I am rejoicing in this warm spring weather. My mail order plants arrived last week – including that baptisia I mentioned last month, and I am planning a great weekend digging in the dirt. I’ll remember to amend the soil since planting time is the best time for that especially with perennials and shrubs. I’ll probably mix up a little compost tea to water them in. Mother Nature usually takes care of everything else in April. I might need to give them a blanket a couple of evenings, but the privilege of being out in the garden this early (I still think like a zone 5b gardener) is just too exciting to ignore.

I ordered a favorite shrub – fothergilla. They are tiny now, but I’ll baby them for a while. Their ivory bottlebrush flowers are early and almost as refreshing as the daffodils they bloom with. In addition, they provide wonderful fall color. Maybe I’ll get lucky next year and have a few blooms.

As I drove the long trek back from my mom’s house, I listened to a radio program on WGN called ‘Let’s talk Gardening’. They were discussing newly available plants like Kong coleus. Now, I need to find a few of those! What is it with gardeners at this time of the year? We are like kids in the weeks leading up to Christmas. I have the garden gimmies…gimme one of those and one of those and one of those…

Many, many thanks to all those who have volunteered this year. Since the Junior Master Gardener program did not fly for 2005, the Templeton Garden committee borrowed those volunteers. The volunteer list is in the upcoming membership directory. Directories will be available at the last Intern class on 4/21 (6 p.m. at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church) and in the Extension Office if you are downtown. They will be available at the May meeting/graduation party at Karst Farm Park, too. We would like to avoid the postage if at all possible, so stop by, say “Howdy,” and pick up your directory.

—Mary Jane Hall

Introducing memga.net by Barbara Hays

Following an offer of donated storage space for the MCMGA website, the board voted to purchase a domain name for our group. Introducing memga.net! It’s still our old Internet site, but with several members offering to help, you should see changes soon. The site can still be accessed from Purdue’s Monroe County page (ces.purdue.edu/monroe), and the Hoosieret net site (bloomington.in.us/~gardener) will remain active for a while. We now have mega-capabilities as compared to the former space restrictions, so visit the site, save it as a favorite, and contribute!
Events and Classes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class Topic</th>
<th>Ed. hours</th>
<th>When</th>
<th>Where</th>
<th>Cost</th>
<th>Contact</th>
<th>Registration</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hilltop Spring Plant Sale</td>
<td>5/7 &amp; 5/8</td>
<td>Hilltop Garden &amp; Nature Center</td>
<td>$00</td>
<td>855-2799</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wild Flower Foray</td>
<td>4/23 to 4/25</td>
<td>Monroe &amp; Brown Counties</td>
<td>$00</td>
<td>Andrea deTarnowsky 988-2785</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MG Picnic &amp; Garden Tour</td>
<td>6/18</td>
<td>Selected Gardens</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>Mary Jane Hall 345-3985</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cincinnati Flower and Patio Show</td>
<td>4/20</td>
<td>Cincinnati, Ohio</td>
<td>$40 includes admission and transportation</td>
<td>349-2800</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Continuous Color the Easy U-Can Plan Way</td>
<td>1 4/24</td>
<td>Baker’s Table, Rockville, Indiana</td>
<td>$40 includes meal</td>
<td>Pam Duthie</td>
<td>800-340-8155 ext 147B sponsored by Parke &amp; Vermillion</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

News and Events

**Wanted: Master Composter Or a Composter!**

We need someone that might be interested in managing and conducting a composting demonstration at the Monroe County Master Gardener Demonstration at the Fairgrounds.

This would be creating two or three compost piles, maintaining them, recording information, and reporting the results to the group. We have a new Earth Machine to start one of the projects. Varoomoom!

Call Dan at 349-2575 if interested.

**Two 101 Indiana Trees Books for Sale!**

The Extension office has two copies of the *101 Trees of Indiana, A Field Guide (IU Press)*, for sale at $17.00 each. Stop by the Extension office to purchase one.

**Wanted: Helpers and Teachers for Adults!**

Would you like to help health care residents with gardening at their facility? They are interested in youth and adults to help with projects. If you want more information, please call Jessica Salyers, Richland Bean Blossom Health Care Center, 5911 West State Road 46, Ellettsville, IN 47429, 812-876-6400, Email: jessica@rbbhec.com

**NEW MG! By Joanna Howe**

A pat on the back for Joyce Peden, who has completed her volunteer commitment and is now certified as a Purdue Master Gardener. Among the activities she participated in was the Children’s Farm Festival, the Bloomington Garden Walk, several individual consultations on landscaping, the fairgrounds demonstration garden, the vegetable and flower exhibits during fair week, and work at the Monroe County History Center. Well done!

