

June 2017

Garden Beet

MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY



From Two Js

Another Garden Expo is in the books and it appears to be a record breaker. All results made possible by our association's motivated volunteers. From growing plants, baking cookies and pies, donating to the garden shed, setting up, putting away, crowd control, and all other general assistance as needed during the day. Many thanks to all of you for making it happen.

The rain has slowed and planting is underway. We hope everyone enjoys a great growing season with many delicious vegetables to be served. As my late wife Pat often said, "Plant your seeds and pull your weeds!"



The votes have been tallied regarding the suggested time change of moving our MGATC meeting up by 30 minutes. Starting with our September

5, 2017, meeting we will be having social time at 6 p.m., the speaker at 6:30 p.m., the meeting at 7:30 p.m., and will be adjourning at 8:30 p.m. This new start time should be most beneficial to those driving the longest distances this winter during bad weather and those working the next morning will have a little more time to arrive home and prepare for the next day.

The Greek philosopher Epictetus stated, "It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters."

That old maxim remains a prime principle of modern day thinking. No matter what life throws at you, you should always be in control of how you think about the situation.

Humans are prone to errors, especially when it comes to thinking. Thinking can become distorted and irrational and if left unchecked this type of thinking can cause many problems ranging from a lack of confidence to anxiety and actual fear. But if you learn to recognize these thoughts you will be better prepared to remain in control of your thinking and reactions.

Have you ever talked with a catastrophic thinker? They tend to be fearful and always believe the worst will happen in any situation. We sometimes refer to this type of person as a negative thinker.

And then there are the Black and White Thinkers. There are no shades of gray for these types, who we often label as rigid and stubborn. Their answer is always yes or no, left or right, or up or down. All things are a total success or a total failure.

Thoughts are powerful and definitely influence how you feel and behave. But they don't have to control you. Just gaining an awareness of the different types of distorted thinking that humans may become involved in can greatly improve your emotional and social well being, which can result in a much happier and satisfied you.

Have a wonderful summer,
Jerry and John

It is better to be a young
June-bug than an old bird
of paradise

Mark Twain

Programs

June 6 • 7 p.m. • TCEO
6:30 p.m. Social Time

July 11 • 7 p.m.
Meigs Farm

6:30 p.m. Social Time
Trailer Tour of Farm

Don't forget to bring a lawn chair.

For more information on upcoming events, contact Cheryl McCool at mikeandcherylmc@msn.com.

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 Donna Cumberland at donna.d.cumberland@gmail.com.

<http://www.tippecanomastergardener.org>

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

MGATC Minutes: May 2, 2017, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds

Cheryl McCool introduced the speaker for the evening, Master Gardener Ruth Coors. Ruth gave a very interesting presentation and answered several questions about the history and importance of honeybees.

She gave us the following recipe for a safe weed killer: 1 gallon white vinegar, 1/2 cup epsom salts, 1/4 cup Dawn dishwashing detergent (regular). Spray on the weeds close to the roots and you should have results in 24 hours.

Cheryl McCool thanked Ruth for her presentation and then turned the meeting over to John Pickett, who gave everyone a five-minute break before calling the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

The minutes of the April monthly meeting were approved as posted in the May issue of the *Garden Beet*.

Jolaine Roberts reported on the Master Gardener Bus Trip which is scheduled for Friday, July 28, 2017. The bus trip will be going to Northern Indiana to see gardens in Nappanee, Goshen, Elkhart, and Middlebury. The cost will be between \$50 and \$60 per person and includes lunch. A sign-up sheet was placed in the back of the room. Guests are welcome; however, Master Gardeners will be included first. Guests will be included if there is space for them. Jolaine has asked Donna Cumberland to send an email to all members with this information.

