MCMGA President’s Thoughts

It’s always a little bittersweet coming to this time of year with gardening. The garden, while still producing an abundance of produce, is starting to look a little bedraggled! I can tell the plants are approaching their last hoorah!

So bring in the mulch, compost, over-winter garden amendments and start perusing those beautiful seed catalogs.

Mark your calendar now for our MCMGA Garden Fair - April 4, 2020. We are totally excited to be moving to the Monroe County Fair Grounds for this event.
- More and better parking ~
- Expanded set up and tear down times for our vendors and exhibitors ~
- Spacious room for expanded offerings ~
- 2 buildings in which to spread out for educational talks, café yummies, & kids’ garden crafts.
- Larger MCMGA member Plant Sale for this event (start your cuttings NOW!)

Watch for sign up sheets as more space means we need more volunteers!


Along with our photo contest (I hope you are taking photos of gardens in Monroe County) we are also going to have a Silent Auction! Be thinking of items, services, or gift cards you would be willing to donate for this event.

Interested in serving on the MCMGA Board of Directors or know someone you think would fit the bill? We have a number of openings coming up to begin in January 2020. Contact any Board member with either your name or to have us contact someone you think may be interested.

Our next General Meeting, Tuesday, September 24, will have further details on all these events! Plan to come, enjoy some refreshments, and hear Dr. Thomas Creswell speak on “Current Issues in Plant Pathology” (2 educational hours).

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MCMGA General Meeting
Sept. 24, 2019
Extension Building

When: Tuesday, September 24
Time: 6:30 PM – Come early for refreshments!
Where: Extension Building, 3400 S. Walnut – Bloomington

"Current Issues in Plant Pathology," Dr. Thomas Creswell.

Two (2) educational hours will be awarded for this evening.

Fall-themed Decorative Items Available at September Meeting
by Barbara Coffman

We have several decorative items such as pumpkins and table runners, etc. that have been used in the past at our annual Harvest Dinners. None of these items has been used in the last few years, however, so we would like to put some of them in our silent auction at the November dinner and make the rest of them available to MCMGA members.

But first, if you donated or purchased any of these items for MCMGA, and would like to reclaim them, please contact Barbara Coffman at barbara.coffman@ymail.com or 812-327-1922 before our next general meeting on September 24.

The remaining items will be displayed at our September meeting. Take what you like; whatever is left at the end of the meeting will be added to the silent auction or donated.

Save the Date for the Annual Harvest Dinner!!
by Barbara Coffman

Our annual pitch-in celebration dinner, filled with good food, friends, sign ups for next year's committees and the Garden Fair, the photo contest, and a silent auction to benefit MCMGA. The speaker will be our own Sandy Belth, talking about "Hoosier Home Remedies." Guests are welcome!

We'd like to try something new!

The tables at our annual Harvest Dinner are always decorated with centerpieces celebrating the season. This year, we would like to offer to MCMGA members the opportunity to create your own centerpieces for our dinner tables. Creators can take their centerpieces home with them at the end of the evening or donate them to the Silent Auction, a fundraiser for MCMGA to be held that evening. Centerpieces can be whatever celebrates the fall and/or holiday seasons, made of materials of your choice.

In order for us to go forward with this idea, we need to how many people might have an interest in creating centerpieces. If you do, please contact Barbara Coffman at barbara.coffman@ymail.com or 812-327-1922.
Garden Fair News

by Nancy White

The Garden Fair is moving! It’s official now after several months of searching for just the right location to meet the Fair’s needs, in 2020 the Garden Fair will be Sat. Oct. 4, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. This was not an easy change since we have been happy at the Armory for the entire life of the GF. But we have outgrown the space there and our patrons, exhibitors, and you, our Master Gardeners, said we needed more exhibit space, areas for non-profits and educational displays, and parking. The Fairgrounds will meet these needs.

We are grateful for the many Master Gardeners who helped us make this a successful search by visiting sites, contacting many possible locations, and then visiting the Fairgrounds many times to assess its venues. Along with the Auditorium space, we will use the 4-H building plus some other locations that will provide ample areas. As with any change such as this, we have lots of details to work out, but that process is already started. We will keep you informed and ask for your help as we get our work committees formed starting at the Sept. meeting. We need everyone’s help to make this a successful move. Please plan to serve on a planning committee as we tackle our new, exciting challenge.

