



# Roots & Shoots

The Newsletter of the Monroe County  
Master Gardeners Association

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### **Georgia Vaught: Candidate for Vice President**

Georgia Vaught is a former medical technologist and a retired public and special librarian who finds master gardening's investigative (what weed is that), nurturing (grow little seed), and continuous learning (how many types of asters or daffodils are there) opportunities fascinating, fulfilling and fun.

Georgia was born in La Porte, Indiana and graduated from Indiana University with a B.S. in Medical Laboratory Science and later a career switch with a Masters in Library Science, now the School of Informatics. Georgia resides in Bloomington where she is experimenting with a shade native plant environment.

This Master Gardener organization has more than 30 years' service because of its dedicated members and she looks forward to working with them and contributing to the best of her abilities.

### **Eryn Cusack: Candidate for Records Director**

Eryn Cusack has been involved with MCMGA since she moved to Indiana in 2014. Her love of Indiana has only grown since then leading her to take the Master Naturalist courses and to explore all Indiana has to offer. Eryn is a graduate of University of Kansas with a Fine Arts degree in Metalsmithing/Jewelry. Currently you can find her teaching at the local Montessori school (a passion that has continued since 2000), teaching art classes, cleaning houses, or hiking somewhere in Indiana's beautiful natural areas. She's excited that her new house offers her the chance to finally follow another one of her life long passions: gardening.

### **Pam Roberts: Candidate for Meeting Director**

Pam Roberts retired 5 years ago following fun careers with Indiana University's Kelley School of Business and Cummins. While at IU she was the Executive Director of the MBA Program and Graduate Career Services. Prior to joining Kelley, Pam worked for Cummins in a variety of financial roles. She graduated from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business with an MBA in finance in 1986. Her undergraduate degree is in Microbiology from Ball State University. During her retirement, Pam is very engaged completing items on a bucket list while also spending time gardening, volunteering, scuba diving, reading, hiking and tasting wine.

### **Dorothea Cole-Kiser: Candidate for Treasurer**

Dorothea Cole-Kiser received her Master Gardener training in 2008. She volunteers at the Garden Fair, and at the Monroe County County Fair. Her gardening style is one of experimentation and exploration as she is continuously trying out new ideas and plants that pique her interest.

### **Beth Lewis Samuelson: Candidate for Journalist**

Beth Lewis Samuelson moved to Bloomington in 2008 to teach at IU Bloomington's School of Education. She completed the MCMGA Teaching is her first love, but in her spare time she likes to tend to her indoor and outdoor plants. One of her first memories is playing in the greenhouse owned by her parents, who operated a florist shop and greenhouse in western Wisconsin.