

April 2023

Garden Beet

MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY



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Message from Your Co-Presidents Jim and Mickey

As Alfred Lord Tennyson might have said, "In the spring a master gardener's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of volunteering at the Expo, planning, and planting." Or perhaps, "It's better to have tried and failed than to live life wondering what wonderful vegetables would've grown, if I had tried." Or possibly, "If I had a flower for every time I thought of you...I could walk through my garden forever - but who would do all that weeding?!" Unfortunately, he just missed writing any of those brilliant thoughts, but we always thought Alfred was an old fuddy-duddy.

Be that as it may, it is officially spring, and we hope your thoughts are lightly turning to the April meeting on the 4th where, before the meeting, project chairs will each have a table to explain

what adventures lie ahead in each of their areas; and to the Garden Expo on the 22nd, our primary fundraiser of the year.

"But why do we need a fund raiser anyway?," you may ask. The treasurer reports every month say that we have money in the bank. Our account does usually look flush in the spring. That's because the bulk of the spending happens at the end of the year. Another reason is that many of our members are very generous, spending their own money on seeds and small items for their plots; and thrifty, looking for ways to reduce the cost when they purchase items for the club.

Some large expenses are also looming. As we are leaseholders for the "Extension Gardens," more responsi-

bilities fall on us. The road around the gardens is in need of repair, meaning gravel and grading. The prairie should be cut back with the possible rental of a special mower. The areas around the gardens need to be mowed, which would be done more efficiently with a smaller (than the tractor) riding mower. That and a few more tillers might lead to another storage shed. It all adds up.

Many members are not aware of these behind-the-scenes decisions. If you are curious about these and other parts of the operation, the board meetings will be in person beginning in April at the extension office, the second Thursday of each month. Feel free to drop in and observe.

Jim & Mickey



The first of
April is the
day we

remember what we are the
other 364 days of the year.

~ Mark Twain

Programs

April 4 • 5:30 p.m. • TCEO
Foraging Edible Mushrooms
Nick Harby

Starting at 5:30 p.m. there will be an Interest Fair explaining MG projects. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. with Nick's presentation following.

May 2 • 6:30 p.m. • TCEO
6 p.m. Social Time

No further information was available at this time.

For more information on upcoming events, contact Amanda Burge at amanda_personett@yahoo.com.

Please submit items for the *Garden Beet* to MGATCGardenBeet@gmail.com by the 15th of

the month for the next month's issue.

MGATC Minutes: March 7, 2023, 6:30 p.m., TCEO

Following a delicious carry-in dinner, the Awards Banquet meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Co-President Jim Jeray. All Master Gardeners were thanked for their participation/hard work and were given an ink pen with MGATC imprinted on them. Thank you to Pattie Hall for coming up with the idea for the pens and to Jan Sadler for adding the strawberry note to each of them.

Dee Dee Long and Cheryl McCool reminded everyone that the Garden Expo is on April 22. Flyers for the Garden Expo were at the welcome table for anyone to pick up and give out to help spread the word about the Expo. Cheryl reported that we have all vendor spots filled, so will not be soliciting any more.

Volunteer positions will be set up on SignUpGenius within the next week for everyone to sign up for the positions and times they prefer. A mass email will be sent out to everyone with the link. We will need Master Gardeners to start plants, make food for the café, find items for the garden shed, be greeters at the door, be cashiers, etc. If starting plants for the Expo, seed packets were available at the back of the meeting room. Everyone was asked to volunteer.

Jeri Bosworth Parker distributed sheets listing items needed for the Garden Café. All bags will sell for \$1; large items should be packed two per bag, medium three per bag, and small four per bag. Everyone was asked to label items with information such as vegan, sugar free, gluten free, contains nuts. Pies will be cut into eight pieces and also sell for \$1 per piece. Any questions regarding the café should be directed to Jeri Bosworth Parker.

Monique Fontaine discussed the plant sale. All gardeners were asked to begin collecting boxes for guests to use for shopping at the plant sale. All plants should be well labeled with information on the label such as type, color,

sun or shade plant, height of plant, etc. The better the label and the better the plants look, the better they sell.

Dee Dee Long noted that most GAAP sites have been set. We will again be planting at the Indiana Veterans' Home, Tippecanoe County Courthouse, Pedestrian Bridge, Columbian Park Zoo, and Art Museum of Greater Lafayette. Dee Dee will send a mass email for GAAP with a link to SignUpGenius once the Garden Expo link has been set up and sent out.

