**Member news**

Did you hear that? That crescendo of voices and activity that greeted the beginning of September? That was the sound of a new school year gearing up in town. Schools started, IU classes resumed, football games fill the schedule, and the MCMGA year picks up speed.

See you September 27th! Wait, what? That's all? Of course not, but September 27th is a significant date for us. That's the next general meeting when we will set the pace for the next 10 months. Watch for details to come from Stephen Anderson regarding the speaker on the 27th. If you have not already, grab your camera or phone and capture that perfect late summer garden scene or your favorite posy, and send up to three entries to the Extension Office for the photo contest held at the November meeting. The winning photo graces the cover of *folia and flora*.

Read the proposed changes in bylaws elsewhere in this newsletter. Voting takes place on the 27th.

Then on paper or online, sit down and get those volunteer and education hours recorded so that Amy can forward the numbers to Purdue. We want to impress those Purdue folks with how many hours we spend educating others and how many opportunities we find to expand our own knowledge.

Thomas Moore wrote in 1830:

“Tis the last rose of summer, Left blooming along;

All her lovely companions are faded and gone.”

But take a picture of it first and submit it to the photo contest in November. The deadline for submission will be early November, but the roses are now.

Friends, snacks, information, camaraderie – seems like a great way to spend a September evening.

See you at the Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. on the 27th. Come early to socialize!

- Evelyn Harrell, MCMGA President
Garden Fair News

It’s hard to imagine but planning has already started for MG Garden Fair 2017. Committee chairs will begin to assemble their team soon and vendors will be contacted with our “Save the Date” card. New vendors are always welcome so if you have located a new vendor or non-profit agency that might be interested in joining us in 2017, be sure and pass that information on to Nancy White or Mary Cusack, our vendor chair. Vendors often come to us from other places in IN and in even from other states so be on the lookout for some new commercial vendors or non-profits. Garden Fair committee sign-up sheets will be at our Sept. 27th general meeting. We need your help with planning and implementing our 8th annual gift to the community, the Garden Fair. Here is a sneak peek at details.

- Date: Saturday, April 1, 2017 - 9am to 4 pm
- Location: Bloomington National Guard Armory, 3380 S. Walnut St.
- Commercial vendors and non-profit agencies in gardening and horticulture
- Food available at the Garden Thyme Cafe, free parking, handicap accessible

At our Sept. 27th general meeting, plant markers will be on sale. These can be handy as we clean up this fall and need to mark some new perennials or even locations of newly planted spring bulbs. We will also have some MG cookbooks available at the reduced price of $5 each. Both the plant markers and the cookbooks make great gift for birthdays and other holidays.

Sustainable Indiana Green Legacy Awards

The following organizations were chosen to receive the Green Legacy award from Sustainable Indiana 2016. Sustainable Indiana’s mission is to discover, catalog, and celebrate Hoosier based climate solutions as a bicentennial legacy. For a complete listing of all 200 recipients across Indiana, visit [http://sustainableindiana2016.org/awards/](http://sustainableindiana2016.org/awards/)

Region 5: Monroe, Brown, Bartholomew, Lawrence, Jackson, Orange, Washington, Crawford, Perry, & Harrison counties

- Library on Wheels, Bob and Debbie Turner, Orleans
- Petals @ the Market, Stephanie Todd, Orleans
- White’s Weaving, Dean and Mary Ann White, Orleans
- The Hinkle-Garton Farmstand, Daisy Garton, Bloomington
- Solar Systems of Indiana Inc., Bloomington
- The Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Elinor Ostrom, Bloomington
- Indiana Hydroelectric Project, Tom Feldman, Lawrence County
- Natural Building Group, Bloomington
- Center for Sustainable Living, Lucille Bertoccio and Rhonda Baird, Bloomington
- The Community Bicycle Project, Bloomington
- Pay As You Throw, Scott Morgan, Bloomington
- Lost River Market & Deli, Debbie Turner and Co-op Board, Paoli
- Double Oak Farms Green Grocery, Columbus
- EcoSource, Inc., Michael Greven, Bloomington
- Bloomington Playwrites, Sonja Johnson, Bloomington
- SIREN, Bloomington
- Bloomington Farmers’ Market, City Hall, Bloomington
- Bloomingtonfoods Co-op, Meg Torrence, Bloomington
- Green Acres Neighborhood Ecovillage, Bloomington
- Reinvest IU, Bloomington
- Hoosier to Hoosier Community Sale, Bloomington
- Bicycle Friendly Community and Campus, Bloomington
- Certified Walk Friendly Community, Bloomington
- National Award Winning Transit System, Hybrid Buses, Bloomington
- Semi-Finalists for Georgetown University Energy Prize, Bloomington
- Free Residential Recycling System, Bloomington
- Award-Winning City Parks System, Bloomington
- Turtle Trails, Kristina Seastrom, Nashville
- Pam Raider, Green Communicator, Nashville
- Interior Mythos, Michael May, Bloomington
- Keeping Hill Eco-Housing, Tim Grimm, Columbus
- IU Traditional Arts, Jon Kay, Bloomington
- Permaculture Suburban Farmstead, Peter Bane and Keith Johnson, Bloomington
- Environmental Interior Design, Jan Bannister, Columbus Ivy Tech Community College

