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Dear SWIMGA member,

Attached please find the March 2017 newsletter, plus the SWIMGA shirt order form and a copy of the Plant sale flier (listed as Insert 03-2017).

There is also a job announcement, if anyone is interested in a part-time job with the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District. If you apply, remember: you MAY list your Master Gardener status on the application.

I want to thank MaryAnn Block for her many years serving as the editor of the SWIMGA newsletter. I thank her sincerely for all of her hard work!

The tornado that tore through Posey, Gibson, and the tip of Vanderburgh Counties Tuesday night did significant damage to several communities. I'm hoping all of our SWIMGA family are safe and sound. If you can help with cleanup, please do so, although at this moment, I cannot legally give you volunteer credit for doing so.

In my article in the newsletter, I talk about the new MG database. After I get a few things checked out through Purdue, I will be opening this up to all SWIMGA members. I will be sending out an email to the entire MG family about how to get registered in a step-by-step process. Expect this sometime by the middle of this month.

SWIMGA/Purdue Extension will be hosting a booth/table at the Tri-State Creation Care Conference on Saturday, March 25, 9 am to 12 noon. I plan on being there, and both Tony Buccilli and Jane Leingang will staff the booth with me.

I will be sending out a Hort Alert next week with details about the conference, but some of the speakers/topics include:

- Kyle Kramer, executive director of the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center in Louisville, Kentucky
- Frank Nellis, Master Gardener, talking about soil fertility
- John Scott Foster: connecting kids and nature.

This program will count as Continuing Education, except for those who are working, who can also count this as volunteer hours.

Garden Club of New Harmony will host Sharon Sorenson on Saturday, March 11th, at the Working Men's Institute, 407 Tavern St., New Harmony, speaking on Butterflies. "The program begins with biology, includes the difference between moths and butterflies, talks about host plants and favorite nectar plants. It will focus on the relationship between plants and butterflies." The program begins at 9:30 AM, meet and greet begins at 9:00. Anyone interested in staying for the club business meeting following the program, is welcome to do so, but not obligated.

This program counts for Continuing Education credit.



Last thought: PLEASE do not be tricked into planting anything too early, because of the warm weather. Statistically, we can still expect our last frost sometime between April 3 and 16, depending on where you live. And personally, I feel it in my bones that winter is not done with us yet, and we may get something nasty closer to the end of the month.



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