

November 2019

# Garden Beet

MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY



## A Word from Your Co-Presidents, Jolaine & Cheryl

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another year in Master Gardeners. I know I speak for both of us when I say that it has been an honor and our great pleasure to serve as your Co-Presidents for the past two years. We appreciate all your support and the many gardeners who have stepped up and tended gardens, chaired committees, spent time guiding those new to gardening, and all the “worker bees” who keep our organization humming.

We will be voting for new officers at the December meeting and they will

assume their positions in January 2020. Please note that MGATC members may make nominations from the floor with the approval of the nominee. The following people have been nominated and have agreed to run for office:

- Dee Dee Long and Jan Sadler, Co-Presidents
- Maralee Hayworth, Co-Vice President
- Pat Miller, Treasurer
- Jim Jeray, Recording Secretary
- Kathie Cox, Corresponding Secretary
- Nancy Cope, Member-at-Large

Be sure to attend the December meeting so that you can exercise your right to vote, and enjoy the festive holiday dinner (catered). It will get you into the holiday spirit. Again, much thanks to all of you for your support over the past two years.

Jolaine

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Garden Gadgets and Tools

By Kathryn Reeves and Mike Hathaway

Poet Thomas Hood described this month: No! No sun, no moon, no dawn, no butterflies, no bees, no fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds, November!

Despite those no, no, no's, this month we say yes to roast turkey, roast vegetables, pumpkin pie, Wild Turkey Li-queur, and spring bulbs. Yes, Yes, Yes!

When we have space in flowerbeds, we prefer to use a shovel or spade to dig a wide hole and plant a generous number of bulbs together. But sometimes we want to pepper bulbs in and among perennials in the few inches between their crowns; so smaller, more precise tools are needed.

A useful tool for planting bulbs is a **bulb auger**. It's basically a long drill bit as wide as a tulip, hyacinth, or daf-



fodil bulb. Attach the auger to a drill, either electric or cordless (extra battery packs recommend-

ed). You can quickly make a hole of the required depth, drop in a bulb, backfill with soil, and repeat.

There are also hand held bulb planters. These cut and lift a plug of soil and then should release the soil after you place a bulb in the hole. Fiskars makes one with a steel body and plastic spring-loaded handle, and graduated depth marks. No matter what brand or manufacturer, we've found

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## Programs

November 5 • 6:30 p.m. • TCEO  
6 p.m. Social Time

*Gardening Tools for People with Disabilities or Those Who are Getting Older*  
Stephen Swaim

Stephen J. Swaim, ATP (Assistive Technology Professional) is a Rural Rehabilitation Specialist for the Indiana AgrAbility Project/National Agrability project.

December 3 • 6 p.m.

**Judi's Catering**  
101 Plaza Lane, Lafayette  
5:30 p.m. Social Time

*Tundra on the Wabash*  
Dr. Darrell Schulze

Dr. Schulze is a Professor of Soil Science at Purdue University.

For more information on upcoming events, contact Dee Dee Long at [deedee1mg@gmail.com](mailto:deedee1mg@gmail.com) or Jan Sadler at [grammajanx8@comcast.net](mailto:grammajanx8@comcast.net).

Please submit items for the *Garden Beet* to [MGATCGardenBeet@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:deedee1mg@gmail.com).

<http://www.tippecanomastergardener.org>

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



# MGATC Minutes: October 1, 2019, 6 p.m., TCEO

Prior to the pitch-in dinner, Polly Aranas offered a blessing at 6 p.m. Following the meal, Jan Sadler introduced Open Mic night. Mickey Penrod, Margot Schueman, John Pickett, Mary Quinn and Jim Jeray, Bill Dilling, Georgia Brist, Kathryn Reeves, and Mike Hathaway presented on a variety of garden-related topics.

Jolaine Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. She asked current interns in attendance to stand and be recognized.

The September meeting minutes were approved as posted in the October issue of the *Garden Beet*.

Jim Jeray delivered the Treasurer's report. The September beginning balance was \$43,722. Income of \$1,080 was entirely comprised of membership dues; expenses of \$186 included \$100

in Master Gardener class scholarships and \$40 in dues reimbursement. Pending expenses of \$2,778 included \$1,000 for the 2019 Purdue scholarship and \$810 for the holiday dinner. The month's end balance was \$44,616, with unrestricted funds of \$22,060.

Jolaine Roberts announced that Jeri Bosworth Parker has volunteered to serve as Social Committee chair.

Pat Miller announced that the December holiday dinner will again take place at Judi's Catering. The cost will be \$10 for members and \$21 for guests for dinner; money will be collected at the November meeting. Pat will provide a count to the caterer on December 3rd.

