



Hendricks County Master Gardener INC Year End Report 2009

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The Hendricks County Master Gardeners are pleased to have been active in many out reaches in our community in 2009. Our contact with county residents in a variety of events have spread the enjoyment and knowledge of gardening throughout the area.

Women of Influence Conference: A display featuring the Master Gardener program. Advice and free garden seeds were given to attendees. Martha Rardin & Colletta Kosiba.

Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show: answered garden questions Eloisa Garza, Donna Abshier, Melissa Pearman, Grant McCardle Sue Skorjanc, Cecilia Blazier, Karen Halas

April 17 National Library Week is "Worlds Connect @ Your Library at Plainfield library: Hendricks County Master Gardeners were invited to "connect" with the community. Denise Harris, Robin-Elizabeth Parsley, Colletta Kosiba displayed MG activities gave free seeds, goodie bags and gloves to community.

Lowes Avon Indiana: Sue Skorjanc represented MG by giving advice and goodie bags to customers.

Ace Hardware Ladies' Night Out: General Garden program high lighting master gardeners, Colletta Kosiba

Landscape Help Avon Pine Tree School: Terry Meingasner, Lynn Cochran, Carol Ford

Eagle Elementary School: Teaching Vegetable gardening to 46 students. Colletta Kosiba

Clarian West Vegetable Gardening for Employees: Worked with hospital personal advising the planting of a garden. Barbara Zupan

Avon Outdoor Learning Center Native Plant Event & Garden maintance: advice on native plants growing..working with plant communities for tours: Janice Schauwecker Pat Harmon, Pat Harmon, Melissa Pearman, Lynn Bitz , Bob Mummert, Annabelle Jackson, Terry Meingasner ,Karen Klemmensen, Ron Stoner, Dawn Bennett;

Gardening for ALL Ages: a huge garden show held in the expo hall. Only vendors with garden or yard elated products are invited. Hendricks master gardeners host a children's activity area, how to compost with red worms station, there are classes by experts on various subjects all day, an information station where questions are answered.

Free trees, Garden seed, Door prizes and Coffee. Each guest is welcome at the door and given a "goodie bag". 2000 visitors in 2009. The work of 70 master gardener was outstanding.

Planting Gardens at conference center Danville Fairgrounds-education: Eloisa Garza, Ann Selvy, Terry Meingasner, Martha Goody, Debbie Gilmore, Rick Gilmore

Entry in Brownsburg July 4th parade for Master Gardeners: Cecilia Blaizer and family

Attended Intern Master Gardener class to promote and welcome 2009 Interns Sue Skorjanc Catharine Green, Colletta Kosiba, Rosie Lenihan Ron Stoner, Jeff & Nancy Barnett, Ed Freeman, Cecilia Blazier;

Intern Graduation Party: Interns are give a graduation party and a gift of "Glad" bulbs as we are glad to have them join the Master Gardeners: Chuck Dallas, Pat Dallas, Karen Halas, Ann Selvy, Pat Harmon, Debbie Ashby

Eagle library at 3325 Lowry Road Indianapolis: landscaping & education Aleta Griffin

Strides to Success, a non-profit organization, in Plainfield teaching Future farmers how to put garden to bed for winter & landscaping Ginny Brandgard

Designed/ Planted Garden for Danville School System: Educational garden Suzy Freeman, Ed Freeman, plus donated plants from their gardens

Designed/Planted Garden for Hazelton Christian Church: education Diane Hill, Ginny Brannndgard

Hendricks Co. Program of Excellence "Growing Hope": Master Gardeners wrote a grant request for 4,372.29 to Hendricks County Solid Waste for the raised garden beds for Sycamore Services. This effort provides raised bed gardening for the 70 clients of Sycamore Services. Through the "Growing Hope" project these residents will learn more about growing plants and to more effectively extend that experience into their daily lives through home gardening (vegetables, fruit and flowers), selling product at farmers' markets, exhibiting their products at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair, and composting. Rosie Lenihan wrote grant. The grant was awarded to HCMG.

Hendricks County Extension Master Gardeners, in partnership with Hendricks County Extension Purdue Educators and Sycamore Services developed a Program of Excellence called "Growing Hope". Interns Terry Meingasner and Lynn Cochran and Master Gardener, Rosie Lenihan, provided hands-on guidance and planting of seeds and plants at the Sycamore site in Danville. Jon Cain headed up the session; joined by Pat Cockrum, Sycamore Services Executive Director and staff along with 12 Sycamore clients. The group planted vegetable seeds and plants as well as a variety of flowers. This effort provides raised bed gardening for the 70 clients of Sycamore Services.

Brownsburg Library Arbor Day: Clean up landscape outside library Marie Huffman, Melissa Pearman, Terry Meingasner, Dawn Bennett

Hendricks County Women, Infants, and Children's Office: WIC personnel have encouraged children and moms to pick as many tomatoes and flowers when they arrive or leave the clinic that are planted and care for by MG Martha Rardin, John Rardin

Master Gardeners gave programs at: Avon Library, Brownsburg Library, Plainfield Library, Danville Library, "Garden Fest" Morgan County, Putman County MG, Brownsburg Community Center, Eagle Creek Park, Hendricks Co. Garden Club, Danville Parks Department, Women Department Garden Club Indpls., Eagle Elementary School, Friendly Garden Club, Brownsburg, Sage's Garden Club Indpls., Adventures in Gardening Danville, Eagles Nest Garden Club Indpls., McCloud Nature Center, Garfield Park MG, Hendricks Co. Nature Club, HCMG Meetings, Hendricks Co Fair, Danville Parks Department, Northwest YMCA Summer Camp, Brownsburg Eagle Elementary School Students,

