

GARDEN BEET

Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County

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May 2024

Message from Your Co-Presidents

Cheryl and Dee Dee

May is a time when the world comes alive with new growth and greenery, making it a symbol of renewal and rejuvenation. There are so many days in May to celebrate different occasions. Happy May Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, just to name a few.

It's also a time for gardeners to begin planting and dreaming of your summer garden.

A famous gardener once said, "A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; and above all, it teaches entire trust." Gertrude Jekyll

Did you know the Vegetable Demonstration Garden (VDG) is going to be our very own teaching garden? We will be installing different types of raised beds, and trellises. We will need help developing an education program, (continued on page 2)

GARDEN EXPO
coming very soon!
April 27 from 9-3, April 26 Set Up
Fun & Easy volunteer opportunities
See pages 5 & 6 for more info

GAAP *coming soon!*
Great Annual Annual Planting
May 10, 13, 16, 20 & 21
See page 6 for details

Attention members:
 If you have any changes to your membership details, please send them to Pat Miller at pmillerathome@comcast.net

MGATC Programs

May 7, 2024 TCEO
 6:00pm Social time, 6:30pm Ed. Seminar
Understanding the Importance of Soil Health and Implementing Practical Solutions for Healthier Plants
Speaker: Kyle Daniel, Nursery and Landscape Specialist, Dept. of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Purdue University
 Business meeting following the speaker.

June 4, 2024 TCEO
 6:00pm Social time, 6:30pm Ed. Seminar
Growing Backyard Fruit Trees
Speaker: Perry Kirkham, Wea Creek Orchard

Do you have any speaker suggestions or questions about upcoming events?
 Contact Sally Casey jscasey04@gmail.com or Alison Roth alison.roth2020@gmail.com

Websites: <http://www.tippecanoemastergardener.org/> <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/mastergardener/>

Newsletter: 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

Message from Your Co-Presidents continued:

fundraising, and planting and harvesting. We hope all of you will join us in making the VDG a success in 2024. Watch out for mass emails about VDG and become involved. We have lots of fun while we garden in the gardens. Join us!

Don't forget to attend our monthly Education and Business meeting on May 7th at the TCEO. We will host an After Expo Party. The ice cream social bar will be back with some additional goodies. Our speaker for May is Kyle Daniel, Nursery and Landscape Specialist, Dept. of Horticulture at Purdue University. He will speak on Understanding the Importance of Soil Health and Implementing Practical Solutions for Healthier Plants.

Cheryl & Dee Dee

MGATC Meeting Minutes: April 2, 2024, TCEO

Cheryl McCool called the business meeting to order at 6:43PM. A motion was made by Mickey Penrod to approve the minutes in the April Garden Beet without changes or corrections. Motion was seconded and carried.

Pat Miller gave the financial report. See the details of her report in the Garden Beet. Cheryl then asked for each Garden Expo committee person to give an update on their respective areas. Debbie Lewis reminded everyone to use either snack bags for small items (for example, one cup of snack mix) or sandwich bags for anything larger. Courtney Frederick asked more donations for the Raffle of the gift baskets to raise money for scholarships. Since Expo is happening closer to Mother's Day, a good idea is to make a Mother's Day basket full of garden items, or even items for a tea. Courtney and Pat Miller were also taking cash donations towards basket items for those not able to shop.

Monique Fontaine brought extra plant tags and ideas for home-made plant tags for the Expo plant sale. A good tag will sell the plants faster. She even suggested using colorful tags that match the color of the bloom of the plant. She brought a show and tell of various kinds of plants she had potted up from her yard, including both moss and just a few small pips of Lily-of-the-Valley. Plants dug up from yards do not have to be put in large pots, 4 - 6 inches will do, but good tags with descriptions are a must.

All items for Expo are to be dropped off between 3 - 6PM, Friday, April 26th at the fairgrounds, or 7 - 9AM on Saturday morning before Expo opens to the public. This includes Garden Shed items (gently used tools, garden décor, garden books, etc), all plants for the sale, and baked goods for the bake sale. It was advised to bring tender plants on Saturday morning, as the temperature in the building is not controlled overnight.

