

# Marshall County, The Garden Gate

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# Garden Gate

NEWSLETTER

## Marshall County Master Gardener March Meeting Minutes

Our speaker for the March meeting was Jan Hurford, owner of Sunny Acres Farm. The farm is located in Plymouth, and she has around fifty years of farming experience. She spent eighteen years running a farmers market booth and still maintains a farm stand to sell her produce. She started her first strawberry patch in 1976 and at a point had two acres of strawberries. She has built a reputation for fresh and healthy produce, which keeps her customers coming back. She was the first woman in Marshall County to receive a grant for a high tunnel.

At the March Monthly Meeting we discussed a budget of \$125 to help with the cost of lunches for our classes at the Life Enrichment Center. It was voted on and approved by the group. We learned that the Friends of the Library project is officially completed, and they are just waiting on funds to get the project going. Ivory volunteered to photo document the Unity Gardens project. We are looking for new locations to place display board, and any ideas are welcomed so we can keep moving it around the community! Ebony has been working through our member list to check in on our members and see if they need anything from us, and if they would like to hear about what we have going on currently. We finished the meeting with a group effort of stuffing seeds into envelopes to hand out at the home show with our information on it.

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## EDUCATIONAL HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

New Master Gardener Educational Videos have been posted! You can view these videos at:

 [www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/continuededhours/](http://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/continuededhours/)

## Submit your Volunteer and Educational Hours!

In order to stay an active Master Gardeners, members will need 12 hours of volunteer time, 6 hours of educational hours, and you will need to fill out the Annual Agreement each year! (associate members do not need to complete volunteer hours or educational hours)

<https://www.purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/login.php>

If you would like to turn in or call in your hours in to our office to be recorded you send them to:

Marshall Co. Extension  
Office  
**574-935-8545**



# Master Gardener

## Officers

President: Harold Diedrich 574-936-6725  
 Vice President: Barb White 574-315-5577  
 Treasure: Carol Nelson 574-315-5577  
 Secretary : Caitlin Spencer

## Board Members

Amy Heinke Deborah Howard  
 Lynn Fitzpatrick Ken Waite



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Our Facebook page for Plymouth Unity Gardens is up and running thanks to Krystyna Hyczyk. Give it a follow and keep up with all the great things our group has been doing!

A huge THANK YOU to Sheryl Diedrich for not only putting the main logo on all our aprons but also taking the time to put on/provide all the extras! They turned out great. Another huge THANK YOU to Deb Howard, and Donna Napier for taking the time to sew the aprons!

Attendees: Shirley DeMatteo, Ken Waite, Deborah Howard, Erminia Wamsley, Liz Bottoroff, Todd Emmons, Barbara White, Carol Nelson, Susan Kuntz, Diana Smith, Tom Edgerton, Tamara Libersky Needham, Amy and Roy Heinke, Roy Danforth, Lynn Fitzpatrick, Donna Napier, Ebony Nava, Ivory Nava, Marion Ellis Jr, Harold and Sheryl Diedrich, and Caitlin Spencer.



*36th Annual Boone  
Cty Master Gardeners  
Gardenfest*

FREE ADMISSON KIDS ACTIVITIES  
SOIL PH TESTING Q&A  
NATIVE TREE SEEDLINGS TO THE FIRST 300

APRIL 6, 2024 9AM-3PM  
BOONE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS  
LEBANON IN (I-65-EXIT 138)  
MASTERGARDENERSBOONECOUNTY.ORG

**Vendors**  
Flowers, Art, Hostas,  
Herbs, Hort info  
, Native Seeds,  
Succulents Gifts &  
More!!

**Guest Speaker**

9:30am- Jared Spokiusky  
"Pollinator Plants"

10:30am-Jennifer Davies & Karen Smith  
"The Laws of Attraction-Birds, Butterflies & Be"

11:30 am-Rachel Walker  
"So you bought an orchird, Now what?"  
Basic orchid keeping in the home

**Garden Cafe**  
Drinks  
Sandwiches  
Homemade  
Desserts

**Used Garden tools and  
other Garden  
items available for  
Purchase**

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	<p><b>July</b> 8th– Meeting and 4H Fair Prep 13-19- 4H Fair. <b>Sign up for booth!</b> TBD- Open Class Info</p>
<p><b>August</b> 12th– Board Meeting? 12th– Monthly meeting.</p>	<p><b>September</b> 19th– Monthly Meeting</p>
<p><b>March</b> 11th– Monthly Meeting. 7PM . Home Show 14<sup>th</sup> – Seed Starting UG @11:30am Life En- richment 21– Set up for Plymouth Home Show 12PM – 6PM Sign up for booth! 22,23,24- Plymouth Home Show 24- Plymouth Home Show Clean up</p>	<p><b>October</b> 14th– Monthly Meeting Plant Swap?</p>
<p><b>April</b> 8<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting 7PM 18th – Bed preparation @11:30 Life Enrich- ment 29<sup>th</sup> - Perennial’s Galore Trip- Last Mon of April</p>	<p><b>November</b> TBD– Annual Extension Board Dinner TBD– Harvest Dinner TBD Monthly Meeting?</p>
<p><b>May</b> 13th- Board Meeting? and Monthly Meeting. Prep Farmers Market.? 6<sup>th</sup> – Patio Tomato Planting @11:30 Life En- richment 18/25<sup>th</sup> - Farmer’s Market Plant Sale (Farmer’s Market Approved)</p>	<p><b>December</b> TBD– Annual MG Breakfast</p>
<p><b>June</b> 10th– Monthly Meeting.</p>	



