



# GARDEN BEET

Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County

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November 2023

## Message from Your Co-Presidents

### Jim and Mickey

An invaluable skill of a master gardener is the ability to find reliable information to help other gardeners. This is also true when you have questions about the MGATC or the Purdue EMG program.

An excellent source is the green Membership Directory. It contains the names and contact information of all officers and project chairs. It also shows which projects need a leader. Other volunteer opportunities are listed along with some suggestions for education hours.

The website has a wealth of information. To access the home page, enter "MGATC" in your browser. Then click on FOR MEMBERS. You will see a screen asking for a password. Where is that password? – on page 2 of the green book.

Upon entering the password, you arrive at the Members Page. The third paragraph has a direct link to the Purdue hours entry page. Right below that find **Forms**, which contains: membership form, reimbursement form and the Indiana state tax exempt forms for six local stores along with a number of less-used forms.

Returning to the MGATC Members Page, it has links to many important pieces of information. Under **Organization** find: member list, officers, projects and outstanding master gardener awards (all as found in the green book), plus the stored history of our bylaws.

Further down the page is the link to the **Garden Beet** monthly newsletter archive. That link takes you to the current issue and all past newsletters going back 30 years.

Below that under **Financial** are copies of our leases with the county as well as current and past budgets. Most of what is on the Members Page is up to date thanks to Charles, but expect minor changes as we enter the new year.

Finally, questions about the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program such as certification levels, lapse in volunteer activity, rules for becoming an alumni MG, how to transfer to another county and many more are answered in the Policy Guide. Where is that Policy Guide? – A link is provided on the **Forms** page where it reads "**Program Policy Guide** can be found **HERE**."

We hope knowing where to find all this information will be helpful, saving you time and aggravation.

*Jim & Mickey*

### MGATC Programs

**November 7, 2023**

**6:30 p.m. TCEO**

Social time 6:00 p.m.

***Rainscaping, John Orick***

**December 5, 2023**

**5:30 p.m. meeting TCEO**

**6:00 p.m. Carry in dinner**

**6:30 p.m. Speaker**

***Purdue Plant Doctor Website, Cliff Sadof***

For more information on upcoming events,  
contact Amanda Burge at  
[amanda\\_personett@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda_personett@yahoo.com)

**Websites:** <http://www.tippecanoemastergardener.org/> <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/>

**Newsletter:** 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)

## MGATC Meeting Minutes: October 3, 2023, TCEO

This was MGATC's annual Hoedown meeting. Following a wonderful carry-in dinner, the meeting was called to order by Co-President Mickey Penrod at 6:43 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the September 5, 2023, monthly meeting minutes as posted in the October 2023 issue of the **Garden Beet**.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Co-President Jim Jeray as Treasurer Deb Rimer was not in attendance. He reviewed the income and expenses for the month and noted that the ending bank balance was \$35,088.49 of which \$19,303.87 is in unrestricted funds.

Five members of the current Master Gardener class were recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

Mickey Penrod brought her copy of the AAS binder to the meeting and passed it around for everyone to see. It contained all of the competition information, including photographs and competition guidelines. MGATC's entry has been submitted; however, no results have been posted as yet.

It was announced that volunteers are needed to help with the new class on Saturdays, both mornings and afternoons. A sign-up sheet is at the greeter's table or volunteers can sign up through Sign-Up Genius.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Co-Vice President Cheryl McCool then introduced the speakers for the evening.

Alison Roth's slide-show presentation was on the

Master Gardener "Orchard." She reviewed all of the work that has been done in the orchard this year, including 1) planting new plants; 2) pruning existing plants; 3) reviewing how all of the plants did this year; and, 4) discussing goals for 2024. Anyone interested in helping in the orchard can contact Alison directly.

Next, Co-President Jim Jeray's presentation was on "Composting". He reviewed the process with everyone, using slides to contribute to his talk.

Lastly, Georgia Brist gave her presentation on her successes this year. She also left a stack of small brown envelopes at the front desk for Master Gardener use for collecting seeds. Georgia reported that she fostered plants for the Expo this year with good results, noting that it was easy and recommended fostering plants to others. She noted that cardboard boxes could be picked up at Food Finders for use at Expo.

