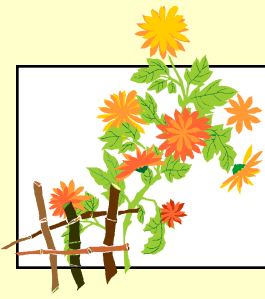


# The Hamilton County Master Gardener Association



## Growing Gardeners

1985-2011

### *The Prez Sez*

September, 2011

Have you noticed that the mornings are staying darker longer and the sun is setting sooner? This is first sign of seasonal change. As much as I don't like to wish time away, I am ready for the fall. Mums are one of my favorite fall flowers which grow well in our mid-west gardens if you find them a happy place.

For me, it is the time of year when I begin to think about the changes I wish to make to my gardens in the next season. What flowers will I leave for the birds to eat over winter, which plants are miss-planted for their location ie: too much sun or not enough and is there any grass I can get rid of and start a new bed (Jill has final approval as she thinks I have taken too much grass away so far)? As you think these same kinds of thoughts, remember, any plants you no longer want or need to divide, can be given to the plant sale next spring. I have an overflow garden for just that purpose. Remember, every plant you donate, you receive a credit to receive new plants at the sale.

One of the most significant events to happen in September is our hours are due to Bill by the end of the month. Remember, you need a minimum of six educational and twelve volunteer hours to keep your Master Gardener certification. If you need hours, please check the calendar via our website. There are several volunteer options available during the month of September. If you are having trouble with entering your time, please see us at the September meeting as we will have a computer set up to help you.

We will be electing two new board members this fall. Open positions are for secretary and vice president. The vp role is a three year commitment as it moves to the co-president slot for the following two years. If you are interested, please let me know.

Enjoy the fall experience. The warm days and cool nights will produce awesome beauty in our gardens. Have fun keep your hands dirty.

Best regards,  
Ray

### September 2011

Editor: Samantha Spidel  
Extension Educator: Bill Rice

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#### **Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 4, 2011  
6:30-8:30 PM Fair Office

#### **Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, September 20, 2011  
Hall A

6:30 PM Social Time  
7:00 PM Business Meeting

**Speaker:** Rosie Lerner

**Topic:** The Exercise Value of Gardening

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*The purpose of the Hamilton County Master Gardener Association, a non-profit organization, shall be to promote the art, science, and pleasure of gardening in the community, in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Service of Hamilton County, Indiana, and Purdue University.*

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please send newsletter information to the editor by the **25th of the month**. Information for the newsletter is supplied by Hamilton County Master Gardeners. If you are interested in sharing information about your garden, a tip, community gardening news, or a favorite recipe, please email it to the editor, Samantha Spidel.

## **\$\$\$ Members Discounts \$\$\$**

**Refresh those tired container gardens with some fun summer or early fall color! Remember to visit the vendors who giving us 10% off on all garden/nursery stock when you show your HCMGA membership card.**

**Habig Garden Center  
Altums**

**Fishers Do-It-Yourself Hardware**

**Allisonville Nursery**

**Salsbery Brothers Landscaping**

**Tiffany Lawn and Garden**

**NEW! Seedy Sally's**

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### **DIRECTORY UPDATE:**

Terry L Bowen  
See print copy for  
new contact info.



### **Noblesville Preservation Alliance Garden Contest Winner**

The winners have been announced in the NPA Denzel Hufford Garden Contest, sponsored by the Noblesville Preservation alliance. Cindy and John Hillard of 9th Street in Noblesville were named grand prize winners. First runner up was HCMGA's own Norma and Mel Minion. Second runner up was Ingeborg Reichwein.

Judges included a Hamilton County Master Gardener, an NPA member, a Keep Noblesville Beautiful member, a Noblesville city resident, and Adele Dodd, daughter of the late Denzel Hufford. The winning garden featured a rock grotto, brick hardscape, and garden art accents.

Judging next year will be moved earlier in the season, and all Noblesville residents within the city limits are welcome to apply, except this year's grand prize winner. This year's prize was an outdoor garden marker, and \$200.

## HCMGA Board Meeting Minutes July 27, 2011



The July 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of the Hamilton County Master Gardeners was called to order at 6:30 by Michelle Arfman. Also in attendance were Ray Fitzpatrick, Linda Riski-Lindorf, Debra Sawyer, Helen Seibel, Pattie Clifford, Priscilla Strong, and Bill Rice.

Minutes were read and approved.

Priscilla gave a report on the Junior Master Gardeners. She came with a request for \$1276.00 to fund three JMG groups and get the program off the ground. They have a proposal to build raised beds near the area of the MG storage barn; she will present the site plants to the Grounds committee next month for approval.

