Our association recently voted upon and accepted new changes in our bylaws. However, an unfortunate oversight in the new bylaws left out mention of secretary under Article IV Officers, Section 1 Election of Officers. Officers will be elected at the November general meeting and begin service in January 2008. The following is suggested to correct the oversight in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV Officers
Section 1 Election of Officers
The officers and board members shall be elected for staggered two-year terms, with service to begin on January 1, at the final general meeting of the fiscal year, beginning with elections in 2008, as follows:

January 2008, for two-year terms, with election in even-numbered years thereafter: Vice President for Programs, Director of Records, Treasurer, Journalist
January 2008, for one-year term, with election for two-year terms beginning in 2009 and in odd numbered years thereafter: President, Vice President for Education, Secretary, Director of Communications, At-Large Director

The slate of officers for election shall be published in the edition Roots and Shoots newsletter immediately preceding the last general meeting of the fiscal year.

To help members keep track of education hours for 2007, program chairs Ann McEndarfer and Nancy White have listed below the hours available to members who attended or will attend these MCMGA meetings or programs for 2007. Remember to report your hours for this year to Amy Thompson at the Extension Office very soon and to include education hours gained at programs and meetings held outside of Monroe County, such as the Purdue Master Gardener State Convention that was held in Evansville in September.

General Meetings:
January 23, Gardening Tools, 1.5 hours
March 27, How to Diagnose Plant Problems and Water Gardens and Features, 2 hours
September 25, Naturalizing Gardens, 1.5 hours
November 27, Flower Arranging, 1 hour

Special Events
June 23, MG Garden Walk, 3 hours
June 7, Tour of Indianapolis Museum of Art Gardens, 2 hours
August 4, Tour of Munchkin Nursery, 1.5 hours
October 8, Tour of Oliver Winery Gardens, 1 hour

Monroe County Fair Garden Chats
July 25, Daylilies and Hostas, 1 hour
July 26, Herbs, 1 hour
July 27, Ornamental Grasses, 1 hour

Save the Date!
Annual Holiday Dinner Celebration
Tuesday, November 27, 6:00 p.m.
Call Gloria Noone, Nancy White, or Ann McEndarfer today to let them know you (and perhaps a guest) will be coming!
Forty four members attended the MG General Meeting on September 25. Our speaker was Lucille Bertuccio, who spoke and illustrated with slides ideas and reasons for naturalizing gardens. Bertuccio suggested that we consider registering our own garden as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. The process verifies that you have provided the essential elements for healthy and sustainable wildlife habitats. To participate, contact the National Wildlife Federation at nwf.org/backyard/certify to obtain an application. A one-time fee of $15 covers the cost to certify, for which you will receive a certificate, a year’s subscription to *National Wildlife Magazine*, and your name listed on the NWF registry of certified habitats. Several Bloomington agencies are working to get many registered habitats in the next few years in the city.

Those in attendance for the program on naturalizing gardens are reminded to turn in this meeting for an hour of education credit to Amy Thompson at the Extension Office. If you missed this meeting, plan to attend our next general meeting on Tuesday, November 27, which will be our annual Holiday Dinner Celebration and program, for another opportunity to earn an hour of education credit.

In addition to learning about naturalizing gardens, we were introduced to Greg Speicher, the new director of Hilltop Garden and Nature Center. Greg explained some new happenings and administrative changes at Hilltop Gardens on the IU campus. Greg urges MGs to continue our long tradition of supporting Hilltop activities through volunteering and visiting. Greg has an extensive horticulture lending library that he is making available for our use, and he urges us to stop by and meet the new staff. His immediate needs include plant starts, seeds, and bulbs that we might want to donate. Contact Greg at gspeiche@indiana.edu if you can volunteer or donate items.

The refreshment committee, Jill Scherer, Kaylie Scherer, and Helen Hollingsworth, provided wonderful snacks.

**October Field Trip**

It’s not too late to register to attend the fall field trip to Oliver Winery on Monday, October 8 at 3:00 p.m. If you have not already done so, contact Anne McEndarfer or Nancy White to get your name on the list of attendees to receive detailed information. We will have a guided tour of the Winery Gardens and then enjoy some time visiting the winery showroom and gift shop. Wine tasting will be available for those who want to sample some of the Oliver products. It will be a fun afternoon. We will not plan car pools for this trip, since parking is available in the ample winery lots.