Cheryl McCool announced that the Extension Homemakers will host a fall festival on October 26th from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. She asked for Master Gardeners

to serve as judges for the pumpkin carving and costume contest and welcomed everyone to attend.

Jolaine Roberts reported that the following volunteer opportunities are vacant: Extension Office sign bed chair, Open House chair, and Co-Vice President for the 2020-2022 Board. The slate of Board candidates will be voted upon at the December monthly meeting. Cheryl McCool added that the Public Education Workshop co-chair position is available.

The decorated pumpkin and snack centerpieces were then raffled away to members.

With no further business, Jolaine Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristen Noel, Recording Secretary

# MGATC Minutes: October 10, 2019, 6 p.m., TCEO

Jolaine Roberts called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. In attendance were Jan Sadler, Jeri Bosworth Parker, Dee Dee Long, Jolaine Roberts, Cheryl McCool, Jim Jeray, John Pickett, Karen Mitchell, and Kristen Noel.

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

Jim Jeray reported that the unrestricted balance of \$22,060 is up more than \$4,000 from the October 2018 balance. This increase is likely due to the Garden Expo and unsubmitted reimbursement receipts. He added that 63 members have paid their 2020 membership dues. Jeri Bosworth Parker asked how many current members there are; Jim replied that there are approximately 160.

Jolaine Roberts asked if money should be set aside to prepare for the possibility that MGATC will need to run elec-

tricity independent from the extension building. Karen Mitchell replied that the building will not be sold for at least two years, so there is time to prepare. Residential power should be adequate to provide for the security system and charging mower batteries.

Jolaine Roberts asked Jeri Bosworth Parker, chair of the Public Education Workshop Committee, what help she needs for planning future workshops. Jeri replied that she has topics and speakers planned through January; the Board discussed potential future speakers.

Dee Dee Long reported that the December holiday dinner menu will be very similar to previous years. Current interns are invited to attend; they will pay the \$10 members' price.

Jolaine Roberts announced that a Co-Vice President is still needed for the

slate of Board candidates. The Board then discussed potential candidates.

Jim Jeray reported that the DNR sent MGATC two letters; one about invasive species that are not allowed for sale and another about a seller's license for the Garden Expo. Hamilton and Howard County Master Gardener Associations sent a letter announcing that they are co-hosting the September 10-12, 2020 state conference in Noblesville and Kokomo. The two associations are seeking financial support for the conference. Cheryl McCool moved to approve a motion that MGATC would give a \$500 donation; the Board approved the motion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen Noel, Recording Secretary

# What's Happening

## Education Workshop

Come out to the extension office for the Saturday, November 23rd Education Workshop.

We will have different stations for you to visit and make gifts/items from nature. We will be using pinecones, acorns, hickory nuts, leaves, and more.

You won't want to miss it!!

*Jeri Bosworth Parker*

## Wednesdays in the Wild

**Oct 30 • 1-3 p.m. • NICHES/WL**  
**Weiler Leopold Hike**  
Gus Nyberg

NICHES Land Trust has protected Weiler Leopold for 20 years. We will hike the trails with a focus on the management that has been done on this Warren County property since NICHES acquired it. The hike will be led by Gus Nyberg (Executive Director, NICHES Land Trust). A carpool will be leaving LNC at 12:30 p.m.

**Nov 6 • 1-3 p.m. • LNC**  
**Tour of Indiana Dunes**  
**National Park**  
Kip Walton

Kip Walton (Park Ranger/Outreach Program Coordinator) of Indiana's First National Park will take us on an end-to-end tour of this iconic property and highlight some of the most popular areas in the park. The incredible biodiversity of the Indiana Dunes will be showcased (including a visit with one of the park's educational animals) and the story of the park's

recognition as our 61st National Park will be shared in this wonderful armchair visit to this Indiana treasured landscape.

**Nov 13 • 1-3 p.m. • LNC**  
**Lafayette Water Conservation**  
Brad Talley

Have you ever wondered about the huge holding tanks that were buried in Lafayette? Brad Talley (Lafayette RE-NEW Superintendent) will be showing pictures and explaining how these will help the Wabash River and future riverfront development.

**Nov 20 • 1-3 p.m. • LNC**  
**Chillin' Out! - Nature's**  
**Winter Survival Strategies**  
Mary Cutler

The annual arrival of winter brings profound changes in plant and animal communities as living organisms prepare for the challenges of the season. Mary Cutler (Naturalist, Tippecanoe County Parks & Recreation Department) will explore the incredible adaptations that enable life to persist and even thrive in the out-of-doors as we huddle in our climate-controlled dwellings; you will be amazed at nature's resilience!

(NOTE: November 20th is the last program in 2019. The Wednesdays in the Wild programs will resume in mid-January 2020.)