We may pick up more shifts to cover at the State Fair; the "mass email" will be used to recruit volunteers.

We discussed buying a credit card machine and using it for all MG needs, Ray will try to get it up and running for this years seminar.

The new back up sound system has arrived.

The chair gathering will be in October at Rays home. More details to follow.

The next board meeting will be moved to August 30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Seibel  
HCMGA Secretary

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## HCMGA Photography Contest



**All right, all you shutter flies out there, get your cameras warmed up! Details will be released soon for the first ever HCMGA photography contest. What better way to show off your garden, and your photography skills? Autumn offers the opportunity to capture spectacular fall colors, so get out there and start snapping some pictures to share with your fellow master gardeners!**





## Upcoming Dates to Save for Educational Events

- September 17**     **Creating a Colorful Autumn Garden.** Sponsored by The Madison County Master Gardener Association and Purdue Extension, Madison County. 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon EST. Anderson Public Library, 3rd Floor, 111 E. 12th Street, Anderson, IN. Admission is free! Please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 765-641-9514 or by e-mail ([orick@purdue.edu](mailto:orick@purdue.edu)) for more information. More information, including maps and directions, is also available at: [www.madisoncountymastergardener.org/upcoming\\_events.html](http://www.madisoncountymastergardener.org/upcoming_events.html)
- September 22**     **Deciduous Trees.** Presented by Jeff Gatewood, owner of Allisonville Nursery. 6:30 pm. Allisonville Nursery, 11405 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN. Mr. Gatewood will focus on a wealth of information about different growing conditions of the various species of trees and how to be successful in using trees when landscaping your garden. The public is invited and it is Free! You are welcome to come early and wander through the nursery. Sponsored by the Friends of Heritage Gardens Club Register with Peg Powers,
- October 15**     **For the Birds.** Sponsored by The Madison County Master Gardener Association and Purdue Extension, Madison County. 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon EST. Anderson Public Library, 3rd Floor, 111 E. 12th Street Anderson, IN 46016 Admission is free! Please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 765-641-9514 or by e-mail ([orick@purdue.edu](mailto:orick@purdue.edu)) for more information. More information, including maps and directions, is also available at: [www.madisoncountymastergardener.org/upcoming\\_events.html](http://www.madisoncountymastergardener.org/upcoming_events.html).
- October 15**     **Adventures in Gardening.** Presented by Hedricks County Master Gardeners. 8:30 AM-3:30 PM. Hedricks County 4H Fairgrounds, 1900 E Main St., Danville, IN 46122. Topics include Bulbs as Companion Plants, Magical Mystical Meadows with Bulbs, Living Flower Arrangements with Layers of Bulbs, and Living with Insects. See attached flier for more information.
- October 4-6, 2012**     **Save the date! 2012 Master Gardener State Conference.** Noblesville. More info will be posted as it is available.

### Don't Forget to Report Your Hours!

**Master Gardener volunteer and educational hours are due at the end of September.**

**It's easy to report them on line by visiting <http://www.hcmga.org>, and click the "Enter Volunteer Hours" link on the left side of the page.**

# **HCMGA 2011 Board & Committee Chairs**

POSITION	NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL
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## **BOARD**

Co-President	Michelle Arfman		
Co-President	Ray Fitzpatrick		
Vice President	Linda Riski-Lindorff		
Secretary	Helen Seibel		
Treasurer	Deborah Sawyer		
Ass't Treasurer	Pattie Clifford		

## **ASSOCIATION SUPPORT**

Newsletter Editor	Samantha Spidel		
Webmaster	Ron Rothrock		
Ass't Webmaster	Brenda White		
Membership Coordinator	Terry Bowen		
Club Historian	Deb Woodward		
Calling	Bev Watt		
Hospitality	Mary Ann Kaiser		
	Gail Mrenca		
Publicity	Alice Overton		
Education, Promotion & Support	Andrea Habeck		
	Bev Watt		
Master Propagators	Kathryn Mascaro		
Monthly Programs	Raynel Berry		
	Humberto Flores		
Tour & Events	Jeanette Daniels		

## **FUNDRAISING**

Plant Sale	Nancy Ayers	317-849-7563	<a href="mailto:marionnancyayers@hotmail.com">marionnancyayers@hotmail.com</a>
	Suzanne Stevens		
	Beth Billheimer		
	Donna Keelen		
Garden Store	Ron Rothrock		
	Jeanette Wiles		
Sportswear	Donna Keelan		