Do we have YOUR hours?
**Demonstration Garden by MaryAlice Parks**

Along with the beautiful weather comes the need to prepare our demonstration gardens for planting. Please consider helping me on Saturday mornings from about 9:00 til ? We will start out by weeding, pruning, clearing out dead plants, mulching, etc. You will need to consider bringing your favorite cleanup gear, such as pruners, clippers, weeders, rakes, gloves, knee pads, hats, water bottle and/or whatever else strikes your fancy. No tools? Come and help pull weeds, dead plants, etc. Feel free to contribute your labor at any other time also.

Those of you who will want to do your own demonstration plot should contact me. Some examples include plots for herbs, heirloom plants, tomatoes, gourds, vegetables, butterflies, or hostas. New ideas are very welcome, or you might want to take over an existing plot that is no longer being tended. This is definitely a group project for MCMGA. Great way for interns to earn hours!

MaryAlice Parks  
H: 331-3767 maryalicepa@earthlink.net  
W: 856-8524 marparks@indiana.edu

---

**What’s Blooming Now?**

**By Mary Welch-Keesey**

Every so often, leave your busy day behind and take a flower break. For the next few months, I will be writing a “What’s Blooming Now” column for the Indianapolis Zoo website. It will include photos, of course, and some basic information on growing the plant in the home landscape. I’ll add a new column every one (hopefully) or two (realistically) weeks. I’m also hoping to include a list of all the plants that are blooming in the Gardens each week, but that will take some time to put together.

If you would like higher resolution photos than what are on the website for your own use, or if there is a plant mentioned but no picture shown, let me know. I’ll be glad to send photos on to you. Check out the latest “What’s Blooming” at [http://www.indyzoo.com](http://www.indyzoo.com). Go to the brown White River Gardens box on the lower left and click “What’s Blooming Now”. At the end of the article, there is an archive of previous articles, if you want to see what was happening earlier this month.

Enjoy! If you have comments or think this is a really great feature, I’d love to get some feedback! Let me know what you think.

Mary Welch-Keesey  
Consumer Horticulture Specialist

---

**May General Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 pm  
**Place:** Karst Farm Park  
**Program:** Intern Class Graduation

A large, strong, enthusiastic group of interns has worked hard in the Master Gardener class conducted January through April under the direction of Dan Baugh. Plan to attend the class graduation and congratulate these new Master Gardener interns.
Joys of Composting
Helen Hollingsworth

A small city lot containing a house, garage, mature pin oak trees, and random small perennial gardens produces an amazing amount of compost materials. A chipper is a useful piece of equipment to grind up the innumerable small tree twigs released by the trees, a sea of fallen leaves, the usual garden debris, and kitchen wastes (excluding anything containing animal fat or meat as well as the waste from strawberries, citrus of all kinds, and pineapple). It isn’t necessary to grind everything with the chipper in order to compost; however, we’ve found that materials that have been cut or ground into a uniform size degrade into organic gardening materials faster than when left in chunks or in its natural state. The chipper also reduces a huge amount of debris to a third of the original, which is useful.

This mound of chipper-reduced materials needs a resting place that will keep the pile looking presentable while allowing it to be turned periodically to distribute water, a layer of soil, and a small amount of fertilizer. Our solution was to buy a 2-1/2 feet by 3 feet Rubbermaid compost bin that at first glance resembles a dog house. (In fact, a friend suggested that we put out a doggie bowl in front of it.) We made a platform from some bricks we happened to have on hand to create a stable foundation and set the collapsible compost container on it. The roof lifts easily, allowing access to turn the compost and to add new materials. So far it has worked well. We have finished compost two or more times a year from this bin.

Even so, on a small city lot, we have more compost materials than we have bin space. We have to work at making our compost materials fit into city neatness. Lately we’ve been bagging the excess leaves and ground up twigs and storing the bags in the garage. Over the spring and summer, these bags of compost materials gradually find their way into the bin, evening out the mix of green with brown. We have a joyful sense of accomplishment when we empty the compost bin and begin anew.

