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Upcoming Meetings

Join us for our next Extension Master Gardener meeting on **Wednesday, September 23** at 7:00 pm as we discover fascinating facts about birds. A brief business meeting will follow the presentation. The meeting will be conducted virtually on Zoom:

<https://bsu.zoom.us/j/4371202114>

Meeting ID: 437 120 2114

Our October meeting will feature a delightful conversation about pumpkins on **Wednesday, October 28**. Contact Mary Ippel with questions or assistance accessing the meeting.

Plants for Sale

EMG member Mary Ippel is selling several of her lovely houseplants and succulents - including Mandevilla vine, fiddle leaf fig, sedeveria, kalanchoe, Shrek's ears crassula, Christmas Carol aloe, thimble cactus, and Easter sunrise cactus. She is donating profit from the plant sales to the DCMGA for future funding of events, programs, and activities.

Her plants can be seen on Facebook Marketplace. Please contact Mary at maryippel1012@gmail.com or 765-748-0786 with questions.

Be sure to follow the Delaware County Master Gardener Association on Facebook for announcements, education opportunities, Plant Profiles by Mary Ippel, and other interesting gardening tidbits.



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Remember to report your volunteer and educational hours at
www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener.



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Monthly Gardener Checklist

October 2020

– written by Rosie Lerner, Extension Consumer Horticulturist, Purdue University

HOME (Indoor plants and activities)

- Keep poinsettia in complete darkness for 15 hours each day — for example, between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. — for eight to 10 weeks until red bracts begin to show.
- Pot spring-flowering bulbs to force into bloom indoors. Moisten soil and refrigerate 10 to 13 weeks. Transfer to a cool, sunny location, and allow an additional three to four weeks for blooming.
- Houseplants, especially those grown outdoors during the summer, commonly drop some or many of their leaves in response to the lower natural light intensity in the autumn and reduced light intensity indoors.
- Water indoor plants less frequently, & discontinue fertilizer as plants slow down or stop growing for the winter season.

YARD (Lawns, woody ornamentals and fruits)

- Keep plants, especially newly planted stock, well-watered until ground freezes.
- Have soil ready to mound roses for winter protection. Do not mound or cover roses until after leaves drop and soil is near freezing, usually late November or early December.
- Strawberry plants need protection from winter's extremes, but applying winter mulch too early may cause crowns to rot. Apply winter protection when plants are dormant but before temperatures drop below 20F, usually late November or early December.
- Rake or shred large, fallen tree leaves, such as maple, to prevent them from matting down and smothering grass. Raking smaller leaves, such as honey locust, is optional.
- Continue mowing lawn as needed.

GARDEN (Flowers, vegetables and small fruits)

- Harvest root crops and store in a cold (32° F), humid location. Storing produce in perforated plastic bags is a convenient, easy way to increase humidity.
- Harvest Brussels sprouts as they develop in the axils of the leaves from the bottom of the stem. Brussels sprouts will continue to develop up the stem.
- Harvest pumpkins and winter squash before frost, but when rind is hard and fully colored. Store in a cool location until ready to use.
- Harvest gourds when stems begin to brown and dry. Cure at 70-80° F for two to four weeks.
- Harvest mature, green tomatoes before frost and ripen indoors in the dark. Warmer temperatures lead to faster ripening.
- Asparagus top growth should not be removed until foliage yellows. Let foliage stand over winter to collect snow for insulation and moisture.
- Remove plant debris from the garden to protect next year's plantings from insect and disease buildup. Compost plant refuse by alternating layers of soil, plant material, and manure or commercial fertilizer.
- Have garden soil tested for fertilizer needs every three to five years.
- Plowing and incorporating organic matter in fall avoids the rush of garden activities and waterlogged soil in spring. Soils prepared in the fall tend to warm faster and allow earlier planting in spring.
- Dig tender garden flower bulbs for winter storage. Gladiolus corms should be dug when leaves begin turning yellow. Caladiums, geraniums and tuberous begonias should be lifted before killing frost. Dig canna and dahlia roots after a heavy frost. Allow to air dry, then pack in dry peat moss or vermiculite, and store in a cool location.
- Complete planting of spring-flowering bulbs.