Silent auction items were on display at the meeting and will also be put on display at the Expo. Dee Dee Long requested that people look at the Sign-Up Genius list of volunteer slots, as there are several that still need to be filled. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it takes everyone to make it a success. If you are volunteering at Expo, be sure to check in at the entrance at the desk where Dee Dee Long and Cheryl McCool will be located to get a green bandana to wear while working. The bandana can be worn on your head, around your neck or arm, through a beltloop, etc, just so that it is visible to the patrons to ask for help if needed. It is also very important to wear your master gardener badge so you will not be charged admission when showing up to volunteer.

Cindy Gilles gave an update on the upcoming GAAP plantings. There are still some open positions at some of the locations. The Sign-Up Genius email will be resent, so please take a look and volunteer if you are able. The individuals overseeing the community gardens updated the status of how many community gardeners have signed up. As of this meeting, Chatham Square was full, West Side had four gardens left to rent, and nine open gardens were at the community gardens by the old extension office. Individuals can still contact the extension office and be put on a waiting list if needed.

Pat Williams handed out next level badges to individuals who were not able to attend last month's awards banquet. Congratulations to those individuals! See last month's Garden Beet for full list of individual badge and award winners.

Chad Evans, chief meteorologist from WFLI TV 18, was originally scheduled to be our guest speaker, but due to unforeseen circumstances, was not able to attend. Instead, Dr. Pat Williams, ANR Educator

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and Master Gardener County Coordinator, gave a talk he recently presented at the White County SWCD meeting on Wildlife and Invasive Species. Pat provided a more philosophical take on native versus invasive (which could be plant, animal, insect, etc). Throughout the talk he asked several questions, such as: Does this actually work (when removing invasives), Do we have any native soils left in which to plant native plants, What does success look like, What happens if we do nothing? He also presented several facts and figures, and especially interesting was the invasive curve, which illustrates

four levels of the invasive cycle: prevention, eradication, containment, and long-term management. If an invasive is not caught early, then by the containment and long-term management phase, it's here to stay and may end up costing millions to manage it.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kay McCauley, Recording Secretary*

MGATC Board Minutes: April 11, 2024, 6:30pm, TCEO

Attendees: Jim Jeray, Pat Miller, Alison Roth, Dee Dee Long, Cheryl McCool, Mary Kay McCauley, Kathie Cox, Sally Casey, Georgia Brist, and Pat Williams. Absent: Mickey Penrod.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM by Cheryl McCool. A motion was made by Dee Dee, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the March board meeting as published in the April Garden Beet.

Pat Miller provided an update on the financial statement. Main income is from member dues, Expo vendor fees, and interest. New this month were expenses for Expo, but expenses for the Demonstration Garden will not begin to show until next month. See her full report in the Garden Beet for more details. Pat also announced that the summer bus trip on June 20th has seventeen master gardeners and one guest signed up so far. The email will be resent for the sign-up. The deadline to pay for the trip is May 19th (\$57 for members, \$72 for guests). The bill to pay for the bus rental is May 21st.

Dee Dee provided updates on a variety of topics, as follows. The car caravan trip to Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse in Illinois will be on Friday, May 3rd, leaving from the West Lafayette Meijer at 9AM. The Outdoor Explore event will be held at the Tippecanoe County Amphitheater and Nature Area on June 8th. We will have a booth display for this event, with a theme of native plants. Dee Dee verified the time and place of our board retreat, to be held in the Vinton Room of the Northside Community Center at 9AM on Saturday, June 1st. There will be an After Expo Party at our May monthly master gardener meeting to say thank you to all who volunteered in any capacity to make Expo a success, using the ice cream items left over from

the March meeting. Dee Dee then provided a brief update on the Demo Garden, sharing a spreadsheet of expenses to date (these will show up on next month's financial report). Nine raised beds of various sizes have been ordered. The garden will be sprayed sometime on or after April 17th, weather dependent. Courtney Frederick will then layout the pathways so the other team members can begin building/planting in certain areas.