Cheryl McCool thanked the Master Gardeners for volunteering to speak at our Hoedown meeting. All three presentations were informative and interesting.

Sue Swick's name was drawn for the first door prize which was a scarecrow fall centerpiece. Teri Cook won the second door prize which was a jar of blackberry jelly.

The education portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Sadler, Corresponding Secretary*

## MGATC Board Minutes: October 12, 2023, TCEO

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Mickey Penrod at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Jim Jeray, Mickey Penrod, Jan Sadler, Deb Rimer (via Zoom), Kathie Cox (via Zoom), Dee Dee Long, Cheryl McCool and Jolaine Roberts (as noted). Amanda Burge was absent from the meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the September 7, 2023, Board meeting minutes as posted in the October 2023 issue of the **Garden Beet**.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Deb Rimer. She reviewed the income and expenses for the month and noted that the ending bank balance was \$35,088.49 of which \$19,303.87 is in unrestricted funds. The savings account balance was \$10,557.53 and the gaming account balance was \$767.00. The current year-to-date expense balance is \$7,109.79, however, more expenses are expected to be submitted.

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It was reported that Pat Miller has spoken with Jim Jeray, Sue Hiser and Deb Rimer about setting up a Finance Committee meeting to work on the 2024 Budget. Pat Miller will work with Pat Williams to set up a Zoom meeting. The 2024 Budget will be presented to the Board by the Finance Committee at the November monthly meeting.

Also at the November monthly meeting, the slate of officers will be presented, with the election of officers being held at the December monthly meeting.

Jim Jeray reported that Lawn & Shrub will be turning off the water at the Extension gardens on November 6.

The Board agreed to participate in the Trunk or Treat program, noting that it was not necessary to bring this to the Board each year. The event will be held at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, West Pavilion, on Thursday, October 26 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dee Dee Long will set up a Sign-Up Genius email to get volunteers. A motion was made, seconded and carried to allow Dee Dee Long a \$200 budget to purchase candy for this event.

The Board discussed the topic of Expo donations. It was reiterated that we will not accept donated plants

from persons who are not Master Gardeners as we do not know what we are getting. We need to be careful as we have our reputation in the community to uphold and do not want to take a chance on selling plants which are diseased.

Jolaine Roberts arrived.

The Trellis and Vine Program will be set up this year with the new class. The class ends soon so we need to move forward on this. Dee Dee Long will send out a mass email asking for volunteers to be a trellises to work with the new class.

Mickey Penrod announced that MGATC placed Third in the AAS Selection Competition. The Board congratulated her on a job well done. She reported that she signed a Letter of Intent for next year. However, she will no longer be Chair of the AAS gardens. She gave them Pat Williams' contact information in the event that we can find someone else to take over the program.

In regard to the purchase of a push mover to support the gardens, Mickey Penrod reported that she is still shopping.

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Prior to the end of the class term, the non-voting Class Representative will be voted upon by the class. This position will be a representative to the Board.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to move the January 2024 meeting from January 2 to January 9, 2024 as it was felt the first Tuesday would be too close to the New Year's Day holiday and some people would not be home from holiday trips.

Dee Dee Long then asked the Board's permission to start a Demonstration Garden Design Committee for

next year. It is felt that the garden needs new ideas in order to get people excited again. She has some ideas herself and wants to form a committee to get the demo garden back on track. The Board approved this request.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Sadler, Recording Secretary*

## Treasurer's Report

### October 2023 Board Meeting Treasurer's Report

The income for September 2023 was \$.29 for checking account interest. Total Income Year-to-date 2023 is \$18,420.02.

For the unrestricted budget, we paid out \$125.00 for 5 Ivy Tech Scholarship Award Dinners. Total expenditures for the year was \$11,310.23. Net Income for the year is \$7,109.79. The Unrestricted Balance was \$19,303.87 at the end of September 2023.

The Restricted funds expense was \$257.49: \$115.96 for the Compost project tractor diesel/oil; \$141.53 for the Extension Community Garden tiller tires. The Restricted Fund Balance at the end of September was \$15,784.62. The Ending Checking account balance was \$35,088.49. Savings balance was \$10,557.53 and the new Gaming account was \$767.00.

