

GARDEN BEET

Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County

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September 2023

Message from Your Co-Presidents

Jim and Mickey

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, some things are so important that they bear repeating. (For those of you not familiar with the broken record simile, ask your parents.)

The MGATC bylaws require the current board to present to the membership at the November meeting the slate of potential officers for the next two years. In December we all vote to determine the lucky winners. (There are usually no losers.) Purdue Extension Master Gardeners (EMG) is a volunteer program, so please volunteer by contacting Cheryl McCool or Jolaine Roberts, who serve as the nominating committee.

We would very much like to see some new faces at the board meetings. MGATC board should not look like a game of musical chairs with the same people rotating through the different positions making decisions about the same issues, while the rest of the membership wonders what's going on and why. This is not healthy for our organization.

Primary needs are for a recording secretary – someone who can attend most of the meetings and write up the minutes for the Garden Beet and co-vice presidents who will work as a team to schedule speakers (so we all can conveniently get our required education hours).

No one on the board is left out on a limb. When the recording secretary is absent, someone else is available to fill in. Minutes are sent out to the rest of the board before publication in the Garden Beet for fresh eyes to check for accuracy and completeness. The co-vice presidents can expect support from the rest of the board and previous co-vice presidents for

ideas and contact information. Pat Williams, our EMG advisor, can also be called on to present, and the annual hoedown features your fellow members.

Additionally, officers get in on the ground floor when decisions are made and can provide input for the direction of the organization. Board meetings (2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30) and any work done as an officer count as volunteer hours. (It's a great opportunity for anyone who no longer has the physical ability or energy to spend a lot of time in the gardens.)

Please consider serving. We will be on the board for two more years as co-past presidents, available to support the other officers in any way we can.

Jim & Mickey

MGATC Programs

September 5 6:30 p.m. TCEO
Social time 6:00 p.m.
Container Planting
Carey Grable, Marion County

October 3 6:30 p.m. TCEO
Social time 6:00 p.m.
ANNUAL HOEDOWN - OPEN MIC NIGHT
MGATC Master Gardeners

This is your opportunity to share! See page 5

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

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

MGATC Meeting Minutes: August 1, 2023, 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Mickey Penrod at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 monthly meeting as printed in the August 2023 **Garden Beet**.

Deb Rimer gave the Treasurer's Report. She reviewed the income and expenses for July, as well as all of the account balances.

Mickey Penrod then passed around a photo of the AAS produce which was harvested and donated to Food Finders.

Our Extension Garden property and parking leases have been renewed for another year. The Board will be discussing purchase of a riding lawn mower and shed to keep it in.

New membership forms will be available September 1. Dues will begin being collected in October. It was noted that MGATC's post office box has been cancelled so all mail, including membership forms, need to be mailed to the street address which is 1950 S. 18th Street, Lafayette, IN 47905.

The Hoedown is coming up at our October 3 monthly meeting. Four Master Gardener volunteers are needed to give 10 to 15 minute presentations each at the Hoedown. If interested, contact either Amanda Burge or Cheryl McCool.

Jan Sadler reported that two more volunteers are needed for manning the booth at the State Fair on Friday, August 11. One is needed for the early shift (9am to 11:30am) and one is needed for the late shift (11:30am to 2pm). If interested, contact Jan Sadler.

Jim Jeray stated that the Nominating Committee is in need of volunteers for the following offices:

Co-Vice Presidents -- whose main job is to obtain speakers for the monthly meetings. It is important to

have speakers as a number of our members count on these to get their annual education hours.

Recording Secretary – whose main job is to attend monthly meetings and board meetings and take minutes. Minutes of both meetings are approved by the Board and published in the **Garden Beet**.

If interested in running for an office, contact either Cheryl McCool or Jolaine Roberts.

Chi-hua Huang announced that Cumberland Community Garden (CCG) is hosting an education event on "Community Projects and Uncommon Plants" at CCG on Saturday, August 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Gardeners growing uncommon plants will be onsite to interact with visitors. All Master Gardeners are invited. A mass email will be sent out and participants will be asked to sign up before August 16 in order to have a count to determine refreshments and guide sheets.

