



# The Garden Gate Newsletter

Boone County Master Gardener Association  
May & June 2019

## **NEXT MEETING** – Monday, May 20, 2019

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

### **Location:**

Boone County Fairgrounds, Community Building



### **Boone County Master Gardeners 2018 Officers**

President	Linda Trips 765-325-2803 Trips7@live.com
V. President	Karen Hogan 317-748-3118 <a href="mailto:mamaw-59@att.net">mamaw-59@att.net</a>
Treasurer	Michelle Mangold 317-698-5129 <a href="mailto:micman28@aol.com">micman28@aol.com</a>
Secretary	Barb Burkhardt 317-873-1022 <a href="mailto:Sparky8505@att.net">Sparky8505@att.net</a>

**From the President...** April Snows, April Showers, and more April Showers! I feel truly blessed on the days with Sunshine. My tulips and daffodils and other Spring flowers have been absolutely gorgeous even on the rainiest days.

We had a beautiful, warm, sunny day for Gardenfest this year. The vendors that I spoke with were pleased with the turnout. Thank you to all who volunteered to make this event a success!

My flowering crab apple is in full bloom, and the red bud trees are showing their colors along with the forsythia. Anxious to see how many of my perennials were lost this past winter. I'm afraid that some of my lavender plants and at least two of my new hydrangeas succumbed to the woes of winter. How did your gardens fare? I had an odd thing happen in one of my raised vegetable beds. I had planted a row of mixed leaf lettuce last spring and only one plant of red leaf lettuce came up. Well an entire row of the lettuce came up this year! It laid dormant all year and decided to grow this year!! God and gardens work in their own time. We have been devouring the asparagus as quick as we pick it. Planted a new bed of strawberry plants this past week. Hopefully we will benefit from them and not the chipmunks. We plan on placing chicken wire cage over them to discourage the little rascals.. The chipmunks are cute little Chip and Dale until *they* destroy your plants, then it is a war to keep them away. (cont'd page 2)

*"Might I," Mary quavered. "Might I have a bit of Earth?"*  
*"Earth?" he repeated. "What do you mean?"*  
*"To plant seeds in—to make things grow—to see them come alive," Mary faltered. ----- Frances H Burnett, The Secret Garden.*

### **24<sup>th</sup> Annual MG Trip – June 19-20, 2019**

Remember we have a May 20 deadline to pay for the trip. Questions?  
[catolgobeyn@hotmail.com](mailto:catolgobeyn@hotmail.com)

Deadline for Newsletter June 30, 2019 to  
[catron.holly@gmail.com](mailto:catron.holly@gmail.com)

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

**Websites:** [www.mastergardenerboonecounty.org](http://www.mastergardenerboonecounty.org) and <http://bewellboone.org/CommunityGardens.html>

## Club News and Opportunities

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

The little Bluebirds are back and have been flitting all over, checking out their housing and taking in their nesting supplies. In mid March we had a Turbit pigeon as a visitor. Very unusual bird, larger than a regular pigeon. All white body with black wings, head larger than the pigeon. He pranced around on top of the garage for awhile surveying the land before taking off for parts unknown.

When bringing new plants to your gardens remember to plant for the bees. They are always foraging for nectar from early Spring through late Autumn. Enjoy your gardens. It will be just a few more weeks and we will finally have that nice warm weather to enjoy!

*Linda*

(Linda Trips)

## Boone County Master Gardeners Volunteer Opportunities

Want to volunteer at Weaver's? Note: For those who are new, Jim is one of our local Master Gardeners.

5805 S 800 East, Zionsville, IN

Virlee 317-910-8169

Jim 317-910-8212

\*\*\*\*\*

Best if Volunteers come as early as possible to learn what to do OR come May 21 the day/evening before to find out - when we do the set up.

\*\*\*\*\*

We are hosting 64 - 4th grade students/teachers from St. Luke Grade School for an educational field trip.

