

# WEED 'EM AND REAP

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION | FEBRUARY 2019

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## NEWSLETTER SUBMITTALS

To submit an article for the upcoming newsletter or to report an error in the publication, please email [kdkoger@gmail.com](mailto:kdkoger@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Meetings

Master Gardeners and guests are invited to attend the next Delaware County Master Gardener Association (DCMGA) meeting on **Wednesday, February 27, 2019** at Minnetrista. Join us for an informal fellowship time beginning at 6:30 pm followed by a special presentation at 7:00 pm. Master Gardener Kate Bell will discuss her experience at the 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference.

The March monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 20** (3rd Wednesday of the month) at Minnetrista. Join Intern Julian Ravenscroft as she discusses how to start seeds for the growing season.

The annual DCMGA Spring Banquet will be hosted on **Wednesday, April 17** at Riverside United Methodist Church, 1201 Wheeling Ave., Muncie. More details will be announced at the February meeting.

Monthly meetings are held on the **fourth** Wednesday of each month, unless noted otherwise. Contact Sarah Kreps with questions.

## Share in the Newsletter and on Social Media

Did you know that you can highlight a unique plant, discuss a garden trend, or share a valuable gardening tip in the newsletter or on the DCMGA's social media account. Simply submit a brief article about a garden-related topic to Kyle Koger for submission in the newsletter or Sarah Kreps for publishing online. And remember, time spent compiling and writing informative garden articles may count as volunteer credit!

Remember to report your volunteer and educational hours at [www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener](http://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener).



Stay connected with the DCMGA by visiting [delcomastergardener.org](http://delcomastergardener.org) to learn more about upcoming activities, view photos from recent events, and read the latest edition of the newsletter.

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# Letter from the President

Dottie Kreps, President



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*"The love of gardening  
is a seed once sown  
that never dies."*

~ Gertrude Jekyll,  
English Garden Designer

I was lucky... I grew up knowing that spring meant spending time out in the dirt planting little seeds in a huge garden that would feed family, friends, and neighbors for months. It was hard work for a little kid. The rows had to be straight, but I loved being at one end of the string line while my grandpa was at the other. I enjoyed walking down the rows and dropping seeds of various sizes and color in the holes. I loved being able to watch as the sprouts broke through the ground, growing bigger and bigger each day. Eventually I knew they would develop into ripe fruits and vegetables that would adorn our dinner plates.

I loved the first picking of peas...I would sit with my grandma and shell those peas so we could have a yummy supper of creamed peas and potatoes. I love all the memories associated with gardening!

I am excited to be a part of an organization that can help spread the love of gardening to others. Each of you bring a wealth of knowledge and memories to the organization that can be shared with the communities in which we volunteer as Master Gardeners. We have many opportunities through our projects and outreach events to teach people about the love of gardening. I look forward to seeing what is in hold for 2019!

**Dottie Kreps, President**

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## Making a Request for a Printed Newsletter

The DCMGA Newsletter is published digitally each month with information on upcoming events, activities, and programs, meeting minutes, and helpful gardening tips. The newsletter can be accessed by visiting either the DCMGA webpage or Purdue Extension-Delaware County or website. In addition, hardcopies of the newsletters can be printed and mailed to Master Gardeners upon request.

Contact Carrie Neal, Secretary of the Purdue Extension-Delaware County office, at 765-747-7732 or [neal81@purdue.edu](mailto:neal81@purdue.edu) if you do not receive an email with the link to the monthly newsletter, or would like to request a printed copy of the newsletter.

## Questions on Volunteer Hours

Uncertain as to what programs, activities, or events may constitute towards your annual Master Gardener volunteer or educational hour commitment? When in doubt, simply contact Laurynn Thieme, ANR Extension Educator via email [lthieme@purdue.edu](mailto:lthieme@purdue.edu). Laurynn is happy to help clarify any confusion, and recommend local volunteering opportunities.