**Holiday Dinner Celebration**

On Tuesday, November 27, Master Gardeners will meet for the annual Holiday Dinner Celebration and Program. If you plan to attend, we ask that you contact Gloria Noone, Anne McEndarfer, or Nancy White to let the committee know how many to expect. In years past, we have not asked for advance registrations, but in order to better plan for the food purchases, we ask that you let us know if you are planning to attend by Saturday, November 24.

Master Gardeners will provide meats, cheeses, breads, drinks, and table service. Those attending should bring a favorite appetizer, vegetable dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Feel free to invite neighbors, friends, and family members to this special evening. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at First United Church, 2420 East Third Street (previously called the First Baptist Church), enjoy our pitch-in dinner, and have an education program on holiday flower arranging immediately after dinner. A brief business meeting will be included to vote our slate of officers and to approve the revised by-laws. Plan to join us on November 27.
A Thorough Guide on Clematis

By M. Susan Osborne


It was a random encounter with a misnamed plant that started author Linda Beutler to begin seriously collecting clematis. “Clematis are among the most versatile and diverse plants for any garden,” Beutler writes. “Few flowers can fill so many garden niches.” She believes shrubs and trees were put on the planet to support and enhance clematis! Of course, anybody who is passionate about a specific genre of plants will say the same. However, to prove her point, Beutler has written a brilliant book covering the various aspects of clematis gardening. She has 250 types of clematis in her own garden, which indicates her deep passion for growing the vine, and her knowledge and experience extends to others through her association with the Pacific Northwest Clematis Society. In sparkling and delightful prose, Beutler discusses a multitude of topics. The 300 page volume has ten chapters from companion plants to design. She offers thoughtful insight, scientific facts, advice and wisdom from others, and great ideas for growing clematis.

Following are concise blurbs from each of the chapters to illustrate the array of information she offers in Gardening with Clematis.

Chapter 1: Clematis as Companion Plants offers advice in the selection of new plants; whether to purchase a vine or herbaceous perennial clematis; how to predict the weight of a vine; a word or two about structures; and the ten best clematis for beginners.

Chapter 2: Groomed to Perfection offers pruning advice; deadheading or not; and ten clematis not recommended for beginners.

Chapter 3: Clematis with Each Other discusses pairing clematis with other plants, pruning partnerships, large, early blooming clematis, midsummer clematis and late blooming clematis as well as ten companionable clematis.

Chapter 4: Clematis with Roses explains kinds of roses, such as once-blooming roses and tall roses, and explains how to find the right rose partners for clematis. Therefore, she offers ten favorite clematis for roses as well as ten favorite roses for clematis.

Chapter 5: Clematis with Woody Shrubs addresses conifers, rhododendrons, broadleaf evergreens, deciduous plants and trees, viburnums and ten clematis that love shrubs.

Chapter 6: The Herbaceous Clematis focuses on Clematis integrifolia, but also provides suggestions of clematis to use as filler plants, how to determine whether to stake or not to stake and how to manage wandering clematis. This chapter lists the ten best herbaceous clematis.

Chapter 7: Clematis with Herbaceous Perennials is an interesting chapter on ranunculaceae (perennials with tuberous or fibrous roots), sharing shade with plants such as hostas, sharing with sun loving plants, hardy geraniums with clematis, late season blooming clematis with late season perennials, and the best ten clematis to partner with herbaceous perennials.

Chapter 8: Annuals, Other Vines, and Anybody Else We’ve Missed Thus Far is a concise chapter on annuals, grasses and other plants along with a list of ten unusual companions for clematis.

Chapter 9: Growing Clematis in Containers describes just that – clematis in containers, the dos and don’ts, soil, draping versus climbing, proper support and maintenance when planting in a container, and at the end, more than ten clematis for container planting.

Chapter 10: Garden Design: The Big Picture offers garden design tips, focal points, seasonal clematis and her favorite ten clematis.

Two appendices – The Care and Feeding of Clematis and Common Clematis Groups, as well as a bibliography, conversion tables, and an index complete the book.

Gardening with Clematis provides over 100 beautiful photographs and incalculable wisdom gained from years of experience. The book is written with expert information to keep you interested, as well as stories to entertain you. The Top Ten Clematis lists at the end of each chapter provide expert guidance. Beutler is undeniably wild about clematis. Her hope is that reading her book will inspire others to seek out new clematis for their gardens. She has certainly inspired me, and I hope that you will be too after reading her book.
From the President’s Desk

By Marilyn Brinley

Autumn is now officially here, though we certainly wouldn’t know it by the weather. This summer has been a trying one for us gardeners. Too much heat and too little rain has stressed not only us but also our plants and lawns. The good news is that much will survive. The other good news is that the plants that have not survived can be replaced, and a new garden can arise from the dust of the current one.