They will be here on Wednesday, May 22....arriving about 9:30 a.m. & leaving around 1:30-2:00 p.m.

There will be stations which groups of 8 will rotate to throughout the day. At this time, we plan to have at least 8 stations, so we will need several adults to make this all work. Each station will need adult supervision and expertise.

We will serve lunch and provide a 50 pound bag of compost for each master gardener who attends. There may also be strawberry plants for those who want them.

We need some master gardeners to help with the following stations.

The compost pile. We will have a large active compost pile. After explaining how a compost pile works and probing for the internal temperature, we will have the kids load a wagon with compost and haul it to a site where they will be planting flowers.

The potting area. Each child will be able to transplant a seedling from a small zinnia plant and take it home with them.

The tree station. I have a dying ash tree that we will saw down shortly after the kids arrive. We will have a long rope attached to the tree and explain how to saw down a tree and have it land where we want it to fall. The rope is merely for them to participate in the tree felling. After the tree is on the ground, we will examine it for the presence of the emerald ash borer. We will also have them count the rings in the tree to determine the age of the tree. Additionally, we will have a couple of old – 125 year plus logs for them to count the rings and measure the tree.

Dress is for outdoors....old clothes, shoes, gloves, etc.

We plan to do this...rain or shine as of right now. We will have shelter if it is raining.

Email or call Jim 317-910-8212 or Virlee 317-910-8169 if you want to participate.

Jim and Virlee Weaver  
5805 S 800 E  
Zionsville, IN 46077

## **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.

We will host a booth at the Whitestown and Lebanon farmers' markets. The goal will be education – if you would like to participate in or coordinate a demonstration for market goers, let us know and we will schedule you in. This may include food preparation, container gardening, composting... The sky is the limit!

Questions: Contact Holly Catron, 812-343-8554 or [catronh@purdue.edu](mailto:catronh@purdue.edu)

## Of Interest...

Joan Mohr shared this:

First is the Invasive Terrestrial Plant Rule was recently signed by Governor Holcomb and published on March 18, 2019. The rule goes into effect 30 days after publishing, so it will be effective later in April. I think it would be wise for all of us to be aware of the rule in case we come across any of the regulated invasive plants. An article from Kyle Daniel, Purdue HLA Nursery and Landscape Outreach Specialist can be found at <https://www.purduelandscapereport.org/article/terrestrial-invasive-species-rule-signed-by-indiana-governor/>

Also consider signing up for an email from [AgWeb@Purdue.edu](mailto:AgWeb@Purdue.edu) which send yard & gardening news out via email about once a month.

Junior Master Gardeners – As we launch local Jr. Master Gardener programs, there are many opportunities to be involved and volunteer. The classes are held at Harvest House Community Center at St. Peters Episcopal church, Lebanon. Anyone interested in certification can contact Sandy Daily at St. Peters church 765-481-7596 or [sandydailey@att.net](mailto:sandydailey@att.net)

## Education and Volunteer Information

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

May. 11, 2019 (9:15 am - 12:00 pm)	<b>5th Annual Plant Auction – Putnam County</b>	<i>Putnam County Fairgrounds – Harris Hall</i>	■ Putnam County
May. 18, 2019 (8:00 am - 3:00 pm)	<b>21st Annual Plant Sale – Hamilton County Master Gardeners Association</b>	<i>Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall</i>	■ Hamilton County
Jun. 3, 2019 (9:00 am - 4:00 pm)	<b>Purdue Master Gardener Basic Training – Porter County</b>	<i>Purdue Extension – Porter County</i>	■ Porter County 2019 Purdue MG Basic Trainings
Jun. 21, 2019 (All Day)	<b>Purdue Master Gardener State Tour – hosted by Sunnyside Master Gardener Association</b>		■ Floyd County Advanced MG Training Opportunities Statewide MG Event

## 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://hortuscope.info/>

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