*Deb Rimer, Treasurer*

## News from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present a slate of candidates for the Board of MGATC. Nominations may also be made by members of MGATC, from the floor, with the permission of the nominee. Voting will take place at the December 2023 regular meeting, and the successful candidates will serve for two years beginning on January 1, 2024.

**Co-Presidents: Cheryl McCool and Dee Dee Long**

**Co-Vice Presidents: Sally Casey and Alison Roth**

**Treasurer: Pat Miller**

**Recording Secretary: Mary Kay McCauley**

**Corresponding Secretary: Kathie Cox**

**Member at Large: Georgia Brist**

We thank these nominees for their willingness to serve.

*Jolaine Roberts, Nominating Committee*

**"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons."**

 ~ Jim Bishop

**Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County  
2024 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. Annual dues include one copy of the Membership Book, access to the Garden Beet by email, access to the 'Members Only' area on the website, monthly educational seminars and voting rights during the annual election.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

I have reported at least the Purdue minimum of 12 volunteer hours and 6 education hours for 2023.

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

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

Please check the membership option(s) you would like below:

Individual Annual Dues (includes 1 Green Book)	\$25
Couple Annual Dues (please include both names above)	\$40
Garden Beet (if you wish to receive monthly printed copies)	\$12
Green Membership Book (additional copy)	\$2
TOTAL = \$ _____	

Paid Online: <https://master-gardener-association-of-tippecanoe-county.square.site>

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Areas where I can be an effective Master Gardener:

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking <input type="checkbox"/> Great Annual Annual Planting <input type="checkbox"/> Serving as an officer <input type="checkbox"/> Serving as committee chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Publishing the Garden Beet <input type="checkbox"/> Writing for the Garden Beet <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing publicity <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with youth programs <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with plant sales <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Home gardens <input type="checkbox"/> MG Educational Center <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Garden Tours <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> Staffing info booths <input type="checkbox"/> Planning workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Nature center docent <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with annual Garden Expo <input type="checkbox"/> Working in Demonstration Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Working in the Display & Idea Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Working at the Children's Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Ext Office Community Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Chatham Sq Community Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Cumberland Community Garden
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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 31, 2023:

**Mailing address: MGATC Membership  
Tippecanoe County Extension Office  
1950 South 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lafayette, IN 47905**



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## What's Happening

**Oct. 25, 4 – 6 pm Central time– Seed Collection at Beaver Lake Prairie**, hosted by DNR in partnership with Friends of the Sands.

Join us for the final native plant seed harvesting workday at Beaver Lake Prairie Nature Preserve. The group will harvest seed and finish with a view of the sunset over the prairie. Bags, scissors and gloves will be provided. **For more information, meeting location and to RSVP**, contact Gus Nyberg at [nyberggus@gmail.com](mailto:nyberggus@gmail.com) or 765-427-4345

**Oct. 27, 5-8 pm, West Lafayette Fall Festival** (West Lafayette Wellness Center, 1101 Kalberer Road, West Lafayette)

WL Parks and Recreation is sponsoring this free family-friendly event. Activities include a movie fire pits, crafts food trucks, and trick-or-treating. WLTree Friends will have a table – stop by for candy and information about trees! **FREE but registration is required** and can be done through CIVICREC or email [wellness@westlafayette.in.gov](mailto:wellness@westlafayette.in.gov)

**Oct. 28, Weed Wrangle at Mosquito Creek Nature Preserve at 9am EST.**

Our annual fall Weed Wrangle is looking for volunteers! We'll use some tools and herbicide to do cut-stump treatment on a variety of no-good invasives that are crowding out native plants. Esmé Barniskis, IN TNC Volunteer and Events Specialist. Questions: contact [esme.barniskis@tnc.org](mailto:esme.barniskis@tnc.org) **RSVP** on the Volunteer Calendar:

<https://outlook.office365.com/calendar/published/1090e94c81a6426fb2079298d85371dd@TNC.ORG/4ee1e251dbcd4e77b629030c873f22893591099997417263813/calendar.html>

**Oct. 28, 1-3 pm CT, Where the Buffalo Roamed: A Brief History and Ecology of Northern Indiana's Prairies**, presented by Steve Sass & Amanda Smith (Indiana Nature, LLC) hosted by Friends of the Sands

and Newton County Public Library. Details - contact Alyssa: [anyberg@tnc.org](mailto:anyberg@tnc.org) or 219-866-1706