# Treasurer's Report

Kate Bell, Treasurer



Date of Report: 02/11/2019		1/31/19	2/28/19	Total
Balance Brought Forward		\$10,867.63	\$10,827.63	
Income		\$60.00	\$50.00	\$110.00
Expenses		\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
Balance On Hand		\$10,927.63	\$10,827.63	
<b>Income</b>		<b>Goals</b>		
Annual Master Gardener Dues	\$900.00	\$60.00		\$60.00
Banquet	\$900.00			\$0.00
Garden Walk	\$400.00			\$0.00
Growing Through Gardening	\$2,200.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
Kids Camp ~ Future MG	\$350.00			\$0.00
Kids Camp ~ Mini MG	\$350.00			\$0.00
Plant Sale	\$2,500.00			\$0.00
Walmart Volunteer Grant	\$1,000.00			\$0.00
Bank Interest				\$0.00
Miscellaneous & Clearing Acct				\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,600.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>		<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Budget</b>		
Farm Fest	\$350.00			\$0.00
Farmers Market	\$200.00			\$0.00
Garden Fair	\$100.00			\$0.00
Garden Walk	\$300.00			\$0.00
Growing Through Gardening	\$1,250.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
Kids Camp ~ Future MG	\$650.00			\$0.00
Kids Camp ~ Mini MG	\$650.00			\$0.00
Plant Sale	\$550.00	\$100.00		\$100.00
Scholarship ~ MG Training	\$150.00			\$0.00
Tree Committee	\$500.00			\$0.00
Washington Street Festival	\$100.00			\$0.00
New Events	\$0.00			\$0.00
<b>Association Expenses</b>				
Banquet	\$900.00			\$0.00
Board Expenses	\$100.00			\$0.00
Booklets	\$150.00			\$0.00
Donations & Sponsorships	\$250.00			\$0.00
Hospitality	\$100.00			\$0.00
Insurance	\$350.00			\$0.00
Marketing & Event Supplies	\$500.00			\$0.00
Meeting Facilities & Speakers	\$200.00			\$0.00
Picnics	\$150.00			\$0.00
Postage	\$100.00			\$0.00
Printing & Copies	\$50.00			\$0.00
Purdue Extension Expenses	\$150.00			\$0.00
Website Hosting & Maintenance	\$250.00			\$0.00
Miscellaneous & Clearing Acct	\$0.00			\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,050.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

# Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, January 23, 2019



### EDUCATION PRESENTATION

President Dottie Kreps called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. The evening presentation, *Get to Know Your Master Gardener Committee*, introduced the current committee leaders and provided important information about upcoming DCMGA events.

Prior to the presentation, Dottie recognized all graduates of the Fall 2018 Master Gardener Basic Training Course. Eleven interns were present. Those present at the meeting stood and briefly introduced themselves.

The following committee chairpersons reported on upcoming events:

#### Arbor Day

*Chairperson: Laura Shadoin*

The annual Arbor Day Festival is co-organized by the Muncie Parks and Recreation Department and the Muncie Urban Forestry committee. The festival is generally held on the last Saturday of April (April 27, 2019) at one of Muncie's public parks. A final date for this year's event has not been confirmed. A small amount of Master Gardener volunteers will be needed to help oversee children's activity. The committee is looking at creating seed tapes with the children.

#### Washington Street Festival

*Chairperson: Laura Shadoin*

The Old Washington Street Festival is held during the third weekend of September. The final date for the festival will be announced at a later meeting. The DCMGA will have an educational booth at the event with a special activity for attendees. Guests will be able to plant and take home a fall bulb. Master Gardener volunteers will be needed in shifts for both Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 5pm daily. The committee is currently accepting donations of leftover, transplanted, or spare bulbs for this year's event.

#### Children Camps

*Chairpersons: Sarah & Dottie Kreps, Sandy Kreps*

The DCMGA will host two educational camps in April for school-age children. The Mini Master Gardener

camp aims to educate youth, ages 5 to 9, about basic gardening topics. The Future Gardener Camp teaches children, ages 9 to 15, advanced gardening lessons. The events are generally well attended. The camp will be held either April 6th or 13th; a final date has not been determined. The committee is looking at reducing the full-day camp to a half-day workshop for 2019. Sarah cited the additional cost and manpower needed to serve a lunch as the primary reason for shortening the camps.

Volunteers will be needed to help chaperon children, assist with crafts, set-up and tear down, teach lessons, and perform other various tasks.

The committees for each camp will meet on Saturday, February 2 and Saturday, March 2 at the Kennedy Branch Library to prepare for the workshops. The Future Gardener committee will meet from 9am to 10am; the Mini-Master Gardener committee will meet directly afterward at 10am.

#### DCMGA Plant Sale

*Chairperson: Nancy Reynolds*

The 2019 DCMGA Plant Sale will return to the Memorial Building at Delaware County Fairgrounds this year. The plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 8am until noon. The annual Minnetrista Garden Fair would also be held on the same day. Set-up will begin on Friday afternoon. Volunteers will be needed both days.