Treasurer's Report

Kate Bell, Treasurer



Date of Report: 09/15/2020		1/31/2020	2/29/2020	3/31/2020	4/30/2020	5/31/2020	6/30/2020	7/31/2020	8/31/2020	9/30/2020	Total
Balance Brought Forward		\$13,391.17	\$13,319.84	\$13,263.35	\$13,216.99	\$13,206.54	\$13,228.05	\$13,065.41	\$12,965.96	\$12,966.34	
Income		\$20.57	\$0.51	\$175.81	\$0.55	\$21.51	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.38	\$266.16	\$486.58
Expenses		\$91.90	\$57.00	\$222.17	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$163.18	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$645.25
Balance On Hand		\$13,319.84	\$13,263.35	\$13,216.99	\$13,206.54	\$13,228.05	\$13,065.41	\$12,965.96	\$12,966.34	\$13,232.50	
Income	Goals										
Annual Master Gardener Dues	\$800.00	\$10.00									\$10.00
Garden Walk	\$400.00			\$35.06							\$35.06
Growing Through Gardening	\$1,000.00										\$0.00
Kids Camp ~ Future MG	\$300.00										\$0.00
Kids Camp ~ Mini MG	\$300.00										\$0.00
Plant Sale	\$2,500.00									\$240.00	\$240.00
Walmart Volunteer Grant	\$1,000.00										\$0.00
Bank Interest		\$0.57	\$0.51	\$0.58	\$0.55	\$0.56	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.38		\$4.24
Miscellaneous & Clearing Acct		\$10.00		\$140.17		\$20.95				\$26.16	\$197.28
Total	\$6,300.00	\$20.57	\$0.51	\$175.81	\$0.55	\$21.51	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.38	\$266.16	\$486.58
Expenses	Budget										
30th Anniversary Committee	\$200.00										\$0.00
Childrens Museum	\$200.00										\$0.00
Farm Fest	\$300.00		\$57.00				\$73.24				\$130.24
Farmers Market	\$200.00										\$0.00
Garden Fair	\$100.00										\$0.00
Garden Walk	\$300.00										\$0.00
Growing Through Gardening	\$1,000.00			\$17.40							\$17.40
Kids Camp ~ Future MG	\$650.00			\$2.10			\$44.97				\$47.07
Kids Camp ~ Mini MG	\$650.00			\$2.10			\$44.97				\$47.07
Plant Sale	\$500.00										\$0.00
Scholarship ~ MG Training	\$300.00										\$0.00
Scholarship ~ State Conference	\$390.00										
State Conference Booth	\$100.00										\$0.00
Tree Planting Event	\$500.00			\$140.17							\$140.17
Washington Street Festival	\$100.00										\$0.00
New Events	\$0.00										\$0.00
Association Expenses											
Banquet	\$500.00										\$0.00
Board Expenses	\$100.00										\$0.00
Booklets	\$150.00	\$91.90									\$91.90
Donations & Sponsorships	\$350.00				\$11.00			\$100.00			\$111.00
Fall Potluck	\$150.00										\$0.00
Hospitality	\$100.00										\$0.00
Insurance	\$350.00										\$0.00
Marketing & Event Supplies	\$500.00										\$0.00
Meeting Facilities & Speakers	\$200.00										\$0.00
Postage	\$50.00										\$0.00
Printing & Copies	\$50.00			\$0.90							\$0.90
Purdue Extension Expenses	\$150.00			\$59.50							\$59.50
Website Hosting & Maintenance	\$250.00										\$0.00
Miscellaneous & Clearing Acct	\$0.00										\$0.00
Total	\$8,390.00	\$91.90	\$57.00	\$222.17	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$163.18	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$645.25

March Deposit: Cancelled \$35.06 July 2019 check 1074 from Nancy Miller for 2019 Garden Walk

March Misc & Clearing Income: Cancelled \$140.17 Check for Tree Purchase from State Nursery

May Misc & Clearing Income: \$20.95 Amazon Smile Deposit

July Donations & Sponsorship: \$100 Pat Brown Memorial Contribution

September Income: \$240 Donation from Mary Ippel Plant Sale and \$26.16 from Apron Reimburement

Letter From the President

I hope everyone is doing well and has been able to take advantage of the cooler weather to work in your gardens.