There being no further agenda items, the business portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Prior to the introduction of the night's speaker, Mickey Penrod asked that all phones be turned off and questions be held until the end of the presentation.

Amanda Burge then introduced Professor Mike Dana from the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Purdue University. Dr. Dana gave an interesting presentation on "Landscape History in England & Europe". Dr. Dana also talked about the recent Purdue Master Gardener trip to England, which included numerous photos.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sadler, Corresponding Secretary*

MGATC Board Minutes: August 10, 2023 TCEO

The Board meeting was called to order by Co-President Mickey Penrod at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Jim Jeray, Mickey Penrod, Jan Sadler, Kathie Cox, Jolaine Roberts, and Dee Dee Long; Deb Rimer and Amanda Burge were present via zoom. Cheryl McCool was present as noted.

The only change to the July 11, 2023, minutes was that the June 8 2023 Board minutes were approved as posted in the July **Garden Beet**. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023, Board meeting with this correction.

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Deb Rimer gave the Treasurer's Report. The ending bank balance for July was \$37,527.43 with unrestricted funds totaling \$21,467.27. The savings account balance was \$10,556.73 and the gaming balance was \$767.00.

Tippecanoe County coverage at the Indiana State Fair "Plant Info to Go" booth is on Friday, August 11 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Jan Sadler reported that she was only able to get four volunteers – two from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and two from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We asked for three volunteers for each shift but ended with only two.

In regard to the Tippecanoe County Fair, Jan Sadler reported that we were unhappy with the location of our tables. They were behind the main stage and very few guests stopped by to check it out. Jan asked the Board's permission to contact the county fair personnel early next year and get information on possibly renting a booth in a better location. Once she gets the information (including price), she will come back to the Board in order make a decision on what to do next year.

The other issue Jan Sadler reported was that several volunteers did not show up for their shifts and no one reported to Jan that they were unable to work the table. Jan will send reminder emails in the future and make sure everyone knows to contact her if they are unable to work their shift.

In regard to Chatham Square, Doug Ketterer asked to pick up the Master Gardener's tractor and take it to Chatham Square for one day. Jim Jeray noted that the proposed day is August 19. Doug has a trailer, will pick up the tractor, use it at Chatham Square and then return it the same day. This was approved.

Dee Dee Long received a text from Sarah Howard regarding an upcoming community event called the Convoy of Hope. The event will be held on Saturday, August 26 at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds.

Guests will be given free groceries, shoes, haircuts, etc. The Master Gardeners will be assisting at the Gardens in a Bag Booth, giving away vegetable seeds along with a handout provided by Dr. Pat Williams with information on how to plant and grow vegetables. Dee Dee will send a mass email asking for 5 Master Gardeners to volunteer from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Jim Jeray received an Invitation in the mail from Ivy Tech regarding Evening on the Farm 2023 on Thursday September 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bane Agriculture Technology Center. This is the event at which scholarships are presented to the recipients. As in the past, Master Gardeners will reserve a table of 8, to include the student receiving our scholarship, Pat Miller as Scholarship Chair, Dee Dee Long, Mickey Penrod, Cheryl McCool, Jan Sadler, and Pat Williams.

Mickey Penrod brought up the topic of signage at the Extension Office Gardens. "No Parking" signs are needed at the gardens to let everyone know where to park while construction of the humane society project is in progress. Dr. Pat Williams is working with the County to get the signs and Mickey will install them.

Another big issue at the construction site is flooding. Dr. Pat Williams will contact the County in order to resolve this problem.

Jim Jeray reported that he made the requested changes to the 2024 Membership form. He also added a notation noting that volunteer and education hours must be posted. The updated form will be sent to Charles Kanitz, Webmaster, to be uploaded to the website. Dee Dee Long will send a mass email after September 1.

A question was asked to Dr. Pat Williams regarding sending out recordings from the last two monthly meetings. At the July meeting, no one hit the record

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"It was a lovely afternoon — such an afternoon as only
September can produce when summer has stolen back for one
more day of dream and glamour."

 ~ L.M. Montgomery 

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button so it mistakenly did not get recorded; then at the August meeting, the speaker did not stand where he would be picked up by the camera. Future meetings will again be recorded.

