

April 2020

Garden Beet

MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY



The Latest Spin from D&J

Dee Dee & Jan

“Spring has sprung, the grass has riz. I wonder where the flowers iz.”

According to our calendars, spring officially arrived on March 19th. Flowers will begin peeking up through the ground. Trees, shrubs, and grasses will begin to turn GREEN! Birds will be heading back north. Weather will be warming up and we can be outside working in our gardens. It's so exciting!

If you didn't attend our annual Awards Banquet you truly missed a wonderful

In This Issue of the Beet

With the corona virus in our country and all of the restrictions imposed on us, almost everything is closed or cancelled. I have tried to get the most accurate information in this issue of the *Garden Beet* as possible, but I just wanted to note that with things changing day-by-day, there may be incorrect information here.

If you need more accurate information, please contact the person listed as the contact or organizer for the event.

Hopefully, within the next month or two things will be back to normal. Be safe and follow all the recommendations so that we can ALL meet in the near future.

Chris Ramsey

evening of fine food, camaraderie, and time spent honoring our members who contributed volunteer hours in 2019.

Pat Miller was awarded the Outstanding Master Gardener award. Cheryl McCool was awarded the Outstanding Master Gardener Support Person award. Monte Adams was awarded the Outstanding Rookie Master Gardener award. Lynn Layden earned the Platinum 6000 hour name badge. She is the first in our organization to attain 6000 hours!

Forty-four members were honored with new name badges for volunteering many valuable hours. Please join us in congratulating all our Master Gar-

deners who were advanced to the next level or were awarded OMG awards

In just a few weeks our Garden Expo will be here. We are faced with a new challenge due to the COVID-19 virus. New sign-up sheets will be sent by email once we have confirmed a new date and venue. We are still working behind the scenes planning and making changes as needed. Please continue to grow your plants, make purchases for the raffle, and decide what you want to donate to the garden shed. I hope every member contributes in some way. Hopefully, you will sign up to volunteer with our MGs, getting in your volunteer hours for 2020.

Update from Karen

“Purdue Extension has banned any in-person meetings, programs, or events until May 18th. Therefore, we will need to cancel the MGATC May Monthly Meeting as well as April. Volunteers are still able to work in the gardens, but we ask that you hold off on any group work days. If multiple people are needed to work in a garden at the same time, we ask that no more than 10 people are working together. Important tips for working in the garden:

- Wash your hands before AND after visiting the garden
- Avoid touching your face
- Wear work gloves that you can immediately wash or dispose of
- Do not share tools; bring your own tools if possible

- Keep 6 ft between individuals
- If you are ill, even with mild symptoms, stay home

I hope to have more info soon but this is truly a wait and see situation.”

Thank you, Karen Mitchell

Programs

April 7 • CANCELLED

May 5 • CANCELLED

For more information on upcoming events, contact Maralee Hayworth at mhaywort@purdue.edu.

Please submit items for the *Garden Beet* to MGATCGardenBeet@gmail.com by the 15th of the month for the next month's issue.

Items to be emailed to the membership should be sent to Dee Dee Long at deedee1mg@gmail.com.

<http://www.tippecanomastergardener.org>

<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/>



MGATC Minutes: March 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m., TCEO

At 6:30 p.m., following the carry-in awards dinner, Mickey Penrod introduced the evening's speaker, Dr. Kim, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Horticulture Crop Production from Purdue. She gave a very interesting presentation, "Hydroponics and Aquaponics: Fascinating Way of Growing Fruits and Vegetables in Your House."

Dee Dee Long called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

The February meeting minutes were approved as posted in the *Garden Beet* with one correction. The minutes showed approval was for the December meeting minutes instead of those for January.

Treasurer Pat Miller reported on a short, but exciting month. The account balance at the beginning of the month was \$20,503.18. Income of \$26,270.85 included a few more member dues, payments from vendors for the Garden Expo, and some miscellaneous items. MGATC received the anticipated payment from the WREC grant of \$25,568.17. This brings the Compost Project, where money had already been spent, up to \$12,017. Expenses of only \$36 from a bank fee brought the ending balance to \$46,738.03 of which \$23,205.92 is unrestricted and available. Savings remains at \$10,542.15.

Receiving \$25.50 from Amazon Smile was a nice surprise. It shows that many members are using the Smile program when making purchases at Amazon. Everyone is encouraged to do this.

NOTE: Many of the future meetings and activities announced at this meeting have been subsequently cancelled.

