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Congratulations!!!

Sue Ann Burns has earned her Advanced Master Gardener badge!

Announcement

Elections will be held in April at the business meeting. We will need a Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter editor, Historian and Website editor. We need nominations by the end of March, either sent to dkpmastergardeners@yahoo.com, called in to 812-354-5786, or mailed to 1207 N. Co. Rd. 900 E; Otwell, IN 47564. Please note we have to have officers to keep the club running. So, please volunteer!!!!!!

Officers

President Melissa Teague 812-354-5786
Vice-President John Dosch
Secretary Kevin Baxter
Treasurer Linda Teague



Historian Henry and Lita Matick
Newsletter Editor Melissa Teague
Website Manager Melissa Teague (temporary fill)

2009 Events

- **January 21-22:** The fifth annual Midwest Organic Production and Marketing Conference and Trade Show, held in conjunction with the Indiana Horticulture Congress, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Indianapolis: <http://orgconf.sustainability.uiuc.edu/>
- **January 24, 2009, *A Winter Day in the Garden*.** Lincoln Trail's Zwermann Theatre in **Robinson, Illinois** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m, central. (doors open at 7:30 a.m.). <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/crawford/>
Click on the Horticulture/Environment icon and you will see "A Winter Day in the Garden" under local programs. For general information, please call 618/546-1549.
- **January 24, 2009:** Porter County MG: 9 am to 4 pm Central—
www.pcgarden.info/garden_show
- **February 21, 2009:** "Once Upon A Garden"; Gibson County MG Seminar. Princeton High School. Enrollment form and flyer will follow.
- **February 28, 2009:** Putnum County MG: "The Five 'R's' of Gardening":
lblocher@tds.net
- **March 22-26, 2009:** International MG Conference: Las Vegas: Register:
<http://www.unce.unr.edu/imgc/>
- **April, 2009:** Elections. Please start thinking about who you would like to represent the club as officers.
- **September 10-12, 2009:** Elkhart County will be the host of Indiana's 2009 State Master Gardener Conference. www.michianamastergardeners.com
- **October, 2009:** Are we interested in having another conference?

Starting in mid-January, Larry Caplan will be offering an online course on Landscape Maintenance through the Owensboro Community and Technical College (OCTC). This course would be excellent for all horticulture professionals, and folks who want to become professionals. Following is the news release that OCTC sent out:

HRT 130 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

On-line Course

3 CREDITS

PS number: 77500 section A0Z1

DESCRIPTION: Introduces basic techniques in landscape maintenance including pruning and planting techniques, safe working practices in the landscape and pest management.

Experiences in the calculation of materials needed and associated cost are included. A plant material list with an estimate of cost is developed

This is a on-line global course that is available to ag and non-ag majors that is being offered for the first time. It is also available for people not seeking a degree, who just want to take the class for their own education.

OCTC is proud and excited to be bringing in Larry Caplan who has over 20 years of experience teaching Master Gardeners and Landscape Professionals. This is a great opportunity for anyone to learn about the basics of landscape management for a career or just to use in their own backyard.

The class will be taught through the use of PowerPoint lectures stored on the OCTC computer system. Anyone registered for the class can download the materials from any computer. Grades will include passing several tests, a research/landscape project, and participation in the online discussion forum.

Cost of online classes at OCTC is \$121 per credit hour, so this course would run about \$363. The out-of-state rate is the same as the in-state rate. Classes begin the week of January 12, and continue until the week of May 9.

To register for the class, you can go to the OCTC Distance Learning web page: <http://www.octc.kctcs.edu/Distance.htm> . The right-side column contains links for the steps in registering for the class, or you can just call or e-mail the admissions office (left column). The toll-free number to Owensboro Community and Technical College is 1-866-755-6282.

[<http://www.extension.purdue.edu/Vanderburgh/horticulture/hortalerts/>]
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2009 Master Gardener Calendars

In 2007, the Master Gardener Calendar was a very successful fundraiser. Unfortunately, in 2008, even though the calendar itself was even better, the calendar project was a “fundloser.” By the end of December, we had sold only 590 calendars as opposed to 1133 in the previous year. We blame the general financial anxiety and prudence created by the declining American economy.

In an effort to recoup some of this loss, our Board has decided to reduce the price for the remaining calendars to \$5.00. We hope that those who purchased the calendars earlier at full price will understand our predicament and not feel cheated.

If you would like to purchase calendars at the reduced price, send your order to Kathleen Hull. Use the old order form that is available at www.indymgconf.org, but just send \$5 instead of \$10 per calendar. For more information contact 317 996-4380, hullk@ccrtc.com. Profit-sharing agreements will not apply to the calendars sold at the reduced price.

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Please update your MG notebooks at http://www.hort.purdue.edu/mg/pubs/mg_pubs.html