Karen Ward, one of our Master Gardeners from the class of 2010, had a house fire and lost her husband and pets. She is currently in need and could use our help. Karen could use gift cards for gas and food (Meijer gift cards would be nice). Dee Dee Long passed a bag around the room for a collection. Dee Dee Long will see that Karen gets the money which was collected. Another option is to mail a gift card or check to Karen Ward at 4315 Commerce Drive, Suite 440, P.O. Box 286, Lafayette IN 47905 (you will need to use the full address).

The April monthly meeting will start with an Interest Fair at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Committee Chairs (such as GAAP, Demo Garden, Display & Idea Garden, etc.) will set up displays around the room to share information on their areas and have sign-up sheets for gardeners who are interested in volunteering in any of these areas.

Jan Sadler asked for another volunteer to man the Master Gardener booth at the Indiana Flower & Patio Show on Thursday, March 16 from 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. She has free tickets to the show and information packets, including maps and other information. If interested, contact Jan.

Jim Jeray reported that we still need Chairs for the following areas: Extension Demonstration Garden, Chatham Square Community Gardens, Social

Committee, and Public Education Workshops. At the January monthly meeting regarding the five-year plan, Jim noted that several members requested that Public Education Workshops be brought back. He asked that these members get together to form a committee to organize the workshops.

The minutes of the February 7, 2023, meeting were approved as posted in the March 2023 *Garden Beet*.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Deb Rimer. She reviewed the income and expenses for the month and noted that the ending bank balance was \$33,861.96 of which \$16,528.90 is in unrestricted funds.

Amanda Burge introduced our speaker, Karen Mitchell, who gave an interesting presentation on "Finding Your Friends, Beneficial Insect ID."

After Karen's presentation, she, along with Cheryl McCool and Dee Dee Long, disbursed the 2022 Awards and Badges. The 2022 Master Gardener of the Year went to Cheryl McCool and the Support Person of the Year went to Ed Knoth.

2022 award level badges/certificates earned are as follows:

Certified Master Gardener - Sue Bracey, Melissa Deason, and Dave Duncan.
Advanced Master Gardener - Cherry Delaney, and Deb Rimer.
Bronze Level Master Gardener - Chihua Huang, Renee Levans, Elizabeth Lockrey, Paul Niles, and Arlene Nizzi.
Silver Level Master Gardener - Georgia Brist and Ed Knoth.
Gold 1000 Level Master Gardener - Kathryn Reeves.
Gold 2000 Level Master Gardener - Sue Hiser, Dee Dee Long, Cheryl McCool, and Pat Miller.
Gold 3000 Level Master Gardener - Jim Jeray.

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MGATC Board: March 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Virtual

The Zoom board meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Co-President Jim Jeray. Board members present were Jim Jeray, Mickey Penrod, Amanda Burge, Deb Rimer, Kathy Cox, Jan Sadler, and Dee Dee Long (as noted). Jolaine Roberts and Cheryl McCool were absent.

Also in attendance were the officers of the Purdue Horticulture Ambassadors' Club - Brody Piel, Sarah Stewart, Hannah Beck, and Danielle Hewitt. This club is supervised by Robin Tribert and Gloribel Rosales-Burdin from the Department of Horticulture. They contacted us as their club is looking for volunteer opportunities in the community and believe they can work together with us to advocate for the horticulture industry. Their schedule is full until later in the summer. Both the organizations are open to ideas and will come up with a list of possible activities on which we could work together and then will get back together to have a discussion and make plans. They will keep in touch with Jim Jeray. Some suggestions where they could help us are: Saturday workshops, garden activities, community outreach, landscape work, closing down the gardens in the fall, and community events. They were invited to attend our Garden Expo on April 22.

The Purdue Horticulture Ambassadors' Club members left the meeting.

The February 9, 2023 Board Minutes were approved as posted in the March 2023 *Garden Beet*.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Deb Rimer. She reviewed the income and expenses for the month and noted that there were no changes since the March 7 monthly meeting report.

Jim Jeray reported that he was contacted by Lawn & Shrub. We need to prepay for spring activation and fall deactivation of our irrigation system at the extension gardens. The cost is

\$331.20. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for this expenditure. However, this topic should be reconsidered next year. Jim Jeray will contact the water company to schedule the work and change the MGATC address in their records.

Mickey Penrod reported that she has not received any more information regarding the ditch. She is looking for a tractor mower to mow the prairie and possibly use it on compost. In regard to the garden road, Mickey got a quote from Bill Webster at Duraberm regarding used old concrete for the garden road. He measured a distance of 648', 9" wide and 3" deep. He calculated we would need five truckloads at \$342.10 each for a total of +\$1,750. We could grade it ourselves first and then determine the next steps.