Sue Hiser reported on GAAP. The first planting at Columbian Park Zoo was held on May 2. Fifteen Master Gardeners spent about two hours planting about 3,000 plants. Tuesday, May 9, is scheduled for the Indiana Veterans' Home, beginning at 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, May 11, planting will begin at the Art Museum at 9:30 a.m.; and Friday, May 12, plantings will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Tippecanoe County Courthouse and the Pedestrian Bridge. Sue reminded everyone to bring their

trowels, gloves, and kneeling pads. She will be turning in hours to Karen Mitchell to submit to the City of Lafayette for hours worked. Sue also noted that a laminated sign will be posted noting "Master Gardeners at Work" and will include the MG logo.

In Pat Miller's absence, Jerry Millard gave the Treasurer's Report. The MGATC cleared about \$8,500 at the Garden Expo from the plant sale, café, garden shed, raffle, and seeds. Pat Miller will prepare a detailed report for the *Garden Beet*. It was noted that next year the raffle should be located more in the middle of the room and we should have an extrovert volunteer selling the tickets.

Cheryl McCool was delighted with this year's Garden Expo and thanked everyone for their support, noting that the MGATC cleared about \$2,200 more than last year. Cheryl noted that we had two no-show vendors but the vendors we had seemed to be happy with their sales and would be back next year. She did report that one of the vendors, Musalls, had two hanging baskets stolen between Friday evening and Saturday morning before the start of Expo; anyone having any information on this should contact Cheryl right away. A suggestion was made to waive the booth fee next year for Musalls. The number of clicks on the counters for attendance at the Garden Expo was 2,216. Advertising was much better this year and that was noted by some of our attendees. It was suggested to place the Garden Expo on the Visitor Bureau's calendar of events. Monique Fontaine thanked everyone who contributed plants and helped with the plant sale. She also noted that the plant quality this year was exceptional. About half of the plugs that were purchased to sell at the plant sale were sold. The remaining plugs were in the back of the room for sale at the meeting. Jerry Millard noted that the speakers at Garden Expo did an excellent job - Prof. Melinda Appold spoke

on incorporating native plants in the landscape, and Master Gardeners Kathryn Reeves and Mike Hathaway spoke on plant propagation. John Pickett reminded everyone to turn in volunteer hours for the Garden Expo.

Cheryl McCool then noted that the Tippecanoe County Extension Homemakers have a new category, flowers, veggies, and other plants, for this year's Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair which will be held July 22 through July 29 and have asked for participation from Master Gardeners. Anyone interested in serving on a committee for judging, etc. should contact Cheryl.

Karen Mitchell informed the group that Kyle Taylor will be back this year as Karen's assistant. Also, Karen needs volunteers to be garden mentors to help area community gardens.

Karen is also starting a Youth Gardening program on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for 8 to 10 year olds. The program will begin on June 6 and will last four weeks. Let Karen know if you are interested in volunteering to help with this program.

Lynn Layden stated that "Art in Bloom" will be held on Saturday, June 24. The initial meeting place is at Shelter #4 in Happy Hollow Park and the tour will include homes around Happy Hollow Park. Volunteers are needed: the first shift is from 9:30 a.m. until noon and the second shift is from noon to 2 p.m.

Jerry Millard noted that there is a position available for the MGATC's Grant Coordinator. This position is to help others write grants and to keep track of all grants that have been submitted. Anyone interested in this position should contact Jerry directly.

Please let Dee Dilling know of any cards that need to be sent to members - get well, sympathy, etc.

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Board Minutes: May 11, 2017, 6 p.m., TCEO

John Pickett called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Present for the meeting were John Pickett, Jerry Millard, Pat Miller, Jan Sadler, Dee Dee Long, Dee Dilling, Cheryl McCool, Carol Byers, and Karen Mitchell.

The April Board meeting minutes were approved as posted in the May issue of the *Garden Beet*.

Pat Miller gave the Treasurer's Report. After posting income and expenses for April, the ending balance in the checking account was \$30,165 (\$21,787 in unrestricted funds); and the balance in the savings account was \$10,000. Pat will have a full report in the June issue of the *Garden Beet* which will include the Garden Expo report.

In regard to the Expo, it was agreed that the raffle should be placed at a separate table next year. Master Gardeners need to be informed that they are eligible to purchase the raffle tickets. Door prize tickets are only for guests at the event, but members can participate in the raffle. About half of the plugs purchased for the Expo were sold, and others were available at the May meeting for members to purchase.