While it is disappointing that our DCMGA 30th Anniversary celebrations couldn't happen this year, we hope to continue two projects we had planned for this special milestone next year. Those projects include the statewide Master Gardener Bucket Garden project and the Container Garden project. In addition, to say "happy anniversary" and to show our appreciation for everyone's dedication to the organization, the Executive Board will be waiving membership dues for 2021. Dues for 2021 will be waived for all active Extension Master Gardeners who have paid their 2020 dues.



I'd also like to thank Judy and Barry Turner for their time and hard work serving on the Executive Board. Their term as At-Large Directors will be expiring at the end of the year. The Nomination Committee has put together an excellent slate of candidates to fill their vacant positions. I hope you take the time to read the candidate's biographies in the newsletter and plan to vote.

Although the global pandemic has hindered many events for this year, we still have a few special activities scheduled for the following months. Extension Master Gardeners will be able to learn about birds during the September virtual meeting. In October, special guest Mikal Hodge, President of the Indiana Pumpkin Growers Association, will talk about pumpkins. The October meeting will also be our Annual Meeting where we will elect new board members, reflect on the 2020 growing season, and look ahead to 2021. Both meetings will be held virtually on Zoom. Hopefully we will be able to meet in person again soon.

There is also a volunteer opportunity every Tuesday night for current Extension Master Gardeners to make a brief 5-minute introduction during the "County Connection" period for the virtual Basic Training class. Positions are available through December 15. Contact Laurynn Thieme if you would like to volunteer to talk.

As always, please make sure to frequently report your volunteer and education hours to the online Master Gardener Manager (www.purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/login.php). If anyone has any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions please feel free to email me.

Happy Gardening!!

Sarah Kreps
DCMGA President

Reimbursable Reminders

- > All members should submit expense receipts to Committee Chairpersons for reimbursement.
- > Committee Chairpersons should record expenses on the Budget Tracker form and attach all applicable receipts for reimbursement.
- > Committee Chairpersons should deliver reimbursement requests (including completed Budget Tracker form and receipts) to Kate Bell at any monthly meeting or events. Kate will review and issue checks at a later date.

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2020



The August Extension Master Gardener meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

The speaker was Krishna Nemali, Assistant Professor of Controlled Environment Agriculture, Purdue University. Krishna has been a professor in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture for five years. He spoke on the topic of hydroponic. Hydroponics is the method of growing plants with out soil. Krishna gave a brief overview of the history of hydroponics, the process to set up a hydroponic system, and the cost for establishing the system. Krishna explained the benefits of growing crops such as lettuce and other leafy greens in a hydroponic system. Those benefits included a better taste and larger yield of crops.

Extension Master Gardeners may contact Sarah Kreps to request a copy of the recorded Zoom presentation. More information about hydroponics can be found on the Purdue University website, www.purdue.edu/dffs/production-2/hydroponics/.

CALL TO ORDER

President Sarah Kreps called the monthly business meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes have been recorded since February 2020 due to COVID.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kate Bell reported a current balance of \$12,965.96. A \$200 deposit was made during the month of August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee

Due to the pandemic postponing many events, most of the EMG committees have not spent money this year on their respective programs and activities. Sarah Kreps announced that the 2020 committee budgets will be carried over into 2021. Committee chairpersons will not be expected to fill out a new budget report for 2021.

Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee includes Deanna Hines and Karen and Virgil Ford. The committee will be calling members soon to see if they would be interested in serving a term as an At-large member on the Executive Board. Two At-large positions will need to be filled for the 2021 term. The Nomination Committee will present candidates at the September EMG meeting. The floor will be open for members to make other nominations as well. Voting for the At-large positions will occur during the Annual Business Meeting in October.

Extension Report

Extension Educator, Laurynn Thieme, stated that she is currently working in the office two days a week. The best method to contact her is either by her mobile phone, (260) 409-4316, or email (ljthieme@purdue.edu). The Extension Office is open for in-person visitation. However, Master Gardeners should call the office and make an appointment prior to visiting the office.

Laurynn reminded members to complete and sign the annual EMG Volunteer Agreement form by the end of October. The form can be accessed by logging in to your account where you log volunteer and education hours on the Purdue Master Gardener website (www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/).