For the Expo update, Dee Dee and Pat Miller explained that the check to pay for security was lost in the mail and a stop order was placed. Dee Dee paid online with her credit card, which caused the security fee to be slightly higher due to incurring a credit card charge fee. Two deputies have been hired to provide security for Expo. Wristbands for patrons entering Expo have arrived. More table top signs for the plant sales area have been purchased. We do have volunteers signed up for all of the various areas. Individuals who volunteered to be cashiers will need to download the Square app onto their phones to be used for credit card purchases. Instructions will be sent to those volunteers on how to get this set up. (Based on volunteers' experience from last year, this was very easy and worked really well). There will be tables with two volunteers at each to take money at the entrance. As of this time, there is no plan to go outside early to get the entrance fee from patrons standing in line to speed up the process. This will be revisited as necessary.

Jim Jeray updated the board on the flooding problems at the community garden. When the rain garden was removed from the parking lot during the construction of the new animal shelter, this has

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most likely led to a higher amount of water to flow down the hill and pool near the tractor shed on the west side of the driveway that leads into the community gardens. The construction crew was made aware of the problem, and they indicated they will address the issue once the building is completed, sometime this summer. Jim also informed the board that an issue was discovered concerning the Squarespace platform that supports the master gardener website. A Google search on a member's name would pull up our entire list, which should be kept confidential to master gardener members only. Our webmaster Charles Kanitz has also been made aware of the issue also and is actively working on it.

Pat Williams is still waiting for quotes on the installation of a new base, still using the frame from the original extension office sign. Dee Dee has requested three different quotes on signs that would fit inside that frame to advertise the Master Gardener gardens. Once all of that information is obtained, the board will decide which is the best cost and location of a new sign for the gardens.

We received a request from RDM Farms, one of our Expo vendors, to have a booth and/or teach classes at their open house on their farm on Saturday, April 20th. Pat Williams agreed to teach the classes.

Jim Jeray asked for clarification about informational communications sent to individuals renting plots from us at the various community gardens. In the past, all communications have come from the extension office. Pat W. clarified that these communications should come directly from the community garden chairs to the community gardeners and not through the extension office. This topic was brought up in particular about the upcoming soil health program that will be held on Thursday, April 25th at the community garden.

Alison and Sally updated the board on the list of speakers they are managing for the monthly meetings. Almost all dates for 2024 are filled. Several ideas were discussed on how to still present a program when a speaker does not show up. This topic was deferred to the board retreat for further discussion. They both plan to continue to work on good communications with the speakers on time, date, and location of our monthly group meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kay McCauley, Recording Secretary*

Treasurer's Report, March 2024

Income for the month of March was from dues, Garden Expo Vendor payments and interest for a total of \$124. Expenses for the month were for the social committee, Garden Expo and general items for a total of \$1,260. There was an increase in the Restricted Funds of \$10,000 for the Demo Garden Fund and a decrease in the Compost Project of \$17 for a net addition to the Restricted Funds of \$9,983. The Restricted Funds at month end were \$26,434. The bank balance was \$36,685 as of March 31 and the total of unrestricted funds available is \$10,251. The Savings Account balance was \$10,559 and the Gaming/Scholarship Account balance was \$767 at month end.

Pat Miller, Treasurer

*“I’ve got sunshine on a cloudy day. When it’s cold outside, I’ve got the month of May.”
– Smokey Robinson*

GARDEN EXPO *coming very soon!*

April 27th from 9-3
April 26th Set Up

♥♥ Earn Master Gardener volunteer hours
for all Expo work ♥♥

In the West Pavilion at Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds (Swine Barn)

Get ready for Garden Expo our fundraiser for MGATC. It's time to start growing your plants, saving boxes, collecting items for the Raffle, gathering objects for the Garden Shed, and thinking about the delicious goodies for the Just Desserts Garden Café.

We hope all of you plan on working either Friday or Saturday, or both days! We really need you. Please get the word out to family and friends. The more the merrier.

Check your email for information on how to sign up to work at the event! It's a busy day, but lots and lots of fun.

Raffle at Garden Expo



Each year we hold a raffle at Garden Expo to support the scholarships MGATC gives to Purdue and Ivy Tech students.