Cheryl McCool was very pleased with the results of the Expo and she will schedule a wrap-up meeting to discuss this year's event. She noted that the leftover garden shed items were left in the back hallway and next year we need to be sure everything is cleaned up at the fairgrounds before leaving. Next year's Expo will be held on April 28, 2018, at the fairgrounds. A different location will need to be scheduled for 2019. This year's vendors will be contacted first for the 2018 Expo and will need to reserve their space by March 1.

As Cheryl Borst was unable to attend the Board meeting, Jerry Millard noted that the cost for a small ad in the Indiana Festival Guide is \$225; an ad similar in size but with color background costs \$325. The Board voted to place a

\$225 ad in the 2018 Festival Guide. A checkbox will be added to the door prize drawing entry form asking where the guest heard about the Expo; one option will be the Festival Guide.

Karen Mitchell reported on the voting results in regard to changing the social time for the monthly meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. There were 34 votes for 6 p.m., 19 votes for 6:30 p.m., and 30 were flexible. As upcoming speakers have already been scheduled, the time will be changed effective with the September 5, 2017 meeting.

In regard to scheduling a different location for both the December 2017 Christmas meeting and the March 2018 Awards Banquet, the committee of Pat Miller, Dee Dee Long, and Jan Sadler will visit both Judy's Catering and the Outpost as possible options. Karen Mitchell noted that if she reserves the Beck Center in the name of the Tippecanoe County Extension Office, the cost to rent the center for up to five hours would be \$562.50, and then the dinner could be catered. This could be another option. The Committee will plan to make a recommendation to the Board at the June meeting.

Karen Mitchell reported that Phase I of the irrigation project is complete with additional funds available for above-ground needs such as hoses, etc. Other grant requests were resubmitted for Phase II of the project which includes a compact tractor with front loader, tiller and mower deck, a shed for the tractor, concrete blocks, farm gates, and signage for a total amount of \$22,490. Lynn Layden's grant request to the McAllister Foundation was approved in the amount of \$16,500 and when added to the currently raised \$5,235 from private donations, brings us very close to the total amount of Phase II. Jerry Millard will obtain a quote on adding the tractor and shed to the current insurance policy.

Nothing was reported to Dee Dilling for any cards to be sent.

No member updates were reported.

Jerry Millard is working to get a replacement for Laurie Madlung as Grant Coordinator and will have a report at the June meeting.

Dee Dee Long reported on a letter from Ivy Tech asking that the MGATC consider raising the amount of their donation to \$1,500 (\$1,000 for student scholarships and \$500 for a table of eight at the recognition dinner). As the MGATC is a not-for-profit organization, it was agreed that there was not a need to increase the donation.

Dee Dee Long, as Member at Large, received a request from Tonia Kasica that the Board set a higher budget for speakers at the educational workshops, as more workshops are scheduled this year. She has a speaker coming from Illinois on May 20 who will be speaking for three hours. Tonia feels that we need to pay more than the normal \$25 for this speaker. Pat Miller noted that there is a \$150 budget for the workshops and Karen Mitchell agreed to provide plates, cups, etc. After some discussion, it was agreed to advise Tonia that she should use her current budget if there is still a balance. If there is no balance, the Board approved purchasing a \$50 gift card for this speaker.

As there was no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sadler
Recording Secretary



What's Happening

Art In Bloom

The 9th annual Art in Bloom will be held on Saturday, June 24th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's focus is on gardens overlooking Happy Hollow Park, as well as erosion control projects down in the Park. The starting point for this free tour will be shelter #4 in the park, showcasing the efforts of Purdue engineering students who installed terraces on the hillsides to prevent further erosion. The 4-5 gardens above have different ways of dealing with the steep ravines, abundant water run-off, and shade. Elaborate decks, well-planted terraces, and grassy play areas will provide a good setting for several local artists who will demonstrate their talent and sell their wares. This event qualifies as educational as well as a service opportunity. It is a chance to come and volunteer, and then stay to visit the other gardens! There are still slots open to work as a docent in a garden or the park - as sponsors of this tour. Master Gardeners welcome visitors to the gardens and help the homeowner answer questions. The morning shift works from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon shift is from noon to 2 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting. You can call Lynn Layden at 463-2242 or write her at layden.lm@frontier.com. See you on June 24th!

