

# Marshall County, The Garden Gate

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# Garden Gate

NEWSLETTER

## Marshall County Master Gardener February Meeting Minutes

We were joined by Lindsey Spaulding, the Lead Landscaper at The Botany Shop. Her discussion was about Native Plants. She specializes in converting lawns to native gardens. Some important key points as to why we should plant natives are less space for weeds, insectaries (pollinator strips), as well as they are perennials which saves money. She discussed net-positive landscaping which builds soil with minimal disturbance, mimics natural patterns, and is mindful of resources (water, time/energy). If you were unable to make the meeting, I urge you to look at the PowerPoint she shared that was sent out via email as it contains a lot of great information.

Following the presentation Roy shared some Unity Gardens updates. He was informed that the Extension office could only fund \$1,500 of the \$7,000 proposed grant, with hopes of United Way coming up with at least \$5,000. We will be having another follow-up meeting on March 1st at 11:30 am where we will discuss funding (what's being applied for, and other donors interested) as well as the use of treated lumber in garden beds.

The Argos Friends of the Library project was also discussed. They are looking for something that needs essentially zero upkeep and just want to have a nice seating area for the community to use the free Wi-Fi. Lindsey Spaulding kindly offered to help come up with some natives that would work in that spot.

Aprons were discussed and Barb mentioned that Sheryl Diedrich was going to do the logos, and we will hopefully have them ready before the home show.



### March

11– Monthly Meeting @ 7PM Extension Office. Home show prep  
21-Plymouth Home Show set up noon to 6PM Theme yet to be decided.

22,23 & 24– Plymouth Home Show

24– Plymouth Home Show Breakdown of the booth 4-6PM

**29– Office Closed**

### April

8– Monthly Meeting @ 7PM

## Submit your Volunteer and Educational Hours!

In order to stay an active Master Gardeners, members will need 12 hours of volunteer time, 6 hours of educational hours, and you will need to fill out the Annual Agreement each year! (associate members do not need to complete volunteer hours or educational hours)

<https://www.purdue.edu/mg-volunteer/login.php>

If you would like to turn in or call in your hours in to our office to be recorded you send them to:

Marshall Co. Extension  
Office  
**574-935-8545**



## MASTER GARDENER OFFICERS

President: Harold Diedrich  
574-936-6725

Vice President: Barb White  
574-936-6725

Secretary: Caitlin Spencer

Treasurer: Carol Nelson  
574-315-5577

Board Members:  
Amy Heinke, Ken Waite  
Deborah Howard  
Lynn Fitzpatrick



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### Unity Gardens Follow-Up Meeting Minutes 1/29

We were joined at our January 29th meeting by Janis Holiday and Tina Morales from the MCCOA, and Dave Cooper from the Parks Department.

We discussed the “Ask a Master Gardener idea” and what times/days would work best for that. Saturday morning was an idea, as well as in the evenings after ball games. This would be a great opportunity for volunteer hours. We are still working through that and will continue to share details in the following months.

Dave Cooper from the parks department brought up the idea of creating a Unity Gardens Plymouth Facebook page. It would be an excellent way to share information, and to keep the community involved in everything we are doing.

We went through Roys mapped out plans for the gardens again and discussed some layout options. Once we have an idea of funds available for the project, we will spend more time working out the smaller details, like what seeds we would need to start indoors, and what can be direct seeded. We planned on asking those in attendance at the classes for any input on what they would like to see growing in the gardens as well.

We started a sign-up sheet for sub-committees that would specialize in different zones in the gardens. That way people with more knowledge in growing specific things could help with those different categories.

Brianna was also able to confirm with Karen to teach a Preserving class. It will be held on August 15th at 11:30 am at the Life Enrichment Center. She is planning on having the Extension Homemakers help with that class as well.