### 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/WL (Weiler-Leopold):** N 1100 E, Otterbein in Warren County. Meet at 1 p.m. in the Weiler-Leopold parking lot (get directions at [www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org)) or join the 12:30 p.m. car pool from LNC.

My lovely November,  
Have you seen my heart,  
somewhere in your castle  
of yellow leaves

~ A Waltz for Zizi

# Treasurer's Report

Our unrestricted funds are projected to be at \$20,260 by the end of October. That is down about \$1,800 from the end of last month based on checks written but not yet cashed. Anyone with outstanding garden expenses, please send me a reimbursement form with signed receipts so I can get your money to you. You can also hand them to me at the meeting or drop them off at the extension office.

Dues payments are coming along nicely, but there are still almost 100 folks I haven't heard from. I will be at the November meeting eager to accept your membership form along with cash, check, or credit card. All the information is on the form, and all forms are on line.

*Jim Jeray, Treasurer*

## Cranberry Chicken

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts  
1 cup French dressing  
1 15-ounce can whole cranberry  
cranberry sauce OR 1 cup home-  
made cranberry sauce  
1 package Lipton Onion Soup

Lightly grease a slow cooker. Place chicken breasts in the bottom in a single layer. Whisk together French dressing, Lipton Onion Soup, and cranberry sauce. Pour over chicken. Turn chicken to coat all sides of the chicken. Cover and cook on high for 3-4 hours or on low for 6 hours until chicken is cooked through. Garnish with toasted pine nuts and chopped parsley if desired and serve.  
Serves 4.

~ LE CRÈME de la CRUMB.com

# Gadgets

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these are tough to push deep into dense soil. This type of bulb planter is best used in loose friable soil or for small bulbs like crocus, chionodoxa, grape hyacinth, and puschkinia that don't require deep holes. Our best advice: if you're trying to use one of these in heavy clay soil, make sure there are no children around to hear your language.

If you prefer standing up to dig holes, there are **bulb planters with long handles** (30" to 36"). These are made with foot "steps" and top handle. You step, twist, and pull out a plug of soil. The plug should pop out when you dig the second hole, or you can push the plug out of the tool by hand. Replace the soil plug in the first hole after you place a bulb, and continue digging and planting.

Add animal repellent (squirrels, chipmunks, mice) to the holes dug for bulbs as well as on top of the soil. Repellent sprinkled on the soil surface should last for about three months through much of the winter. Reapply in February or March.

In November, we also say yes to tender bulbs for growing and blooming indoors during winter. They are essential for lifting your spirits when days are

short and the sun is low in the sky. And now is the time to order bulbs. Our favorite bulbs for forcing are paperwhite narcissus and amaryllis (now classified as Hippeastrum). Any color amaryllis is welcome during icy cold months. There are some unusual species with multiple stems of green and maroon streaked blossoms and some miniature ones. Miniature is a relative term in the amaryllis world - the blooms are big rather than HUGE. Miniature Amaryllis varieties often have more flower stalks and blooms. Put several of these exotic beauties in one pot. Grow all amaryllis in any good potting mix with the top third of the bulb above soil level. The huge ones will be top heavy, so we recommend a clay or ceramic pot, several slim bamboo stakes and twine or a decorative ribbon.

## NOVEMBER TO-DO LIST

- ◇ Make sure houseplants have adequate light and humidity.
- ◇ Plant spring bulbs when the soil temperature is 55° or less.
- ◇ Apply animal repellent over spring bulbs such as tulips and crocus, and on trees, shrubs, and evergreens. Animals usually won't bother daffodils or alliums.
- ◇ Start bulbs for forcing. Keep tender bulbs like paperwhite narcissus in warm or slightly cool indoor temperatures.

- ◇ Harvest late season leafy greens and brussel sprouts. Carrots can stay in the ground for a while longer if thick mulch is applied to keep the ground from freezing.
- ◇ Wait to mulch tender plants and roses until the ground is frozen (usually in late November or early December).
- ◇ November is still a good time to plant trees and shrubs.
- ◇ Deeply water trees and shrubs, especially new ones, before the ground freezes if rainfall has been light.
- ◇ Keep mulch well clear from base of trees and shrubs to discourage bark-chewing voles.
- ◇ Do final garden cleanup. Rake up and compost the last leaves and debris.
- ◇ Clean up all dropped fruit below fruit trees.
- ◇ Turn the compost pile.
- ◇ Cut lawn grass at usual height if needed. Tall grass can be prone to snow mold.

For more tips see: "November Garden Calendar" by B. Rosie Lerner <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/november-yard-garden-calendar/>.

Stay warm and healthy while you garden indoors and outdoors this month. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

## November; Crows are approaching - Wounded leaves fall to the ground

~ Sir Kristian Goldmund Aumann

### RIP Workdays

On Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 3-5 p.m. we'll be at Prophet's Rock Woods (GPS address: 6027-6137 Prophets Rock Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906) removing bush honeysuckle and burning bush.