MGATC Bus Trip

July 28
A Garden Party Day Trip

We are busy organizing the 2017 MGATC bus trip. Unfortunately, we were rained out this weekend and unable to make our preliminary planning trip. Thus, we can't give you the final cost, but we are estimating \$50, not to exceed \$60. We will be traveling to the areas of Nappanee, Goshen, Elkhart, and Middlebury. What will we see on this trip?

Several Quilt Gardens

Linton's Enchanted Gardens

Linton's has a variety of themed gardens including a Japanese Tea House, Southwestern garden, Dutch gardens, and a garden center.

Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center

Unique geological features such as peat bogs, a marl pit, and glacial gravel formations, as well as wetland, prairie, and savanna restorations.

Krider World's Fair Garden

These gardens were originally designed by Krider Nurseries for display at the 1933/34 Chicago World's Fair.

Wellfield Botanic Garden

This garden was created to commemorate the centennial of Rotary International and includes 24 gardens situated around ponds, creeks, and waterfalls.

Benedict's Nursery Alpine Plant Guided Tour

Tiny specialty alpine plants and other unusual species. Plants and hyper-tufa pots also for sale.

Bonneville Mill Dahlia Garden & Blooming Acres

An American Dahlia Society test garden and a farm with 600 dahlias; some as tall as five feet.

A box lunch meal is also included.

Sign up at the monthly Master Gardener Meeting or call Jolaine Roberts at 765-412-4821, jolaineroberts@gmail.com.

*Jolaine Roberts, Jan Scarcelli, Dee Dee Long,
Jan Sadler, MGATC Bus Trip Committee*

Hoosier Hillsides Program

The Hoosier Hillsides Master Gardeners will be hosting a program titled "Tick Borne Illness Prevention for Gardener's and Nature Lovers." This event will be held at the Orange County Community Center on Monday, June

5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. EDT. The guest speaker will be Ms. Susan Coleman. Ms. Coleman is the Co-founder and Secretary of Indiana Lyme Connect. Join us to learn valuable information regarding methods to prevent illness carried by ticks. This is a free program opened to the public.

Rhonda Cole, HHMG President

Wednesdays in the Wild

May 31 • 8-10 p.m. • WNC
Insects of the Night
Jeff Holland

Utilizing a variety of traps set to capture nocturnal insects, Jeff Holland (Associate Professor, Purdue's Landscape Ecology Lab) will introduce participants to the amazing life history of some of the unique insects that will be caught in these traps. Microscopes and simple keys will be provided to help point out the features used to identify the insects collected. Bring a flashlight and bug repellent.

June 7 • 1-3 p.m. • WNC
Up-Close Bird ID using Mist Nets
Mick and Sally Weeks

Mick and Sally Weeks (Purdue Department of Forestry & Natural Resources) will demonstrate the use of mist nets and identify the birds that come to the nets during this program.

JUNE 14 • 1-4 p.m. • SHADES
Pine Hill: Indiana's First Nature Preserve
Tom Swinford

Tom Swinford (Assistant Director, IDNR Division of Nature Preserves) will lead a hike through this iconic property where we will study the unique geology and identify plants found along the trails. Wear sturdy hiking shoes. Carpool from LNC at 11:45 a.m. Note: Pine Hills is accessible only from within Shades State Park, so bring your park pass or gate fee.

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Thyme

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the subject of color, you might think about hummingbird feeders you've seen in stores or yards - they're often red, pink, or orange! Feeders are another way to attract hummingbirds to your garden: fill them with plain, clear sugar water (1 part white sugar and 4 parts water). Stop the red theme when it comes to the food - I've heard of folks adding red food dye into sugar water, but this is unnecessary and potentially harmful.

