



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS

GARDEN GAZETTE 2012

Next Planning and Scheduling Session is August 21, 2012 in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds at 6:30pm. Speaker will be Linda Gard doing a presentation on hypertufa.

July 17 planning and scheduling meeting was at the Vigo County Fairgrounds and began a half hour earlier than the normal 6:30pm meeting time due to the privilege of entertaining Dr. Jay T. Akridge, Dean of Agriculture Program at Purdue University, West Lafayette, In. His comments affirmed a working relationship with Purdue and our local IVY Tech college campus agriculture and horticulture programs. Additionally, John Rosene, IVY Tech Agriculture Dept., spoke, along with Jim Luzar on the identification of weeds and plant pest and diseases. John spoke on the upcoming opportunity for the AGRI 262 Woody Landscape Plants 3 credit course. It begins on August 20, running through December 15 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Contact John for information: jrosene@ivytech.edu or 812-298-2202.

40 members enjoyed refreshments and acquired 1 hour of education.

MINUTES OF July 17, 2012 PLANNING/SCHEDULING MEETING:

Called to order by President, Larry Agee.

Vice President, Sam Liggett announced the August guest speaker for education will be Linda Gard, demonstrating hypertufa.

Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hutton reported no corrections to the June minutes. They were approved as they appeared in the gazette.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin noted three members who did not receive the gazette via email.

Treasurer, John Hilderbrand reported minimal activity and no account activity since the report at the July Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Jim Luzar recognized and distributed completion certificates to Cindi Little, Terri Hamke and Yvonne Russell. Tina Bowen and Nancy Nation earned their Advanced Status. Bob Archer received the Silver badge for his acquired hours of service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.

The fair report was given by Verna in Bill Hiatt's absence. A huge thank you goes to Bill and his committee for their hard work in delivering another successful fair. The numbers in every category of the make and take projects were up again this year.

Our members who entered and earned awards in the fair were Debbie Lazzell, Grand Champion for her herb entry; Charlene McKean and Phil Small.

Our organization paid \$100 to the Vigo County Extension Homemakers for the Horticulture Open Class premiums. Participation in open class entries were extremely down this year. Open class encompasses non 4-H projects. Anyone hoping to participate next year may acquire the Fair book from the extension office that lists classes and rules for entries.

The Giving Garden will work on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday evening, Friday beginning the week of July 22nd. At this reporting, 3300 lbs have been harvested. The irrigation system is being utilized daily. Roger Sturgeon donated 30 bales of straw. Jim Luzar will send an acknowledgment of thanks.

Hawthorn Park has a routine workday on Tuesday mornings @ 10:00am to deadhead roses and weed.

Spring Seminar...Committee has met and is working to decide topics and secure speakers.

In old business, the IVY Tech letter acknowledging our \$500 Scholarship contribution for 2012 has been sent. The banquet invitation is pending.

NEW BUSINESS: The State Fair information booth is available for our members to earn volunteer hours. The date of Sunday, August 12th from 2pm to 7pm is available. Four people man the booth, assisted by computer and reference material. The second date for the week has been filled. Members meet and car pool, with tickets available for free entry. Contact Jim Luzar.

The State Purdue Master Gardener Conference will be in Noblesville, IN this year. It runs from October 4 thru 6th. Interested members may view the web site at <http://209.43.115.19/2012-master-gardener-state-conference-2/>

A nominating committee of three members for 2013 Officers is needed to facilitate election of our 6 officers. A folder of this committee's duties is available and easy to follow. The slate is to be published in September, one month prior to the October election.

Bicentennial Garden Tour on August 18th from 11am until 1pm. You will be able to tour the ISU Community garden, 219 N. 11th street, enjoying music along the way. Participation ensures a State Certificate of recognition as a Centennial Garden. Email Patty Weaver so their committee will be able to provide enough food for the party!

Check it out at sustainableindiana.org@ ISU community garden.

