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GENERAL MEETINGS

The Executive Committee met on September 18, 2008 and reaffirmed that the structure of the Member's Meetings will be as follows:

- 6 PM Social (committees can meet)
- 6:30 PM Business meeting
- 7 PM Speaker/program

It was decided that General Meetings might occasionally be held in Mooresville and/or Monrovia.

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE

11/06/2008 at 6:00 p.m.

The November Program is *Community Gardens & KIB programs*. The November meeting will be held at the
Mooresville Library
220 W Harrison St. Mooresville, IN 46158
(317) 831-7323

From Martinsville, take Ind 67 to Mooresville; turn left on Indiana; turn left on Harrison.

FUTURE MEETINGS - Tentative topics of meetings follow, but are not confirmed. Location, times, and dates will be announced in future newsletters.

- 12/04/2008 - Christmas pitch-in/cookie exchange; East Middle School presentation;
- January, 2009 - No meeting
- February 5, 2009 - Gardens of France by Judy Turner, Mooresville Library
- March 5, 2009 - Garden Fest planning & Seed Sources, Morgan County Fairgrounds
- April 2, 2009 - Daffodils
- May 7, 2009 - Ready the gardens at the 4-H building prior to the meeting. What and how to exhibit & show at the county & state fairs by Trena
- June 4, 2009- Perennial plant exchange

2009 DUES ARE NOW DUE

Please send \$10.00 with the attached registration form to Tom Flatt, Treasurer, at 2035 Hawthorne Drive, Martinsville IN 46151.

All members are asked to send the form in, whether you have already paid or not. You may bring it to the next meeting, or fill it out at the next meeting if you don't have a printer.



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH TRENA TRUSTY

Wreath Making Programs

What would the holidays be without a bit of fresh greenery to decorate our homes? The Morgan County Master Gardeners are hosting two wreath-making sessions for the public this holiday season. The first class will be on Monday, November 17 from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room at the Martinsville Public Library. The second class will be Thursday, November 20 from 6-8 p.m. in the Community Room at the Mooresville Public Library. Trena Trusty will be leading the classes and helpers who have signed up for the Martinsville class include Diane Taylor, Jill Coffey, Diana Wren, Leslie Thompson and Theresa Hawkins. Helpers for the Mooresville class include Pat Proctor, Margaret Lyles, Randy Dougherty, Leslie Thompson, Judy Turner, and Nancy Manly. Helpers need to arrive at about 4:30 to help with set up. There is a \$15 fee for this class to cover the cost of materials that we purchase including the wire forms, paddle wire, wreath hangers, greenery and other supplies. Participants are asked to pre-register for these classes by calling the library for the class they wish to attend.

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Happy Halloween

BY-LAWS

Members: You may review the By-Laws at the Master Gardener Website www.mcmastergardener.org. The by-laws are listed at the information link on the left hand column. It is in everyone's best interest to be familiar with the by-laws.

MEMBERSHIP & ACTIVITY FORMS

At the website, you can download forms needed to document education and volunteer hours. You may also read the complete descriptions of all the educational opportunities.

COMPUTER CLASS!

Non-email members: If you would be interested in a computer class at the Mooresville Public Library, please contact Pat Proctor at 317-831-7466. There is a lot of information on Morgan County Master Gardener website that is not in the newsletter.

If you have not used a computer, it is never too late to learn. The library computers are easy to use and the librarians are always willing to help you.

Lori Becker of the Mooresville Library is willing to teach a special computer basics class just for you. Contact Pat Proctor, 831-7466, with your availability for November 5, November 12, or December 10, all at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

I am willing to teach in my home if you cannot attend a class at the library, but want to learn how to use one. I will not charge for my time.

Wreaths for the Libraries

A project that we started a few years ago is still going strong. We make fresh evergreen wreaths for all of the public libraries in Morgan County for display through the first of the year. This year we will be making the wreaths at the home of Trena Trusty on Saturday, November 22 at 1 p.m. All supplies will be provided along with refreshments and stuff to take the pine tar off of your hands. You can bring gloves if you like. Please call Trena at 996-2746 or email at trustygarden@ccrtc.com to let her know if you are coming. Weather permitting we will work outside, so dress accordingly.