Dr. Pat Williams gave an update on the 2023 Master Gardener Class. It will start on Saturday, September 16 and end Saturday, November 11. The class will start at 9:00 a.m. and run until 4:00 p.m., with an hour for lunch. There will not be a class on October 7 due to the State Conference. Class information and registration forms have been sent to all names on the waiting list (44). To date, 8 people have signed up and paid; 12 people have declined. Class registration is open until September 4, with payment due by September 8. Follow-up contacts will be made.

The State Conference will be held on October 6-7, 2023 at Purdue Campus. Approximately 200 guests are expected to attend. There will be a reception on Friday evening with an all-day event on Saturday.

Cheryl McCool arrived.

There was a brief discussion regarding the organization's savings account and whether or not we still need to have it. There were mixed feelings with members stating their opinions/reasons for their viewpoints. It was agreed to roll this topic over to next month.

Mickey Penrod will get quotes for a small push mower and bring them to the next Board meeting,

Due to the issue of charging the batteries for the electric mower in the Children's Garden, Cheryl McCool volunteered to contact Duke Energy to check on the possibility of getting electricity wired to the tractor shed. She will report back to the Board.

Another issue at the Extension Office Gardens is theft. Additional signage is needed to let visitors know that the gardens are personal gardens – not public.

Dr. Pat Williams is working with Dee Nicley regarding signage once the humane society is completed. The plan is to have a big sign with detailed information about the Master Gardeners' gardens, making it clear that "picking" from our gardens will not be tolerated.

Cheryl McCool reported that she has one speaker for the October Hoedown; Amanda Burge also has one speaker. Jim Jeray volunteered to speak. They will hopefully get one more speaker for the Hoedown.

There being no further agenda items, the business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Sadler, Corresponding Secretary*

Treasurer's Report

August 2023 Board Meeting Treasurer's Report

The income for July 2023 was \$.33 for checking account interest. Total Income Year-to-date 2023 is \$18,419.42.

For the unrestricted budget, we paid out a total of \$1,301.87: Demo garden \$123.96, Display and Idea Pathways \$486.10, Display/Idea AAS \$620.96, and Cumberland Adopt a Garden \$70.85. The Unrestricted Balance was \$22,204.35 at the end of July 2023.

The Restricted funds expense was \$551.24: Garden improvement: \$184 for Lawn and Shrub irrigation line repairs and \$111.22 for oil filters and straps for hauling, Compost project: \$18 for Diesel, and \$238.02 for the Extension Garden weed control/sign repair. The Restricted Fund Balance at the end of July was \$16,060.16. The Ending Checking account balance was \$38,264.51. Savings balance was \$10,556.73 and the new Gaming account was \$767.00.

Deb Rimer, Treasurer

🍏 MGATC NOMINATIONS 🍏

Nomination for officers in 2024-2025 are needed for the following offices: Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Member at Large.

Please think about being more involved in your organization – run for an office.

Please call Cheryl McCool at 765-413-1686 or Jolaine Roberts at 765-412-4821 with your choice of office. Their emails are in the Green Book and on the last page of this newsletter.



If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!



OCTOBER 3, 2023 is HOEDOWN OPEN MIC NIGHT

Cheryl McCool would like at least four Master Gardeners to speak for open mic night at the October MGATC Hoedown meeting. This is your chance to share garden stories, successes, tips, hacks, growing information, DIYs, how-to's, and more. Help make this a fun night!

Call Cheryl at 765-413-1686 or email her at mikeandcherylmc@msn.com.