Announcements: Dr. Bill Dando, a climatologist will speak on "Food, Famine, and the Christian's Responsibility." For many years, this Agro-

Climatologist and Agro-meteorologist has been advising nations about food production. Location is Mt. Pleasant Church, 3050 East Davis Drive. Sunday, August 19, at 6:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned after $\frac{3}{4}$ hour for volunteer time.

Next meeting at Vigo County Fairgrounds at 6:30pm, August 21.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 2nd at Grand traverse Pie Company, 6:00pm.

President Larry Agee called the meeting to order @ 6pm. Members in attendance were Verna Gaskin, Bob Archer, Bill Hiatt, Kathleen Hutton, Sam Liggett, Carl Trent, Paula Wilson, and Jim Luzar. Non board member in attendance was Yvonne Russell.

Minutes of Board meeting:

Vice President Sam Liggett verified Linda Gard of Kalamora Gardens, Marshall, IL. Will be demonstrating hypertufa.

In September, a plant and seed exchange will be the program for that night.

Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hutton accepted minutes of the July Board meeting approved as they appeared in the July Gazette.

No treasurer's report at this meeting.

COMMITTEES: According to Jim Luzar, badges have been ordered for September's meeting for members who have advanced to their next respective levels.

The Giving Garden reports 5500 lbs per Bob Archer.

City Parks: Bill Hiatt states the presence of ground nesting hornets within the patriotic garden. Soaker hoses are clogged and will need to be replaced.

County Park: Scale has invaded the roses at Hawthorn Park. A systemic treatment, per Jim Luzar's advice was administered. The total bed requires 6 gallons; however, only 2 were available so slow release granules were also used.

The Fair Committee Chairman, Bill Hiatt, gave a final report of the numbers in attendance for each of the make and takes. The committee was \$2.15 over the \$500 budget. Overall fair attendance was up. A meeting was held at the end of the fair week to make notes for fresh ideas for next year's fair. Thank you notes for assistance will be sent by Verna Gaskin to the Apple House, the Extension Office, and Graham Feed.

Spring Seminar co-chair Yvonne Russell reported she has last year's seminar files on hand and the committee is working on acquiring speakers. The venue and price has not been guaranteed. The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 7th @ 5:30pm in the Deming Park Ute shelter for any members who wish to attend.

Currently the following members have signed for this committee: Co-chair Brenda Kirchner, Carol Swearingen and Paula Wilson.

Old Business: The Indiana State Fair booth has enough workers signed up for both days.

The September 22nd Leadership Training for Master Gardeners date has been postponed until further notice.

The IVY Tech Scholarship awards banquet took place the last week of July. Larry Agee and Carl Trent represented our organization. An agriculture student, Tiffany Dycus, was the recipient of our scholarship.

President Larry Agee appointed a nominating committee of three members: Carol Swearingen, Pat Youman and Greg Fields. The folder was passed from Kathleen Hutton to Carol Swearingen.

The State Conference in October has three early registrants: Larry Agee, Cyd Hunter and Charlene McKean. Because they registered first, they will be reimbursed for their registrations. The extension office needs a copy of their cancelled check or invoice.

The September 18th Plant and Seed Exchange Committee will need to meet prior to the August meeting. Committee co-chair is Debi Gansz with a second co-chair still needed. Other committee members are Roger Tonsfeldt, Sue Rosiak, Jane Santucci and Kathleen Hutton.

The September 2012 Chili Cook-off committee will soon be meeting. The contact person for the event is Judi Reinhold. The committee chairmen will contact her at 812-208-2546. John Hilderbrand and Debbie Lazzell co-chair this committee. Other members who signed up are Cyd Hunter, Carl Trent, John Shoemaker, Verna Gaskin, Bob Archer, Phil Small, Yvonne Russell, Nancy Nation and Charlene McKean.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at Grand Traverse Pie Co. on September 6th at 6:00pm. Any member is welcome to attend.

The planning and scheduling meeting on August 21st will be at 6:30pm in the 4-H Building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour of Volunteer time.

That's all for this month, see you at the August 21st meeting.