Dee Dee announced that sign up sheets for GAAP, the Great Annual Annual Planting, in May were located at the side desk. This program plants annuals at the IVH, Zoo, Art Museum, and Pedestrian Bridge. Dates and

rain dates are indicted on the sign up sheets.

Cheryl McCool reminded everyone about the sign up sheets for the Garden Expo, our major fundraiser, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plan to support the plant sale, garden shed, and café. There will be a potting party on Friday, April 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the extension office. Save boxes for customers to carry away their purchases and deliver them to the site on Friday, set-up day. Jeri Bosworth Parker explained to the group how to package and label items for the café. Cookies, bars, pies, kettle corn, and snack mixes are popular. Delivery should be from 3 to 6 p.m. on that same Friday.

Monique Fontaine mentioned that her email address in the Green Book is incorrect. It should be yfontain not yfontaine.

Kathryn Reeves would like more help with the Make and Take Workshop.

And don't forget about clean garden-related tools, magazines, and whatnots for the garden shed! All efforts to support the Garden Expo qualify as volunteer hours.

Karen Mitchell reminded everyone about the Lunch and Learn programs. The March 4 program has been cancelled. Space is limited for the rest. Notify Karen if interested. The Growing Through Leadership training was cancelled, but an alternate, two-session free class will be offered on March 30 and April 6 from 6 - 9. More information to follow.

Jan Sadler announced the sign-up sheets for Purdue Spring Fest on April 18.

Jan, Dee Dee, and Karen then awarded new badges to all members who hit volunteer hour milestones. Special recognition went to Monte Adams, Outstanding Rooky; Cheryl McCool,

Outstanding Support Person; and Pat Miller, Outstanding Master Gardener.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Jeray, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Income for the month of February is mainly from dues, vendors for Garden Expo, and the grant payment from WREC for a total of \$26,271 and minor expenses of \$36. Restricted funds total \$23,532 leaving unrestricted funds for the month at \$23,206. The WREC grant has been paid so that the compost project expense has been covered. The tax exempt certificate for 2020 and the form for reimbursement are available on the Master Gardener website. If you have any changes to your membership details please send them to me at pmillerathome@comcast.net.

Pat Miller, Treasurer

April
comes
like an
idiot,
babbling
and
stewing
flowers

~Edna St. Vincent Millay

MGATC Board: March 12, 2020, 6 p.m., TCEO

Dee Dee Long called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. In attendance were Jim Jeray, Pat Miller, Dee Dee Long, Jan Sadler, Maralee Hayworth, Mickey Penrod, and Cheryl McCool. Karen Mitchell attended by phone.

The January Board meeting minutes were approved as posted in the February *Garden Beet*. There was no Board meeting in February.

Pat Miller delivered the treasurer's report. Since the monthly meeting, there were two additions: \$35 from one Expo vendor and a \$7 donation to buy items for the raffle. No payments were made. Ending balance was \$46,780.03 of which \$23,240.92 was unrestricted. The savings remains at \$10,542.15.

A few more people have paid dues since the beginning of the year bringing the total membership to about the same as last year.

The question of offering honorary memberships to those who have been

with the club for a long time and feel they are no longer able to fully participate due to health or age was discussed. Those eligible would pay dues at the same level and continue to receive the *Garden Beet* and Green Book under the same conditions as regular members. They would be encouraged to participate in monthly meetings. Questions about specific criteria to qualify, necessary changes to the by-laws and how other counties were handling this issue were tabled until the next meeting pending further research.

There are still several unfilled positions where we need volunteers. They are Open House chair(s), Extension Community Garden chair(s) and Display and Idea Garden coordinator. (The Children's Garden will be subdivided into smaller, manageable areas that will become individual gardens within the D&I Garden.)

Since Karen began using extension resources to produce the Green Book two years ago at no cost for printing

and assembly, the Board agreed to provide the office with a proper stapler at a cost of \$80.

Due to fears over the coronavirus, the annual **Garden Expo** cannot be held at the fairgrounds on April 25. In addition, the **March and April Saturday Public Workshops** and the **April Master Gardener Monthly Meeting** are also cancelled. Karen agreed to send a blast email to all members with these details. With luck the Expo, our primary fundraiser, will be able to be postponed and modified to recoup some of the potential loss. The Expo committee will work out the details and report back with possibilities.

In other business, Mickey will work with a Girl Scout volunteer to build a pergola at the entrance to the Sunflower Room in the D&I Garden.