Laurynn reported that 10 individuals have registered for the virtual Fall 2020 EMG Basic Training Course. The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. In addition, participants will be participating in a "Virtual Connection" period 30 minutes before and after each class. Laurynn would like a few current EMG members to participate in the Virtual Connection time. Master Gardeners would briefly introduce themselves and discuss their role in the Extension Master Gardener program for five minutes or less. Master Gardeners are asked to stay on the call for the entire 30-minute period in case students have any further questions. Please contact Laurynn to volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS

The Executive Board would like to continue to grow Bucket Gardens that were planned as part of the Delaware County Master Gardener 30th Anniversary celebration. The Executive Board will make a final vote on this decision at a future Executive Board meeting and announce the results to membership at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Sarah announced membership fees for 2021 have been waived for current EMG members. Due to the pandemic cancelling or postponing many of this year's activities and events, the Executive Board has decided to carry over the 2020 membership fees into 2021 for those who have paid. The Executive Board hopes to implement a few of the activities that they had planned for this year's DCMGA 30th Anniversary Celebration next year.

Contact Laurynn Thieme if you are owed a new name tag due to an advancement in the EMG program (i.e. Advance promoted to Bronze Level).

The annual Fall Picnic is typically scheduled for September at Mary Ippel's residence. However, the picnic has been cancelled for 2020 due to the pandemic and social distancing guidelines. The September meeting will be hosted on Zoom.

August birthdays were recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Hutson moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Virgil Ford. Have no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hines
Secretary



For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver.

- Martin Luther, 15th Century Theologian

IN THE GROW

QUESTION:

I am curious if you have an idea about a weed that grows in our yard every year. It spreads very rapidly, seems invasive and grows to a pretty high level as summer goes along. We have asked many people, and they are quite stumped. My wife does not like it, and we pull it and spray it, but it just keeps coming back, spreading and invading. Also, it seems to transplant to other parts of the yard when we transplant hosta. Any advice you have will be most welcomed!

– J.A., Monticello, Indiana



ANSWER:

This looks like it could be *Artemisia vulgaris*, more commonly known as mugwort or wormwood. It is considered an invasive species in several states and is included in the 2019 Indiana Terrestrial Plant Rule, which prohibits all sales and distribution of the plant. The weed is a perennial that spreads by both seed and rhizomes (underground horizontal stems), so it can spread quickly once established. The plant can reach up to 5 feet if left undisturbed.

Control of this plant in established gardens is a challenge! Hand digging the plant will help, but any piece of the plant left in the soil can re-sprout. Repeated digging will be needed. Cutting and pulling can actually stimulate additional growth from the rhizomes. Even herbicides usually require several applications to control this plant. And any herbicide that would be effective against this weed would damage your garden plants, so spraying is not practical in established gardens. Targeting application by wicking or hand painting with broadleaf weed herbicides might provide some control if it can be done carefully to avoid any contact of the chemical with your desirable plants. Be sure to read and follow all label directions before applying any pesticide.

– Rosie Lerner, Extension Consumer Horticulturist, Purdue University

Tree Seeds Needed

Get paid to supply pure live tree seeds
for conservation planting



Each year, the Indiana DNR Division of Forestry's state nursery in Vallonia, Indiana plants millions of seeds to produce trees and shrub seedlings for conservation planting efforts throughout the state. Much of the seeds the nursery uses are supplied by collectors from across the state. The DNR Division of Forestry pays seed collectors for pure live seeds – seeds that grow true to the species and are free of infections or insects.

Needed tree species include black, pin, red, Shumard, white, bur, chinkapin, swamp chestnut, and swamp white oak as well as black walnut.

When collecting seed, remember:

- Call the nursery prior to collecting to make sure the seeds you plan to collect are still needed.
- If you are not certain if you have the proper species, email a photo of the seed/fruit, leaves, bark, and twigs to the DNR nursery for ID.
- Most of the listed species are ripe and ready to collect when they fall off the tree.
- Healthy acorns (except for bur oak) will fall free of the cap.
- Keep the seeds/fruit cool until you can deliver it to the office.

For more information, contact the Vallonia Nursery at 812-358-3621 or visit bit.ly/33bdl9W.

Save The Date!