Master Gardeners are expected to donate plants for the sale. Plants should be dug from a yard or garden, not purchased from a retail nursery or garden. Donated plants should appear healthy, be in a clean pot or container, clearly labeled with the plant name, and priced accordingly. Donated plants, gardening books, gently used tools, and containers should be dropped off Friday afternoon at the Fairgrounds. Master Gardeners can record 1 volunteer hour for every 10 plants donated. Dottie indicated that it should not be the objective of Master Gardeners to obtain all volunteer points from donating plants to the plant sale. The total amount of hours a person can record is at the discretion of the Purdue Extension Educator.

## **Indiana State Fair Booth**

*Chairperson: Nancy Reynolds*

The Indiana State Fair will be held from Friday, August 2 to Sunday, August 18 in Indianapolis. Master Gardeners from across the state have the opportunity to volunteer at the Purdue Extension Plant Info To-go booth inside the Purdue Ag and Horticulture Building. Volunteers are expected to greet fair-goers, promote the Master Gardener program, and answer garden-related questions. Nancy will receive direction from John Orick, the State Master Gardener Coordinator, on the specific volunteer date and time assigned to the DCMGA at a later date.

## **Minnetrissa Garden Fair**

*Chairperson: Dottie Kreps*

The Minnetrista Garden Fair will be held on Saturday, May 4. The DCMGA will host an informational booth at the event. Final details will be announced at a later date.

## **Delaware County Farm Festival**

*Chairperson: HC Cross*

The Delaware County Farm Festival will be held on Tuesday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 13 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. The event showcases various livestock and rural commodities to elementary-age children who may not have the opportunity to experience farm life. The DCMGA organizes a seed planting activity each year. Children have the opportunity to plant a vegetable and flower seed in a plastic cup. HC Cross indicated that it is a very tiresome day, but rewarding to hear returning children tell about the success of their growing plants. Volunteers will be needed to work in 2-hour shifts on both days.

## **Tree Committee**

*Chairpersons: Kate Bell, Mary Ippel, HC Cross*

The committee has historically used its annual funds to purchase and plant a balled-and-burlapped shade tree in one of Muncie's public parks. However, the committee is currently reorganizing its agenda to use its resources to make a more impactful educational program. The committee would like

to work with the Red-tail Land Conservancy, a local Girl Scout troop, and local Boy Scout group to plant smaller containerized trees on one of the Red-tail's managed lands. Further information will be made available to Master Gardeners at a later date.

## **Indiana Flower and Patio Show**

*Chairperson: Mary Ippel*

The Indiana Flower and Patio Show will be held from March 9 to 17 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Master Gardeners will have the opportunity to volunteer at the Purdue Extension Plant Info To-Go booth. Volunteers will be assigned a 2-hour shift. Volunteers are expected to greet fair-goers, promote the Master Gardener program, and answer garden-related questions. Mary indicated that volunteers don't have to know answers to every question. A laptop will be available to research answers. The volunteer date will be announced at a later meeting.

## **Minnetrissa Farmer's Market Booth**

*Chairperson: Mary Ippel*

Beginning in February, the DCMGA plans to host an educational booth at several of the Minnetrista Farmer's Market through the year. Two volunteers will be needed to work from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at each market. Volunteers will promote the Master Gardener program, answer garden-related questions, and announce upcoming Master Gardener events to attendees. The final dates are to be determined.

## **Hospitality Committee**

*Chairperson: Sandy Kreps*

Sandy took the opportunity to thank the Master Gardener Executive Board for preparing refreshments for the January meeting. Sandy indicated that sign-up sheets are available at the front table to bring in refreshments for upcoming meetings. No refreshments will be required for April, June, and September. The annual banquet will be held in April. The Master Gardener summer picnic is scheduled for June.

## Garden Walk

*Chairperson: Nancy Miller*

The DCMGA Garden Walk is an annual fundraiser that showcases 4 to 6 private garden each year. The tour often includes the gardens of Master Gardeners as well as several community gardens. Three gardens have been identified for the 2019 tour. The committee is still looking for a few additional locations. The 2019 Garden Walk has tentatively been set for Sunday, June 23.

Volunteers will be needed at each garden to take tickets and act as docents. A pre-tour will be held on Saturday, June 22 for those who will volunteer on Sunday and wish to see the gardens beforehand. Master Gardeners are able to record both volunteer hours (if volunteering) and educational hours (if attending a tour). The committee will meet beginning in March to plan for the event. Ticket pricing and tour hours will be announced at a later date.