Courtney Fredrick and Pat Miller will be collecting new items such as pruners and other hand tools, pots, grow bags, garden books, and fun garden items.

If you have any donations for the raffle, ASAP please contact Courtney Fredrick at Courtney.frederick13@gmail.com or Pat Miller pmillerathome@comcast.net

Just Desserts Garden Café needs your homemade baked goods for EXPO!

- Fruit Pies-Apple, Peach, Berry, Rhubarb, Strawberry, Pecan.
- Cookies of any variety
- Homemade Candy
- Brownies,
- Fudge
- Snack Mix

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Labeling is important! Label what you bring, and identify if it has nuts or is gluten free, sugar free, or anything special.

If you are baking cookies, please bag two large cookies to a bag, three medium cookies to each bag, four small cookies to each bag.

For cakes, pies, or anything sticky, it would be best if we cut and bag items on a small plate.

Please supply a box of sandwich size, zip lock bags or a package of small plates if you are not bagging your items.

Thanks for all your help! Happy Baking! Questions? Please contact Debbie Lewis at deboralewis58@gmail.com

GARDEN SHED at GARDEN EXPO

♥ Earn Master Gardener volunteer hours
for all Expo work ♥

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 used for 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. Thanks!

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

Great Annual Annual Planting (GAAP) in May

"I must have flowers, always, and always". Monet

We are still in need of volunteers!

What a great time of year for gardeners and especially for us as part of the MGATC. We know many of you helped make Garden Expo a success, but now that Expo is over – there are still more opportunities to get your volunteers hours and spend some time with fellow Master Gardeners while benefiting the Lafayette community during GAAP in May.

We start at 9:30 am and usually finish in 2-3 hours, depending on the site. As in the past, all you need to bring is your own planting equipment (e.g., gloves, trowels, soil knives, knee pads, kneelers, rain gear, and water) as the community sites prepare the soil and deliver the annuals. We plant in light rain. If dates need to be cancelled due to storms and/or heavy rain, you will receive notification and we plant on the rain dates.

Please note that the original date of May 8 (listed in the April Garden Beet and in SignUpGenius) for planting at the Vegetable Demonstration Garden has been cancelled since the raised beds will not be ready in time.

Dates for your calendar:

Tippecanoe County Court House: May 10, (May 14 Rain Date)

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette: May 13, (May 15 Rain Date)

Columbian Park & Myers Pedestrian Bridge: May 16, (May 17 Rain Date)

Vegetable Demonstration Garden: May 20

Indiana Veterans Home: May 21, (May 23 Rain Date)

Look for more emails with the SignUpGenius link to join us.

Cindy Gilles, GAAP Chairperson

♥ Earn Master Gardener
volunteer hours ♥

*"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes,
the month of hope." — Emily Brontë*



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What's Happening

WEDNESDAYS in the WILD

Registration is required by noon on Monday prior to program:

765-567-2993 or mcutler@tippecanoe.in.gov

APR 24, 1-3 pm, Moyer-Gould Mosey, NICHES/MGW

Dan Childs (wildflower enthusiast and author) leads a leisurely stroll along the 1-mile trail at this NICHES Carroll Co. nature preserve, where a wide variety of spring wildflowers abound! Dan's wildflower books will be available for purchase (check or Venmo).

MAY 1, 1-3 pm, An Introduction to the Woodland Sedges of Ross Hills Park, RHP

"Carex" is a genus of sedges often overlooked or misidentified despite being one of the most diverse plant genera in North America. IU researcher Rich Hull discusses his work at the park on a hike showcasing the identifying features of a variety of sedges and where you can normally find them.

MAY 8, 9-11 am, Spring on the Wing at Celery Bog, CBNA/LNC

Join Kyle Gebhart (West Lafayette Parks Naturalist) and members of the Sycamore Audubon Society for a hike on the Celery Bog trails to see both returning migrants and resident birds. Bring your binoculars. NOTE: IF RAINING, program will move indoors to Lilly Nature Center.

