



# Digging It!



All the Dirt from the Allen County Master Gardeners

DECEMBER 2022

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## *Notes from Joanne*

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! We just finished up with the Christmas Tree Festival, and I want to thank everyone for their hard work and donations. We had a very successful event, and we could not have accomplished it without everyone's help. I am simply amazed at everyone's creativity. Our display of items was amazing. We had several problems with the photo booth and had to shut it down due to poor Wi-Fi at the museum. This was a set back and we will be looking at other solutions for photos for next year.

The attendance at the museum was way up from last year and the sales for our booth were also up. As soon as we learn of our portion of the total event sales and donations, I will let you know. No matter what we receive, it has been a very successful event. Our name was advertised by the museum in several news reports and social media posts. Our participation has increased everyone's awareness of the Master Gardeners. Education and sharing knowledge is also part of our mission that we were able to achieve during the festival.

Again, I cannot express how much your participation for this event has meant. Your donations of supplies and greenery were amazing. The time that you spent in the past week giving your time to crafting and selling items was really appreciated. I have been amazed at the talents of everyone. Thank you, again.

Please look for an email that was sent on December 5<sup>th</sup>. It contains information about logging your final hours and recertification for 2023. All hours must be logged in by December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need assistance, please send me your hours before December 12<sup>th</sup>. This will give me time to get everyone's entered. You must recertify and agree to the three forms also. All the details are in the email.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Joanne**



## *Tidbits from Teresa*

*Marge LaFollette gave me a book on Gardening Wisdom and my plan was to find a quote and use that to inspire me on a topic. I found too many quotes that I enjoyed, so I decided to share some of them with you. A gift of wisdom if you will.*

*On the Art of Gardening: "Apart from painting and gardening, I am good for nothing. My greatest masterpiece is my garden." Claude Monet*

*Spiritual Gardens: "Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made and forgot to put a soul into." Henry Ward Beecher 1858*

*"Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden?" Robert Brault*

*Garden Design: "In laying out a garden, the first and chief thing to be considered is the genius of the place." Alexander Pope*

*"Like people, no two plots of earth are exactly the same. Each has its own personality, complete with strengths and weaknesses, and each will suggest its own garden design." Ken Druse*

*The Gardener: "We come from the earth. We return to the earth, and in between we garden." ANON*

*"He plants to benefit another generation." Caecilius Statius 200BC*

*"When all the chores are done, the avid gardener will invent some new ones." ANON*

*"A garden is always a series of losses set against a few triumphs, like life itself." May Sarton*

*"If man cheats the earth, the earth will cheat man." Chinese proverb*

*"I am not a greedy person except about flowers and plants, and then I become fanatically greedy." May Sarton*

*"Good gardening is very simple, really. You just have to think like a plant." Barbara Damrosch*

*“What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge in it.” Charles Dudley Warren*

*“The best fertilizer is the gardener’s shadow.” ANON*

*“In spring, at the end of day, you should smell like dirt.” Margaret Atwood*

*“When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.” ANON*

*“I find the garden the greatest help and consolation in growing old.” Mary Bereson*

*“I have been so blessed to share another year of gardening with you, to learn from you and to consider you a friend. Merry Christmas to all.” Teresa*

*Teresa Diehl      December 2022*



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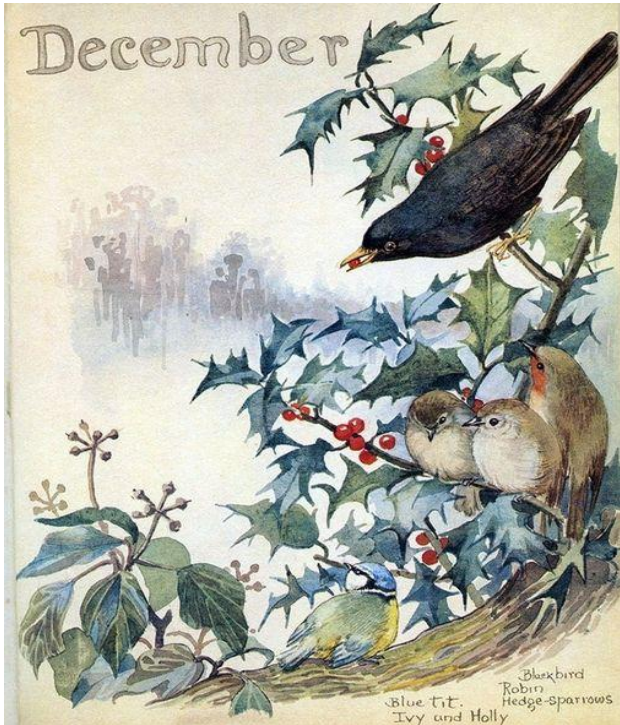
**December Notes from Sandy B -**

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!!!! from Sandy Bindel**



## *Greetings from Gretchen*



### **ALL OF OUR BEST TO YOU**

On behalf of the Board, I'd like to extend our greetings and blessing during the holiday season to you and yours!

We hope that the quiet time indoors during the cold winter months gives you much needed rest and allows you time to reflect on the year and to plan for next year!

We look forward to gathering together again in the warmth of Spring. May you be healthy, happy and filled with joy, gratitude and love.

With our gratitude and in friendship, Gretchen, Sandy B, Roxanne and Lynn

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BANQUET**

Thanks so much to Sandy Kennedy for once again Chairing our Banquet Committee and providing us with a beautiful, delicious and joy filled evening of fellowship! Sandy works and plans all year to make each banquet special and unique. Consequently, each event is a special event!

I was thrilled to present Marge Lafollate with her certificate for 25 years of service as a Master Gardener Volunteer! Thank you for your continued work and support of the program, Marge! Your contributions to the MGV's are too numerous to count!

Teresa Diehl is the 2022 Volunteer of the Year! Teresa continues to work tirelessly, well almost, in the garden and she had served many years as our President. We thank you and appreciate you, Teresa! Thanks for all you do to make the garden beautiful and for your long and steady leadership!



### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Thanks for all your hard work on the Christmas Tree Festival! We expect to be able to report the final numbers from the festival after our next committee meeting in late January.

I am actively working to plan the speaker line up for the Art of Gardening in March.

*Gretchen Staley, President*

## *Happenings from Kay*

### **Merry Christmas!**

Last evening I was fortunate to be able to go to a talk by Doug Tallamy at Denison University. It is at the top of my list of one of the most educational sessions I've ever attended. (along with nearly **500** other people)

Below I have put in the web site that was sent to the Master Gardeners several months ago. If you did not watch it then, I urge you to watch it now! My Christmas wish list has changed since seeing his presentation....(more oak trees, please.) Happy Holidays to all!

**Pollinators' Best Hope: A New Approach to Pollinator Habitat That Starts in Your Yard, Doug Tallamy - YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rU6xhsSwxVg> copy and paste to internet to view.

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