Purdue Master Gardeners - Boone County Gardenfest

April 10, 2021 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Boone Co. Fairgrounds (Lebanon, IN)

Indiana Native Plant Society's Virtual Annual Conference Saturday, November 14, 2020

For the health of participants and its members, the Indiana Native Plant Society's (INPS) Annual Conference 2020 will not be held in-person this year. However, a simplified Zoom meeting will be held on the original conference date. The meeting will include a brief overview of INPS' work during 2020, provide a few short general interest presentations, announce the winner of the annual photo contest, and elect board members for the 2021 term.

Mark your calendars and visit indiananativeplants.org for more information as it becomes available.

The Homegrown National Park On-Demand Video

Enjoy this on-demand video as Gina Anderson, Purdue University Extension Educator for Floyd County, interviews Dr. Doug Tallamy, Professor of Entomology at Delaware University. Dr. Tallamy's newest book, *Nature's Best Hope*, describes the idea of a "Homegrown National Park". Join Gina and Dr. Tallamy's informal conversation about environmental conservation, biodiversity, native plants, and home gardening.

You can watch the 1.25-hour long video online by clicking the link below:

https://mediaspace.itap.purdue.edu/media/Q+and+A+with+Doug+Tallamy+final+July+7,+2020/1_akzumaas

Annual Volunteer Agreement

Please make sure to log on to the Purdue Master Gardener website and sign the annual Extension Master Gardener Agreement Form. Please complete this by the **end of October**. The form can be accessed by logging in to the MG Manager (www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/). Please contact Extension Educator Laurynn Thieme (ljthieme@purdue.edu) for assistance or questions about this requirement.

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Purdue Landscape Report

Helpful Tips from Extension Experts

The Purdue Landscape Report is a biweekly newsletter that provides science-based, timely information for Midwest landscapes. The newsletter is written by Purdue Extension specialists and intended to benefit commercial growers, garden centers, landscapers, arborists, and others who want to keep up with current landscape issues.

A supplemental live webinar is provided every other Wednesday at noon to address some of the topics covered in the current newsletter. These 1-hour presentations held on both Zoom and Facebook Live allow participants to ask questions and dive deeper into the topics of the week.

Future presentations will occur on Wednesday, September 30 and October 14. You can watch the live presentations as well as the on-demand recordings of each webinar at www.facebook.com/PurdueLandscapeReport/.

To subscribe to the eNewsletter, visit www.purduelandscape.org.

Annual Volunteer Agreement

Extension Master Gardeners **will not** be required to report 12 volunteer hours by the end of this year due to the cancellation and postponement of many gardening events and activities by the COVID-19 virus. Extension Master Gardeners are still encouraged to record volunteer hours if applicable.

Extension Master Gardeners are still required to obtain and record 6 education training hours.

There are several resources and education videos that can be found on the Purdue Master Gardener website to help members obtain these hours.

Contact Extension Educator Laurynn Thieme with questions about these requirements.

Volunteers Needed!

EMG Basic Training Course

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm

The next Extension Master Gardener Basic Training Course is happening now through December 15. The class meets weekly via a virtual platform on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm. A 30-minute "County Connections" session is held before and after each meeting to allow Extension Master Gardener interns time to ask questions and learn more about the Extension Master Gardener program.

Extension Educator Laurynn Thieme would like for 1-2 current Extension Master Gardeners to participate during each of these County Connections sessions. Extension Master Gardeners would be required to make a brief 5-minute presentation about their experience in the DCMGA program and help answer intern questions. Volunteers will need to stay on the call for the entire 30-minute period (6-6:30 pm or 8:30-9:00 pm).

Please contact Laurynn (ljthieme@purdue.edu) to volunteer for one of these sessions.

In Memoriam

Extension Master Gardener Patricia 'Pat' Brown passed away on July 10, 2020. Pat was an active member of Riverside United Methodist Church. She enjoyed tending to her flower gardens and being an Advanced Master Gardener. Family was her pride and joy, she looked forward to seeing them for Holiday gatherings and spending endless summer nights at the lake. She was known for her soft demeanor and love for teaching during her twenty-five-years of judging foods in 4-H. Patricia started her career as a Home Economics teacher and 4-H instructor at Gaston Junior Senior High School. She would later go on to teach at Ball State University for ten years before becoming the Banquet & Catering Manager for the university.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Brown family.