With no further business, Dee Dee Long adjourned the meeting at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Jeray, Recording Secretary

April
showers
should
come your
way, they
bring the
flowers
that bloom
in May

~Buddy de SYVA

Volunteer Corner

This year's Garden Expo has been postponed. We are hoping to have it in May, but we will need to wait and see. The fairgrounds does not have any availability in May, so we are considering our options for holding a plant sale at the extension office. Again, these plans are contingent on whether the bans on public gatherings are lifted, so we cannot say anything for certain at the moment.

A chair or co-chairs are also needed for the Display and Idea Gardens located at the extension office. If interested, please contact Dee Dee Long at deedeelmg@gmail.com or Jan Sadler at jansadler23@comcast.net.

This year's Open House is scheduled for Sunday, August 2 at the extension office gardens. Volunteers are needed to chair or co-chair this event. Dee Dee Long and Jan Sadler will be available to help with training on this position. If interested, please contact Dee Dee Long at deedeelmg@gmail.com or Jan Sadler at jansadler23@comcast.net.



Gadgets and Garden Tools

By Kathryn Reeves and Mike Hathaway

Here's an update on an old saying: April showers bring May flowers ... and weeds.

The Missouri Botanical Garden notes: "Annual winter weeds germinate in the fall and winter and grow actively in spring. Gardeners are often surprised how quickly these weeds can seemingly pop up overnight in their yards and gardens, being unaware that they may have been growing slowly all winter long. After they flower in spring they die and disappear for the summer only to return in fall or winter when new seeds germinate. Some of the more common annual winter weeds in the Midwest are henbit, deadnettle, common chickweed, annual bluegrass, wild mustards, prickly lettuce, Persian speedwell, horseweed, cheatgrass, and rabbitfoot clover."

Weeding early and often helps gardeners stay ahead of the game. Definitely weed before these bad guys flower and set seed.

There are many tried and true tools for weeding. But just when you thought there couldn't possibly be another tool invented for weeding, there's a new kid in town: the **updawg**. It's new for gardeners, but is actually based on a very old seagoing tool called the mariner's updawg. Mariners used it to clear seaweed tangled in nets, anchors, and other gear. Sailors swore by it. Unlike the mariner's updawg that had brass and wooden parts, the modern updawg is hardened steel with an ergonomically designed plastic handle.

This great tool is so new to the market that you may have to search online for updawg. This tool should be available in stores on April 1st. Ask for it at your local garden center or hardware store. If they ask you "What's updawg?" You can answer, "Oh, nothing much, what's up with you?" And while you're at the store, ask if they can recycle a henway because when you use the old one it makes you groan.

April TO-DO List:

- ⇒ Start vegetable and herb seeds indoors - tomato, eggplant, cucumber, basil, and other warm season crops
- ⇒ Sow flowers seeds indoors - marigolds, zinnias, and other quick annuals (check seed packet for those that need to be started 2-4 weeks before last frost)
- ⇒ Make sure seedlings have good air circulation indoors - use a small electric fan to make stems of seedlings stronger
- ⇒ Sow or transplant outdoors - spinach, lettuce, salad greens, peas, radish, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, onions, leeks, chives, and other cool season crops
- ⇒ Lift and divide perennials
- ⇒ Add compost/organic matter to vegetables and flower beds
- ⇒ Remove winter mulch from strawberries and perennials
- ⇒ Prune the "3 D's" dead, damaged, diseased branches from trees, shrubs, and roses. Wait to prune maples until they start to bud out to avoid excessive sap running.
- ⇒ Don't prune oak trees during active growth from April through June to help avoid Oak Wilt disease.
- ⇒ More at: <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/april-garden-calendar/>
- ⇒ For fun, check out the Gardening Moon Calendar, a biodynamic planting guide by phases of the moon and astrological moon signs: <https://mooncalendar.astro-seek.com/gardening-moon-calendar-guide-april-2020>
- ⇒ Mark your calendar: "National Find A Rainbow Day" is April 3rd.

