



The Garden Gate Newsletter

Boone County Master Gardener Association
July & August 2019

NEXT MEETING – Monday, July 15, 2019

Networking at 9 a.m., with meeting at 9:30 followed by education.

Location: 3030 N 600 E, Lebanon

Linda Trip's home. Directions: From Zionsville north on SR 421 to SR 32 turn left (west), turn right on 600 E 3.3 miles to large gray 2story house. From Lebanon come east on SR 32, turn left on 600 E.

Hosts: Marilyn Ferguson, Elle Doun, Dorthy Pulfur, Lynn Kenyon, Cheryl Corbin, Linda Trips



PROGRAM

Boone County Master Gardeners 2019 Officers

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President's Notes from Linda

Summer and the garden blooms are gorgeous. What the rabbits and the chipmunks haven't eaten!!! Those pesky little critters. When I was watering the potted plants this evening, I noticed that all the impatiens and begonias were missing on the bottom portion of my strawberry pot, and a few more leaves were missing on the hostas. I tried a spray that was to deter the critters but they ignored it, too. Nothing seems to deter them. Also a ground mole has been digging in the yard and some of the flower beds. He uprooted an elephant ear bulb, a grouping of marigolds and snapdragons Ugh! Our corgi, Murphy, has taken some interest in chasing the bunnies when he sees them around. His new pastime this summer is watching the frogs jump in and out of the pond. He can set out there for hours watching and pacing around the pond. So far, he has not caught any and he has been lucky not to have fallen into the pond. *(cont'd page 2)*

"I like gardening-----It's a place I find myself when I want to lose myself."

-----Alice Sebold

2019 Fair News

Thanks to all who keep the garden beds at the fairgrounds thriving. Our fair runs 7/20-7/26. Come enjoy the fun!

Deadline for Newsletter August 31, 2019 to catron.holly@gmail.com

Facebook: *Master-Gardeners-of-Boone-County* and *Boone County Community Gardens*

Websites: www.mastergardenerboonecounty.org and <http://bewellboone.org/CommunityGardens.html>

Club News and Opportunities

Letter from the president (cont'd from page 1):

A special thank you to Peggy and Carol for planning a great overnight trip for us. We greatly enjoyed the gardens we visited. My husband, John, loves hostas and fell in love with one at Wellfield Botanical Garden this year. They have some of the most beautiful and calming gardens. Day 2 brought us to the idyllic country setting of the Lavender Hill Farm. The slightly rolling pastures with the Black Welsh Mountain sheep transformed you back into a simpler time for a few moments. It was disappointing to see the huge loss of lavender plants due to the winter they had there. Martha, the owner, explained to us the different varieties of lavender, how to grow and use them.

One of my favorite gardens to visit is Avon Gardens. They always have so many delightful plants and a very nice fairy garden. Did you know that they have 15 colors of Coneflowers? Now I will have to make a trip down to see them. Maybe that will be a girls' day outing.... Sit and relax around the pond and browse all the plants. And Perennials Plus has hundreds of Monarda (Bee Balm) in bloom right now. That might be another garden spot I will have to visit again soon. I hope each one of you have a favorite garden to visit to draw inspiration and relax. And I always enjoy my friends' gardens. Sitting around and enjoying the fruits of their labor, sharing ideas, and sipping a cold iced tea or lemonade.

Linda

(Linda Trips)

Boone County Master Gardeners Volunteer Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity

Did you know our own Master Gardeners led by Sara Michaels design and install landscaping for our local habitat homes? Here are some pictures from June 15. The crew worked in the rain and, with the help of Zionsville football players, got the work done!

Enjoy these pictures provided by Jackie O'Hara.

Do you want to be part of the next build? Contact Sara.



Boone County Community Gardens



The Boone County Community Gardens will host various local volunteer teams to work in the garden this summer. Join us as we teach and direct these teams to work in the garden.

Questions: Contact Holly Catron, 812-343-8554 or catronh@purdue.edu

Of Interest...

Education and Volunteer Information

Boone County Fall, 2019 Master Gardener Intern Training

Registration is now open for the upcoming class. It begins on Monday, August 12, with the final session on Monday, November 18. Classes are from 6-9 p.m. and mainly Monday evenings, with two Tuesday sessions in the mix. Cost is \$160.

Contact Boone County Master Gardener Coordinator Curt Emanuel at 765-482-0750 or cemanuel@purdue.edu for information on how to register.

Purdue Extension <https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/events/>

Jul. 27, 2019 (8:30 am - 3:30 pm)	Bees, Blooms, and Butterflies – Advanced Master Gardener Training	<i>Matter Park</i>
		■ Grant County Advanced MG Training Opportunities

Other Opportunities

The **Hortuscope**, by Wendy Ford, highlights what is new in central Indiana gardening. Here is the link to that publication for January 2018: <http://hortusscope.info/>

There are many educational and volunteer opportunities. All count towards your training hours.