**Upcoming Master Gardener Meeting:**

April 29th, 2024

Perennial's Galore Greenhouse

5:00 PM CT / 6:00 PM ET

5652 E State Hwy 4, Mill Creek, IN 46365

*Light Refreshments will be provided*



**PRIVATE PAGE just for our Master Gardeners**

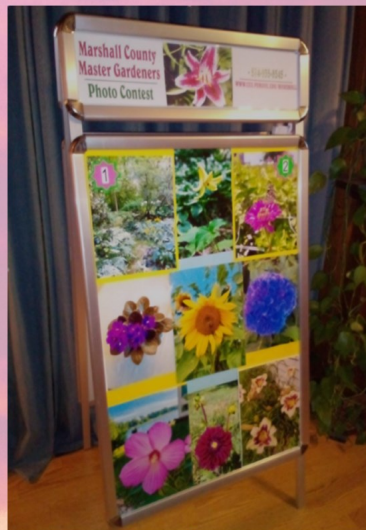
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Marshall County Master Gardeners photo contest sandwich board is now ready for display. Your business, library, church or public meeting place may get on the list to show off these winners from our local community. And best of all we have information on how to join us through the Purdue Extension program of classes or just come out and help us serve plant growers and people that like to grow flowers, eat fresh fruits and produce. A growing group that would like to have one more person like you to join us, the more you know the more you grow.

Written By: Harold Diedrich



**JULY 13-19, 2024**  
**MARSHALL COUNTY**  
**OPEN CLASS**

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**OPEN TO ALL AGES!**  
**MARSHALL CO. FAIRGROUNDS**  
**FREE TO PARTICIPATE**

**Projects: Photography, Gardening, Food Preservation, Baking, Crafts, Fine Arts, Sewing, Quilting, Foods and many more!**

Download the Exhibit Guide and Entry Forms for Ice Cream Crank Off and Bake-a-Rama  
<https://tinyurl.com/2024MarshallOpenClass>

# Purdue Master Gardener

**Freckles Graphics, Inc. is offering the Purdue EMG Program a new website for ordering Purdue EMG branded, t-shirts, polo shirts, fleece pull-overs, and aprons. Individual orders can be placed at any time. Freckles Graphics, Inc. will ship orders direct to individuals.**

Orders can be submitted anytime by visiting the website below:

**[https://shop.frecklesgraphics.com/purdue\\_master\\_gardener\\_2024/shop/home](https://shop.frecklesgraphics.com/purdue_master_gardener_2024/shop/home)**

# PLYMOUTH UNITY GARDENS PROJECT UPDATE

**ON MARCH 19TH A LARGE DONATION OF PAVER BLOCKS WAS DONATED AND DELIVERED TO THE PLYMOUTH UNITY GARDENS. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS CAME TO HELP UNLOAD PAVERS AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A GRACIOUS THANK YOU TO THE MASTER GARDENERS, HAROLD DIEDRICH, ROY DANFORTH, TAMARA NEEDHAM, PAUL DAVIS; ASSOCIATE MEMBER TODD EMMONS; PLYMOUTH PARK DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT, MICHAEL HITE; MAYOR ROBERT LISTENBERGER; LOCAL PICKLEBALL GROUP MEMBERS, AND CULVER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ON ALL OF THEIR HELP!**



## BOTANY EVENTS CALENDAR MARCH & APRIL 2024

### March

Late Night Plant Shopping  
Wednesday, March 6 | 5-8p

Plant Parenting 101  
Friday, March 8 | 7p

South Bend Artisan Market Pop Up  
Saturday & Sunday  
March 9 | 10a-4p, March 10 | 10a-3p

Kokedama Workshop  
Saturday, March 9 | 9:30a & 1p

Mounted Plants Workshop  
Friday, March 15 | 7p

Hydroponic Indoor Plants 101  
Saturday, March 16 | 9:30a

Repotting Indoor Plants 101  
Saturday, March 23 | 9:30a

Succulent Planter Workshop @  
Sun King Brewery Mishawaka  
Tuesday, March 26 | 7p

Cultivating Place Live  
Friday, March 29 | 5:30-9p

Mini Closed Terrariums  
Saturday, March 30 | 9:30a & 1p

### April

Late Night Plant Shopping  
Wednesday, April 3 | 5-8p

Mushroom Log Workshop  
Saturday, April 6 | Various Times

Propagation 101  
Saturday, April 6 | 9:30a

Eco Print with Flowers  
Saturday, April 13 | 9:30a

April Native Plug Sale  
Saturday, April 20 | 10a-1p

Bonsai Workshop  
Saturday, April 20 | 10a

Carnivorous Terrarium Workshop  
Friday, April 26 | 7p

TICKETS



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The Botany Shop | 909 Portage Ave | 574.213.2768 | @botanyorbust

"Shop our curated list of native trees and shrubs, great for adding pops of color and supporting wildlife year round. Pre Orders accepted through Sunday, April 28. These trees and shrubs will be available for pickup on May 11th at The Botany Shop during our Native Plug Sale OR May 18th at Pinhook Park at the Wild Ones native plant sale.

Website: <https://botanyorbust.square.site/> Password: springfever "