On Thursdays, November 7, 14, and 21 from 3-5 p.m. we'll be at Ross Hills Park (GPS address: 8815 W 50 S, West Lafayette, IN 47906) removing bush honeysuckle and other shrubby invasives.

Long sleeves, long pants, gloves, and boots are recommended. Bring loppers, pruning saws, or stump pullers if you have them. We'll be pulling out or cutting/lopping/awing/herbicideing invasive shrubs. Herbicide will be provided for those comfortable using it.

For more information, contact Patty Jones at 765-463-3050 (voice mail) or [removeinvasiveplants.wcinpaws@gmail.com](mailto:removeinvasiveplants.wcinpaws@gmail.com) (email).

### Pumpkin Whip

- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 1-1/2 cups cold milk
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1-1/2 cups whipped topping
- Gingersnaps, optional

In a large bowl, beat pudding and milk until well blended, 1-2 minutes. Blend in pumpkin and pumpkin pie spice. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into dessert dishes. Chill. Garnish with gingersnaps if desired. Serves 6.

~ Taste of Home



# Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County

## 2020 Membership Application & Annual Dues

The Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County dues are \$25 per year for an individual or \$40 per year for a couple at the same address. We are now on a calendar year and these dues will be for all of 2020. This annual fee allows access to the Garden Beet by email, the 'Members Only' area on the website, and the monthly educational seminars, as well as, voting rights during the annual election. If you would like to receive printed copies of either the monthly Garden Beet or the Green membership book, please select the option below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the membership options that you would like below:

- Individual Annual Dues \$25
- Couple Annual Dues (please include both names above) \$40
- Garden Beet (if you wish to receive monthly printed copies) \$12
- Green Membership Book (if you wish to receive a printed copy) \$2

TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Areas in which I think I can be an effective Master Gardener and achieve volunteer hours:

- |   |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Staffing info booths               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Annual Annual Planting     | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning workshops                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving as an officer            | <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting workshops               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving as committee chairperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing for the Garden Beet        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working at Adopt-A-Spot          | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse or nature center docent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event planning                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Working in Display & Idea Gardens  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing publicity              | <input type="checkbox"/> Working in Demonstration Gardens   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with youth               | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping at the Garden Expo         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with plant sales         | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping at the Annual Open House   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Home gardens           | <input type="checkbox"/> Ext Office Community Garden        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MG Educational Center            | <input type="checkbox"/> Chatham Sq Community Garden        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Garden Tours             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumberland Community Garden        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____    |   |

Please return this completed form and a check for the amount of your dues payable to Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County (MGATC) by the December 2019 monthly meeting, or mail them to:

Attn: Master Gardener Membership,  
3150 Sagamore Parkway S, Lafayette, IN 47905

# Open House Recipes

## Salad-e Shirazi

### Ingredients:

3-4 Persian cucumbers (about 3/4 pound)  
1/2 red onion, diced into 1/4-inch pieces  
2 Tbsp of any combination of finely chopped fresh parsley, cilantro, basil or dill  
1 tsp dried mint  
2-3 medium tomatoes (about 1 pound)  
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice (about 2 limes)  
3 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil  
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper (to taste)

### Directions:

1. Remove alternating stripes of peel on cucumbers and trim ends. Dice cucumbers into 1/4-inch pieces and place in a large bowl.
2. Remove tomato cores, dice remaining tomatoes into 1/4-inch pieces and add to bowl.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together lime juice, oil, 3/4 tsp salt, and 1/4 tsp. pepper.
4. Just before serving dress the vegetables with the vinaigrette and stir to combine.
5. Add more lime juice and salt to taste as needed.
6. Enjoy at room temperature or lightly chilled.
7. Cover and refrigerate leftover for up to 2 days.

## Lemon Verbena Pound Cake

### Ingredients:

3 Tbsp fresh lemon verbena leaves (finely chopped)	1/4 tsp salt
1 Tbsp grated lemon zest	1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter (softened)	3 large eggs
1/2 tsp baking powder	1 tsp vanilla
2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice	2 Tbsp milk
	1 cup cake flour

### Directions:

1. Butter and flour an 8x5x3 inch loaf pan. Tap out excess flour.
2. In medium bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Beat in eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
4. Beat in vanilla.
5. Blend in half the flour mixture.
6. Beat in milk and lemon juice.
7. Add remainder of flour and mix until combined.
8. Pour batter into pan, pushing into corners and smoothing top.
9. Bake at 325 degrees for 45-50 minutes.
10. Cool in pan for 15 minutes, continue cooling on serving dish.
11. Combine Glaze and drizzle over cake.

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