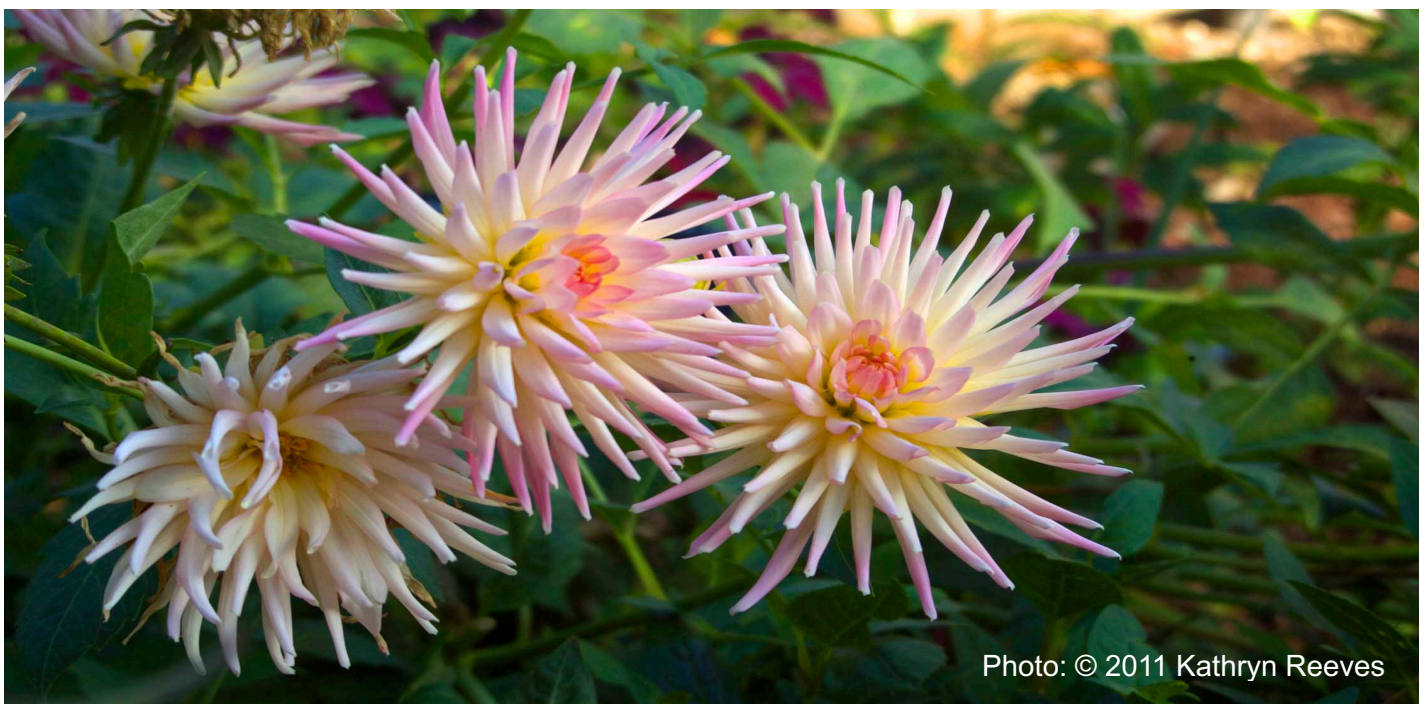


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What's Happening

AUG 28th, 7pm. Online event by INPS Native Seed Communities, "Starting Native Plants from Seed" Eileen Davis, Environmental Educator for Lake County Forest Preserves. MORE INFO on Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/1rGa9TPAp> or register at <https://signup.com/go/DbEuJOs>

QUESTIONS? Contact Bill Daniels (Program Leader, INPS Native Seed Communities) 812-929-8421 or visit <https://indiananativeplants.org/growing-native-plants-from-seed/>

WEDNESDAYS in the WILD

REGISTRATION is required by noon on Monday prior to program: mcutler@tippecanoe.in.gov or 765-567-2992. Some programs are LIMITED to 20 or 25 participants.

AUG 23rd, 1-3pm, Beyond the Battle: Chapters in the Tippecanoe Battlefield Story, TIPP BF. Tippecanoe County Naturalist Mary Cutler will share the history of this iconic historic site from 1811 onwards. Political rallies, early educational institutions, church camps, and Purdue University all have a connection to this unique site! Limited to 25 participants.

AUG 30th, 6:30-8:30pm, Incredible Edibles & Plant Potions: Ethnobotanical Uses of Plants, WNC. Enjoy a leisurely hike with Tippecanoe County Naturalist Mary Cutler on the Tippecanoe Battlefield grounds to learn about the human uses of a wide range of both native and non-native plants found at the park. Meet at the Nature Center. Limited to 25 participants.