Demonstration Gardens Board members discussed the possibility of having demonstration gardens at both the Fair Grounds and Willie Streeter. Rationale for having a demonstration garden at Willie Streeter is that the garden would have good visibility and that novice gardeners are often present, which presents teaching opportunities. However, some board members wondered if we could staff both the Fair Grounds and a new Willie Streeter site, as well as provide volunteers for Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard. In the March newsletter, Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard announced they are seeking Master Gardener volunteers for their garden sites at Hilltop Garden & Nature Center, Harmony School, and Banneker Community Center. It was suggested that Master Gardeners could work with Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard first and perhaps in the future we might consider a second demonstration garden site at Willie Streeter. MaryAlice Parks is coordinating the work at the Fair Grounds demonstration garden. (See article elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Sign at Fairgrounds Demonstration Garden MaryAlice Parks and Herman Young are working on reinstalling the directional sign for the garden.

Gourd Workshop Barb Hays announced she is enchanted with gourds and this summer is presenting (date to be announced later) a make-and-take gourd workshop as well as information on growing gourds. She shared her enthusiasm with the board along with the story of the origin of this new obsession.

Identify Yourself! Dan Baugh reminded Master Gardener board members that volunteers should always wear their Master Gardener badges when volunteering in the community.

Cincinnati Flower Show Dan Baugh announced that the bus for the flower show in Cincinnati on April 20 is full, with names now on a waiting list.

International Master Gardener Conference The 2005 conference is scheduled for July 24-27 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

MCMGA Members-Only Garden Walk Mary Hawkins is organizing a June garden walk/pitch-in meal for members with more information coming soon.
“What can we plant along streets and highways that will not be damaged by the salts used for de-icing roads in winter?” This question is frequently asked after severe winters and subsequent damage to plants along roadways.

**Types and Effects of Salts** The most commonly used salt for de-icing roads is sodium chloride (NaCl); calcium chloride (CaCl₂) is used to a lesser extent. Salts affect plant growth in several ways: by accumulating specific ions in toxic concentration within plant tissues; by increasing osmotic pressure differences and causing desiccation (dying); by altering mineral nutrition balances; and by altering soil structure.

No plant is totally immune to damage from salts, but some are far more sensitive to salts than others. Damage may occur from soil-borne salts accumulating from highway run-off or from air-borne salt spray caused by passing traffic. Plants that appear to be resistant to soil salts may not be resistant to salt spray, and vice versa.

**Damage from Salt Spray** Spray damage may be more evident on the downwind side of the highway than on the opposite side, with the side of plants nearest the road showing the greatest damage. The distance from the highway that spray damage occurs depends, in part, on wind speed and on the speed of traffic along that portion of the road, with faster traffic sending salt spray greater distance.

On deciduous plants, death of buds and twig tips, especially apparent during the spring as buds begin to open, indicates that spray damage has occurred. A “witches'-broom” effect, where a dense cluster of twigs is produced at the base of the dead twig, often develops as a result of annual die-back of terminal twig portions. On evergreen plants, pale green, yellowed, or browned foliage may be evident during late winter and into spring if salt damage has occurred.

Air-borne salt damage may be less severe on species with thick bark and/or with buds that are hidden, resinous, or waxy, as compared to species with smooth, thin bark and exposed or naked buds.

**Damage from Soil-borne Salt** The degree of salt damage from accumulation in the soil depends on several variables, including direction and concentration of run-off, the amount of snowfall and timing of rains, the type of soil, and condition of the plants. Healthy, mature plants will withstand salts better than young or unestablished plants or those suffering from stresses unrelated to salt accumulation.

**Minimizing Salt Damage** Salt damage may be minimized with a “preventive care” approach. This approach includes knowledge of plant hardiness, supplemental watering of plants, proper selection and placement of plants, and adequate protection of plants.

**Plant Hardiness** Experimentally, salt applied to twigs decreases their tolerance to cold temperatures. Therefore, plants used in the colder portions of their hardiness range may be less tolerant to salts than when used elsewhere. When landscaping, use plants known to be hardy if salt accumulation should occur.

**Supplemental Watering** Winter and spring rains lessen salt damage by washing salts from the aerial portion of the plant and, depend on the condition of the soil, leaching salts from the plant root zone. Where watering is feasible, thoroughly wet down the above-ground portions of the plant in early spring, and if soils are well drained, apply several inches of water to the root zone. This supplemental watering helps wash away salts.

**Proper Selection and Placement** Damage can be minimized by proper selection and placement of plants. Plant distance from the road should be based on prevailing winds, volume and speed of traffic, and terrain.