Wonder Garden, A Special Gem

by Nancy White

About 15 years ago, Laura Shively, local garden designer, completed the implementation of the garden adjacent to the WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology in downtown Bloomington. Located on a small piece of land which had been a polluted dump for the Monon Railroad, the restoration of this property was funded by a private donor and planned to be a true demonstration garden with many native and non-native species of trees, grasses, and perennials.

Laura and her staff maintained the garden for about a year but could not continue because of their professional workload. That’s how Master Gardeners got involved. We were contacted through some Master Gardeners who volunteered inside the Museum and the MG Board approved a request that this garden be an official volunteer site for interns and all Master Gardeners wishing to gain volunteer hours by educating community volunteers. That mission remains today as work goes on from mid-March to Nov. each year.

Working with the Master Gardeners are IU students, local school groups, business and service clubs, and church, family and community volunteers. The work is intense, fun, rewarding and a welcome gift to downtown visitors who enjoy just strolling through the space, having a picnic lunch, or participating in the many science demonstrations and educational activities the Museum provides.

Master Gardeners mentor and direct as we mulch, prune, fertilize, weed, thin, divide, add new plants, and assess. We also share so much information and learn from each other and from the volunteers who ask the best questions. Special spaces are maintained such as the prairie mound (with many native perennials), the herb and veggie bed (which provides produce for the insects and animals who live inside the Museum), the new shade garden, and the re-furbished pond area. Like any garden, constant care is given to re-plant, remove, and restore each year. New MG crew members are always welcome. Your help can assure that this downtown gem continues.
AmazonSmile Fundraiser

When you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to MCMGA.

Change Your AmazonSmile Charitable Organization
1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. ...

Kroger Fundraiser

To help support MCMGA, visit http://www.kroger.com. Search for MONROE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOC either by name or LE537 and then click Enroll. You will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

You must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to your organization. If you do not yet have a Kroger rewards card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

REMEMBER, your purchases will not count for your organization until after you register your rewards card. You must swipe your registered Kroger rewards card or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.
Explore the World of Gardening

Date: September 30, 2019
Time: 6:00 PM—8:30PM
Location: Clay County Fairgrounds
6656 N State RD 59
Brazil, Indiana
Cost: $15
Register at: http://www.cvent.com/d/xyqd7L by Sept. 27th

For questions, please contact Purdue Extension-Clay County at 812-448-9041 or rfbruner@purdue.edu

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Purdue Extension—Clay County at 812-448-9041 or email rfbruner@purdue.edu

Topics
- Year-Round Flowers with Carol Michel, Gardener and Writer from Indianapolis
- Blooming Issues within Horticulture with Purdue Extension

Additional Info
- Light refreshments provided.
- Purdue Extension Master Gardeners can receive 2 hours of continued education training by participating.

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.
After a successful first season of growing and harvesting vegetables for Area 10 Agency on Aging’s Mobile Food Pantry Program in 2018, our agency wanted to expand our growing space. We were ecstatic to be awarded the funds to purchase two twenty-inch plastic planters and materials for the construction of one cedar fence-length planter box.

Providing a variety fresh produce to our 260 homebound and food insecure pantry recipients in both Monroe and Owen counties is the reason our raised bed garden was constructed in 2017. Over the last year, we have grown lettuce, tomatoes, radishes, basil, red peppers, banana peppers, carrots, zucchini, potatoes, watermelons, and bush beans! Our new planters have expanded our space, and allowed us to grow okra and two varieties of cucumbers. We are excited to continue offering fresh, organic fruits and vegetables to our clients. Thank you, MCMGA, for your support!

Pickling cucumber and okra growing in the new fence length planter.

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THE RULE

Beginning April 18, 2020, no one may sell, gift, exchange, distribute, transport or introduce any of the 44 species (see list on back side) without a permit from the IN Department of Natural Resources - Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology (DEPP). DEPP is the regulatory authority of the rule. The full text of the rule is posted at this link: https://www.in.gov/nrc/files/lsa18316_proposed.pdf

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the rule necessary? Impacts of invasive species include: loss of biodiversity; degradation of natural habitats; negative effects on property values; decreased agricultural yields; negative impacts on public utilities; recreation, and tourism. Indiana landowners and managers spend greater than $8.6 million dollars annually to manage invasive plants in Indiana.