MAY 15, 1-3 pm, Exploring Hall Woods Nature Preserve (a moderate 1-mile hike), HWNP

Tom Swinford (Director of Stewardship, The Nature Conservancy) will share the unique ecology of this Putnam Co. nature preserve, consisting of rich oak woodlands & high-quality floodplains along Big Walnut Creek. Being part of the 3,500 acre Big Walnut Conservation Area makes site a magnet for migratory birds in the spring. Bring your binoculars.

MAY 22, 2:30-4:30 pm, Fire and Ice at Indiana Dunes National Park: A Hike through Miller Woods, IN-DUNES

Journey through a globally rare black oak savanna, around towering sand dunes, past interdunal wetlands, and along the shores of Lake Michigan on this hike through Miller Woods. Park Ranger Kip Walton (Outreach Coordinator, Indiana Dunes

National Park) will share the story of a landscape shaped by the forces of nature. Entrance FEE \$25/car OR free entry with National Park Pass. NOTE: 2:30-4:30pm EDT (1:30-3:30pm CDT in Gary). Bring binoculars.

MAY 29, 1-3 pm, Legislation & Stewardship: A Guided Hike at Laura Hare Bend of the Wabash East, NICHES/GSB

NICHES Land Trust staff and State Senator Spencer Derry lead a hike through the Laura Hare Bend of the Wabash East property, weaving the interconnectedness of legislative and environmental preservation. NICHES staff will highlight the ongoing restoration of this site and Senator Derry will discuss legislation aimed at large water withdrawals proposed in the region.

JUNE 5, 1-3 pm, A Bird in the Hand: Using Mist Nets to Capture Birds, WNC

Join Dr. Mickey & Sally Weeks (Purdue University, Retired) as they share the scientific practice of mist-netting: capturing and banding birds to study. Birds will be caught at this presentation and participants will be allowed to ID and hold birds, if desired! Preference given to those who have not previously attended this program.

Wednesdays in the Wild Locations:

CBNA/LNC (Celery Bog Nature Area/Lilly Nature Center): Meet 9am in front of Lilly Nature Center at 1620 Lindberg Rd., West Lafayette.

HWNP (Hall Woods Nature Preserve): Meet 1pm at 3301-3727 E County Rd 675 N, Greencastle, IN 46135.

IN-DUNES (Paul H. Douglas Center): Meet 2:30pm EDT (which is 1:30pm CDT local Gary time) at the Center: 100 N Lake St, Gary, IN 46403.

NICHES/GSB (Granville Sand Barrens): Meet 1pm in property parking lot (property directions at www.nicheslandtrust.org) in Tippecanoe Co.

NICHES/MGW (Moyer-Gould Woods): Meet at 1pm in the property parking lot (1 1/4 miles north of the SR 18/US 421 intersection) at 4620 N US-421, Delphi 46923.

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What's Happening cont'd

RHP (Ross Hills Park): Meet at 1 pm at the Ross House: 8815 W 50 S, West Lafayette.

WNC (Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center): Meet 1pm at Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center at the Tippecanoe Battlefield off N. 9th St. in Battle Ground.

MAY 4, 8am-1pm, Montgomery County MG Plant Sale & Garden Show

4-H Fairgrounds, 400 Park Ave, Crawfordsville, IN.

MAY 4, 9am-3pm, "Garden Celebration XIX" Johnson County Garden Club, Scott & Herring Halls, Johnson County Fairgrounds, Franklin, IN, \$2 admission charge

MAY 4, 9am-3pm, 24th Annual Native Plant Sale, Wild Ones Gibson Woods Chapter, Lake Etta County Park, 4801 W 29th Ave, Gary, IN 46406

MAY 18, 8am-3pm, Hamilton County MG 25th Annual Plant Sale, Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN - byo wagon - Bearded Iris dug on site also.

HELP STAMP OUT INVASIVE PLANTS

RIP SQUAD April volunteer workdays*

Remove Invasive Plants to help protect the native plants.