**Salts and Ornamental Plants** Along high-speed highways, keep salt-sensitive plants 60 or more feet from the road. In cities, place sensitive plants at least 30 feet from the street, especially if the road carries a high volume of traffic. Drainage patterns should carry salt away from plant roots. Avoid planting where run-off collects. Where soil salt is a risk, consider drought-sensitive plants as salt sensitive.

**Plant Protection** A physical barrier between the plants and the road offers protection from salt spray damage. If a permanent wall is impractical, temporary screening of snow fences, burlap, plywood, or other materials can be erected around small plants. However, such barriers tend to be unattractive from a design viewpoint. If space permits, consider instead a screen or windbreak of dense, salt-tolerant plants between the roadways and desirable landscape specimens. Remember, the height that salt spray is carried will increase with distance from the road. Commercial antidessicant preparations designed to prevent drying of plant tissues are not proven effective in preventing salt spray.

**Tolerance of Landscape Plants** In selecting plants, whether for residential, city or highway plantings, keep salt tolerance in mind.

For a list of plants that may be salt tolerant to some degree, see Purdue University’s HO-142, from which this material is excerpted.

*Ruth Kvaalen is Extension Assistant in Ornamental Horticulture, Purdue University*
### Master Gardener Committees

**Demonstration Garden** MaryAlice Parks, chair, Karen Adams, Maria Bailey, Ruthann Bailey, Linda Blair, Elizabeth Brown, Reba Butler, Mike Engber, Richie Epps, Nancy Fee, Mary Jane Hall, Carls Hand, Mary Hawkins, Barbara Hays, Charles Hines, Joanna Howe, Martha Myers, Joyce Peden, Fred Risinger, Irwin Shelton, Juanita Shelton, Helen Thompson, Mona Visnius, Ann Wren, Dianna Young, Herman Young

**MG Garden Tour/Picnic** Bob Baird, Pat Cates, Richard Cates, and Mary Hawkins, co-chairs, Karen Adams, Barbara Baynes, Reba Butler, Susan Colston, Julie Curry, Mike Engber, Richie Epps, Mary Jane Hall, Barbara Hays, Ann McEndarfer, Joyce Peden, Irwin Shelton, Juanita Shelton, Hilda Woodfork

**Templeton Gardens** Nancy White, chair, Karen Adams, Maria Bailey, Ruthann Bailey, Susan Colston, Cheryl Engber, Richie Epps, Nancy Fee, Marjorie Gonzalez, Mary Hawkins, Barbara Hays, Helen Hollingsworth, Ann McEndarfer, Martha Myers, Joyce Peden, Peter Seybold, Irwin Shelton, Juanita Shelton

**Monroe County Fair** Barbara Baynes and Esther Minnick, co-chairs, Bob Baird, Marjorie Gonzalez, Barbara Hays, April Lyons, Ann McEndarfer, Robin Nordstrom, Joyce Peden, Peter Seybold, Irwin Sheldon, Juanita Shelton, Nancy White, Ann Wren, Dianna Young, Herman Young; **flowers:** Karen Adams, Maria Bailey, Ruthann Bailey, Reba Butler, Pat Cates, Richard Cates, Susan Colston, Julie Curry, Cheryl Engber, Richie Epps, Nancy Fee, Mary Jane Hall, Martha Myers, Joyce Peden, Joyce Rose, Helen Thompson, Nancy White, Hilda Woodfork, Dianna Young, **vegetables:** Pat Cates, Richard Cates, Richie Epps, Martha Myers, Robin Nordstrom, Larime Wilson, Herman Young

**Sycamore Valley Landscape Show** Nancy White, chair, Carol Baer, Barbara Baynes, Elizabeth Brown, Reba Butler, Susan Colston, Julie Curry, Mike Engber, Richie Epps, Marjorie Gonzalez, Mary Jane Hall, Helen Hollingsworth, April Lyons, Ann McEndarfer, Ed McEndarfer, Martha Myers, Joyce Peden, Irwin Shelton, Juanita Shelton, Mona Visnius, Hilda Woodfork, Ann Wren

**MCMGA Newsletter** Carol Cobine and Helen Hollingsworth, chairs, Carol Baer, Maria Bailey, Ruthann Bailey, Bob Baird, Barbara Baynes, Linda Blair, Marilyn Brinley, Julie Curry, Richie Epps, Nancy Fee, Mary Jane Hall, Mary Hawkins, Joanna Howe, April Lyons, Joyce Peden, Kristin Rust, Peter Seybold, Irwin Shelton, Juanita Shelton, Nancy White, Dianna Young, Herman Young