How were the 44 species determined to be invasive? Species included in the terrestrial plant rule were assessed through a scientific and transparent system by a team of experts that included representatives from horticulture, landscape, nursery, research, conservation, and Purdue Agriculture. Links to assessments are available from the Official Indiana Invasive Plant list at: https://www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc/invasiveplants.html

Why aren’t all the invasive plants on the Official Indiana Invasive Plant list in this rule? The rule includes plants ranked high on the official list, except for Callery pear and Norway maple. These two species were not included in the rule because the State determined that including them would cause too great of an impact to growers of those species.

Are all 44 species sold for landscaping? No, DEPP reported about 22 of the 44 regulated species are sold in trade; however, this rule also prohibits the sharing, transport, and exchange of all species listed.

May I purchase a species online? Not legally.

May I share a species with friend or family? Not legally.

What if I have one of the 44 species growing on my property – is it illegal? No, but you cannot share it, transport it, exchange it, etc.

What is the punishment for violating the rule? DEPP has authority to issue a $500 fine per incident per day.

Will other species be added to the rule? As plant species are assessed, those ranked high will proceed through the rule amendment process for potential inclusion in the future.

Are these Noxious Weeds? No. Noxious Weeds are a different regulatory category and include Canada thistle, bur cucumber, Johnson grass, shattercane, and Columbus grass.

How Can You Help?

If you see these invasive plants for sale, being exchanged or transported after April 18, 2020 contact your nursery inspector. Contact information is found here: https://www.in.gov/dar/entomolo/7416.htm

You can help us gather data to assess invasive species by reporting on EDDMaps at the website or via the GLEDN app. Information about both applications is found here: https://www.eddmaps.org/indiana/

You can remove invasive species from your landscape and plant native species.

You can avoid using Callery pear, Norway maple, and other invasive plants on the official list that did not get included in the rule.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For information about invasive species please see the following links:

Indiana Invasive Species Council:
https://www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc/

Southern IN Cooperative Invasives Management:
http://www.sicim.info/

Midwest Invasive Plant Network:
https://www mipn.org/

For information about native species: Indiana Native Plant Society:
https://indiananativeplants.org/
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Monroe County Master Gardener Association
Recap of General Meeting
May 28, 2019

59 members and guests began arriving at 6:00 pm to the Monroe County Fairgrounds Community Building to meet and greet each other, drop off their pitch-in for the evening meal and their plants/books for the swap meet.

At 6:30 pm Board president Mary Cusack opened the meeting with a welcome, especially to the new interns who were in attendance. She also introduced the other Board members.

Amy Thompson then gave an introduction of each new intern. Board members presented those in attendance with their intern certificate and name badge. Amy also took this opportunity to recognize members who had attained Master Gardener status, as well as those who had achieved a higher Master Gardener status (Advanced, Bronze, Silver, etc).

Following the dinner and lively gardening quiz conducted by Mary, Terri Vincenzi introduced the speaker for our educational session. Rebecca Sink-Burris gave a talk entitled “Growing Japanese Maples in the Midwest”.

Some of the highlights of Rebecca’s presentation:

- A key to growing Japanese maples is to select those which are hardy for our growing zone (5 or colder)
- These maples are shallow rooted; therefore, it is important to mulch well to protect them in the winter.
- When planting Japanese maples, they like well-drained soil. Plant them higher than their original planting depth and make their planting hole wide (up to 5 times the width of the root ball).
- These maples are understory trees. Consequently, they don’t require full sun or a lot of water.
- Japanese maples don’t like high nitrogen fertilizers. In fact, to develop their full colors, withhold water and fertilizers completely.
- Maples are surprisingly easy to grow. They are not normally subject to pests or diseases. Everyone should make room for at least one Japanese maple!

Mary Cusack thanked members and guests for attending, and then concluded the meeting at 8:30 followed by our plant and book swap.

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Upcoming Dates

Tues. Sept 24 - General Meeting
Extension Bldg
6:00 PM for refreshments.
6:30 PM for speaker.

Mon. Oct 15 - Deadline for photo submission
for contest.
Send to ckpercf@purdue.edu

Mon. Nov 4 - Silent auction notice of intent
for donations.
Contact MasterGardenerMaryC@gmail.com

Tues. Nov 12 - Harvest Dinner
Sherwood Oaks Church
6:00 PM gather.
6:30 PM eat.

Proposed Bylaws Changes
by Trish Gustaitis

Please review the proposed changes to the bylaws that have been emailed to you and are
posted on our MCMGA website prior to
to coming to the general meeting on September
24th. A majority vote of members present at
the meeting is required to approve the
revisions. Proposed deletions are in red and
additions are highlighted in yellow.