Speakers- Ron Stoner, Nancy Rice, Eloisa Garza, Colletta Kosiba, Rob Green, Jennifer Smith, Nita Aldridge, Sue Skorjanc, Rebecca Troutman, Barbara Zupan, Beverly Russell, Terry Doppler,

Perennial Plant Exchanges Brownsburg, Avon, Plainfield Libraries -Education on how and where to plant: Colletta Kosiba, Cecilia Blazier

Awarded Master Gardener College Scholarship: to 4H Member Laura Noble Brownsburg

Plainfield Garden Tour (Friends of Library): Answered questions of visitors in the 10 gardens for two days- Dawn Bennett, Barb Zupan, Dale Olsen, Bob Mummert, Robin Elizabeth Parsley, Melissa Pearman, Ginny Brandgard, Vicki Coleman, Kerry Cates, Eloisa Garza, Rosie Lenihan, Terry Doppler, Carol Doppler

Plant Auction May Meeting: Rosie Lenihan auctioneer, assisted- Karen Halas, Ron Stoner, Chuck Dallas, Colletta Kosiba, Pat Dallas, Cecilia Blazier

McCloud Park Nature celebration day: Eloisa Garza and Nancy Rice gave programs; plus worked MG booth with Bob Mummert, Pat Greer, Vicki Coleman, & Maria Huffman

Hosted Master Gardeners in their home Gardens (Summer field trips): Gave Garden tours and spoke of plants and design by: Pat Dallas, Chuck Dallas, Bruce Crum, Beverly Russell

Raingarden in front of Expo Hall Fairgrounds: ongoing project of Master gardeners

Taking Photos for HCMG: Suzy Freeman, Jim Trocha, Pat Dallas, Colletta Kosiba, Jackie Rosales

Donation of Hundreds of plants for new flower beds at Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds: Daylilies, ornamental grass, blue fescue, purple cone, black-eyed Susan's, sedums; just a few of the kinds of plants that were given for planting by HCMGs.

Colleges for Display Board: Rose Richard

Trash Gardening Contest at Hendricks County Fair: Pat Harmon Ann Selvy, Chuck Dallas; Diana Hill, Lynn Cochran, Martha Gooldy. The winners of the Trash Gardening contest: Most Beautiful: "The Ailing Muffler Just Got Better" Karen Hole; Most Creative "Careful It's Hot" Jim Trocha; Most Silly "Moonlight Drive" Colletta Kosiba; Most Trashy "Breakfast" Rosie Lenihan

The Danville Farmers Market: Answered questions and promoted master gardener organization. Lynn Bitz and Diana Hill

Container Gardening Contest: Rosie Lenihan, Ginny Brandgard, Pat Harmon, Woody Smith; 1st Place Tie: Friendly Garden Club & Helen McSchooler; Honorable Mention 1. Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, 2. Karen Halas & Barb Zupan, 3. Tim Nungestier. Courtney Bolton won the Peoples' Choice Award voted at the fair.

Indiana State Fair Booth answered questions: Melissa Pearman, Robert Green, Kathy All, Donna Perkins, Jeff Barnett, Nancy Barnett, Ron Stoner, Colletta Kosiba, Sharon Cartwright.

Information booth July Hendricks County Fair Danville: Fifty-two volunteers worked approximately 320 hours and made 812 contacts with the public at our booth. Forty-seven individuals signed-up to be notified about the 2010 class. Barbara Zupan chariman

Fall workers at the Outdoor Learning Center: Melissa Pearman, Ron Stoner, Tom Adair, Don Williams

HCMG Photo Contest winners: Garden Decoration- Bev Russll, Jim Trocha, Bev Russell ; Landscape- Bev Russell, Bev Russell, Jim Trocha; Single flower- Colletta Kosiba, Becky Troutman, Diana Hill; Our Flying Friends- Jackie Rosales, Jim Trocha, Kerry Cates; Macro- Bruce Crum, Diana Hill, Jackie Rosales

Adventures in Gardening: A gardening seminar with four dynamic educators for 133 area residents. HCMG sponsored the daylong event, provided educational exhibits and vendors with garden related products. Donna Abshier, Debbie Abshier, Debbie Ashby, Cecilia Blazier, Sharon Cartwright, Eloisa Garza, Aleta Griffin, Catharine Green, Karen Halas, Colletta Kosiba Grant McCardle. Bob Mummert, Melissa Pearman, Rose Richard, Nancy Rice, Beverly Russell, Ann Selvy, Ron Stoner, Becky Troutman, Bill Westphal, Lynn Bitz, Ginny Brandgard, Kerry Cates, Lynn Cochran, Vicki Coleman, Pat Geer, Debra Gilmore, Martha Gooldy, Annabelle Jackson, Terry Meingasner, Dale Olsen, Robin-Elizabeth Parsley, Donna Perkins, Don Raymond, Linda Rodgers, Jackie Rosales

Decorate Big Display Window in Complex Building for Events: Rosie Lenihan

Publicity for HCMG Events and organization: Colletta Kosiba, Rosie Lenihan, Beverley Russell

Master Gardeners decorated 20' Christmas tree auditorium complex center: with dried material from their gardens: Terry Meingasner, Debbie Gilmore, Robin-Elizabeth Parsley Ginny Brandgard, Pat Dallas, Chuck Dallas, Jackie Rosales, Becky Troutman. Kerry Cates, Pat Harmon, Colletta Kosiba, Rosie Lenihan

Saved seeds to give guests at Gardening for All Ages in spring and Adventures in Gardening in the Fall: All Members

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