Now is also the time to take stock of our relationship with Master Gardeners. Have we been working on maintaining our certification by volunteering and gaining education hours? Have we also been turning in those hours to the Extension Office? Unfortunately, only by reporting what we have been doing can we maintain our certification with Purdue. If it has been a while since you have reported, now is the perfect time to sit down and do so. If you are unsure of the last time you sent in a record of your hours, Amy will be glad to get that information to you so that you can turn in more hours. I urge all our members to get to work on those hours so that they can be turned in by the end of the year. The forms are available online at http://mcmga.net/

I hope the change in seasons will bring a change in the weather patterns and new ideas for our gardens and ourselves. Until then, I wish you all happy gardening and happy reporting!

Master Gardener Calendars on Sale in Time for Holidays

By Nancy White

Are you thinking of gifts for the up-coming holiday season? If so, why not investigate the 2008 Master Gardener calendars currently available from the Marion County MG Association? Profits from these calendars go to support the State MG Convention, which will be held in Indianapolis in September, 2008.

The beautiful full color calendar was available for all to see at our September general meeting and contains lovely winning photographs in a contest held by Marion County members. Cost of the calendar is $10 and may be ordered from Kathleen Hull, 7899 N. Briarhopper Road, Monrovia, IN 46157, or contact her at hullk@ccrtc.com.

When members order the MG calendars, a percentage of the profits is returned to our county in support of our local MG association.

Education Opportunity Open to Master Gardeners

Daviess, Knox, and Pike County Master Gardeners present Getting Back to Basics on Saturday, November 3 at IPL Communications Building located off Highway 57, north of Petersburg. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. central time, and the program begins at 9:00 a.m. Topics include Propagation presented by Mary Welch-Keesey and Low Maintenance Perennials presented by Dave Wanninger.

Registration is due by October 15. Cost before October 15 is $30 (including breakfast) and $35 after October 15.

To register, send contact information and check (payable to DKP Master Gardeners) to DKP Master Gardeners, c/o Melissa Teague, 1207 N. County Road 900E, Otwell, IN 47564.

For more information, call Melissa Teague (812-354-5786) or email dkpmastergardeners@yahoo.com or visit the website www.dkpmastergardeners.org
Great speakers, interesting topics, good food, beautiful location, plants and garden items to buy or win, and loads of fun: the 2007 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference proved to be a great experience. Our Evansville conference hosts packed Friday’s agenda with fine speakers and inspiring presentations. After breakfast, Eva Shaw, a prolific writer and lecturer, amazed and motivated us. This spunky lady from San Diego has written more than seventy books and over 1000 magazine articles and still has time to felt wool, make purses, and garden. She was amazingly fun and motivational. I always said my garden was my therapy. Now science and Eva Shaw have proved it.

Rosie Lerner, Consumer Horticulture Specialist and Master Gardener State Coordinator, presented a very informative session on what hours count as educational hours and volunteer hours. First, Rosie gave a written, circle-your-answer, anonymous, (no grade) quiz, followed by a second handout with what she considers creditable hours.

Felder Rushing spoke on Cottage Gardens by the Slice, and after lunch, on Yard Art: the Good, the Bad, and the Unbelievable. Believe me, Felder was unbelievably entertaining.

Next on the agenda was a choice between Eva Shaw’s Journaling and Howell Wetlands. Later we made a choice between A Four Seasons Nature Photo Journal and Bulbs, Corms, and Rhizomes. I wanted to see and hear it all.

Just before dinner, Rosie Lerner and others presided over a roundtable discussion about insurance, fundraising, and publicity.

After dinner Friday evening, the Marion County Master Gardener Association presented their plans for the 2008 Master Gardener’s State Conference. Later, Paula Conway and Shirley Day, who gave up corporate computer programming careers, presented a slide show of their successful and beautiful farm.

Gold badges flowed Saturday morning as Rosie Lerner recognized those who had obtained Master Gardener Gold status. I was shocked at how many there were.

Our friend from Munchkin Gardens, Gene Bush, presented my personal favorite topic, Shade Gardens. Then we were asked to choose between Rock Gardens and Gardening Tips for People with Physical Limitations. After our last break, State Legislator, Dennis Avery presented Preserving the Land. Rosie Lerner adjourned the conference.