- Nancy White, MCMGA Past President

- Evelyn Harrell, MCMGA President
Proposed bylaw revisions

The bylaws committee reviewed the current MCMGA bylaws and has recommended the following numbered revisions (Please refer to the MCMGA website for the most current and complete bylaws) We will be voting to approve the revised wording at an upcoming general meeting.

Current wording and proposed revisions to Article IV, Section 3 Advisor:

1. Revised wording of Article IV, Section 3 Advisor:
The Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator or County Extension Director Appointee shall be responsible for the coordination of the Master Gardener Program. The Extension Educator or appointee shall serve as Advisor to the board.

Current wording and proposed revisions of Article V Executive Board, Section 3 President:
The President shall preside at all meetings of the Monroe County Master Gardener Association and the Executive Board, shall be charged with the general supervision of the affairs of the organization, and have the authority to sign checks. The President shall appoint or delegate the appointment of all committee chairmen and committee members not specified elsewhere in this document. The President shall represent the MCMGA on the Monroe County Extension Board.

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Current wording and proposed revisions to Article V, Section 13 Advisor:

3. Revised wording of Article V, Section 13 Advisor:
The Advisor shall attend Executive Board meetings and business meetings when possible. The Advisor shall provide oversight of the operations of the Monroe County Master Gardener Association, ensure that Purdue Master Gardener guidelines are followed, and serve as a non-voting member advisor to the board.

Current wording and proposed revisions to Article VI Committees:

4. Revised wording of Article VI Committees:
Committees, as needed, shall be appointed by the President. All standing committee appointments: Bylaws Committee, Audit Committee, Nominating Committee and Education Committee shall terminate at the end of the fiscal year. Special committees shall be appointed by the President and formed and chaired as needed. The President shall appoint a member to serve as the Master Gardener representative to the Monroe County Fair Board.
Monroe County Fair Report

We (Esther Minick, Nancy Deckard, and myself, Diana Young) want to thank everyone who helped with the Monroe County Fair. Your help is so valuable. We could not have the Flower Shows and Vegetable Show without you.

The Garden Chats were a success, as especially the tomato tasting. We had over 40 people attend to taste 28 varieties of heirloom tomatoes with a few hybrids thrown into the mix. Esther again amazed us with her recipes. We sampled Green Tomato Bread, Tomato Tart, Apple Green Tomato Pie, and salsa. Anyone who wasn’t there really missed a fun educational chat. This has become an annual event. Next year we plan to expand by adding an herbal event. We are already thinking of ideas. Another special thanks goes to our setup & break down crew. We wouldn’t be ready for the chats without you.

Thanks to all who helped with the Demo Garden. Some of us have been in the garden every Tuesday since April unless it was raining. I think all that hard work paid off well. When we had the meeting we were ready for the wood chips to mulch. It was a hot evening but everyone worked hard and got it done. The Garden was lovely during the fair.

A special thanks to Fowler Tree service for the wood chips provided for the Demo Garden.

We gave a Demo Garden tour to the Summit Star Sprouts Garden Club. The HT interviewed us and made a video about our strawberry patch. We even had an article in the newspaper. Thanks to Mrs. Porter for teaching kids about gardening. They were very excited to learn and asked hard questions.

Thanks to the volunteers at the Master Gardeners booth who answered questions concerning gardening and the organization. If thanks seems repeated a lot in this article, well, THANKS!

- Diana Young
  Fair Board Representative

Summit Star Sprouts Garden Club
**September Grow Calendar**

**HOME (Indoor plants and activities)**

Prepare storage areas for overwintering tender flower bulbs and garden produce.

Thanksgiving (or Christmas) cactus can be forced into bloom for the Thanksgiving holidays. Provide 15 hours of complete darkness each day, for instance, from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., for approximately eight weeks. Keep temperature at about 60-65 degrees F. Temperatures of 55F will cause flower buds to set without dark treatment.

Dig and repot herbs, or take cuttings, for growing indoors over winter.

Store leftover garden seeds in a cool, dry place. A sealable jar with a layer of silica gel or powdered milk in the bottom works well.