## Garden School

*Chairperson: Kathy Hutson*

Dottie announced that the 2019 Garden School would be held on September 21st. The Garden School is an advanced training opportunity open to the public. It features lectures, make-and-take workshops, and a garden vendor market.

The committee is looking at making the Garden School a free event by engaging local businesses to sponsor the seminar. The committee will begin to meet in February to plan for the school. Meetings will be held monthly thereafter. The committee is accepting ideas for speakers and sponsors for this year. The decoration sub-committee is looking for donations of clear wine bottles.

## Children's Museum Outdoor Learning Center

*Chairperson: Dottie Kreps*

The Muncie Children's Museum is looking to revitalize its courtyard garden that has falling into distress. The Master Gardener committee had an initial meeting with the museum staff in January. Five Master Gardeners were in attendance. The committee determined that each revitalized

plant bed will focus on 1 of 4 learning objectives: butterflies, prairie, water, and sensory. The committee is looking at adopting the courtyard as a DCMGA community garden. The committee would host public workdays where Master Gardeners would educate children about the four objectives and lead volunteers as they re-plant the beds. The committee is also looking into purchasing signage that could provide educational information about the plants.



ABOVE: The current state of the courtyard garden at the Muncie Children's Museum. ~photo by Dottie Kreps

## Kennedy Branch Library Community Garden

*Chairperson: Sarah Kreps*

Sarah indicated that the library approached the DCMGA to help design a greenspace behind the library. Sarah said that the Master Gardener committee would have a brief meeting tonight following the monthly meeting. The group would be looking at working with the library to program more garden-themed workshops at the library.

## Marketing and Social Media

*Chairperson: Vacant*

Dottie reminded members that the DCMGA has an official Facebook page and Instagram account. In addition to sharing photos and articles in the newsletter, Master Gardeners are encouraged to share garden-related photos, tips, and articles on the DCMGA social media accounts. The Executive Board is looking for a chairperson or another intern to lead these efforts. In the interim, send photos or post requests to Sarah Kreps.

Sarah stated that the DCMGA would be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2020. Historian Nancy Miller will be working with the Executive Board to create social media posts to recognize this milestone.

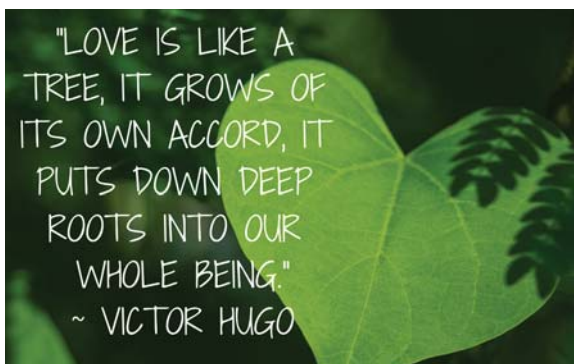
Dottie initiated a 5-minute intermission upon completion of the committee reports.

## CALL TO ORDER

Dottie called the second half of the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Dottie presented a short PowerPoint presentation to the group that clarified what type of services can qualify for Master Gardener volunteer and educational hours. The presentation was co-created by Master Gardener State Coordinator John Orick and Extension Educator Rosie Lerner. Master Gardeners should contact Extension Educator Laurynn Thieme if they have a question in regards to what may be recorded.

Dottie reminded members that Master Gardeners must record 12 volunteer hours and 6 educational hours annually to maintain status as an active Master Gardener. Master Gardener interns are required to obtain 35 volunteer hours within 2 years of graduating from the basic training course.

Dottie re-introduced the Executive Board to the interns and guests at the meeting. The Executive Board includes Dottie Kreps (President), Sarah Kreps (1st-Vice President), Mary Ippel (2nd Vice President), Kate Bell (Treasurer), Deanna Hines (Secretary), Nancy Miller (Historian), Bary Turner, Judy Turner, and Kathy Hutson (At-Large). Dottie reminded members that elections would be held during the annual business meeting in October. Several positions will be up for election. The floor will be open for nominations in October.



source: Bartlett Tree Experts

## MEETING MINUTES

The October 2018 meeting minutes were approved as recorded in the December Weed 'Em and Reap newsletter.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kate Bell provided an updated Treasury Report. As of January 23rd, the DCMGA has \$10,927.63 in its account. One transaction was made in January. The report was approved as stated.