Dee Dee Long arrived.

Dee Dee Long reported on the status of the Garden Expo. All vendor spots have been taken. A nice flyer has been done and sent out to all members via mass email. Nancy Cope is working on publicity. Lots of seeds have been made available to members to start plants for the Expo. There will not be a potting party this year but at some point we will see if members are willing to foster plants. By the end of next week, SignUpGenius will be set up and fostering plants will also be listed as a volunteer activity. Kathryn Reeves will be finalizing the brochures as soon as the layout is completed. She will organize the layout only with no graphics to make sure we do not have any copyright issues.

The Interest Fair, which is planned for April 4 immediately preceding the April 4 monthly meeting, is coming along nicely. A number of the trifolds have been completed and if anyone needs help, they can contact either Dee Dee Long or Jan Sadler for assistance. We will also provide some light snacks at the Interest Fair and it is

hoped that we will have a lot of members attend. The Interest Fair is from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with the monthly meeting following the fair. The speaker for the April meeting is Nick Harby who will give a presentation on "Foraging Edible Mushrooms."

In regard to the *Garden Beet*, Chris Ramsey is filling in after the resignations of Lanette Jimerson and Courtney Frederick due to a misunderstanding and misalignment of expectations. Chris Ramsey will be asked to put together a description to make it clear what is expected of the *Beet*. It should include volunteer projects available each month, listing of current MGATC officers, monthly meeting minutes, board meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and, a listing of program/speaker on the front page. The Membership Application form should be included as needed. It was agreed that Wednesday In the Wild programs would remain listed in the *Beet*. Also, the format needs to be easy to read as several members noted that they found the February newsletter hard to read. Other items are optional. Kathryn Reeves expressed some interest in possibly taking over the *Garden Beet*. She would like to simplify things and asked if someone could cover for vacation and would like to make it completely electronic delivery.

The following other Chair positions are still available: Chatham Square Community Gardens, Extension Demonstration Garden, Public Education Workshops, and All American Selections.

Everyone was reminded that starting in April, our board meetings will be Hybrid Zoom meetings and each board member will need to respond to the meeting notice whether they plan to attend in person or via Zoom.

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Treasurer's Report

March 2023 Board Meeting Treasurer's Report

The income for February 2023 was \$23.97 for 2023 Dues and \$480 for Expo Vendors, \$12.65 Smile Donation, and \$.26 Checking Account Interest. Total Income Year-to-date 2023 is \$4,646.62.

In February, for the unrestricted budget, we paid \$500 for the Deposit on 2024 Expo Building Rental and \$539.02 in General Expense - pens order and reorder on checks for checking account. Total Expense was \$1,039.02.

There was no February activity in the Restricted Fund Balance. The Restricted Fund Balance at the end of February was \$17,333.06. The Ending Checking Account Balance was \$33,861.96. Savings Balance was \$10,555.16.

Deb Rimer, Treasurer

Minutes

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Platinum 6000 Level Master Gardener - Mickey Penrod.

Alumni Master Gardener - Ruth Coors, Andy Hughes, Konie Hughes, and Kristel Kaye.

Pat Miller announced that members could pick up their 2023 MGATC Membership Directories (Green Books) immediately following the meeting.

Dee Dee Long announced that \$541 plus one check was collected for Karen Ward. She thanked everyone for their generosity.

Also, the Flower & Patio Show now has all needed volunteers.

A nice door prize (plant) was won by Cindy Gilles.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sadler, Recording Secretary*

Board

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Bennett's Greenhouse is having a two-day event on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 2 from noon to 5 p.m. and have contacted us to see if we would be interested in participating in their event. Once more information is obtained, a decision will be made. It was noted that there are several other garden shows that weekend so we might be limited on the number of volunteers available for the Bennett's event.

Dee Dee Long reported that she delivered the collection (\$541 cash plus one check) taken at the monthly meeting to Karen Ward. Karen was very grateful and appreciative. It will be quite some time before she gets insurance money regarding her house fire which killed her husband and pets. Dee Dee told her to let us know if we can help in any way.

Dee Dee Long requested approval to purchase a new coffee pot for our meetings as the one we have is too large and should be designated for the Garden Expo. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to authorize up to \$100 to Dee Dee Long to purchase a coffee pot.