TUESDAYS, 3-5pm:

May 7 & 21 at Celery Bog Nature Area

May 14 & 28 at Cumberland Woods

June 4 at Happy Hollow Park (meet at Shelter 4)

THURSDAYS, 3-5pm:

May 2, 16 & 23 at Ross Hills Park

May 9 & 30 at Prophet's Rock Woods

June 6 also at Prophet's Rock Woods

For more information contact Patty Jones, landline/voicemail 765-463-3050 or email removeinvasiveplants.wcinps@gmail.com

Co-sponsored by the West Central Chapter of the Indiana Native Plant Society and the Sycamore Audubon Society, in cooperation with West Lafayette Parks and Recreation, Tippecanoe County Park & Recreation and TICT (Tippecanoe Invasive Cooperative Task Force)

**Removing invasive plants in Tippecanoe County is approved for Master Gardener volunteer hours.*

More invasive plants resources:

NICHES War of the Weeds

You can sign up to remove garlic mustard with NICHES War of the Weeds:

FRIs, SATs and SUNs 10am-1pm & 1-4pm from April 19 to May 18:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A5AB28A1F8C43-47660527-2024#

Wabash River Enhancement Corporation

(WREC) has a free invasive tool library. You can borrow some tools to help remove your invasive plants! Check out their website: <https://wabashriver.net/tool-library/>

Pullerbear grip, pullerbear cub, soil knives and folding handsaws available.

WREC@wabashriver.net

765-420-8505

200 North 2nd St., Lafayette, IN 47901

TICT

Tippecanoe Invasive Cooperative Taskforce

<https://tippecanoecountyswcd.org/tict-2>

Mailing address:

1812 Troxel Dr. # C3, Lafayette, IN 47909

Don't know if you have invasive species? Schedule a free site visit with a specialist:

jordan.young@in.nacdnet.net

TICT 2024 Invasives Swap Program

Get rid of Callery Pear, Burning Bush, Japanese Barberry, Privets and Norway Maple in Tippecanoe County and receive a native tree or shrub.

Program info and application form:

<https://tippecanoecountyswcd.org/tict-2>

Timeline:

April 1 - Applications open

July 1 - Applications close

September 26 - Native plants distributed

November 1 - Photos confirming the removal of invasive plant due



DEMO GARDEN

Georgia Brist asks members to bring clean dry plastic bags to the monthly meeting. The bags will be used in the Demo Garden when we harvest vegetables. The bags are folded and put in empty coffee cans and are then easily pulled out one at a time.



Recipes of the Month

Emily Hughes found great recipes for this month. See directions online for these recipes:

Sautéed Asparagus With Morels

https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/sauteed_asparagus_with_morels/

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Strawberry Rhubarb Almond Cake

<https://cookieandkate.com/strawberry-rhubarb-almond-cake/>

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Master Gardener Online Educational Opportunities

Purdue Extension Master Gardener web-based education at:

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

A variety of topics are available to watch anytime to suit your schedule. Earn EMG Education hours.













Purdue Landscape Report

Timely educational topics on lawn care, trees, shrubs, flowers, plant diseases, insect pests, invasive species and more.