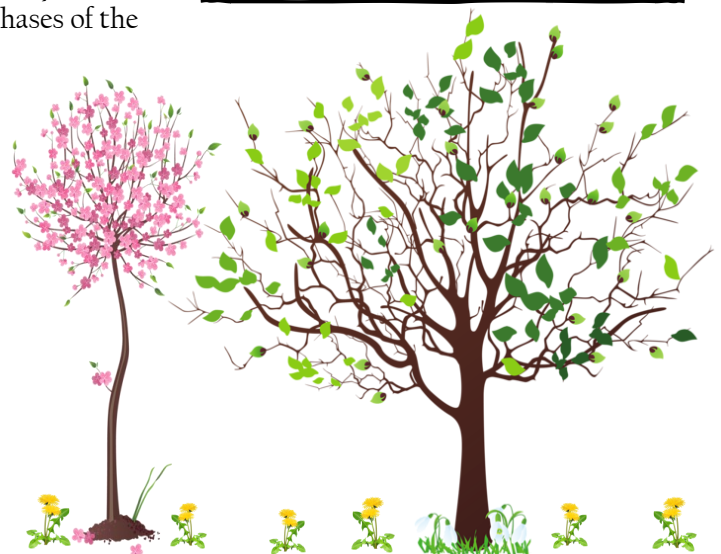
Lemon Garlic Sautéed Cabbage

2 pounds white cabbage, core removed and shredded (10 cups)
1 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Pinch crushed red pepper flakes
1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt or more to taste
Half of a lemon, cut into wedges

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the cabbage, garlic, red pepper, flakes, and the salt. It might seem like too much cabbage for the pan, but as it cooks, the cabbage will wilt down.

Cook, stirring occasionally until the cabbage is tender and some of the cabbage begins to turn a light brown; 10 to 15 minutes. Squeeze the juice from 2 lemon wedges over the cabbage. Taste then adjust with more salt, pepper, and lemon juice as needed. Serves 4. 1 serving equals 105 calories.

~@inspiredtaste.net



What's (NOT) Happening

Lilly Nature Center

The temporary closing of the Lilly Nature Center affects not only Wednesdays in the Wild programs, but also WC-INPS (West Central Chapter of Indiana Native Plant Society) programs and SAS (Sycamore Audubon Society) programs. Contact: Lilly Nature Center Director Dan Dunten: 765-775-5172, ddunten@westlafayette.in.gov.

The April-June issue of Native Roots (including the April-June Wednesdays in the Wild flyer) may be delayed or replaced by an email update if the cancellations continue into May or June. Contact: Mary Cutler at 765-567-2993, Dan Dunten at 765-775-5172, or Joan Mohr Samuels at 765-532-3245 or mohrsamuels@comcast.net.

WC-INPS (West Central Chapter of Indiana Native Plant Society) contact: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275 or sueandtedulrich@msn.com.

Sycamore Audubon Society (SAS) programs contact: Chuck Tuttle at 765-586-4806 or chuckt1708@gmail.com.

R.I.P Squad

All Remove Invasive Species events are cancelled for April. The contact is Patty Jones at 765-463-3050 (landline/voice mail) or email at RemoveInvasivePlants.wcinsps@gmail.com.

What (Could) Be Happening

GAAP

It's time to sign up for GAAP (Great Annual Annual Planting) 2020. Most gardeners love to plant, and Master Gardeners are no exception. Each May, we work together to serve our

community and make it more beautiful by planting annual, and some perennial, flowers in public locations around town.

The locations will have the soil tilled and have the plants there for us to plant. There are many, many plants just waiting to be put into the ground so we need many, many volunteers to get the job done.

Hopefully, it will be sunny and warm but we will still plant in light rain. Bring gloves and a trowel with you.

Since the April monthly meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus, please contact Dee Dee Long at deedeeimg@gmail.com to sign up.

Following are the 2020 GAAP planting days:

- ◇ Friday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m., Tippecanoe County Courthouse. Meet at the corner of Columbia and 4th Streets. Rain date is Friday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m.
- ◇ Tuesday, May 12, at 9:30 a.m., Indiana Veterans Home. Meet at the Shelter. Rain date is Tuesday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m.
- ◇ Wednesday, May 13, at 9:30 a.m., Columbian Park and Zoo. Meet at the Triangle. Rain date is Thursday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m.
- ◇ Friday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m., Pedestrian Bridge. Meet on east end of the bridge.
- ◇ Wednesday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m., Lafayette Art Museum. Meet at the parking lot on 10th Street. Rain date will be Thursday, May 21, at 9:30 a.m.

If you find you are unable to be there at the day/time you selected or if you have any questions, please contact Dee Dee Long at deedeeimg@gmail.com or Jan Sadler at jansadler23@gmail.com.

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Et Cetera

Something To Do While You're Quarantined!

If you were unable to attend the last two Lunch and Learn Webinars, you can now watch them from home!

Conifer ID: When a Pine isn't a Pine - <https://tinyurl.com/coniferID>

Spring Lawn Care - <https://tinyurl.com/yx8cexcv>

Green Book Update

Please make this correction to Monique Fontaine's email address yfontain@purdue.edu (note: there is no "e" before the @).