SEP 6th, 1-3pm, Touring a Local Treasure: Clegg Gardens, CLEGG. Visit four habitats along Wildcat Creek while learning about major infrastructure and visitor experience improvements at NICHES Land Trust headquarters: Clegg Memorial Gardens! New trails, safety crossing, play area, observation deck and more will be featured on this guided hike with Shannon Stanis (Executive Director, NICHES Land Trust). Max: 20 participants.

SEP 13th, 1-3pm, Wabash River Plant Diversity: An Autumn Walk & Talk, TTPK. IU Researcher Rich Hull

will lead a walk at Tecumseh Trail Park focusing on goldenrods, asters and other native and non-native autumn late-bloomers. He will also introduce his research on plant diversity along the lower Wabash River corridor, discuss current threats to biodiversity, and focus on ways local communities can address these challenges. Max: 20 participants.

SEP 20th, 1-3pm, The Great American Total Solar Eclipse of 2024, LNC. On April 8, 2024 the path of a total solar eclipse will go right over Indiana, affording a rare opportunity to view this amazing celestial spectacle. Members of the Wabash Valley Astronomical Society will discuss eclipses and what to expect, depending on location, during the eclipse. NOTE: Solar viewing glasses will be available for \$2 (cash or check). Weather permitting, following the presentation we plan to view solar features through specially filtered telescopes. Max: 30 participants.

SEP 27th, 2-4pm EDT Starting from Seed: The ABCs of Planting a Prairie, KS. Alyssa Nyberg (Restoration Ecologist, Kankakee Sands) will provide a tour of the Kankakee Sands Native Plant Nursery, where seeds are grown and harvested for new prairie plantings on the property, followed by a visit to the Kankakee Sands Seed Barn where the harvested seeds are dried, processed and stored until planting each winter. Max: 20 participants.

NOTE: 2-4pm EDT (local KS time is 1-3pm CDT). EXTRA: Special Post-WitW Opportunity! "Planting on the Prairie" event at Beaver Lake Nature Preserve, 5-7pm EDT (4-6 local CDT) For meeting location, more info and to RSVP, contact Gus Nyberg: nyberggus@gmail.com or 765-427-4345.

WEDNESDAYS in the WILD LOCATIONS:

CLEGG (Clegg Memorial Gardens): Meet 1pm at 1782 N 400 E (Eisenhower Rd) just south of its intersection with 200N, Lafayette.

KS (Kankakee Sands Office): Meet at the Kankakee Sands office (3294 N US 41, Morocco).

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WEDNESDAYS in the WILD LOCATIONS:

LNC (Lilly Nature Center): 1620 Lindberg Rd, between Northwestern & McCormick in West Lafayette.

TIPP BF (Tippecanoe Battlefield): Meet 1pm at the large picnic shelter adjacent to the Battlefield Museum off N. 9th St. in Battle Ground.

TTPK (Tecumseh Trails Park): Meet 1pm in parking lot at 3800 N. River Rd., West Lafayette.

WNC (Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center): Located at Tippecanoe Battlefield off N. 9th St. in Battle Ground—see program descriptions for evening meeting times.



Master Gardener Online Educational Opportunities

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 MG Education hours.



Purdue Landscape Report – timely topics on trees, shrubs, flowers, plant diseases, insect pests, invasive species and more. To get this twice a month newsletter by email go to: <https://www.purduelandscape.com> Click on subscribe link. You can also read previous issues online at the same website.