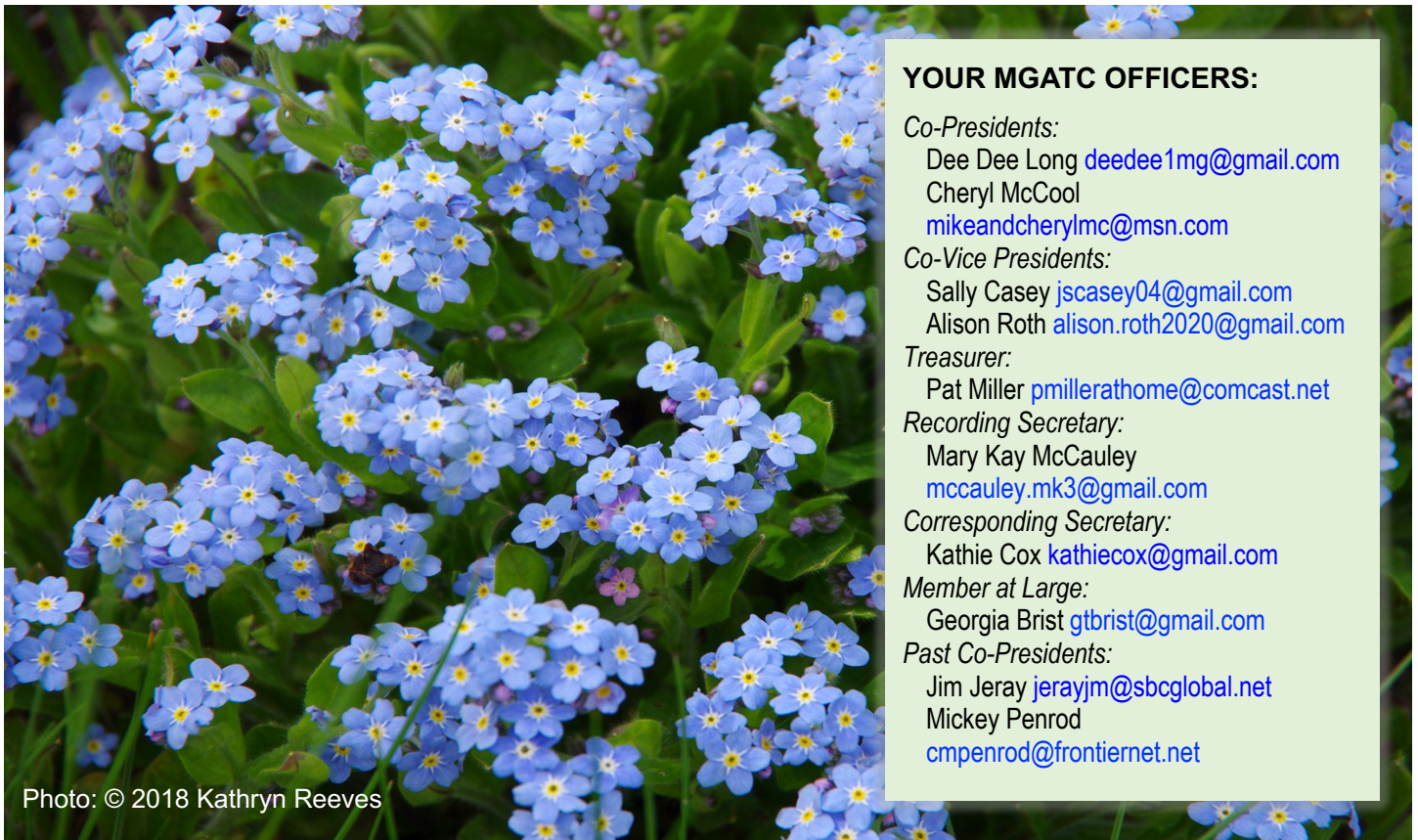
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May Garden To-Do List

-  Deadhead daffodils, tulips and other spring bulbs to prevent seed formation and allow bulbs to regain their flowering strength for next spring.
-  Place plant supports this month around perennial plants after spring bulbs are finished blooming but before you remove the foliage to avoid spearing bulbs.
-  Sharpen mower blades. Set mower high.
-  Prune early spring-flowering shrubs and trees after they bloom.
-  Start to harvest early leaf crops, radishes and asparagus.
-  Harden off warm season flowers and vegetables that were started indoors.
-  Plant warm season flowers and vegetables when the soil warms up and all danger of frost is past.
-  See tips for indoor and outdoor gardening at: <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/gardening-calendar-may/>
-  Just for fun, check out the Gardening Moon Calendar, a biodynamic planting guide by phases of the moon and astrological moon signs: <https://mooncalendar.astroseek.com/gardening-moon-calendar-farmers-guide>
-  More tips on houseplants, yard & garden see: <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/may-garden-calendar/>
-  Every year May 19 is celebrated as “World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day”
-  While you’re digging and planting, pause to enjoy sunlight and warm breezes.





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Myosotis sylvatica Woodland Forget-me-not. Beautiful dainty flowers produce abundant seed and self-sow widely. It's listed an invasive species in some states, but not in Indiana at this time. Stay up-to-date on invasive species – see <https://www.in.gov/dnr/nature-preserves/heritage-data-center/invasive-plant-species/>

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