

HENDRICKS GARDENER

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PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

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President's Message



WOW! Hendricks County Master Gardeners – YOU ROCK! We had over 2,224 people in attendance at GFAA. This show keeps getting bigger and better every year. The community definitely loves this event. What a great TEAM we are! A huge THANKS to Kim and Steve Somermeyer, the GFAA committee and everyone that volunteered. It takes ALL of us to make this show a success.

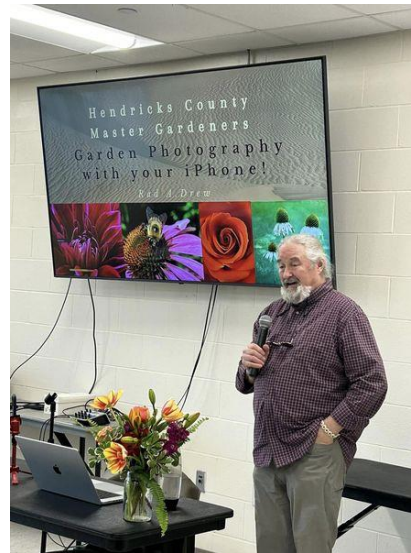
Mark your calendar! May16, is our plant sale in the Expo Hall. Now is the time to dig your plants so they will look their best for the sale. Look for the article in this newsletter for more information.

WANTED: Treasurer! According to our By-Laws, Teri Mitchum has reached her term limit. The nominating committee is looking for a new treasurer. If you are interested, please contact Vicki Coleman. The slate of officer candidates for 2023 will be presented at the meeting in September.

I am looking forward to warmer weather, gardening and seeing everyone at the plant sale.
Debbie

April Meeting Recap 4/18/2023

We had a packed house for our April meeting & presentation by Rad Drew on “Garden Photography with your iPhone.” He shared a lot of helpful tips, iPhone features & apps to capture our garden splendor & nature! His presentation was a hit judging by the number of questions/comments and applause.



New Website Demo: Igor Kalenny presented a demo/overview of the new website, Hendrickscomastergardeners.org. Major highlights include; accessing events, volunteer hours, paying dues, gardening links, blogs, plant resources, public questions with MG follow up, with more content to come. Thanks to the Tech Committee, Igor, Carl Osborn & Jen Scheib for their work on the site. The website migration date will be announced soon.

Also, at the meeting, updates from various committees were given; GFAA, Plant Sale & Auction, Plainfield Correctional Facility Gardens, AIG, Demo Garden, County Fair, Scholarships, Sheltering Wings. This is our busy season for gardening, education, and planning!

*Happy
Mother's
Day*

It's May!



Another Very Successful GFAA is in the Books!

Wow – just wow! With all of the advance planning and coordination, GFAA, our annual premier event was an overwhelming success. We broke an attendance record with 2224!

Each year GFAA grows bigger and better with so many garden related opportunities such as; presentations by our own MGs, vendors, community organizations, A LOT of freebies, demonstrations, Gardeners Closet, fun/educational kid's activities, and so much more.

Thanks to the dedicated GFAA committee, and co-chairs, Steve and Kim Somermeyer, who provided excellent leadership with their years of experience, giving spirits and huge hearts! The sub-committee chairs and members are “well-oiled machines” ensuring coordination of the big needs and tiniest of details. GFAA also could not happen without our legion of volunteers. Kudos to our MG team!

Annual Plant Sale & Auction – May 16

Hopefully, you have started thinking about and possibly digging up plants in your yard to donate for our annual plant sale and auction. Co-chairs Kathleen Kindred and Jan Myers shared information at the meeting about the sale, which is on May 16 in the Expo Hall. Plants should be dropped off between 4:30 & 5:00. The sale will start at 6:00 and the auction is at 7:00.



The plant kits were distributed which include; instructions, plant I.D. cards, sticks to attach the cards, and yes, Forget-Me-Not seeds! The cards can be copied if more are needed. Please start digging and transplanting plants now, so they can become acclimated and look perky for the sale. Any new garden décor and tools as

well as unique or special plants that are donated, will be included in the auction.

Since the public is invited, additional refreshments are needed. Please consider bringing snacks or goodies to share. This is always a fun evening and what do MGs really enjoy doing? Buying more plants!

Wanted: HCMG Treasurer

Do you love spreadsheets? Do you miss working under pressure with no pay? Have you been a Master Gardener and active in the organization for two years? Then YOU can be the next Treasurer for Hendricks County Master Gardeners.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT POSITION THAT OUR ORGANIZATION CAN NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT!

Term: One to four years, with nomination annually.

Application: Apply to Vicki Coleman, chair of the Nomination Committee by August 1 or at the September 19 meeting.

Start date: January 1, 2024

Requirements: Experience with Excel and bookkeeping helpful. Active Master Gardener for two years

Salary: Volunteer hours

Duties:

- Write checks, make deposits, and manage funds.
- Prepare and present monthly financial statements.
- Maintain day to day records, using Excel
- Reconcile bank statements to registration website database. (Membership, AIG, Winter Dinner)
- Reconcile bank statements to PayPal, Zelle and other payment means.
- Provide opening tills for cash sale events and accept payments.
- Participate on the Board and attend monthly board meetings.
- Other financial duties as needed.

For more information about the treasurer position, please contact Teri Mitchum and to apply, contact Vicki Coleman

Danville HS FFA Greenhouse Tour - May 11

Please plan to attend this tour and support the Danville FFA. The student members will show us their lovely greenhouses and share their best growing practices. This is the last year for their sponsor, Mr. Huge, who is retiring after many faithful years of service. Hope to see you May 11, 6:00 p.m. at the Danville High School greenhouse.

Avon Outdoor Learning Center Native Plant Sale – May 12,13

Another favorite plant sale every year is at the Avon Outdoor Learning Center. If you have not been there before, it is worth the visit and there is a wonderful variety of native plants for sale. MGs assist with the sale and there are still some volunteer slots available.



Last Donated Bulbs Update

With some recent warm and sunny weather, the potted bulbs not only sprouted quickly, but started blooming.



The already blooming pots were brought to the April meeting and sold. The rest of the pots were sold at GFAA. Thanks again to our MG bulbers.



Open Garden Shoutout!

Calling all Master Gardeners: WE WANT in your BED!! {Gardening beds, that is} Please consider sharing your gardens and gardening skills with us this summer by hosting a garden tour. If you are interested, contact Andria Grady for more information and/or to schedule a tour (see the directory for contact information). Previous tour photos:



2023 Calendar

- May 11th, Tour of Danville HS FFA greenhouses with the retiring Duane Huge (evening)
- May 12 – 13 Native Plant Sale at Avon Outdoor Learning Center
- May 16th, Plant Sale & Auction; Fairgrounds Exposition Hall
- July 25th, Summer Picnic at Tree Frog Gardens
- September 19th, General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- September 28th, Tour of Beasley Orchard \$12/person (sign up in August)
- October 6th, AIG Set Up; North/South Halls
- October 7th, AIG; North/South Halls
- October 17th, General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- November 21st, General Meeting; Classrooms A B C
- December 12th, 2023, Winter Awards Dinner; North/South Halls