Additionally, you might want to think beyond individual flowers, considering how you might layer plants and garden features to attract hummingbirds to your space. After all, these birds can hover from ground cover to tree top, so designing a garden space with herbs, flowering shrubs, dwarf trees, and vines can provide some depth and variety. Also, be sure to provide lots of space between plants to give these birds room to flutter from flower to flower. If you've ever watched a hummingbird move across a garden, you'll know that they tend to have wide paths of flight.

Although the tips above are focused on attracting hummingbirds to your garden, they'll also attract butterflies and bees, as well as other types of pollinators! As the weather gets warmer and your garden grows more colorful, be on the lookout for these pollinators that make our outside spaces so beautiful.

Happening

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June 21 • 1-3 p.m. • NICHES/WL
Weiler-Leopold Nature Preserve Walk
Bob Easter

Eighteen years of stewardship work at Weiler-Leopold has led to the property being dedicated as a Nature Pre-

serve in 2016. Join Bob Easter (NICHES Stewardship Manager) on this hike in Warren County, and see what species we can find. Carpool from LNC at 12:30 p.m.

June 28 • 1-3 p.m. • SPINN
Spinn Prairie
Gus Nyberg

Join Gus Nyberg (NICHES Executive Director) on a botanical exploration of Spinn Prairie, a state dedicated nature preserve and one of the few unplowed prairies in the state of Indiana. Note: there are no established trails, so wear long pants and sturdy footwear. A carpool leaves WNC at 12:30 p.m.

LOCATIONS :

NICHES/WL (Weiler-Leopold): Meet at 1 p.m. in the Weiler-Leopold parking lot (directions at www.nicheslandtrust.org).

SHADES (Shades State Park): Meet at 1 p.m. at the Pine Hills parking lot at the east end of Shades State Park: 7751 South 890 West, Waveland, Indiana 47989

SPINN (Spinn Prairie/TNC): Go north on SR 43 (becomes SR 421). Two miles north of Reynolds, turn east on 200 North, go 1/4 mile, turn south/right at the "T" intersection and go 1/4 mile to the TNC sign on the west side of the road.

WNC (Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center): In Battle Ground, at the end of the Battlefield Monument parking lot off North 9th Street.

Microbiology Workshop

Purdue Agriculture's Department of Botany and Plant Pathology offers the 2017 Microbiology Workshop for Community Gardeners. This is a series of free, hands-on, laboratory-based activities to isolate and identify bacteria and fungi associated with soil and plants in Tippecanoe County-area community gardens.

The workshop will take place on July 5, 7, 12, and 14 from 1-4 p.m. each day.

It will be presented by Dr. Anjali Iyer-Pascuzzi, professor of plant biology and plant pathology and researches bacteria-root interactions, and Mr. John Cavaletto, senior teaching coordinator who engages students in studies of leaf-associated fungi.

Planned Activities:

- ◇ Isolate microbes onto selective agar media.
- ◇ Use the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) to search for DNA segments that are bacteria and fungi specific.
- ◇ Determine the sequence of those DNA segments and compare them against known sequences to identify (or not!) the microorganisms.
- ◇ General discussions and activities involving microbes with an emphasis on their interactions with plants.

If you are interested or want more information, contact asi2@purdue.edu or cavalett@purdue.edu. Please provide your name and garden location. Alternatively, call 765-494-1443 or 765-494-6474.

Garden Tour

There are 15 beautiful gardens to tour. Heavenly hydrangeas, delightful daylilies, and a woodland wonderland are just a few of the spectacular sites to experience during the 2017 Tour de Fleur Garden Walk in Evansville on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25. Fourteen private gardens in Vanderburgh and Warrick counties, as well as the always interesting Master Gardener Display Garden, will be adorned in their summer finery. In addition, a variety of succulent planters will be on display at the Master Gardener Display Garden.