Kate Bell reminded committee chairpersons to pick up a copy of the new "Budget Tracker" form. Master Gardeners should submit receipts and reimbursable expenses to the committee chairperson. The chairperson will periodically submit the Budget Tracker to Kate for review and processing.

The Audit Committee reported on their findings of the 2018 finances. The committee found no errors in the 2018 financial report.

Kate Bell introduced the Bylaw Committee. Kate indicated that the recommended revisions to the current DCMGA bylaws would be sent via email on or before February 1st to all Master Gardener members for their review and comment. The existing bylaws will be denoted in black text; proposed revisions will be denoted in red text. The final modifications and revisions will be voted up at the February monthly meeting.

Dottie reminded members that the DCMGA Executive Board meets during the first Wednesday of each month at Mary Ippel's home, unless noted otherwise. All are welcome to attend. The next Executive meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6 at 5:45pm.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dottie indicated that the Executive Board is currently reviewing the survey completed by Master Gardeners in 2018. The survey will help guide the association's initiative and programming. The results of the survey will be discussed at the February meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dottie announced that the 2019 DCMGA membership booklets are currently being printed and will be passed out at the February monthly meeting.

The February meeting will be held at Minnetrista on Wednesday, February 27th. Kate Bell will talk about her experience at the 2018 Purdue Master Gardener state conference.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the March meeting will be held on March 20th (3rd Wednesday of the month) at Minnetrista. The April meeting will be held on April 17th (3rd Wednesday of the month) at Riverside United Methodist Church. The April meeting will be the annual Spring Banquet. It will include a catered meal. Cost to be determined.

The Maring-Hunt Public Library will be holding a public seed swap on February 23rd. The library would like a few members of the DCMGA to be present to help answer any garden-related questions. Contact Sarah Kreps if interested in volunteering at the event.

The Maring-Hunt Public Library is also considering hosting a Plant Swap on May 4th. More information will be announced at a later meeting.

Sarah Kreps reported that Kim Dowling contacted the DCMGA in regards to a new volunteer opportunity in Henry County. Tru Harbor, a juvenile residential treatment facility for female victims of human trafficking, would like to refurbish their existing greenhouse on the campus. The greenhouse would be used by the facility's patients as a therapy and training program. More information will be announced at a later meeting.

Barb Crawford announced that she has printouts of phenology charts that members can take to record the bloom time, leaf color, and other characteristics of plants throughout the year. Copies were passed out at the meeting.

## **PURDUE EXTENSION REPORT**

Dottie Kreps explained that Delaware County Extension Educator and Master Gardener liaison Laurynn Thieme has taken on the additional role of ANR Extension Educator for Blackford County. She will be splitting her time between the DCMGA monthly meetings and other Blackford County obligations. She is best reached via email (ljthieme@purdue.edu).

In Laurynn's absence, Dottie indicated that a Master Naturalist class would be hosted at Ball State University this spring. The course, taught by Laurynn, would focus on the natural resources found across the state of Indiana. The spring class is at maximum capacity. Laurynn is looking into establishing another course in the fall. Contact Laurynn if interested in participating in the fall class.

Laurynn is also looking to revitalize the Master Gardener programs in Grant and Blackford Counties. A Master Gardener Basic Training course is forthcoming in these counties. She may need volunteers from the DCMGA to help host the weekly classes.

Dottie also indicated that the Muncie Urban Forestry Committee is looking into revising the city's tree canopy survey. The committee is looking for volunteers to help with this initiative. Contact Laurynn if interested.

The Extension office is also looking into setting up additional public programs throughout the year. The Extension office is looking to Master Gardeners for ideas. Contact Laurynn with ideas.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

January birthdays were recognized.

Having no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.



# Please Review the Bylaws

We, the bylaws committee, are asking and encouraging all Delaware County Master Gardener Association members to read and review the revised bylaws document that was emailed to the association on January 28th so that it can be discussed and voted upon at the next Membership Meeting on **Wednesday, February 27th**.

Unedited existing bylaws have been denoted in **black** ink; all recommended revisions are highlighted in **red** ink within the document. A word or sentence is recommended for removal from the document will be shown with a line through it (**example**). New wording recommended for an existing phrase will also be listed in red.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact any member of Bylaws Committee. There will be time for discussion and comments during the Membership Meeting on February 27th prior to voting. If changes are needed, we will move the vote at a future meeting. Thank you.

~ **Kate Bell**, Bylaws Committee member



Image: Kimberly Group

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## Why Revise the Bylaws?