DCMGA 2020 Executive Board Election

With the ending of their one-year term as At-large representatives at the end of 2020, Barry and Judy Turner will be leaving two vacancies on the DCMGA Executive Board.

Per the DCMGA By-Laws, Executive Board officers shall be elected from the list of Active members by a majority vote of the Active members present at the Annual Meeting. The Nomination Committee will announce their recommendations for candidates at the September DCMGA monthly meeting.



Biographies for each of those candidates are listed within this newsletter for reference.

Elections for Board Members typical occurs during the Annual Meeting in October. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of members prior to voting during the Annual Meeting. However, the October Annual Meeting will be conducted virtually on Zoom rather than in-person due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Executive Board has decided that an additional 24-hours will be provided after the meeting to cast votes. This modification was established to assist those who want to vote but do not have the capabilities to join the Zoom meeting. An email will be sent to all members after the October meeting with additional information. All votes shall be delivered to Secretary and Nomination Committee chairperson, Deanna Hines, by 8:00 pm Thursday, October 29, 2020.

Questions about this requirement should be directed to President Sarah Kreps, sjkreps14@gmail.com.

The annual prediction for peak fall leaf color is expected to occur the week of **October 26th for Central and Southern Indiana.**



Paula Sampson
At-Large Candidate

Hello, my name is Paula. I am a retired Assistant Professor of Apparel Design and Fashion Merchandising. I served on the faculty at Ball State University for 25 years before retiring in 2018. I am originally from South Bend, Indiana. I volunteered as a 4-H site coordinator and clothing leader as an undergraduate student. I have also lived in North Manchester, Terre Haute, Valparaiso; St. Paul, Minnesota; Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and Aurora, Colorado.

I completed the EMG Basic Training course in 2010. I have volunteered in many Master Gardener events including the annual Garden Fest, Garden Walk, Children Camps, Garden Expo, and Delaware County Farm Fest.

As a gardener, I enjoy growing various plants in my 21 1/2" x 51" greenhouse. I also enjoy traveling to exotic places - such as Nigeria, Ecuador, and the Five Stans of the Silk Road - participating in a variety of crafts and genealogy.

Thank you for your consideration.



Laura Shadoin
At-Large Candidate

Hello, my name is Laura. I have been married to my husband, Gary, for almost 50 years. We have two children and three grandchildren. I was a teacher of the deaf for more than 20 years and taught elementary school-age children for the rest of my career. I also taught sign language classes and was a sign language interpreter.

I became an Extension Master Gardener in 2007. I have earned a Bronze Badge. I, along with several members from the 2007 Basic Training course, planted a garden around the fountain in Heeken Park. We maintained the garden for five years. I have also volunteered at the Children Camps, annual Plant Sale, and Muncie Arbor Day celebration. I have been chairperson of the Arbor Day committee for the last seven years. I have also served as the chairperson for the Old Washington Street Festival for three years. Outside of the Master Gardener program I volunteer as a docent at the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse.

Thank you for your consideration.

DCMGA 2020 Executive Board Election



Martha McClurg
At-Large Candidate

Hello, my name is Martha. I have been an Extension Master Gardener for 4 years and a DCMGA member for 2 years. I am passionate about the environment, public health, native plants, and baking delicious food. As a registered dietitian, I am now a stay-at-home parent. I, along with my husband, Josiah, enjoy caring for our two-year-old daughter, Eve, and three month-old daughter, Edna.

As an Extension Master Gardener, I have been involved in a variety of committees and projects, most notably organizing the children's activities at the 2019 Garden Expo and co-chairing the 2020 Mini Master Gardener Camp. I desire to serve on the DCMGA Executive Board to help continue the strong leadership and creative work the DCMGA organization has established. I also hope to help the organization continue to strive for equity and inclusion.

Thank you for your consideration.



Joyce Baker
At-Large Candidate

Hello, my name is Joyce. I am a retired registered nurse with 37 years of experience. I moved to Muncie in 2001. I have been an active volunteer with the Harvest Soup Kitchen, American Red Cross, Iris Growers of Eastern Indiana, and the Extension Master Gardener program. During my time with the American Red Cross, I helped to set up disaster kits for seven surrounding counties, volunteered at relief shelters during the 2005 Ice Storm, and worked as a case worker for Hurricane Katrina victims who relocated to Indiana from Louisiana. As a member of the Iris Growers, I enjoyed working information booths at the Garden Fair and Master Gardener symposium.