My favorite experience was Evansville’s own Sharon Sorenson’s presentation, Four Seasons Nature Photo Journal. Sharon took all the pictures in her own yard, and in my opinion they rival any National Geographic photos I’ve seen. The conference was a wonderful experience, and I hope many of us can go to Indianapolis in 2008.
Charlotte’s Web Revisited

By Tim Gibb, Insect Diagnostician, Purdue University

"What spider is this, and will it poison me?" is a question that frequently comes into our laboratory during the late summer and early fall. When large, ornate and beautifully colored spiders hang in elaborate webs in gardens or window sills, they always call for closer (but not too close) examination. If webs are constructed between bushes or buildings where unsuspecting persons walk face first into the web, they demand attention, and of course an answer to the question, “What spider is this, and will it poison me?”

Many spiders make webs but one of the most remarkable groups of web making spiders is called argiopes or garden spiders. These spiders may become quite large and are always beautifully colored but are not venomous and do not bite people. They have poor vision and so rely on webs to catch their prey. The garden spider makes a large orb web and hangs, head down, in the hub of the web. When an insect enters the web, the spider can sense the vibrations and tension on the various threads and immediately rushes to the exact spot that the insect has fallen into. It quickly and efficiently wraps the captive up using silk and carries it back to the center of the web where it is eaten.

The female spider is much larger that the male and can often be seen making egg sacs and either hanging them in the web or attaching them nearby to herbs or other objects.

Garden spiders not only create very large orb webs, but also weave interesting patterns into their webs, patterns that someone might even mistake as written words. If you really use your imagination the words might read, “I am a friendly garden spider, and I am not poisonous.”

Hendricks County Master Gardeners Present Adventures in Gardening

Hendricks County Master Gardeners present Adventures in Gardening at Hendricks County Fairgrounds Auditorium on Saturday, October 13, from 8:00 to 3:30 p.m. Presentations include Trees by John Thieme; Lily Care and Propagation by Stephanie Ellis; Restoration of a Rare, Ground-fed Wetland by Dr. Lenore Tedesco; Rain Gardening by Simon Davies and Carol Ford; and Monarch Butterflies by Ann and Robert Richardson.

Cost is $35, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is October 5, and no refunds will be made after October 5. The session qualifies for six education hours. Make checks payable to Hendricks County Master Gardeners, and mail with contact information to Hendricks County Extension Office, 1900 E. Main Street, Danville, IN 46122. Anyone with questions may call the Extension Office at 317-745-9260.

Purdue Offers New Entomology Publications

New E-series available are
E-255-W - Fall Webworm
E-256-W - Borers of Pines and Other Needle Bearing Evergreens in Landscapes; and

A publication that has been revised is E-21-W - Managing Insects in the Home Vegetable Garden. You can find these and other Purdue entomology publications by visiting http://www.entm.purdue.edu/Entomology/ext/index.htm If you need hard copies you can contact the office.
Your MCMGA Board at Work

Editor’s Note: The MCMGA board is composed of the president, two vice presidents, two secretaries, two treasurers, two journalists, two state advisory committee representatives, one webmaster, one Fair Board representative, and the extension educator, a total of fourteen people. The board meets monthly and makes decisions on behalf of the membership on topics that come before the board. The bylaws printed in our membership guide provide a description of the duties of the MCMGA officers. This month and in future months, members of the board will describe the work they do on your behalf.

Secretaries

Barb Cappy and Mary Hawkins

My name is Barb Cappy. I’m pleased to have the opportunity to let you know what I do as a member of your board. If you want to know what the board discussed at any monthly board meeting, I’m the one to call. My plan is to supply Amy Thompson, with a CD of all the board and general meeting minutes recorded during my time in office. You may call the Extension Office for information as well. The board usually meets the first Monday of each month at the Extension Office. Occasionally, we meet at a board member’s home. We usually do not meet in August. All members are welcome at any board meeting.

Being the secretary for the Monroe County Master Gardener Board of Directors is not only enjoyable but rewarding as well. Taking minutes at meetings really helps me. It is great to know in advance the exact dates and locations of upcoming events. My duties as secretary are to keep records for the proceedings of board meetings and general meetings. I record attendance at board meetings and take a count of those attending general meetings. I conduct the general correspondence and maintain temporary and permanent records, with the exception of those kept by the Director of Records and the Journalist. I work in cooperation with the Director of Communication and the Journalist as needed. I send the previous month’s minutes to each board member at least one week in advance of board meetings.