## 36TH ANNUAL BOONE CTY MASTER GARDENERS

# Gardenfest

**FREE ADMISSION · KIDS ACTIVITIES · SOIL pH TESTING · Q&A ·**  
**NATIVE TREE SEEDLINGS TO THE FIRST 300 ATTENDEES**

**April 6, 2024 9AM- 3PM**

**Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds**

**Lebanon, IN (I-65- Exit 138)**

**[mastergardenersboonecounty.org](http://mastergardenersboonecounty.org)**



**Used Garden tools and  
 other Garden  
 Items available for  
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<p><b>January</b>                  8th— Board Meeting 6PM                  8th— Monthly Meeting with River Watson at 7 PM                  29<sup>th</sup> – Unity Garden Planning Meeting @11:00 Life Enrichment Center</p>	<p><b>July</b>                  8th— Meeting and 4H Fair Prep                  13-19- 4H Fair. <b>Sign up for booth!</b>                  TBD- Open Class Info</p>
<p><b>February</b>                  12th— Monthly Meeting. Lindsey Spaulding Speaker: Natural Plantings and Invasive Plant Mgmt @ 7PM Extension office                  15<sup>th</sup> - UG – Seed Selection @ 11:30am Life Enrichment</p>	<p><b>August</b>                  12th— Board Meeting?                  12th— Monthly meeting.</p>
<p><b>March</b>                  11th— Monthly Meeting. 7PM . Home Show                  14<sup>th</sup> – Seed Starting UG @11:30am Life Enrichment                  21— Set up for Plymouth Home Show 12PM – 6PM                  Sign up for booth!                  22,23,24- Plymouth Home Show                  24- Plymouth Home Show Clean up</p>	<p><b>September</b>                  19th— Monthly Meeting</p>
<p><b>April</b>                  8<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting 7PM                  18th – Bed preparation @11:30 Life Enrichment                  29<sup>th</sup> - Perennial’s Galore Trip- Last Mon of April</p>	<p><b>October</b>                  14th— Monthly Meeting Plant Swap?</p>
<p><b>May</b>                  13th- Board Meeting? and Monthly Meeting. Prep Farmers Market.?                  6<sup>th</sup> – Patio Tomato Planting @11:30 Life Enrichment                  18/25<sup>th</sup> - Farmer’s Market Plant Sale (Farmer’s Market Approved)</p>	<p><b>November</b>                  TBD— Annual Extension Board Dinner                  TBD— Harvest Dinner                  TBD Monthly Meeting?</p>
<p><b>June</b>                  10th— Monthly Meeting.</p>	<p><b>December</b>                  TBD— Annual MG Breakfast</p>

# March Master Gardener Meeting

- Date: March 11, 2024
- Location: Marshall Co. Extension Office 112 W Jefferson St. Room 304, Plymouth IN 46563
- Enter the building at the North Door
- Time : 7:00-9:00 PM ET.



**PRIVATE PAGE just for our Master Gardeners**

[www.facebook.com/groups/217503359656977](https://www.facebook.com/groups/217503359656977)

**PUBLIC PAGE for our community**

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Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County

# Garden Expo and Plant Sale

Dozens of Vendor Booths Garden Shed  
Thousands of Plants Silent Auction Raffle  
Just Desserts Cafe

Saturday, April 27th  
9:00am - 3:00pm

Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds  
1406 Teal Road, Lafayette, IN

**\$2.00 ADMISSION**

(Under 18 is free)



Presented by: Recycle Depot		
<b>GREEN DRINKS</b>		
<b>RECYCLING WORKS</b>		
<b>GUEST SPEAKER:</b>		
<b>DANIEL ZELAYA</b>		
<b>PLANT MANAGER ~ RECYCLING WORKS</b>		
	<b>MARCH 28TH</b> <b>5:30PM - 7:30PM</b>	
	<b>OPIES DELI</b> <b>114 N MICHIGAN ST.</b> <b>PLYMOUTH, IN.</b> <b>46501</b>	
	<b>MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON</b> <b>OUR FACEBOOK:</b> <b>RECYCLE DEPOT</b>	

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**New Master Gardener Educational Videos have been posted! You can view these videos at:**

**[www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/continuedhours/](http://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener/continuedhours/)**



## Master Gardener Club offers spring lunch & learn classes at M.C. Council on Aging

Posted by Kathy Bottorff

The Marshall County Council on Aging offers a variety of seminars, training, and classes on a multitude of topics.