Jim Jeray thanked Pattie Hall for bringing up the idea of purchasing pens and Jan Sadler for making the note cards thanking each member for their efforts. They were distributed to members at the March monthly meeting. The 2023 Green Books were also given out at the March meeting. Those Green Books not picked up will be placed at the extension office for pick up. Jan Sadler will take the remaining pens/note cards to the extension office to be given to members when they pick up their Green Books.

It was noted that some of the plaques had to be redone due to errors.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sadler, Recording Secretary*

Spring Vegetable Lasagna

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, plus more for the pan
- 2 1/2 cups low-sodium vegetable or no-chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups mascarpone cheese
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano
- 1 1/4 teaspoons kosher salt
- 8 cups tightly packed fresh spinach leaves (about 10 ounces)
- 9 ounces no-boil lasagna noodles
- 3 cups thinly sliced carrots, turnips and/or radishes
- 8 ounces crumbled farmer's cheese

Directions:

Step 1 - Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with butter.

Step 2 - Whisk broth and mascarpone in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat until smooth, about 5 minutes. Add thyme, oregano, and salt; remove from heat.

Step 3 - Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add spinach and cook, stirring, until wilted, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat.

Step 4 - Arrange 4 noodles in the prepared baking dish, slightly overlapping. Top with 1/4 cup of the spinach and 3/4 cup vegetables. Pour on 1 cup of the mascarpone mixture and top with 1/3 cup farmer's cheese. Repeat to make 4 layers. Cover with a piece of foil coated with cooking spray.

Step 5 - Bake the lasagna for 25 minutes. Uncover and bake until the edges start to crisp, about 15 minutes more. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

*~Steven Satterfield
Source: EatingWell Magazine,
May/June 2018*

Expo Exchange

Sign Up to Volunteer

Dear Master Gardeners,

SignUpGenius is now available for Garden Expo volunteer opportunities. We have many areas where you can work and receive volunteer hours. It is always a fun day. Please click on the link below and it will take you to SignUpGenius, where you will be able to sign up for the time and activity you are interested in. It's quick and easy. Put a check mark in the box for each activity where you want to volunteer. Then click submit, and sign up at the bottom of the screen. You will get a confirmation email from SignUpGenius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAEA62CA4F8CF8-garden>

Thanks,
Dee Dee and Cheryl

Gee-Gaws....Do-Dads... Thing-a-ma-Bobs... Gem-Cracks

These are all the kinds of things we want for the Garden Shed this year.

This is a good time to clean out your basement, garage, or wherever you stash all your garden 'stuff.'

Donate whatever you no longer use/ have room for/know what it is/or want and we'll find a new home for it.

The list below will give you some ideas. All items should be gently used.....

Please no chemicals or fertilizers

Books and magazines
Garden related tools (shovels, rakes, etc.), hand tools
Pots/fancy pots (empty of soil), containers that could be planters
Garden flags/holders
Fence and garden stakes

Bird feeders, garden ornaments, chimes
'Rusty stuff,' scarecrows
Plant markers
Clean/unused garden gear like gloves/hats
Wreaths, artificial flowers
Stepping stones
Hoses, buckets, fountains
Garden furniture
Rain gauges, bird houses, pavers
Baskets, thermometers, outdoor clocks
Garden related picture frames, dishes, linens
Garden totes, sprinklers, vases/flower-frogs, large/small hooks

You get the idea.....stuff! Drop your 'thingies' off Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning before the EXPO and we'll do the rest.

Contact info: phone - 765-563-3497, cell - 765-822-0916, email - candy@purdue.edu.

Thanks....Candy Sheagley

Just Desserts Café

Items needed for the Garden Expo café (homemade if possible):

- ⇒ Fruit pies - apple, peach, berry, rhubarb, strawberry; pecan is also a good one.
- ⇒ Cookies of any variety
- ⇒ Homemade candy
- ⇒ Brownies
- ⇒ Fudge
- ⇒ Snack mixes

Please label what your item is, and also if it has any type of nut or peanut butter. We also need to know if it is sugar free, gluten free, or low carb, etc.

Some items can be put on small paper plates, then put in a zip lock quart bag.

All bags will sell for \$1, so bag accordingly. Put two items per bag for large items, three per bag for medium items, and four for bag for small items.