The Delaware County Master Gardener Association (DCMGA) became a 501(c)(3) organization only a few years ago. The executive board spent many months working with an attorney to qualify and receive the tax-exempt status. Under the designation of a 501(c)(3), the DCMGA has to operate within IRS regulations, which includes revisions to the organization's bylaws.

John Orick, the Purdue Master Gardener State Coordinator, created a webinar with Miriam Robeson, an attorney who specializes in non-profit law, titled Nonprofit Documents: Keeping Important Documents Up-to-Date and Relevant. The webinar covered non-profit bylaws and organizational structure, including:

- How do bylaws fit in the non-profit organizational structure?
- How often should bylaws be updated?
- What should be changed and why?
- Where are trouble area or areas of risk?

The DCMGA Board of Directors spent time to view the webinar and discuss what was needed to make sure the DCMGA was in compliance with the IRS regulations.

According to the webinar, bylaws are the operational guidelines for the organization and should be reviewed and revised every 5 years. The last revision to the DCMGA bylaws was in 2011. Therefore the DCMGA document was due for a review and possible revisions. Bylaws are for your protection! The requirements of the bylaws protect both officers and members from casual conduct of business, or decisions made on a whim. Bylaws tell an organization what to do and provide structure. However, they can be complicated and lengthy.

The Board decided that we needed to put together a bylaws committee to look over the bylaws and make any necessary changes per the suggestions from the webinar and the lawyer.

A major problem identified within our current bylaws included a lack of language that outlined Conflict of Interest and Indemnification. Our attorney stressed to the Board that if you don't have these Articles in your bylaws – YOU SHOULD! Again, these are for the protection of the organization, its directors, and members. We know that the language in these sections is more complicated, but the two sections have to be in our bylaws. Another consideration that was discussed by the Board was incorporating the use of technology to facilitate board meetings (video conference for officer meetings, e-vote

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for minor items that need decisions between meetings). The use of technology for meetings must be authorized in bylaws.

We are not just a hobby club. The DCMGA is a volunteer organization governed under Purdue University through the Purdue Extension program. The DCMGA must abide by the rules of the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization. Any changes the committee has suggested in the bylaws are to make sure we have rules in an up-to-date governing document. The committee did not take this review/revision lightly. We gave it a lot of thought, did research, and made an informed decision.

The Board would like to thank each of you who have read through the current bylaws and associated revisions, and for sending the bylaws committee comments and suggestions. We still have some work to do, and appreciate your patience and input. There will be some growing pains as we are still transitioning into an official 501(c)(3) organization, but the bylaws are the rules that govern our organization.

**Dottie Kreps**, Bylaws Committee member

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## Welcome New Interns!

The Delaware County Master Gardener Association (DCMGA) would like to welcome all the Master Gardener Interns who successfully completed the 2018 Purdue Master Basic Training course. We look forward to volunteering with you as we continue to share our passion for gardening in the communities of Muncie, Gaston, Farmland, Hagerstown, Richmond, and beyond!

Christopher Allen  
Lindsey Cox  
Andrea Long  
Cristopher Mayer  
Jane Sauer  
James Smith Jr.

Joyce Baker  
Thomas Duffey  
Jay Marshall  
Alan McGee  
Jill Schneider  
Jim Weiler

Sherry Brown  
Somer Eckert  
Judy Marshall  
Julian Ravenscroft  
C. David Shepherd  
Isabelle Wihelm

Clair Burt  
John Huber  
Mary Mason  
Ryan Reece  
Marjorie Shepherd  
Yvonne Wise

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## Reminder: Annual Dues are Due

A reminder to all Master Gardeners that qualification as an "active" member in the DCMGA requires fulfillment of annual volunteer/educational hours as well as a payment of the annual due. The prompt payment of dues ensures funding of critical Master Gardener events and programs.

According to our records, the following individuals have yet to submit a payment of \$10 for the 2019 year, which was due December 31, 2018.

William Bork  
June Dyke  
Stephan Howick  
Louis McCollum

Patricia Brunner  
Christy Faber  
Susan Johnson  
Mary-Anne McKinney

Terry Cottongim  
Jacquelyn Giblin  
Darwin Keyton  
Geri Nau

Helen Davis  
Keith Green  
Linda Keyton

Payments should be made to Kate Bell, Treasurer. Master Gardeners who fail to submit annual dues will incur a late fee and removal of name from the 2019 Membership Booklet. Questions about these requirements should be directed to Kate Bell.