Victorian Christmas

The town of Mooresville holds a Victorian Christmas Celebration the first weekend in December every year. Downtown merchants have special activities, carolers walk around singing traditional Christmas carols, and special decorations are put up to make Mooresville look a bit like a Victorian town. When this festival was first started, there was a large blue spruce in the small park downtown decorated with special ornaments. A few years ago, that tree had to be cut down and since then, no decorations have been put up. Last year, the Morgan County Master Gardeners made new ornaments and used them to decorate branches of evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs in the planters throughout downtown. The plant material used in the planters was identified for educational purposes. The effect was quite nice, and we will be doing that again this year. Decorating will take place on Saturday, December 6 at 8 a.m. We will meet in the parking lot across from Pat's Tavern on west Main Street. The festival starts at 10 a.m. Please dress according to the weather, although we will be working out of trailer that will provide some protection from the elements. If you have any questions about this project contact Trena Trusty at 317-996-2746.

GB New Varieties for 2009

The National Garden Bureau, Inc. has released a list of 45 new flowers and 26 new vegetables for 2009. The list includes plants that may only be available as seed, but you may also find them as bedding plants at your local nursery. To see complete photos and

descriptions of the plants and seed sources go to www.ngb.org and click on "Gardening" then click on "New Varieties". Some of the plants worth noting are Ornamental Pepper 'Purple Flash' with purple and white foliage and purple marble-size fruits, Bacopa 'Copa Double Blue' with double blue flowers, Basil 'Boxwood' which is a compact basil that can be used like little boxwoods and as an herb, and Tomato 'First Light', a 5-7 ounce fruit in 76 days with good flavor.



THE JANUARY MASTER GARDEN CLASS IS SCHEDULED

The proposed 2009 MG class schedule is below. Location and time is subject to change as far as speakers and topics.

Cost is \$85.00 per person, \$100.00 per couple sharing materials.

This year's class will be held on Wednesday evenings, 6-9pm, at the Mooresville library, starting January 21st, 2009

Jan. 21 – Orientation; Weeds/Pesticides – Chris Parker

Jan. 28 – Soils and Plant Nutrition – Chris Parker

Feb. 4 – Plant Science – Bill Rice

Feb. 11 – Plant Problem Diagnosis – Doug Akers

Feb. 18 – Vegetable Production – Scott Gabbard

Feb. 25 – Lawn Care – Jim Barbour

Mar. 4 – Landscape Design – Steve Mayer

Mar. 11 – Nuisance Animal Control – Chris Parker

Mar. 18 – Trees/Shrubs – Mary Welch Keesey

Mar. 25 – Annuals/Perennials – Trena Trusty

Apr. 1 – Composting/Final/Luncheon – Chris Parker

Apr. 8 – snow date

Fall Back



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society

2008 Conference Registration is Now Open

Theme: "Growing Native Plants for Wildlife"
When: November 22, 2008

Where: The Garrison, Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis

Cost: Before/After November 1: INPAWS member \$50/\$60; Nonmember \$65/\$75; Student \$35/\$35

Contact: membership@inpaws.org or phone 317-334-1932

EARLY REGISTRATION RUNS THROUGH OCTOBER 31

INVITATION TO ALL MASTER GARDENERS

From Rosie Lerner

Greetings Master Gardeners:

You are cordially invited to attend!

Defiant Gardens: Making Gardens in Wartime
A Lecture by Kenneth Helphand, FASLA
Professor of Landscape Architecture,
University of Oregon

Monday, October 27, 2008
7:30 PM (EDT)
Dean's Auditorium, Pfendler Hall (formerly Entomology Hall)

715 W State Street
Purdue University
West Lafayette IN 47907-2061
Interactive Campus Map at
<http://www.purdue.edu/campus_map/>

Sponsored by Purdue University Landscape Architecture Program

Why is it that in the midst of a war, one can still find gardens?

In the most brutal environments, both stateside and on the battlefield, they continue to flourish. Wartime gardens are dramatic examples of what Kenneth I. Helphand calls "defiant gardens" – gardens created in extreme social, political, economic, or cultural conditions.