**Oct. 28, 10:00-11:30 am Eastern time Fall Foliage Hike at Jackson-Schnyder Nature Preserve** (3635 W. Concannon Ave, West Terre Haute, 47885)

This hike celebrates the 14th anniversary of Jackson-Schnyder Nature Preserve's dedication as a state nature preserve. Dr. James Speer, Professor of Geography and Geology at Indiana State University and OLC Advisory Board member, will share about the preserve's flora as he leads hikers through the tallgrass prairie and approximately 25 species of trees found on the 20-acre preserve. No reservations required for this free family-friendly hike. Attendees are encouraged to wear long pants, hiking boots, or good tennis shoes.

**WEDNESDAYS in the WILD** no events this month. Programs will resume in February.

**Nov. 2, 11 am – 4:30 pm EST, VIRTUAL 2023 Natural Areas Conference**, "The Power of Long Term Ecological Research (LTER): Informing Natural Areas Management"

The [National Science Foundation \(NSF\) Long Term Ecological Research Program \(LTER\)](#) was established in 1980 to address ecological questions that cannot be resolved with short-term observations or experiments; emphasizing the study of ecological phenomena over long periods of time.

The conference will feature LTER representatives from the following ecosystems:

[Prairies & Grasslands](#), [Forests](#), [Coastal Regions](#), [Lacustrine/Riverine](#), and [Drylands](#)

**DETAILS / COST / REGISTER** for this virtual conference at:

[https://www.naturalareas.org/2023\\_natural\\_areas\\_conference.php](https://www.naturalareas.org/2023_natural_areas_conference.php)

"I am most radiant and full of energy when the leaves are falling and there is a ghost of change in the air."



## What's Happening cont'd

### Nov. 4, 10 am - 1 pm Sugar Creek Clean-up

Join us for our annual float and cleanup of Sugar Creek! Boats/paddles/life jackets will be provided. Bring water, snacks, and shoes that you don't mind getting wet. We will be meeting at our [Bachner Preserve](#) property in Montgomery County..**Info/Directions:** <https://nicheslandtrust.org/montgomery-county/bachner-nature-reserve> **RSVP required:** Sign up for this volunteer event (attendance limited to 11 individuals) at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A5AB28A1F8C43-44962918-2023#/>

**Nov. 4, 10 am - 2 pm CT – National Bison Day at Kankakee Sands**, hosted by TNC in partnership with Friends of the Sands. Annual National Bison Day event – corral tours, kids' crafts, a chance to talk with Bison Rangers & TNC staff. More info: <http://www.nature.org/kankakeesands> QUESTIONS, contact Alyssa Nyberg Restoration Ecologist, Kankakee Sands: [anyberg@tnc.org](mailto:anyberg@tnc.org) or 219-866-1706

**Nov. 9, 10:30 am - noon CST – Friends of the Sands Seed Cleaning Workday**, hosted by Friends of the Sands in partnership with TNC.

To prepare for the Friends of the Sands annual 2024 Native Plant Sale, we will be cleaning seed of native plants that will be grown out for the May 2024 sale. We'll need to clean the seed from the chaff and tuck the seeds into plastic bags for cool storage until we stratify the seeds in the coming months. If you're interested in how to grow your own natives from seed, this is a great way to learn, ask questions, and gain some experience. Dress for the weather. This event will be held outdoors. Meet at the Kankakee Sands Seed Barn at 417 W 600 N, Lake Village, IN. **Please RSVP!** Contact Jeanette Jaskula at [jmjaskula@yahoo.com](mailto:jmjaskula@yahoo.com) or 219-869-1004 to RSVP.