MGATC Newsletter

I'm not sure that "snail" mail copies of the *Garden Beet* will be mailed this month due to the extension office closure. If you know of a member who does not get the newsletter via the internet, please try to get them the pertinent information via phone or some other safe method. Thanks!

Gardening
is
the
purest
of
human
pleasures

~Francis Bacon

Happening

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WEST LAFAYETTE IN BLOOM – 2020!

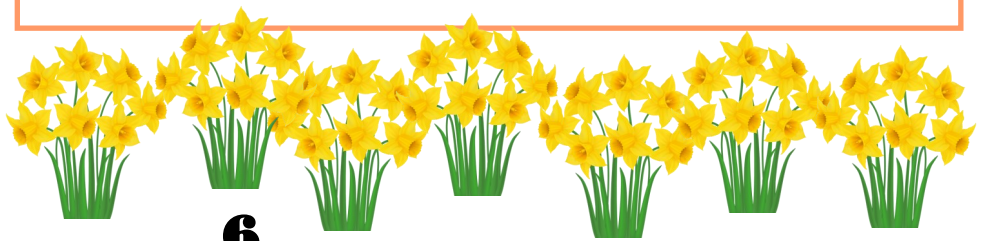
To celebrate our 13th year of city beautification, we are asking residents to use the colors coral and white in their gardens this year. We are once again working with Galema's Greenhouse to provide a variety of annual flowering plants by the flat and will be taking orders for these plants until April 15th. The Master Gardeners will be processing the orders and arranging for delivery to the West Lafayette Farmer's Market on Saturday, May 16th at 9 a.m. We have been assured the delivery driver will be prompt this year.

The twelve varieties of flowers give us a wide variety of combinations for sunshine and shade, bedding landscapes, and container plantings. We hope that residents plant gardens with lots of bright coral with white accents - start planning right now as flowers must be ordered and paid for a month before delivery ... a change in procedure from last year. Each order must be accompanied by a check made payable to the MGATC (Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County) who will be handling the ordering and payment from Galema's. Pickup of flowers will be on May 16th at 9 a.m. at the West Lafayette Farmer's Market. If you are unable to be there at that time, please arrange for a friend to collect your order. Send your order and check to Lynn Layden, 2826 Ashland Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn at laydenlm@gmail.com or 463-2242.



Flower Variety	\$ Quantity
18 plants per flat Petunia Easy Wave Coral Reef	15.50 _____
Petunia Easy Wave White	15.50 _____
Geranium Ringo Salmon	18.00 _____
12 pak per flat: Coleus Wizard Coral Sunrise	11.50 _____
Impatiens SE Coral	11.50 _____
Impatiens SE White	11.50 _____
Petunia Coral Pretty Grand	11.50 _____
Salvia Vista Salmon	11.50 _____
4.5 inch pots – 10 per flat: Angelonia	
Archangel Coral	27.00 _____
Zonal Geranium Salmon	27.00 _____
Impatiens Sunpat Comp Hot Coral	27.00 _____
Lantana Little Lucky Peach Glow	27.00 _____
Total Ordered:	
18 plants per flat at \$15.50 each	_____
18 plants per flat at \$18.00 each	_____
12 paks per flat at \$11.50 each	_____
10 pots per flat at \$27.00 each	_____
	Total Due _____

Make check payable to MGATC (Master Gardeners of Tippecanoe County) and send with order blank to Lynn Layden 2826 Ashland Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Orders must be received by April 15th! Pickup will be on Saturday, May 16th at 9 AM at the WL Farmers Market.



New and Returning Members

We would like to welcome the following new and returning Master Gardeners:

Sandra Burbank
Sue Daniels
Lisa Kirk
Ann Phillips
Thomas Phillips
Chris Puckett
Stephanie Romig
Kim Webb
Martin Webb

For full demographic information, please see the membership listing on the MGATC website.

Pickled Beets

1 pound beets, about 2 bunches, greens removed and trimmed
1 large clove garlic, crushed
3/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

Place beets in a 3-quart saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium low and simmer until the beets are tender and a fork inserted into the beets comes out easily; 40-55 minutes, depending on the size of the beets. Drain and cool beets until cool enough to handle.

Whisk garlic, oil, vinegar, and salt in a medium bowl. Peel and slice beets. Add to the dressing, and toss to coat. Cool beets completely in the dressing. Refrigerate or serve immediately. Yields 4 cups. 130 calories per cup.

~healthyseasonalrecipes.com



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