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June is
bustin' out
all over

Oscar Hammerstein II, 1945

Financial Report

March 1 through April 30, 2017

Beginning Balance in the Checking Account	\$21,870.67
INCOME	
Dues	\$52.00
Restricted Donation - Irrigation	\$15,738.42
Grant - INPAWS	\$611.00
Garden Expo Sales and Vendors	\$9,784.71
Restricted Funds - Scholarships	\$366.00
Interest	\$0.54
EXPENSES	
Irrigation Project	\$17,231.83
Garden Expo	\$582.07
Membership	\$444.40
Ending Balance in the Checking Account	\$30,165.04
Bank Balance	\$30,165.04
Less Funds Designated/Donated for Irrigation	(\$5,900.04)
Less Funds to Hendricks County for Conference	(\$1,500.00)
Less Funds for Scholarships	(\$366.00)
Less Grants	(\$611.00)
Available Funds in Checking	\$21,788.00
Savings Account Balance*	\$10,527.64

*This represents our "Rainy Day Fund" so that we could continue operations with limited revenue.

Pat Miller, Treasurer

Minutes

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The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11 at the Extension Office. All members are welcome to attend.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sadler
Recording Secretary

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The gardens will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. central time both days. Prior to the Garden Walk, admission tickets are \$15. Garden location information is printed on the admission tickets. During the garden walk, admission tickets will be sold for \$20 at the Master Gardener Display Garden (credit card/cash) as well as the private garden locations (cash only). The Display Garden is located south of Lloyd Expressway between Stockwell Road and Vann Avenue next to Eykamp Scout Center at 3501 E. Lloyd Expressway.

Sponsored by the Southwestern Indiana Master Gardener Association (SWIMGA) and Tucker Publishing Group, this Garden Walk funds horticultural scholarships and educational programs in Southwestern Indiana.

For more information about the Garden Walk, please contact Karen Flittner at 812-853-0251 or kflitt@aol.com or Sandy Mehling at slmehling@wowway.com or 812-853-6672.



Then followed that
beautiful season...
Summer.... Filled was the air
with a dreamy and magical
light; and the landscape lay
as if new created in all the
freshness of childhood

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Et Cetera

GAAP Thank You

Many Thanks to Our GAAP Planters

The many Master Gardener hands of GAAP (Great Annual Annual Planting) made planting about 4,000 flowers in our community in four mornings possible and fun. The weather was interesting this year - a March weather day in May at Columbian Park and Zoo - brrr, a rain out for the Veterans' Home, a cloudy and somewhat chilly day at the Lafayette Art Museum, and a beautiful day for the Tippecanoe County Court House in the morning and the Veterans' Home in the afternoon. We had construction challenges at all locations, except the Art Museum, that limited where we could plant. Master Gardeners spent from 1 to 2 1/2 hours planting at each location. Thanks to Karen Mitchell who made three very nice signs for us - Master Gardeners at Work - to put where we were planting.

The total number of plants is hard to calculate because flats either have 24 or 36 plants. Columbian Park and Zoo used 1,930 individual plants; the Court House needed 19 flats; the Pedestrian Bridge required 80 plants; the Lafayette Art Museum needed 16 flats and 20 individual plants, and the Indiana Veterans' Home had 50 flats and 209 individual plants.

We could not do this project without our wonderful Master Gardener planters! Almost everyone who signed up came to plant or let me know if they could not come. Many thanks to the following Master Gardeners: Jan Anderson, Ellen Barker, Georgia Brist, Connie Brown, Carol Byers, Mona Cavanaugh, Judy Cox, Stella Cummings, Julie Ann Davis, Bill Dilling, Dee Dilling, Sue Hiser, Pat Engler, Cindy Gilles, Linda Gudeman, Bill Hayes, Jan Hipple, Konie Hughes, June Johnson, Wendy Kerssemakers, Candace Larson, Lynn Layden, Elizabeth Lockrey, Cheryl McCool, Ann Pickett, John Pickett, Rita Renick,

Jeanna L. Smith, Carol Smith, Joan Straber, Doris Wallmann, Nancy Werner, and Tom Werner - a total of 33 volunteers! Many hands make the plantings easy. Special thanks to the many super planters who worked two or more days.

Our Master Gardener's dedication to this special service project makes our community more beautiful for our residents and visitors to enjoy throughout the summer. Be sure to visit these locations to see the lovely gardens.