I completed the EMG Basic Training course in 2018. Since becoming an Extension Master Gardener, I have volunteered at the Rinard Orchard Greenhouse, Old Washington Street Festival, Minnetrista Farmers' Market, and participated on the Children's Museum committee.

Thank you for your consideration.



Linda Osborn
At-Large Candidate

Hello, my name is Linda. I have been happily married to my husband, Tom, for 42 years. We are the parents of three grown children and grandparents to six children. Tom and I are active members of High Street United Methodist Church. I graduated from Ball State University many years ago with a B.S. in Secondary Education with majors in biology and health science. I taught high school biology for one year and returned to college to complete a program in Medical Technology. I worked in the chemistry department at IU Health-Ball Memorial Hospital for several years before transferring to the St. Vincent Randolph Hospital. During my tenure at St. Vincent I worked in the laboratory, in compliance, and in regulatory practice before overseeing infection prevention and associate health. I retired in 2014.

I enjoy gardening, swimming, pickle ball, quilting, and reading. I am also currently challenging myself to learn how to paint. I became an Extension Master Gardener several years ago as a bucket list item (I find that I am more likely to complete goals if I write them on a bucket list). I love planting seeds and watching them grow! I enjoy participating in the DCMGA group and continuing to learn new topics in gardening. I would be happy to serve on the Executive Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Enjoy these webinars geared towards
beekeepers and bee enthusiasts.

September 24, noon

Fall Gardening Management for Bees

October 1, noon

Honey Extraction and Processing

October 8, noon

Winterizing Your Colonies

Register to participate:

https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gavBSVknSpq11TkVb2qZkg

Purdue Extension-Grant County Virtual Lunch & Learn Sessions

Earlier this year, the Purdue Extension-Grant County office held a series of online education sessions to connect with local citizens and home gardeners during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those sessions have been archived and available for on-demand viewing by clicking on the links below. Extension Master Gardeners can obtain 1 hour of continuing education by watching each of the sessions.



Extension Master Gardeners may also send a message to MayerSL@purdue.edu to add their name to an email list to learn more about future lunch & learn seminars.

Session #1: Soil Basics and Supplemental Lighting

www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHScuRXDDkQ

Session #2: All About Asparagus

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wy_NKirUT8

Session #3: Transplanting and Container Gardening

www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-5U9XCpCMg

Session #4: Turf Basics

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypoDqBQt5lo

Session #5: Turfgrass Weed Identification & Control

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSmJXmM7VUg

Session #6: The Importance of Labels

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BclUf6e1Bs

Session #7: What's in Your Yard

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGLaXYHdvyC

Session #8: Fruit Tree Management

www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGljjepkC8w

Session #9: All About Tomatoes

www.youtube.com/watch?v=46XoQroNsFo

Session #10: Invasive Plants

www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqI7OYqTq_s

Session #11: Ask the Educator

www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6hpQu19nYI

Purdue On-Demand Rainscaping Webinars



What is Rainscaping?

Rainscaping is a combination of sustainable landscape design and management practices that prevents polluted runoff from reaching water bodies — directing stormwater to be absorbed by plants and soils.

The Purdue Rainscaping Education Program provides training and resources on rainscaping practices that can be installed in residential settings or small-scale public spaces projects. Below are 4 webinars recorded earlier this year that provides additional information for the planning, design, installing, and managing of a rain garden in the home landscape.

Webinar 1 - April 21:

Introduction to Rainscaping, Rain Gardens & the Purdue Rainscaping Education Program

<https://youtu.be/vASJtM65cII>

Webinar 2 - April 23:

Introduction to Rain Garden Site Selection and Analysis

<https://youtu.be/D4n0U4TD0XI>

Webinar 3 - April 28:

Introduction to Rain Garden Plant Selection and Design

<https://youtu.be/DkkXm-VpRek>

Webinar 4 - April 30:

Introduction to Installation and Maintenance

<https://youtu.be/R-KwZiY-aE0>