

AUGUST GARDEN GAZETTE

NEXT PLANNING AND SCHEDULING SESSION: August 23rd @ 6:30pm at the Torner Center in Deming Park. There will be education time.

Planning and Scheduling Meeting Minutes of July 23 at Bill Hiatt's House.

14 members present.

Education speaker: None due to garden tour.

Meeting called to order at 6:20pm by President Larry Agee.

Minutes approved as published in the July Garden Gazette.

Vice President: Sam Liggett - speakers lined up for August and October.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin - Dallas May, the Superintendent of the Fair Horticulture Department is resigning and asked to let her know if anyone might be interested in the position. (If anyone is interested, give me a call or call the extension office)

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand - not present

Assistant Treasurer: Carl Trent - no report

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter - not present due to close friend's funeral.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GIVING GARDEN: Phil Small/Bob Archer - Phil stated that over 2300 lbs. had been harvested to date, and that the work at the garden was three days a week now. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 8:30 each day. (pickers always needed) There is planning to have one evening as a tour/diagnostic session. The date is not set yet. General discussion about water system for the garden. Jim Luzar said contact Jim Bickett at the fair grounds for permission and design ideas. Jim also said there may be a beehive loaned to the garden for the rent price of a basket of tomatoes.

WABASH VALLEY FAIR: Bill Hiatt - General discussion of the fair activities and Bill mentioned the participation of several new interns. Thanks to all who helped to make the fair activities a success.

2012 SPRING SEMINAR: Teri Boland/Carol Swearingen - Sister Teri said no new information other than she had the name of a possible presenter to contact.

OLD BUSINESS:

Search For Excellence plaques were on display for everyone to view.

State Fair work day: Monday, August 15th, Larry Agee, Pat, Phil, Carl and Bob Archer are planning to go. Work day August 18th - Beth Keyes, Paula, Debbie Lazzell, Jim Luzar, Kathy Hutton and Teri Boland are planning to attend.

Ivy Tech Scholarship reception: Ivy Tech scholarship reception honoring donors and recipients, Tuesday, July 26th at 2:00 pm. Larry and Julie Agee, Cyd Hunter attended the reception.

NEW BUSINESS:

Honorary member status for Susan Laitas: Motion made and carried to make Susan Laitas an Honorary Member.

Nominating Committee for 2012: President Larry Agee asked for volunteers to serve on the 2012 nominating committee. Kathy Hutton, Bob Archer and Phil Small volunteered. The slate of nominees for election needs to be published in the September Garden Gazette and voted on in October.

Information sign at the butterfly garden: Kathy Hutton proposed having an information sign made up for the butterfly garden and having a place on it for handouts about the garden and the master gardener program. She has drawn a rough drawing and is going to try to get a sponsor to fund the sign. Kathy estimated the materials would run \$175.00. She would contact the parks department to make sure this would be OK with them. General discussion and recommendation she go ahead and try to find a sponsor and contact the parks department.

Soil and Water District annual school education day: Volunteers needed (teaching assistants) for September 20, 21, 22 from 9:00 to 2:00. 8 minute sessions each day for three days. There are two classes, Insect education, and hands on soil identification class.

OTHER BUSINESS:

August 20, 2011, Wabash Indiana will be hosting the 14th Annual Herb Fest at Paradise Springs Historical Park in Wabash. There will be free Seminars which will qualify for educational hours for master gardeners.

Fall Master Gardener Intern classes start on Thursday, September 8th at the Ivy Tech workforce development building. Classes start at 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. 1/2 hour volunteer time allowed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 11, 2011

Members present: Larry Agee, Sam Liggett, Bob Archer, Verna Gaskin, John Hilderbrand, Carl Trent, Cyd Hunter, Paula Wilson, Debbie Lazzell, Bill Hiatt. Also present Jim Luzar, extension educator.

Board meeting called to order at :00pm at the Giving Garden, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

Board minutes of July were approved as published in the July Garden Gazette.

Vice President: Sam - Intern Stephanie Taylor will be the educator for the August planning and scheduling meeting. She will be giving a photography demonstration. September will be the plant and seed exchange and Steph Krull from Isu will be the educator for October.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna - no report

Recording Secretary: Bob - no report

Treasurer: John - Balance given as of meeting date. General discussion that \$500.00 for Ivy Tech Scholarship had not been remitted yet. Cyd was to get information of where to send the check.

Service Coordinator: Cyd - Three interns have moved up to Certified Master Gardener and Phil Small moved up to Advanced Master Gardener. Cyd was going to submit their names for new badges.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Web page: Cyd - General discussion about items on the web calendar.

Giving Garden: Bob - Over 4,000 lbs. of produce harvested to date and after the board meeting there was going to be the "Twilight Garden Tour" at the Giving Garden.

Wabash Valley Fair: Bill, Verna, Debbie - General discussion about this year's fair and question to Jim Luzar about allowing volunteer hours for members as incentive to have entries at the fair. Question tabled at this time.

Gardens: Hawthorn Park needs a bed keeper chairperson and workdays scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Larry and Cyd attended the Ivy Tech Scholarship reception on July 26th. The foundation raised over \$100,000 this year.

There will be a reception/dedication for named trees during Ivy Tech's homecoming in October. We received a Thank You letter from the Ivy Tech Foundation for our support. Indiana State Fair: 5 members going on August 15th and 6 members on the 18th. Donuts for city Park employees/Vigo Fairgrounds crew - Paula Wilson volunteered to deliver the donuts this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Altrusa Chili Cook-Off, September 10, 2011 - The extension office will cover the entry fee of \$50.00. Debbie Lazzell volunteered to be chairperson. The vegetables will be coming from the giving garden and the cook-off represents a great venue for showing off the association to the general public. Motion to present to members at planning and scheduling meeting.

Received an email from our website from inters Virginia Laycock in reference to hands on teaching, worm farming, etc. to inmates at the Terre Haute Federal Prison Farm. Contact person Laura Wheeler, (812-238-3314), 2yrd@bop.gov Jim Luzar said he is working with them. Tabled - no action on our part at this time.

Gibault School will accept any fresh vegetables. Contact person Patty Stiegelbauer, 298-3030. Announcements: International Master Gardener Conference, October 11-14, 2011, Charleston, WV

Next Board of Directors meeting - Grand Traverse Pie Co., September 8th at 6:00pm
Next Planning & Scheduling meeting - Vigo County Fairgrounds 4-H Building, September 27, 2011 at 6:00pm. This is seed and plant exchange and carry-in. More info in next Gazette.

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 6:30pm. 1/2 hour volunteer time.

For those of you who wanted Janice Hiatt's recipe for Ham Tortilla Stack here it is:

8 flour tortillas

2 1/2 lb. shaved ham

3 (8oz.) cream cheese, softened

2/3 c. mayonnaise

1/4 c. italian dressing

1 medium green pepper, finely chopped

3 green onions, finely chopped

1 can chopped black olives

1/3 c. chopped green olives

Beat cream cheese and mayonnaise and Italian dressing together. Stir in bell pepper, green onion and olives. Place 1 tortilla on plate and spread about 1/2 cup cream cheese mixture over tortilla and top with ham. Keep repeating 6 times and top with last tortilla. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

This is a great appetizer.

That's all for this month. See you August 23.