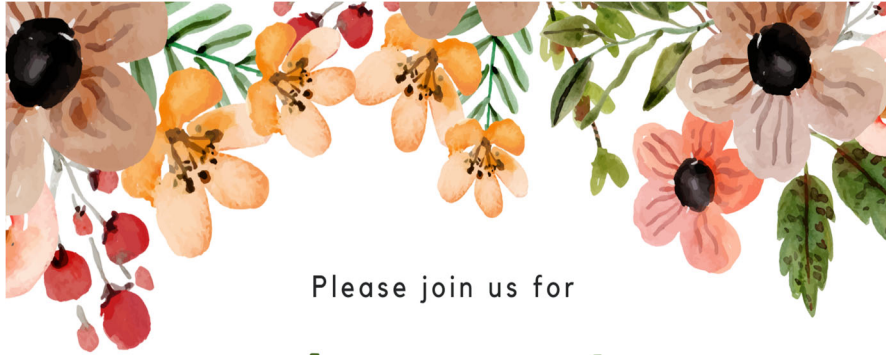
For the next four months, they are partnering with the Master Gardener Club to host a series of "Let's Think Spring" lunch and learn classes.

In preparation for a successful Community Unity Garden this upcoming growing season they will offer classes on gardening. The Community Unity Garden is located next to the Council on Aging at 1305 West Harrison Street in Plymouth.

The Thursday, February 15th class will be about seed selection and collecting. On March 14th the class will be on seed plantings and startings. Bedding preparation and planting will be discussed during the April 18th class and the final class on May 16th is patio tomato planting.

These classes are offered by the Master Gardener Club at no cost and begin at 11:30 a.m. with a free lunch provided. Classes are open to all and will include giveaways and door prizes for participants.

Because lunch is provided and seats are limited, participants need to RSVP through the Marshall County Council on Aging at 574-936-9904 a week before each class.






Please join us for

# Unity Gardens Seed Starting Class



March 14th 2024 at 11:30 am  
1305 W Harrison St  
Plymouth IN, 46563

Unity  Gardens

## Growing Grapes

Learn The Basics of  
Growing Grapes

Free Class  
Wednesday March 6th 6:00PM  
At the Unity Welcome Center  
3701 Prast Blvd. South Bend

[www.theunitygardens.org](http://www.theunitygardens.org)




Unity  Gardens

## Small Fruits And Berries

Learn About Adding Small  
Fruits and Berries to Your Garden

Wednesday March 20th 6:00PM  
At the Unity Welcome Center  
3701 Prast Blvd. South Bend

[www.theunitygardens.org](http://www.theunitygardens.org)

# Fruit Pruning and Pest Control

**March 20**  
**1 pm CST**

## Location

Pinney Purdue Ag Center  
11402 S. County Line Rd  
Wanatah, IN 46390

## Program

Learn how to prune fruit trees to improve fruit production. Learn how to control insect and disease pests. For more information, call 574-772-9141 or email [pwoolery@purdue.edu](mailto:pwoolery@purdue.edu)

## To Register Call

574-772-9141

or visit

<https://tinyurl.com/NWlfruit>

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## Purdue Extension to Host Fruit Workshop

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Purdue Extension will host a Fruit Workshop at the Pinney Purdue Ag Center (11402 S County Line Rd, Wanatah, IN 46390) at 1:00 pm Central. Purdue Extension Educators will give hands on demonstrations for proper pruning techniques for different fruit trees. Additionally, participants will learn about different pests and diseases that can affect fruit harvests and ways to control them.

Fruit trees need proper pruning for improved yields and fruit quality. Thinning out unproductive branches will allow more resources for more productive branches. Thinning can also reduce disease by increasing air flow in the canopy.

There are a variety of diseases and insects that can negatively effect fruit tree health and fruit quality. The first step to controlling problems is identification. Then with the appropriate treatment and timing you can prevent diseases and insects from effecting fruit harvests.

You can register for this free program by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/NWlfruit> or calling 574-772-9141. If you have questions, or want to register contact the Extension Office at 574-946-3412 or [pwoolery@purdue.edu](mailto:pwoolery@purdue.edu).