Illustrated with archival photos, this remarkable book examines gardens of war in the 20th century, including gardens built behind the trenches in World War I, in the Warsaw and other ghettos during World War II, and in Japanese-American internment camps, as well as gardens created by soldiers at their bases and encampments during wars in the Persian Gulf, Vietnam, and Korea.

Proving that gardens are far more than peaceful respites from the outside world, Defiant Gardens is a thought-provoking analysis of why people create natural spaces."

A WINTER DAY IN THE GARDEN

On Saturday, January 24, 2009, those who share a love of gardening will gather to experience A Winter Day in the Garden. Sponsored by the Crawford County Master Gardeners and Lincoln Trail College, the conference will take place at Lincoln Trail's Zwermann Theatre in Robinson, Illinois from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 a.m.). Five experts in the field of gardening will provide entertainment and enlightenment to those who attend this seventh annual event.

"Garden for Change = Transform the World" – Eva Shaw, she will teach each of us how to improve the planet, help our neighbors and empower others through soil, solutions and gardening savvy.

"Tooling Around the Garden" – Roger Swain (PBS Victory Garden), he will demonstrate and talk about the various tools all gardeners should have. He is fine with going in the morning.

Lunch will be divided up between two speakers:

"Fun with Gourds" – Helen Thomas
"Growing and Care of Fruits" – Roger Swain

"Diversity Beyond Belief - The Wonderful World of Cucurbits" – Mac Condill, Great Pumpkin Patch

"Birdscaping" – Sharon Sorenson

To access the flyer and register online after October 30th, please go to our website:
<<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/crawford/>>

Click on the Horticulture/Environment icon and you will see "A Winter Day in the Garden" under local programs. For general information, please call 618/546-1549.

Hope Dennis
Master Gardener Coordinator
University of Illinois Extension
301 S. Cross Street - Suite 290
Robinson, IL 62454
618/546-1549

Note new e-mail address:

hdennis@illinois.edu

For more Crawford County information, visit our website at

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/crawford/>

On Fields O'er Which the Reaper's Hand has Passed

Henry David Thoreau

On fields o'er which the reaper's hand
has pass'd
Lit by the harvest moon and autumn
sun,
My thoughts like stubble floating in the
wind
And of such fineness as October airs,
There after harvest could I glean my
life
A richer harvest reaping without toil,
And weaving gorgeous fancies at my
will
In subtler webs than finest summer
haze.

Please fill out this form and send it along with the \$10 annual membership dues to:
Make checks payable to "Morgan County Master Gardeners Assoc."

Tom Flatt
2035 Hawthorne Drive
Martinsville, IN 46151

Morgan County Master Gardeners Association Membership Enrollment Form

Please return by September 30 to remain on the member roster.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Year you completed Master Gardener Training _____

Please check one of the following:

- I am an INTERN and need _____ hours of volunteer work to receive basic certification.
 I am a CERTIFIED MASTER GARDENER and intend to complete 12 volunteer hours and 6 training hours this year to maintain certification.
 I am a CERTIFIED MASTER GARDENER and am working towards an advanced certification. I need _____ hours of educational training and _____ hours of volunteer time to complete the _____ level.
 I have received advanced certification.

| <i>CERTIFICATION LEVEL</i> | <i>CUMULATIVE VOLUNTEER HOURS REQUIRED</i> | <i>CUMULATIVE EDUCATIONAL HOURS REQUIRED</i> |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| <i>Basic</i> | <i>35</i> | <i>35</i> |
| <i>Advanced</i> | <i>60</i> | <i>45</i> |
| <i>Bronze</i> | <i>200</i> | <i>60</i> |
| <i>Silver</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>75</i> |
| <i>Gold</i> | <i>1000</i> | <i>100</i> |

Please indicate which of the following committees you would be interested in serving on:

- Spring Garden Fest
 Education (coordinates educational programs for the community)
 Programs (coordinates speakers for Master Gardener meetings)
 Travel (coordinates any special trips that the association goes on or hosts)
 Fairground Flowers (coordinates purchase, planting and care of the Master Gardener plantings at the Morgan County Fairgrounds)
 Newsletter
 Membership (assists the Treasurer with maintaining membership records)
 Hospitality (coordinates snacks and special meals for the meetings)

I prefer to receive my newsletters and meeting notices by:
_____EMAIL _____US POSTAL SERVICE