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

GrowLab/Outdoor Classroom	Debbie Mager		
Seeds of Knowledge	Mary Ellen Pelus		
	Sandy Cadwalader		
	Trudy Struck		
VoiceMail	Madie Goeller		
4-H Day Camp Presentation	Judy Benway		
4-H Wildflower Program	Kathryn Mascaro		
	Debbie Owens		
Seminars	Suzanne Stevens		
	Beth Alexander		
HSE High School Hort. Class Support	Judy Benway		
Keep Noblesville Beautiful Liaison	Cindy Haas		
Tree Committee	Joe Stasey		
	Kathryn Mascaro		

## **HCMGA 2011 Board & Committee Chairs - Continued**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
<b>DISPLAY BEDS- COUNTY</b>			
Westfield Heirloom	Margie Inlow		
Hadley Park	Nancy Mason		
	Phebe Smith		
Ritchey Woods	Brenda Gallagher		
Coxhall Gardens	Audrey Nelson		
	Jeanie Bubala		
	Mary Robinson		
Carmel/Clay Historical Society	Sharon Bassler		
	Pat Enney		
Third Phase	Sheri Molnar		
	Susan Teich		
Janus Developmental Services	Debbie Hager		
	Kaye Woods		
	Randy Banks		
	Jacquie Banks		
<b>DISPLAY BEDS-4H GROUNDS</b>			
4H Grounds Beds Coordinator	Debbie Fornefeld		
AAS Winks Flower Bed	Denise Matthews		
	Shirley Triller		
AAS Vegetable Bed	Brenda Kolic		
	Ray Fitzpatrick		
	Debra Lloyd		
Picket Fence Herb Bed	Linda Riski-Lindorff		
Daylilies/Iris	Helen Seibel		
	Beth Alexander		
	Mimi Merchun		
	Gail Mrenca		
Native Plant Bed	Jane Lawrence		
	Jeannie Leininger		
Parson's Patch	Danielle Williams		
Serenity Bed	Norma Minion		
	Sharon Overholt		
Memory Garden Bed	Michelle Arfman		
<b>OTHER COMMITTEES</b>			
Greens Workshop	Judy Benway		
	Kathy Godby		
Junior Master Gardeners	Priscilla Strong		
Small Grants	Suzanne Stevens		
	Kathryn Mascaro		
	Beth Alexander		

**Please remember that our HCMGA directory is for MG use only. We ask that you not use any of the contact information for business or commercial purposes.**



**Brent Heath**  
From  
**'Brent and Becky's  
Bulbs' in VA.**

**3 great programs  
plus an optional  
workshop!**

**"Bulbs as Companion Plants"** -  
You'll learn how to combine bulbs that will  
create just the feeling you want for four  
seasons in your garden.

**"Magical Mystical Meadows  
with Bulbs"** Discover the best choices  
for a variety of sites and micro climates  
from sun to shade and wet to dry.

**"Living Flower Arrangement with  
Layers of Bulbs"**

You will discover how much fun and how  
easy it is to enjoy a container garden.  
Optional 'hands on' portion during this  
session. (See Special Offer at the right!)

For more details on the programs see website:  
<https://store.brentandbeckysbulbs.com/spring>  
Go to Events, then to topics

**John Thieme "Living With Insects"**

A Purdue graduate, John eventually specialized  
in working with structural and public health insect  
pests, as well as with fruit, vine, vegetable, and  
row crop insect pests.

John has always had a  
deep passion for insects  
since he was "knee  
high to a grasshopper".



Hendricks County Master Gardeners presents

**Adventures in Gardening**

**Saturday Oct 15, 2011 8:30-3:30pm**

Hendricks Co 4H Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main St.  
Danville, IN 46122

Fee includes a continental breakfast and catered lunch.

Brent Heath will be available throughout the day for book signing.

[www.hendricksgardeners.com](http://www.hendricksgardeners.com)

**REGISTRATION FORM: 2011 Adventures in Gardening**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Make checks payable to: HC Master Gardeners Inc.**

**Mail to: Extension Office-Master Gardeners,  
P.O. Box 7, Danville, IN 46122**

If you have a disability or special needs requirements, contact Janet Cunningham at  
317-745-9260. An equal access/equal opportunity institution.

**Special Offer:** For a separate  
fee, with Brent's last program you  
can create your own 12" planter  
with 5 layers of bulbs to take  
home for \$25! **FIRM RSVP due**  
**By Sept. 9th!!!** \*Workshop may  
be attended without buying bulbs.

**RSVP Deadlines:**

**Workshop—Due Sept 9**

**Seminar—Due Oct 7**

*No Refunds After deadline*

Workshop: # \_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_

Seminar: # \_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_

**After Oct 7th, seminar**

**Is \$40 # \_\_\_ x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_**

Total due = \$ \_\_\_\_\_