**MCMGA Website** Barbara Baynes, Carol Cobine, and Barbara Hays, co-chairs, Marilyn Brinley, Julie Curry, Cheryl Engber, April Lyons, MaryAlice Parks

**Advanced Training** Barbara Baynes, Marilyn Brinley, Cheryl Engber, Mary Jane Hall, Barbara Hays, Helen Hollingsworth, Joanna Howe, Ann McEndarfer, Martha Myers, Robin Nordstrom, Dianna Young, Herman Young

**Cheryl’s Garden** Larime Wilson, chair, Carol Baer, Maria Bailey, Ruthann Bailey, Linda Blair, Elizabeth Brown, Mike Engber, Richie Epps, Marjorie Gonzalez, Mary Jane Hall, Charles Hines, Martha Myers, MaryAlice Parks, Joyce Peden, Stephanie Randolph, Ruth Rauch, Irwin Shelton, Juanita Shelton, Mona Visnius, Hilda Woodfork

**Hotline** Peter Seybold, chair, Elizabeth Brown, Marjorie Gonzalez, Linnea Good, Mary Jane Hall, Mary Hawkins, Ann McEndarfer, Kristin Rust

**Leadership Development** Carol Cobine, Mary Jane Hall, Helen Hollingsworth, Ann McEndarfer, Nancy White

**State Fair** Preston Gwinn and Herman Young, co-chairs, Richard Cates, Cheryl Engber, Martha Myers, Fred Risinger, Nancy White, Dianna Young

**Speaker’s Bureau** Bob Baird, Ann McEndarfer, and Peter Seybold, co-chairs, Cheryl Engber, Mary Jane Hall, Ed McEndarfer, Stephanie Randolph, Kristin Rust, Nancy White
**Volunteer Opportunities**

Here is a list of organizations looking for volunteers. Spring is an excellent time to introduce yourself to these organizations and offer some hours. Before you know it, you’ll accumulate the required volunteer hours to advance to the next Master Gardener level.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Organization</th>
<th>Schedule</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Contact</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hilltop Garden &amp; Nature Center</td>
<td>year around</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Marcia Figueiredo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>855-2799</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Templeton Garden Project</td>
<td>spring/fall</td>
<td>teaching children</td>
<td>Nancy White 824-4426</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MG Demonstration Garden</td>
<td>seasonal</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>MaryAlice Parks 988-1630</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T. C. Steele SHS</td>
<td>seasonal</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Steve Doty 988-2785</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheryl's Garden</td>
<td>seasonal</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Larime Wilson 339-9705</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flatwoods Park Butterfly Gardens</td>
<td>seasonal</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Cathy Meyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MCMGA Horticulture Hotline</td>
<td>year round</td>
<td>inquiries &amp; research</td>
<td>Dan Baugh 349-2575</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MCMGA Member Garden Tour</td>
<td>June 18</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Mary Hawkins 824-2139</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MCMGA Speakers Bureau</td>
<td>year around</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Dan Baugh 349-2575</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MCMGA Leadership Project</td>
<td>fall</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Mary Jane Hall 345-3985</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monroe County Fair</td>
<td>July</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Barb Baynes 876-2354</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MCMGA Newsletter</td>
<td>year around</td>
<td>writing, stapling, labeling</td>
<td>Carol Cobine 333-8314</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MCMGA Web Site</td>
<td>year around</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Barb Hays 332-4032</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indiana State Fair Booth</td>
<td>August</td>
<td>education</td>
<td>Preston Gwinn 837-9554</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BGC Garden Walk</td>
<td>June 25 &amp; 25</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Marjorie Gonzalez 333-8301</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Middle Way House</td>
<td>seasonal</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Clara Wilson 333-7404</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wylie House</td>
<td>year around</td>
<td>various</td>
<td>Sherry Brunoehler 353-3065</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bloomington Hospitality House</td>
<td>bi-weekly</td>
<td>educate seniors</td>
<td>Rene Thompson 353-3065</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard</td>
<td>year around</td>
<td>education, resource</td>
<td>Libby Yarnell 355-6843</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peden Farm Day for Children</td>
<td>May 10 &amp; 11</td>
<td>education</td>
<td>Joyce Peden 876-4146</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Master Gardener Volunteer Hours

WHAT COUNTS?

