



# The Garden Gate Newsletter

Boone County Master Gardener Association  
January & February, 2020

## **NEXT MEETING** – Monday, Jan. 27, 2020

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

**Location:** Boone County Fairgrounds, 1300 E 100 S, Lebanon, IN 46052 Community Room.

If you have been involved in a Boone County Master Gardener Project you would like to see featured in the 2019 Annual Report, please send a write-up to Curt at [cemanuel@purdue.edu](mailto:cemanuel@purdue.edu). Pictures are encouraged.

### ***President's Notes from Butch***

I know that you probably hear this all too often, but the year has flown by and I wonder how January was able to sneak up on me as it has. 2019 was a good year for me and I am eternally hopeful that 2020 will be every bit as good if not better. The year brings new opportunities as well as challenges. One big challenge will be trying to fill Linda Tripp's shoes in the role of President for the BCMG. While there will certainly be a learning curve, everyone has been very supportive and full of encouragement, which I appreciate.

Linda will continue to coordinate the day trips, at least for the coming year, and while there are volunteer positions yet to be filled, I am certain that when it is all said and done we will have everything covered.

Especially on the colder, grayer days of winter, I like to say that each day brings us closer to Springtime and all that goes with it. Seed catalogs come and leave me wondering how you could possibly order, grow, or maintain all the things that they have to offer. (cont'd page 2)



### **Boone County Master Gardeners 2019 Officers**

President	Butch Kidd
V. President	Lynn Kenyon
Treasurer	Jane Bewley
Secretary	Barb Burkhardt

*Don't aim for perfection. Aim for 'better than yesterday.'*  
-Izey Victoria Odiase

The new website is up. We are looking for blogs (short articles), announcements, and photos.

<http://mastergardenerboonecounty.org/>

***Plan to attend our Boone County Spring Horticulture Series of four classes. See attached flyer. All count towards MG Education hours! Classes to be held Feb. 20 & 27, and March 12 & 19***

**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):

Then there is Garden Fest, with sign ups, planning, and hoping the weather is just nice enough to have large crowds coming to wander through the booths, eats from the cafe and buy some of the goods to be found throughout.

Before Garden Fest we will be cleaning up flower beds around the 4H building and probably looking at our own properties with the thought that it is time to get this season going and hoping for a mild Spring with absolutely perfect weather (one can only hope). Personally, I love when the time for cleaning it all up arrives and I actually look forward to the weeding, mowing, and mulching that will make up some much of my coming year.

Moving ahead in the year there will be some administrative duties to attend to. By voice vote the annual dues were raised from \$7 to \$10 and it is my understanding that the By Laws will need to be updated with the new rate. Also, after the November meeting the idea of exploring the possibility for going through the process for making BCMG a non-profit entity. At this point I am not sure what that would entail or what the actual benefits would be but we will need to have a committee put together to explore, and hopefully answer some of these questions.

I guess at this point I have rambled long enough and will bring this missive to an end. Thank you all for making the BCMG what it is,

*Butch* (Butch Kidd)

## Boone County Master Gardeners Volunteer Opportunities

### Boone County Community Gardens

Our winter energy goes towards planning for the 2020 garden work. If you get a chance, look at the new archway entrance at the Youth Learning Garden behind Central Christian Church, Lebanon. It will be placed in its permanent spot within a couple of weeks. This feature was provided through the MIBOR Placemaking grant.

We received a Boone Co. Solid Waste Management grant to install additional raised beds at the Youth Learning Garden. Those are coming early spring, and are made of recycled materials.

Let us know if you want to be involved.

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

## Education and Volunteer Information

Plan to participate in the upcoming Spring Horticulture Series sponsored by the Boone County Extension Services & the Boone County Master Gardener Association. See attached flyer. Attend any or all to earn MG Education hours.

February 20: Lawn Care

February 27: Grow Your Own Veggies

March 12: Tree/Shrub Care and Management

March 19: Spring into Annuals, Perennials & Herbs

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

Surrounding counties are holding Master Gardener Basic Training courses, if you know anyone who is interested.

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.