SIGN UP NOW:

October 6-7, 2023

2023 Purdue Extension Master Gardener State Conference Purdue Campus, West Lafayette

Online registration and information at:

<https://bit.ly/2023EMGStateConf>

October 6

5:30 pm Check-in and reception
6:15 pm Heavy Hors d'oeuvres served and social time
7:00 pm Guest Presenter (TBA)
7:45 pm Interactive Presentation (TBA)
8:30 pm Adjourn

October 7

10:30 am Choices for Session 1:
Jules Janick Horticulture Gardens and Greenhouse Tour
Tree ID Walk & Planting Demonstration
Gardening While Aging /Horticultural Therapy
Plant Disease Diagnostics
Spreader Calibration & Reading the Fertilizer Bag
1:15 pm Choices for Session 2:
Jules Janick Horticulture Gardens and Greenhouse Tour
Bee Keeping Demonstration
Flower Arranging
Home Hydroponics
Landscape Design
2:45 pm Choices for Session 3:
Jules Janick Horticulture Gardens and Greenhouse Tour
Vermi-Composting
Fruit Gardening
Alternatives to Pesticides & Fertilizers in Turf
Field Diagnostics Walking Tour
4:00 pm. Break
4:15 pm Closing Session and Evaluation
4:30 pm Adjourn



"By all these lovely tokens September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer."



- Helen Hunt Jackson, September, 1830-1885



MGATC 2024 Membership Renewal Form

Find new membership form online September 1 and thereafter at
<https://www.tippecanoemastergardener.org>

(Form was not available at time of this publication)

Dues will begin being collected in October 2023 for 2024 year,
Membership forms should be mailed to 1950 S. 18th Street,
Lafayette, IN 47905. Do not mail to old PO Box #.



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Recipes of the Month

Emily Hughes found a great recipe this month for **Apple Pie Cupcakes with Cinnamon Buttercream**. See directions for this copyrighted recipe at:

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/apple-pie-cupcakes-with-cinnamon-buttercream/>

...and a recipe for **Chakchouka/Shakshouka**, “a Tunisian dish of tomatoes, onions, pepper, spices, and eggs. It’s usually eaten for breakfast or lunch. And it’s easy to make. It is similar to the Turkish dish menemen and the Latin American breakfast dish huevos rancheros.”

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/213717/chakchouka-shakshouka/>

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Got extra produce? Donate it!

As part of the MGATC mission, Master Gardeners grow and donate thousands of pounds of fresh produce to food banks in the Greater Lafayette area.


If you have extra produce this summer, **Food Finders Food Bank Inc.** will distribute it back to our community!


Drop it by the 1210 N 10th St Warehouse in Lafayette between 7am-4pm from Monday through Friday. Enter Food Finders door on 10th Street - there's a counter on the right. If there's no one there, just leave produce on the counter (sometimes there's cart there for donated produce).


Other places to donate fresh produce are: **Lafayette Urban Ministry** (LUM) at St. John's Episcopal Church, 6th Street between North and Ferry, Lafayette TH mornings *and* at Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian St., West Lafayette, FRI mornings.



September Garden To-Do List

 Refresh porch and patio containers with a spectacular fall display of asters, chrysanthemums and ornamental cabbage.


 September lawn care: Re-seed bare spots or over-seed your lawn with high quality grass seed. Lightly water newly seeded lawns 2-4 times daily depending on weather. When seedlings are 2" high, reduce frequency and water more deeply.


 Fertilize lawn with high nitrogen, very low phosphorus, low to moderate potassium. See details, application rate and schedule in free Purdue publication AY-13-W and AY-22-W on Lawn Maintenance and Fertilizing at:
https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?Item_Number=AY-13-W
https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?item_number=AY-22-W


 Sow seed of next year's biennial flowers.





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 Harvest and preserve herbs by drying or freezing.


 Collect mature, dry seeds for winter sowing or store for next year.


 Start spinach, kale, and other cold tolerant greens under row covers or in a cold frame for tasty winter salads.


 Early this month, take cuttings of favorite garden plants to root and overwinter indoors. Bring tender plants in containers inside before the first frost.


 Plant trees, shrubs and perennials so their roots will establish before winter. Replace under-performing plants with something better.


 Water in drought conditions. Keep watering lawns, perennials, shrubs and trees.

 Divide and transplant early spring and summer flowering perennials.


 Plant perennial ornamental grasses. Wait to divide most grasses until spring.


 Deadhead and cut back spent perennials as needed.


 Continue mulching and weeding. Prevent weed seed formation to make next year's maintenance easier.