It is great being on the MG board with such energetic and cooperative members of our organization. I hope all of you will consider taking a turn at serving on the board. We want everyone’s input. New ideas help keep our organization fresh, productive, and fun!

My name is Mary Hawkins. The duties I perform are essentially keeping track of all our members’ volunteer and education hours. With the adoption of the new by-laws, this job will be titled Director of Records. It will still be an executive board position as it has been, so it requires monthly board meetings as well. The Director of Records is also responsible for obtaining and archiving any materials pertaining to the Monroe County Master Gardener Association. As stated in the new by-laws, the Director of Records may appoint an archivist which will probably be the practice ongoing.

Maintaining an accurate record of all the volunteer and education hours is a rewarding but daunting task! I get to see how much members of our organization are doing in the community to "Help Others Grow." Members first send their hours to Amy Thompson at the Extension Office who records totals for her reports to Purdue. Amy then sends them to me. I check to see if requirements have been met, check to see if refunds are due to the interns completing their certification, record a hard copy of the hours on an index card, record the hours on a spreadsheet record, order badges and file all the forms. It is a rather cumbersome system right now, but with President Marilyn Brinley’s help and encouragement, we are trying to leap into the electronic age by converting the index card system to an electronic system entirely. It is my hope the new Director of Records will be able to complete this transition to make it a leaner and more efficient system. Our members deserve a timely communication of their personal record of growth. The hours members contribute are important to each member, to our association and to our community as we work together to "Help Others Grow." Keep those hours coming!
Mike Dana and Rosie Lerner are planning an advanced training/study abroad opportunity on the Gardens of France in June, 2008. Our adventure will visit gardens of historical significance in the regions of Paris, the Loire Valley, and Normandy and will include lectures, study booklet, pre-test/post-test and course evaluation. Participants will be expected to share what they learn with others in their community upon their return.

This trip is a 12-day study and travel abroad experience for Purdue Master Gardeners led by Purdue Horticulturist and Landscape Architect Dr. Michael Dana and Purdue Master Gardener State Coordinator/Extension Consumer Horticulture Specialist B. Rosie Lerner.

The objective of the course is to expand Master Gardeners' knowledge in fruit, vegetable, ornamental horticulture, landscape and garden design history.

This exciting course will include site visits to such notable gardens as Vaux Le Vicomte, Roseraie de l'Hay du Val de Marne, Versailles, Potager du Roi, Chartres, International Garden Festival at Chau-mont-sur-Loire, Chenonceau, Villandry, Plou et Fils Winery, Mansoniere Gardens, Le Vasterival, Bois des Moutiers, Giverny, and gardens of Bagatelle. Participants will be given an orientation to French history and the evolution of landscape and gardens as well as study worksheets for each site.

Registration is open to those with a serious interest in gardens and garden history, with a focus on participants in the Purdue Master Gardener Program. Enrollment is limited to 25 total participants, available on a first come basis with a $500 deposit required to hold your spot in the class. Advanced training hours will be credited to those Purdue Master Gardeners who complete the required reading and quizzes. Master Gardener participants will also earn volunteer service hours upon their return by sharing what they've learned with others.

A preview of the course is available online at <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/GoF/home.html>.

If you have questions or wish to enroll, please contact Rosie Lerner, Purdue Master Gardener State Coordinator and Extension Consumer Horticulture Specialist, rosie@purdue.edu or telephone 765-494-1311 or Mike Dana, professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, dana@purdue.edu, telephone 765-494-5923.

Bark Splitting

Bark splitting of nursery trees affects approximately five percent of the nursery stock produced in Ohio. Although there are no numbers for Indiana, the problem is fairly common. These longitudinal splits in the bark most often do not limit the growth of the tree, but the damage often makes the plant unattractive enough that it cannot be sold. Furthermore, insects and pathogens may use these cracks to gain entry into the tree. Scientists at Purdue are working jointly with Ohio State University to determine the factors that may cause or exacerbate this type of cracking. Anecdotal evidence suggests that high fertility, herbicide application, or the use of tree guards may cause bark cracking.
# Volunteer Opportunities Compiled by Nancy White

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**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE WHEN VOLUNTEERING.**
October is MCMGA Membership Enrollment Month!
Renew your membership today on the enclosed form.
Be sure you are included in *Folia and Flora*,
available in January 2008.

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