to develop a site that we believe will provide a lot of information to our members and will be of great value.



We have received a lot of input from the members of the Board and are

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incorporating these ideas into our new site.

## 2022 Winter Dinner

**Mark your calendars ! Tuesday, December 13, at 6 pm, HCMG is holding its Annual 2022 HCMG Awards Banquet!**

You are cordially invited to share in an Italian-themed dinner, with Chicken parmesan, a whole breasted white chicken filet with marinara sauce and cheese baked on top, along with your choice of



either Spinach & Tomato tortellini (a vegetarian dish made from scratch with grape tomatoes and spinach), or Vegetarian Pasta (signature penne and red sauce), plus salad and cheesy garlic bread.

This year, we will meet in the

HC Fairgrounds NORTH HALL. From 6-6:30, enjoy mingling with fellow master gardeners over a soft drink, beer or wine. President Fenton will then address us and we will begin dinner. This will be followed by some surprisingly talented young people providing musical entertainment and Christmas cheer! Next, certificates and name badges will be given out to our hard working interns, and master gardeners alike.

The cost for this function is \$30.00 per person; despite inflation, we have been able to keep the cost down. To register and pay on-line, go to [www.hendricksgardeners.com](http://www.hendricksgardeners.com) and select the MEMBERS page from the menu. Scroll down to Awards Dinner Reservations. Follow the prompts to complete your transaction. If you prefer to pay by check, please send it to Purdue Extension Office, 1900 E. Main St, PO Box 7, Danville IN 46122 – make your check payable to HCMG, and in the memo field, write Awards Dinner. Please provide your guest's name along with your own and an email contact.

Reservations must be received by **November 30**, to provide our caterer with an accurate head count.

Come and celebrate! Bring a guest! Enjoy an Italian repast with your friends in gardening! Hope to see you there!

## Indiana Rose Society

Theresa Byington has provided information on the upcoming events at the Indiana Rose Society through February 2023:

**Tues, Jan 10 at 6:30 pm EST (ZOOM)**

### MY 59 YEARS WITH ROSES

Tom Carruth, Curator of the Huntington Rose Garden and award winning hybridizer. Tom has over 150 introductions to his credit with numerous national & international awards. Roses like Marilyn Monroe, Julia Child, Perfume Factory, Moonstone, Easy on the Eyes and so many more.

**Tues, February 14 at 6:30 pm EST (ZOOM)**

### SPRING INTO SPRING... Getting Roses Started on the Right Foot

Gaye Hammond, Former President of the Houston Rose Society and life member and patron of the American Rose Society. Gaye is an entertaining speaker and an avid writer of more than 300 articles that have been published in local, state, national and international magazines and newspapers.

## 2022 Calendar

Nov 15 - General Meeting Classrooms A, B & C

Dec 13 - Winter Dinner & Awards North Hall