I Wanted the Spring for You

by Gerry Pete

I wanted the Spring
for You,
That time when the
Earth is black with
warmth,
When your hand
connects with the
Dirt and you know
it is time.
That day when the
rains are gone
And the sun is bright-
So bright, it warms
you and
Heals you once
again...
Renews you,
Empowers you,
Shows you All that is
good and takes its
time to say,
This is Your time,
Your day...
Your day to Till,
Prune, Shovel,
Rake and Grow your
Life anew.
Come, All is ready-

What's Happening

Purdue Spring Fest 2023

Spring Fest is April 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

At 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. there will be Master Gardener Container Garden demos presented by Kathryn Reeves and Mike Hathaway.

MGATC Master Gardeners will also participate in the Master Gardener Weed ID activity and info booth.

Wednesdays in the Wild

Registration is required for all WitW programs by noon on Monday prior to the program to 765-567-2993 or mcutler@tippecanoe.in.gov. Registrations are limited to 20 participants unless otherwise noted.

March 29 • 7:15-9:15 p.m. • LNC Caves, Karst, & Landscape Evolution in Southern Indiana & Kentucky Dr. Darryl Granger

The early ice ages played a role in cave and landscape formation in both southern Indiana and Kentucky. Dr. Darryl Granger (Purdue Department of Earth, Atmospheric, & Planetary Sciences) will take us on a journey underground to share the secrets that places like Mammoth Cave have revealed about our buried Teays River, formation of the Ohio River, and even the mighty Mississippi.

April 5 • 1-3 p.m. • TTPK Wabash River Plant Biodiversity: A Spring Walk & Talk Rich Hull

IU Researcher Rich Hull will lead a walk at Tecumseh Trails Park, focus-

ing on spring ephemerals and weedy early bloomers. He will also introduce his research on plant diversity along the lower Wabash River corridor, discuss current threats to biodiversity, and focus on ways local communities can address these challenges. Wear sturdy hiking shoes.

April 12 • 1-3 p.m. • NICHES/WW Wildflowers & More at Williams Woods Bob Easter

Join NICHES Stewardship Director Bob Easter for a hike through the NICHES Williams Woods property in Warren County. This preserve features a fantastic wildflower display along Possum Run, along with a 36-acre savanna restoration. Hiking will be easy to moderate; mostly level terrain. Wear sturdy hiking shoes.

April 19 • 1-3 p.m. • P-ARCH History, Ecology, & Active Management of Portland Arch Nature Preserve Andrew Reuter & Danielle Williams

Andrew Reuter (Assistant Director, IDNR Division of Nature Preserves) and Danielle Williams (Central Region Ecologist, IDNR Division of Nature Preserves) will lead a hike through this Fountain County preserve featuring cliffs, several forest types, spring-seep wetlands, and of course, the natural bridge which gives this preserve its name. Hiking will be moderate. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring trekking poles.

April 26 • 9:30-11:30 a.m. NICHES/C-PT Exploring Carter's Point Dan Childs

Carter's Point, a Tippecanoe County NICHES nature preserve, features up-

land woods and prairie remnants, along with an area of endangered gravel hill prairie overlooking the Wea Creek Valley. Join Dan Childs (wildflower enthusiast and author) as we encounter the special plant species that grace this secluded nature haven. Dan's wildflower books will be available for purchase (check or Venmo). Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring trekking poles. Note: limited to only 10 participants.

April 26 • 1-3 p.m. • NICHES/ MGW Moyer-Gould Mosey Dan Childs

Dan Childs (wildflower enthusiast and author) leads a leisurely stroll along the 1-mile trail at this NICHES Carroll County nature preserve. A wide variety of spring wildflowers abound! Dan's wildflower books will be available for purchase (check or Venmo). Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring trekking poles. Note: This is the second program for today.

LOCATIONS:

LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area): In West Lafayette, on the north side of Lindberg Road, between Northwestern Avenue and McCormick Road at 1620 Lindberg Road.

NICHES/C-PT (Carter's Point N.P.): Park at the Evonik contractors entrance, Evonik: 1650 Lilly Road, Lafayette 47909.

NICHES/MGW (Moyer-Gould Woods): Meet at 1 p.m. in the property parking lot (1 1/4 miles north of the SR 18/US 421 intersection) at 4620 N US-421, Delphi 46923. The lane to the gravel parking lot is lined with black walnut trees.

NICHES/WW (Williams Woods N.P.): Meet at 1 p.m. at this Warren County property (8280 W 600 S Williamsport, IN 47993).

P-ARCH (Portland Arch N.P.): Meet at 1 p.m. in the north parking lot. For more information see https://www.in.gov/dnr/nature-preserves/files/Portland_Arch.pdf.