Sue Hiser, Coordinator

MG Annual Report

"This is just a "snapshot" of the great impacts that over 3,000 Purdue MG volunteers have made in communities across our great state!"

In 2016, 3,075 active Purdue Master Gardener volunteers reported:

- ⇒ 40,653 education hours
- ⇒ 163,483.85 volunteer hours valued at \$3.7 million
- ⇒ 160,821 educational contacts

"Let me take this opportunity to thank you for all of your excellent contributions of time, talents, knowledge, and skills that make lasting impacts in Indiana communities each year!"

*Thank you!
John Orick*

New Appointments

Effective immediately, Linda Gudeman has been appointed Chairperson in charge of Fund Raising. Her primary responsibility will be to track who is applying for a grant and to whom they are applying. This helps us avoid having more than one person applying for a grant from the same organization. Please feel free to contact Linda concerning your fund raising project.

Effective immediately, Jim Jeray has been appointed to serve on the Finance Committee along with Jerry Millard, Pat Miller, Lynn Layden, and Sue Hiser. The Finance Committee approves the budget that establishes the allowed amount of dollars designated to be used for projects that our Association is responsible for maintaining. All allowed expenses must be within the amount of income available (primarily member dues and the Garden Expo sales). Please feel free to contact Jim if you have budget allowance concerns.

Jerry Millard

Radish and Parmesan Salad

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 cups spring mix, or greens of your choice
- 3/4 cup sliced watermelon or other type of radishes
- 1/4 cup shaved Parmesan cheese

Combine olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and pepper in a large bowl with a whisk. Add spring mix or greens of your choice, radishes, and shaved Parmesan cheese; toss to coat. Serves 4.

Pineapple Limeade

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice
- 1-1/2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/2 cup club soda
- ice cubes

Mix all ingredients except club soda; refrigerate until well chilled.

Just before serving, stir in the club soda. Serve in a glass over ice cubes. Garnish with a slice of lime. Serves 1.

Word Thyme

By Erin Brock Carlson

While we spend a lot of time focusing on the flowers, trees, and shrubs we plant in our gardens, no garden is complete without a little wildlife (wanted - or not). From the worms composting underground, to the robins chasing those worms, there's no shortage of living, breathing creatures living among us as we go about our business in the garden.

Pollinators are particularly important creatures, including the "Three Bs": butterflies, bees, and birds. While we have many beautiful "Bs" in northern Indiana, I am partial to hummingbirds because of the painstaking steps that both my grandmother and mother always took to make their gardens a haven for the little buzzing birds. I inherited this interest, and though I haven't spent as much time (and money!) on

cultivating a hummingbird friendly space as they always did, I still feel a thrill when one buzzes past my climbing honeysuckle bush.

Hummingbirds are one of the smallest types of birds, and are often only 3-5 inches in length. In addition to their size, they are remarkable for the ways that they hover in front of flowers as they drink nectar - a feat made possible by their strong wings, which flap between 70-80 times per second! Only the ruby-throated hummingbird visits those of us who live in Tippecanoe County, though there are 12 species that spend summer in the United States, and over 300 species of hummingbirds in the world.

So how can we attract our ruby-throated friends to our gardens? First, we should provide them with the types of plants they're attracted to.

Hummingbirds (and other pollinators) are especially attracted to brightly-colored flowers that hold a lot of nectar, such as bee balms, columbines, daylilies, and hibiscus. The Old Farmer's Almanac provides the following list of plants as successful for drawing hummingbirds: beard tongue, bee balm, butterfly bush (my mother's tried-and-true method), catmint, clove pink, columbine, coral bells, day lily, larkspur, yucca, iris, flowering tobacco, foxglove, lily, lupine, pentas, petunia, pincushion flower, red-hot poker, scarlet sage, scarlet trumpet honeysuckle, soapwort, summer phlox, verbena, and weigela.

While any brightly colored blooms will do - and this is important, as hummingbirds can't smell but instead are guided towards flowers by color alone - hummingbirds are particularly fond of red and orange. While we're on

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