Counts towards Volunteer Hours:

1. Giving presentation to local service club about preparing garden for planting
   - Volunteer credit will be given for educational activities related to home horticulture such as gardening, landscaping, and lawn care.
2. Answering questions from general public at a Master Gardener booth at the County Fair.
3. Teaching a session for the next Master Gardener Intern Class.
4. Acting as a tour guide at local nature center or other public garden.
   - As long as it is clear from the start that the volunteer is identified as a Master Gardener while on duty and is not paid for their work.
5. Preparation and travel time for presentation to local garden club.
6. Providing gardening information “over the back fence” to neighbors, friends, and relatives.
   - Volunteer credit will be given for educational efforts, but not for physical labor such as soil prep, planting, maintenance, etc.
7. Assisting MG Coordinator with gardening class or event.
   - Volunteer credit will be given, including administrative and clerical assistance such as making copies, assembling handouts, and helping with setup/teardown. The end result is an educational activity.
8. Time spent serving as MG association officer or committee chair.
   - Volunteer credit will be granted as these activities support the educational efforts.

Volunteer Hours if Revised:

1. Provide labor for local community beautification project.
   - While community beautification is admirable, the goal of the MG program is education and every effort should be made to make this project and educational opportunity. Make it a demo garden with signage/labeling, or train and supervise a group of other volunteers such as scouts, community service “road crew”, etc.
2. Installing landscapes for local not-for-profit or other community groups.
   - This activity should be made into an educational opportunity, not merely free labor!
3. Pulling weeds in one’s own garden to prepare for a garden tour or other educational event
   - Credit may be granted for time spent above and beyond “routine” maintenance if event is an approved MG project.
4. MG class participant turns in 30 volunteer hours during the training series.
   - Volunteer hours will only be credited after the participant has completed training and passed the exam, except for limited pre-approved supervised activities.

No Credit Volunteer Hours:

1. Answering customer question while on the job at Joe’s Garden Center as a paid employee.
   - Volunteer work must be unpaid (possible credit if unpaid AND pre-approved.)
2. Making pest control recommendations for commercial green grower

   *Master gardeners are only to advise regarding home gardening, NOT commercial clientele. All commercial growers should be referred to the appropriate Purdue Extension Staff.*

3. Accepting fee for judging 4-H garden projects at County Fair.

   *Volunteer may not accept judging fee as personal income, however may accept travel expenses.*

**Educational Hours for Credit:**

1. Attending gardening symposium at Missouri Botanic Garden, and other appropriate trainings.

   *Educational activity will be credited as educational hours for time spent in the activity, not to include travel.*

---

**Record of Volunteer and Advanced Training Hours**

Interns should submit hours at least quarterly; all others at least monthly. Mail forms to the Association at the address on the reverse of this page or bring it to any meeting. Contact a Director with questions concerning eligibility.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Class Year</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

### Volunteer Hours

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location and description of instruction provided</th>
<th>Hours</th>
<th>Approved by</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Advanced Training

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location and description of instruction provided</th>
<th>Hours</th>
<th>Approved by</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
May General Meeting: Tuesday, May 24th, 6:30 pm

Monroe County Master Gardener Association, Inc.
Cooperative Extension Service
Health Building
119 West Seventh Street
Bloomington, IN 47404

FIRST CLASS MAIL
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

2004 MCMGA Executive Board

President Office Team: Mary Jane Hall
Mary Jane: 824-2762 gardenz4ever@hotmail.com

Vice President Office Team: Ann McEndarfer, Nancy White
Ann: 334-1801 amcendar@truman.edu
Nancy: 824-4426 nwhite38@hotmail.com

Treasurer Office Team: Diana Young, Mary Hawkins
Diana: 812-339-0040 hoyoung@indiana.edu
Mary:

Secretary Office Team: Marilyn Brinley, Joanna Howe
Joanna: 812-277-8369 Joannahowe@earthlink.net
Marilyn: MLbrinley@aol.com

Journalist Office Team: Carol Cobine, Helen Hollingsworth
Carol: 333-8314 ccobine@indiana.edu
Helen: hollhin@indiana.edu

State Advisory Committee Representative: Herman Young, Gino Brancolini
Herman: 339-0040 hoyoung@indiana.edu
Gino: brancol@indiana.edu

Helping Others Grow