TTPK (Tecumseh Trails Park): Meet at 1 p.m. in the parking lot at 3800 North River Road, West Lafayette.

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April is the kindest month. April gets you out of your head and out working in the garden.

~ Marty Rubin

Gadgets

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All fooling aside, April 21 is the day to set up for the Garden Expo and drop off plants for the sale. April 22 is the Garden Expo! See you there!

April TO-DO List:

- ✿ Lift and divide perennials. Pot up extras for the MG Plant Sale.
- ✿ Start warm season vegetable and herb seeds indoors - tomato, egg-plant, cucumber, basil, and others.
- ✿ Sow flower seeds indoors - marigolds, zinnias, and other quick annuals.
- ✿ Make sure seedlings have good air circulation indoors - use a small electric fan to make stems of seedlings stronger.
- ✿ Sow or transplant cool season crops outdoors - spinach, lettuce, salad greens, peas, radish, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, onions, leeks, chives, and others.
- ✿ Add compost/organic matter to flower and vegetable 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.
- ✿ Wait to prune spring-blooming trees and shrubs until after their blooms are finished. Prune summer-flowering shrubs by early April.
- ✿ 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-farmers-guide>.
- ✿ See more garden tasks and tips at: <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/april-garden-calendar/>.

Happening

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We hope you will consider caravaning with us to Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Gardens on Thursday, May 4th. Since we will be taking State Road 52, we would like to leave from the West Lafayette Meijer parking lot at 8:15 a.m. If you do not know where Meijer is located on the west side, it is at the corner of 52 and the new 231. Please turn into Meijer drive, located near 52 and 231. We will be waiting for you in the parking lot. We are asking that you use the link below for SignUpGenius if you plan to attend:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAEA62CA4F8CF8-woldhuis>

It is approximately a 1.5 hour drive. We are an hour ahead of Grant Park so we should be arriving at 8:45 a.m. Grant Park time. We plan on leaving the greenhouse at 11:15 a.m. (Grant Park time) 12:15 p.m. Lafayette time, this gives you 2.5 hours to shop. We will meet outside at the entrance to take a headcount before heading back. It is a very easy drive to the greenhouse and a very easy drive home. Some of you may decide to leave early and some may decide to stay longer, so we would like to get everyone's cell phone number to ensure we are not leaving anyone behind.

In addition to the greenhouse there is a USA family restaurant in Grant Park that offers great food.

Dec Dec 765-586-2735,
Jan 317-201-4256,
and Pat 765-714-5463

Volunteer Op

Remove Invasive Plant (RIP) Squad

Remove invasive plants with the Indiana Native Plant Society West Central chapter's RIP Squad on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. and enjoy spring wildflowers along the way!

April 11 - Celery Bog
April 13 - Prophet's Rock Woods
April 18 - Cumberland Woods
April 20 - Ross Hills Park
April 25 - Happy Hollow
April 27 - Prophet's Rock Woods.

For more information contact Patty Jones at removeinvasiveplants.wcinsps@gmail.com or call 765-463-3050 (landline/voicemail).

Miscellaneous

MGATC Members

With your 2023 membership in the MGATC you each receive a Green Book for the organization. If you didn't attend the March meeting, you can pick up your book at the Purdue Extension Tippecanoe County office, located at 1950 South 18th Street in Lafayette. Please pick it up during regular business hours Monday through Friday at your earliest convenience. Also you will receive your "Thank you berry much" gift for volunteering at the same time. Thanks for all you do for the MGATC!

Pat Miller

Winter's done, and April's in the skies. Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!

~ Charles G.D. Roberts

Great Gadgets and Tools

By Kathryn Reeves and Mike Hathaway

April is National Garden Month according to the USDA. Earth Day is April 22 - same day as the Garden Expo. April 28 is National Arbor Day. It's a busy month for gardeners.

Maybe your old gardening gloves are showing as much wear as ours. Doesn't it seem like one glove wears out before its mate? What's a gardener to do?



While looking for gardening gloves online, we stumbled across a baseball glove finder and a baseball glove dating site (used for learning the date of vintage collectible gloves). Then we hit the glove search out of the park - a dating site for lonely gardening gloves: www.lonelygardengloves.com. You can search for "lonely right garden glove seeks matching left glove" or vice versa and browse by size and style.

One brilliant garden supplier in New Zealand solved this problem by selling gardening gloves in "three-to-a-pair" sets. See <https://www.gubba.co.nz/shop/3-gloves-pack-extra-right-glove/>.

What a great idea to have an extra glove for your dominant hand. Unfor-

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