### Nov. 11, Honeysuckle Weed Wrangle at Conrad Station Savanna at 9am CST

The first of several Weed Wrangles queued up at Conrad Station is happening this November and we need your help to get honeysuckle and autumn olive out of the understory. Come spend time with us and don't forget your own gloves! Thanks to the Newton County Nature Partnership for co-leading this series. QUESTIONS: contact Esmé Barniskis, IN TNC Volunteer and Events Specialist: [esme.barniskis@tnc.org](mailto:esme.barniskis@tnc.org)

**RSVP** on the Volunteer Calendar:

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### Nov. 14, 12 noon, West Lafayette Tree Friends Meeting

(Margerum City Hall, The Bean Room, 222 No. Chauncey Ave., West Lafayette)

Everyone is welcome! Second Tuesday of every month. Check out the City's public meeting calendar or Contact Bryce Patz, Community (continued above)

Forestry and Greenspace Planner for more information at [bpatz@westlafayette.in.gov](mailto:bpatz@westlafayette.in.gov)

### Nov. 15, 10 am – noon, Lillich Lecture

(West Lafayette Wellness Center, Community Rooms, 1101 Kalberer Road, West Lafayette) West Lafayette Tree Friends is hosting the second Lillich Lecture of 2023, sponsored by Davey Resource Group. The series is named in honor of the WL Tree Friends founder, Helen Lillich. The topic for this meeting is "Maintaining the Urban Canopy." For more information about this program and to register, [click here!](#) **\$35 registration fee required.**

### Nov. 16, 6:00–7:30 pm CT, Webinar from Wild Ones (Native Plants, Natural Landscapes): "The Gardener's Guide to Prairie Plants" with Neil Diboll and Hilary Cox

**REGISTER** at: <https://wildones.org/webinar-diboll-cox-nov-2023/#DibollCox2023>

**About the Webinar:** Join us for an enlightening webinar featuring authors, Neil Diboll and Hilary Cox, as they present their latest book, "The Gardener's Guide to Prairie Plants." This comprehensive compendium is a treasure trove of knowledge for gardeners looking to incorporate native prairie plants into their landscapes. Neil and Hilary will share insights, inspiration and information necessary for eager native planters from across the country to welcome these plants back to their landscapes. Submit your questions! Because webinar host [Doug Tallamy](#) will be leading a Q&A at the end.

### About the Speakers:

Wild Ones Lifetime Honorary Director [Neil Diboll](#) has been president and consulting ecologist for Prairie Nursery, Inc. for over forty years, having previously held positions with the United States Park Service, the United States Forest Service, and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's Cofrin Arboretum.

**Hilary Cox** is a horticulturist, garden designer, botanist, and photographer. She was the owner and landscape designer of Leescapes Garden Design for over twenty years and has previously held positions as a designated collector of prairie and woodland seeds for the joint projects of the Millennium Seedbank, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and Seeds of Success USA, which was coordinated by the Chicago Botanic Garden.

## What's Happening cont'd

Nov. 24, 10 am – noon CST, Day after Thanksgiving Hike at Kankakee Sands, hosted by Friends of the Sands in partnership with TNC. Join us for a 2-mile stretch-those-legs walk along the Grace Teninga Trail. If family and friends are in town, bring them along! Dogs on a leash welcome too! We will be meeting at the Grace Teninga Trail parking lot located on CR 600 N, one and a half miles east of CR 200 W in Lake Village. **For more information and to RSVP**, contact Alyssa Nyberg at [anyberg@tnc.org](mailto:anyberg@tnc.org) or 219-866-1706.

**See The Nature Conservancy (TNC) events at Kankakee Sands and other TNC locations around the state:**

<https://outlook.office365.com/calendar/published/1090e94c81a6426fb2079298d85371dd@TNC.ORG/4ee1e251dbcd4e77b629030c873f22893591099997417263813/calendar.html>



**November volunteer workdays with RIP Squad** - Remove Invasive Plants to help protect the native plants:

**TUESDAYS Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 3:00-5:00 pm**, at Prophets Rock Woods

**THURSDAYS Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30, 3:00-5:00 pm**, at Ross Hills Park

For more information contact Patty Jones, landline/voicemail 765-463-3050 or email [removeinvasiveplants.wcinps@gmail.com](mailto:removeinvasiveplants.wcinps@gmail.com)

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

*Master Gardener volunteer hours are approved for Rip Squad work.*



“Never jump in a pile of leaves with a wet sucker.” – Linus

*It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*



## What Happened Co-editors' report:

### October 6-7: 2023 Purdue Extension Master Gardener State Conference

The statewide conference at Purdue was excellent with great educational sessions. We learned a lot!

