



The Garden Gate Newsletter

Boone County Master Gardener Association
Sept & Oct, 2020

NEXT MEETING – Monday, Nov. 16, 2020
Virtual meeting via zoom.

Details: Here is the link to this meeting:

<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/92630965186>



Boone County Master Gardeners 2020 Officers

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

President's Notes from Butch

As we can see when we look out of our windows, Fall is upon us and winter can't be far behind. Of course, that means the Spring is coming as well and that's the way I look at it. The colder, sometimes miserable weather just brings us one step closer to another year and a new Spring. Just a few things to say, one of which is that I hope that each of you, your friends, and family are doing well. Next is the consideration of raising the annual dues to \$15.00, and last but not least, the election of new officers.

As for the increase in annual dues to \$15, I have to say that I think it is a good idea. It isn't like we have rent or utilities to pay so the money collected from the dues is simply there for grants and support of the many projects that the BCMG members are involved in throughout the community. We saw that without Garden Fest, the money to do some many other things just wasn't there. Last year, when we raised it to \$10, it probably should have jumped to \$15 at that point. However, it isn't up to me and the membership will need to vote on this at the November meeting.

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*Grow food and flowers
It's good for the soul...*

Our website:

<http://mastergardenerboonecounty.org/>

I want to thank all the master gardener volunteers for our community gardens. This food goes to feed the food insecure in Boone Co. The production garden is still underway, but to date 3,853 donated between the production, youth learning garden, and caring center garden. Deadline for Newsletter December 31, 2020 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):

Curt sent a copy of the By-Laws to me in October and in the it is stated that officers shall serve for a term of one year, not two as has become customary. I can't speak for the other officers, but I will not run again. I was sort of drafted into this position because at the time it seemed that no one would volunteer. I have too many other things going on with work, the yard, and our booth at Tru-Finds to devote the time and attention the position deserves.

I think that many of you are doing good work and have shown much greater involvement in the BCMG and as such, one of you should lead. Lead and be in charge and help to coordinate whatever projects are underway with other members. Of course, like the dues question, it isn't up to me but the membership will have to seek out candidates and vote.

All for now, thanks, Butch
Thanks,

Butch (Butch Kidd)

Boone County Master Gardeners Volunteer Opportunities

Lebanon Boys & Girls Club

We still need one volunteer for this!

In 2019 we were able to work with a local resident to get a tower hydroponic system for the Lebanon Boys & Girls Club. We are seeking someone to get it setup again this year at the club (can be done during the day when kids not there, or with kids). It would also be great if you could talk to the kids about hydroponics. But just getting the tower back and working would be great along with a little oversight. We have someone who can help explain how to do this.

Holly will be glad to be involved with this, just need one more person.

Boone County Community Gardens

We want to thank the Boone County Master Gardeners for funding and volunteers to make it possible to donate 3,853 pounds of produce to date for 2020 from our three community gardens. This is nothing short of amazing, given the COVID-19 crisis.

The Caring Center Garden	2,105
Youth Learning Garden	558

Production Garden

1,190

This produce goes to local pantries and feeding programs – no fewer than eight partners this year. It was much needed this summer, as the COVID crisis increased food insecurity. We had to follow COVID-19 guidelines and used our time to rework several of the gardens to sustain them and prevent weeds and pests.

We provided recipes and tips for storing and preparing the bounty. Check out the Purdue Extension Food Link if you have not yet done so.

You will also notice some activity at the Youth Learning Garden behind Central Christian Church. We received funding from MIBOR to build a patio which is almost finished. Also, an REMC grant allowed us to reword our paths.

There are several grant applications underway to support upcoming garden plans. Stay tuned.

Let us know if you want to be involved and we'll plug you into a team for 2021. Yes, there is garden work, but also brain-power needed!

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

Education Information

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

Click on the link above to learn about any garden shows and training opportunities in our area. The recent events have been virtual. Check back to see what has been added.

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.

Rainscaping:

Have you seen the Boone County Virtual Rain Garden Tour yet? They have just finished this and you can see the three-video tour here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uck6FL83DwyG95_6-ZtM99kA

Questions? Contact Curt.
