



# The Garden Gate Newsletter

Boone County Master Gardener Association  
Mar & Apr, 2021

**NEXT MEETING** – Monday, March 15, 2021  
at 9:30 a.m.

Virtual meeting via zoom.

**Details:** Here is the link to this meeting:

<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/95970386145>



## Boone County Master Gardeners 2021 Officers

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### **General Announcements and Notes:**

#### **Volunteer Hours**

For 2021, the minimum volunteer hours requirement has been reduced to 6 hours. Covid-19 restrictions and their impacts on volunteering will continued to be monitored to determine whether this requirement should be further reduced in the future. EMG volunteers should always talk to your EMG County Coordinator (Curt) about potential volunteer opportunities.

The minimum requirement of 6 education hours remains for 2021.

#### **Dues**

The 2021 dues are due by the March meeting. Please send to Jane Bewley, 4223 Honeysuckle Ln, Zionsville, IN 46077 by said meeting.

#### **Bylaws**

Be sure to review the proposed changes in bylaws (sent in a separate email) prior to our March meeting so we can conduct a vote. Thank you to the Bylaws Review Committee.

*You can garden safely during the  
COVID-19 pandemic!*

Our website:

<http://mastergardenerboonecounty.org/>

The community garden team recently received a \$1,000 grant through Purdue Extension to impact the community by linking pantries and feeding programs to the community gardens.

Check out some educational opportunities included in the newsletter!

Deadline for Newsletter April 30, 2021 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

### Boone County Master Gardeners Volunteer Opportunities



Picture provided by Amelia Braga

#### Boone County Community Gardens

Work is underway for the 2021 season. If you want to help in any way – either physical work at the garden or help with contacting volunteers and planning, please let us know. We follow COVID-19 guidelines. The food we grow and distribute to local pantries and feeding programs impacts our community in so many ways.

This year we will also focus on nutrition education and recipes. Through this, we hope to see our community eat more fruits and vegetables and ultimately see health improvements. Check out the upgrades and the Youth Learning Garden behind Central Christian Church (311 E Main, Lebanon). We leveraged a MIBOR Placemaking grant and funding from the Boone REMC to add a patio space, rework the paths, and install an entrance archway as well as a fruit espalier. Lisa Galvin from the Boone Co Extension Board was the driver of this funding and project.

Questions: Contact Holly Catron, 812-343-8554 or [catronh@purdue.edu](mailto: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. There are some fabulous virtual Lunch and Learn series opportunities on various topics including starting seeds indoors, raised beds, composting, flower arranging, and others. 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 2021: <http://hortusscope.info/>

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

# DIGGING DEEPER: VIRTUAL GARDEN SERIES

**8 WEEK SERIES ON TUESDAYS**

**12:00 - 1:00 PM EST**

**Starts March 16**

**Register at: [tinyurl.com/digdeeper21](https://tinyurl.com/digdeeper21)**



Join Purdue Extension educators from Southwest Indiana on this free 8 week series to dig deeper into the world of gardening. We will start by learning about starting seeds and getting our garden ready. The following weeks we will focus in on specific vegetable families, and the best ways to help them grow. Please register by March 15 at 4:00 PM EST. Late registrations will be accepted throughout the series, and recordings for each session will be sent out to those who register.

## **Weekly Agenda**

March 16: How to Start Seeds Indoors

March 23: Soils: Preparing Your Garden for Planting

March 30: Best Practices for Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant

April 6: Best Practices for Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cabbage

April 13: Best Practices for Beans and Peas

April 20: Best Practices for Berries

April 27: Best Practices for Herbs


May 4: Best Practices for Cucumbers, Squash, Melons



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**Buzzing with  
Monarchs**  
**March 18th, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

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**Register At:**  
**<https://tinyurl.com/55p4e2m9>**

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**In case of questions, please contact:**

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