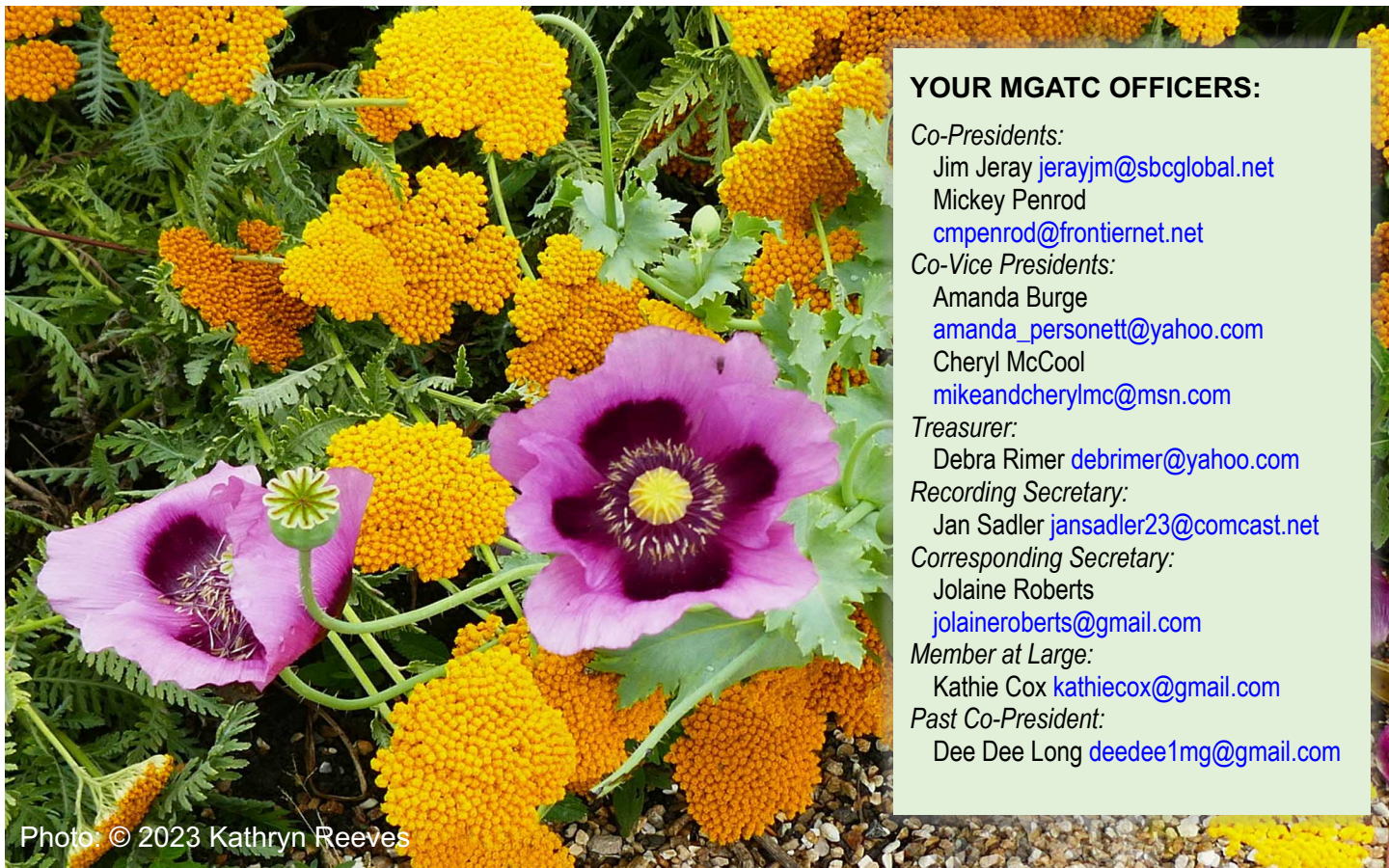
 Order spring bulbs for fall planting. Pre-dig areas or holes for bulbs and refill with loosened soil.

 Harvest and preserve herbs by drying or freezing.

 Check rakes and leaf blowers - autumn leaves will be falling soon.

 See more tips from Purdue Extension Autumn Garden Calendar:
<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/september-garden-calendar/>

 Enjoy the last days of summer and the cooler weather.



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