Bring houseplants moved outside for summer indoors before night temperatures fall below 55F. Gradually decrease light to acclimate the plants and help reduce leaf drop. Check and control insects and diseases before putting these plants near other houseplants.

Poinsettias saved from last year can be reflowered for this year's holiday by providing complete darkness for 15 hours daily from about Oct. 1 until about Dec. 10.

**YARD (Lawns, woody ornamentals and fruits)**

Fall is a good time to plant many container-grown or balled-and-burlapped nursery stock. Prepare a good-sized hole, plant at the same depth it grew in the nursery and water thoroughly. Mulching will help protect against large fluctuations in soil temperature and moisture. Be sure to stake or guy-wire tall plants to protect them from strong winds. Wrap tree trunks to protect against frost cracks or animal damage.

Do not be alarmed if your evergreens, particularly white pine and arborvitaes, drop some older needles. All evergreens shed needles at some time, but not all at once as deciduous plants do.

Clean up fallen fruits, twigs and leaves around apple (including crabapple) and other fruit trees to reduce disease and insect carryover.

To promote the lawn's recovery from summer stress, apply high-nitrogen fertilizer at the rate of 0.5 to 1 pound actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. More information on lawn fertilization is available at: [www.mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?item_number=AY-22-W](http://www.mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?item_number=AY-22-W).

Reseed bare spots or new lawns using a good-quality seed mixture. Seeding in late summer allows the turf to maximize its establishment and rooting prior to the next summer's heat and drought.

**GARDEN (Flowers, vegetables and small fruits)**

Dig onions and garlic after tops fall over naturally and necks begin to dry.

Plant radishes, green onion sets, lettuce and spinach for fall harvest, and thin fall crops such as lettuce and carrots.

Harvest crops such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, melons and sweet potatoes before frost, or cover plants with blankets, newspaper, etc., (but not plastic) to protect them from frost.

Mature green tomatoes can be ripened indoors. Individually wrap fruits in newspaper, or leave them on the vine, pulling the entire plant out of the garden. Store in a cool location - about 55-60F.

Harvest winter squash when mature (skin is tough) with deep, solid color, but before hard frost. Some cultivars will show an orange blush when mature.

Save plants such as coleus, wax begonias, impatiens or fuchsia for indoor growing over winter. Dig plants and cut them back about halfway, or take cuttings of shoot tips, and root them in moist vermiculite, soil mix or perlite.

Watch for garden chrysanthemums to bloom as days grow shorter. Some may have bloomed earlier this summer, which will decrease the number of fall blooms.

Plant spring-flowering bulbs beginning in late September. Planting too early can cause bulbs to sprout top growth before winter. However, allow at least four to six weeks before the ground freezes for good root formation.

Dig tender bulbs, such as cannas, caladiums, tuberous begonias and gladiolus, before frost. Allow to air dry, and store in dry peat moss or vermiculite.

Cut flowers, such as strawflower, statice, baby's breath and celosia, for drying and hang upside down in a dry, well-ventilated area.

- B. Rosie Lerner

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Spotlight on Board Member

Abe Morris

R&S: Who are you? Tell us a little about yourself.

Abe: My name is Abe Morris, I am the MCMGA’s Director of Records. Professionally, I am the Manager of Public Relations and Marketing at the Eskenazi Museum of Art at Indiana University. Before that I spent almost a decade working in music industry in publicity and marketing roles. I am also a volunteer at WFHB community radio, and was involved with Big Brothers, Big Sisters before that.

R&S: What drew you to join the Master Gardener program?

Abe: I grew up in the country and my mother is an avid gardener. When I bought my own house in 2008, it renewed my interest in gardening.

R&S: When did you join the MCMGA?

Abe: I joined MCMGA in 2011.

R&S: Where are you from originally?

Abe: I am a Bloomington native.

R&S: How did you accumulate your volunteer hours? How did you decide where to volunteer?

Abe: I accumulated my hours through a lot of activities, but a lot of my hours came through tabling at the Farmer’s Market and at the Demo Garden.

R&S: Why do you continue your membership?

Abe: I enjoy the people, I enjoy gardening and learning about gardening, and I believe that MCMGA is a quality organization that has a valuable role in our community.
People & Animal Learning Services (PALS) is a therapeutic riding center located on the west side of Bloomington. Their therapeutic equine programs help individuals with a wide variety of physical, behavioral, cognitive and developmental disabilities, at-risk youth and veterans returning from combat operations.

The gardening and farming community is welcome to pick up as much compost as desired for a suggested donation of $20. To arrange a pick-up, contact PALS Facility Manager Katie (812-336-2798, ext. 16 | katie@palstherapy.org)

We’re on the Web!
See us at:
www.mcmga.net

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