Professor Linda Prokopy, Department Head Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Karen Mitchell, Consumer Horticulture Extension Specialist, and John Orick, Purdue Extension Master Gardener State Coordinator, welcomed Master Gardeners from across Indiana and expressed thanks for everything Master Gardeners do. The statistics for volunteer hours and the equivalent monetary value of all those hours is truly impressive. If you didn't attend, please know how much your volunteer activities are appreciated.

*Humble brag:* Our team of Master Gardeners from a number of different counties won the Jeopardy horticulture knowledge contest, narrowly beating the team that included Rosie Lerner and two Horticulture Professors Emeritus. Woohoo! But, we did not know the correct response to “The temperature compost has to achieve to kill weed seeds”. The correct Jeopardy response was: “What is 165 degrees?”

Master Gardeners had a great time touring the Jules Janick Horticulture Garden. If you get a chance before freezing temps arrive, stop by campus to see the garden and especially the new rain garden on the northside of the Horticulture Building.



## Recipes of the Month

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

### Ravioli With Creamy Squash Sauce

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/ravioli-with-creamy-squash-sauce/> Taste of Home is a part of RDA Brands, LLC, © 2023. All Rights Reserved.

### Pumpkin Dump Cake

<https://momfoodie.com/pumpkin-dump-cake-easy-thanksgiving-dessert-recipe/> © 2023 Mom Foodie, a participant in Amazon Services LLC Associates Program. All Rights Reserved.





## Purdue Landscape Report

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

To get this twice a month newsletter by email go to: <https://www.purduelandscapereport.org>

Click on subscribe link. You can also read previous issues online at the same website. See Purdue Landscape Report, September 12, 2023, Issue: 23-14 by Ben McCallister: "Can I Plant Trees in the Fall?"

<https://www.purduelandscapereport.org/article/can-i-plant-trees-in-the-fall/>



## More educational opportunities

Chris Ramsey, Garden Beet Consulting Editor, found a great educational resource for Master Gardeners who want to refresh their knowledge.

Louisiana State University Extension is offering an online, 10-week gardening course through the LSU Department of Agriculture. It is free, but they do accept donations.

These video modules can be viewed at your own pace.

In a nutshell:

Week 1 is about soil and soil testing

Week 2 is garden planning and botany

Week 3 is plant propagation

Week 4 is plant nutrition

Week 5 is insects

Week 6 is plant disease

Week 7 is weeds

Week 8 is vegetables

Week 9 is more vegetables

Week 10 is herbs

Here is the website:

[https://www.lsuagcenter.com/topics/lawn\\_gardening/master%20gardener/home-gardening-certificate-course](https://www.lsuagcenter.com/topics/lawn_gardening/master%20gardener/home-gardening-certificate-course).



## November Garden To-Do List

- Give houseplants adequate light & humidity.
- Plant spring bulbs when soil temperature is 55° or less.
- Apply animal repellent over spring bulbs such as tulips and crocus, and on trees, shrubs, and evergreens if needed.
- Start bulbs for forcing. Keep tender bulbs like paperwhites in warm or slightly cool indoor temperatures.
- Harvest late season leafy greens and Brussels sprouts. Carrots can stay in the ground a while longer if thick mulch is applied to keep the ground from freezing.
- Wait to mulch tender plants and roses until ground is frozen (usually in late November or early December).
- November is still a good time to plant trees & shrubs.
- Deeply water trees and shrubs, especially new ones, before the ground freezes..
- Disconnect garden hoses before freezing temperatures.
- Keep mulch away from base of trees and shrubs to discourage bark-chewing voles.
- Cut lawn grass if needed at usual height. Tall grass can be prone to snow mold.
- Do final garden cleanup. Compost leaves and debris. Turn the compost pile.
- Clean up all dropped fruit below fruit trees.
- For more tips see: <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/november-yard-garden-calendar/>
- Stay warm & healthy while you garden indoors & outdoors this month. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### MGATC 2024 Membership Renewal Form

Find new membership form on page 5 of this newsletter and online at

<https://www.tippecanoemastergardener.org>

Dues are currently being collected for 2024 year. Membership forms should be mailed to:

MGATC Membership, Tippecanoe County  
Extension Office, 1950 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Lafayette, IN 47905.



### YOUR MGATC OFFICERS:

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