



GARDEN GAZETTE

FEBRUARY 2012

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING: February 21, 2012, 6:30pm, Torner Center at Deming Park. Educational speaker will be Olivia Golding on “Dry Canning”.

NOTICE: Education and volunteer hours and \$15 assessment are now past due. A new roster is in the process of being updated and if your hours and assessment are not turned in you will not be on the roster. Send hours to Cyd Hunter and assessment to John Hilderbrand.

The January WVMGA Planning and Scheduling session was held January 17 at the Torner Center in Deming Park. Education presenter was Katarina Yackley, Purdue Extension Food Service Educator speaking on “Nutrition from the Garden”. Introduction of speaker at 6:35 by Sam Ligget, Vice President/Program Chairman. Education Program time: $\frac{3}{4}$ hour.

Volunteer time: 1 hour.

Minutes of Planning Session: Call to order at 7:15 by President Larry Agee.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: Larry Agee: The Board of Directors recommends a change in the meeting night for the Board to the first Thursday of the month and a change in the Planning Session meetings to the third Tuesday of each month. The membership was in agreement of this recommendation.

Vice-President: Sam Ligget: February EDU will be Olivia Golding on Dry Canning. Reference was made to an article written on this subject by member Jane Santucci. It was published in the Tribune Star on January 15th. Environmental

stories, tips, may be shared at janesantucci@yourgreenvalley.com March program will (tentatively) be Edie Dyer Wilson on subject of Butterflies. April program will (tentatively) be John Muenchner.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Hutton: Updated email address for Sam Ligget (Samuel.Ligget@frontier.com). Members should edit their own address book and copy of the membership roster. Members who did not receive a copy of the Gazette: Barbara Brugnaux. Committee sign-up sheet was passed through attendees. It will appear on the website for member's consideration when working toward accumulating hours and making new friends.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin: In attendance Nothing to report.

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand: Gone fishin'.....In his absence, membership dues were collected by President, Larry Agee. A gift of \$115 for the Giving Garden was received from Jane Morse and Friends.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter: The association's accumulated volunteer hours for 2011 was 3,812 and 15 minutes. Hourly worksheets for 2012 may be found on website and Cyd also distributed hard copies to those in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Phil Small: Organizational meeting for 2012 will be at the Floriculture Building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, January 24 at 10:00am. Aaron Warner is working on the sign at the garden, possibly constructing a new one. Ivy Tech will be included as a sponsor of the garden. 4-H Jr. Leaders will take a more active part in the garden this year. Committee representatives are meeting with them on Feb. 6. Seed packets that were donated to the garden are at the disposal of Earth Day committees. Work evenings will be established this year to accommodate the working class members. Over 1,000 volunteer hours were recorded in the Giving Garden in 2011. In preparing an application for a grant, the Extension Office needs to have a report of hours. Members who help during 2012 in the garden should be prepared to make a separate tally of those hours available to Phil Small and Bob Archer, co-chairs. The irrigation system plan is still in committee.

Spring Seminar: Teri Boland: Fliers for the March 10 Spring Seminar at St. Mary of the Woods are being printed. Samples were shown to the membership and they are also available online. Additionally they have been sent via email

attachment. Door prizes will be fewer in boutique-type items, with a plan for an increase in gardening gift certificates from greenhouses. Vendor booth space is 10 x 10 for \$20, which includes one person's breakfast and lunch. Additional persons in booth will cost \$10 each for the breakfast and lunch. Should a vendor require more space, each additional booth space would be \$15. No door prizes will be required of the vendors this year. Paula Wilson is working with vendors. She requests members actively refer potential vendors. Presenters are in place and listed by Carol Swearingen as they appear in the Seminar flyer.

Christmas in the Park: Pat Secret: **FIRST PLACE AWARD** for the WVMGA shelter. Beth Keyes had presented the \$2000 prize at the January Board of Directors meeting. The train ride and hot cocoa sales netted \$285. **MERRY CHRISTMAS, MASTER GARDENERS! GOOD JOB COMMITTEE!**

NEW BUSINESS:

Cyd Hunter, Service coordinator, made the following presentations for earned levels of service: Kate Michaw, Certification as Master Gardener; Marlene Bilyou, Certified Master Gardener; Tim Moore, Advanced Master Gardener; Marsha Haverty, Advanced Master Gardener; Teri Boland, SP, Advanced Master Gardener; John Shoemaker, Silver Level Advanced Master gardener.

CONGRATULATIONS AND APPLAUSE !!!!!

Larry Agee reported the Valley viewer will feature the giving Garden on June 3. A noon time slot for WTHI TV has been reserved for the Giving Garden on Feb. 22. The Spring Seminar committee will designate a spokesperson for this feature. The proposed Budget for 2012 was discussed and approved by the membership. Printed copies were distributed to members present.

The Board recommended our Association offer a scholarship of \$75 or (2) at \$37.50 for the Spring Intern Class. A motion was voted upon and approved as recommended. The Class begins Feb. 8 and concludes May 9, 9AM to noon at Ivy Tech Workforce Development Building, south of the Main Campus.

A Purdue Science Workshop for High School students provides an opportunity to sponsor two students from our area to West Lafayette Campus on June 8 – 10. The workshop is on Plants, Insects and Natural Resources and Environment. The Extension Office is sponsoring ½ of the total cost of \$170 per student. A motion was made and carried to approve the other ½ of the tuition for two students from

the association treasury at a total cost of \$170. (This includes registration, housing and most meals). The Board recommended the recipients be open to sharing their experience during a Planning Session, thus serving as an educational presentation for us. Prospective candidates may contact a Board member. Deadline for registration is May 15th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Educational opportunities for the month of January were shared.

Radio SpotsJanuary 12, interview with Jim Luzar promoting the Intern class. Danny Wayne, of Midwest Communications on Third Street, is generously donating a total of 3 spots to our association.

Embroidery Express (behind Honey Creek Mall) offers our logo for \$8.50 to be put on your own garment. Their shop also offers garments for purchase.

February Board of Directors meeting: February 2 at 6:00pm at the Grand traverse Pie company.

February Planning and Scheduling Session: February 21 at 6:30pm at the Torner Center in Deming Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: February 2, 2012, 6:00pm at Pie Company.

Members in attendance: Larry Agee, Sam Liggett, John Hilderbrand, Kathy Hutton, Verna Gaskin, Cyd Hutton, Bob Archer, Paula Wilson and Bill Hiatt.

Called to order at 6:05pm.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

~Vice President – Sam Liggett reported programs are aligned through April with no speaker scheduled for May because of the Spring Intern Graduation.

~Recording Secretary – Kathy will coordinate the completed list of paid, active members for the current updated roster once the treasurer has received assessments and service coordinator report is completed. Prior year minutes are in possession of Paula Wilson per Bob Archer.

~Corresponding Secretary – Verna reported no issues with Gazette and communication with extension office.

~Treasurer- John reported on account. The auditing committee had met earlier in the day. John will present the Annual Report to the membership via power point. Prior to that one entry will be verified through 2010 minutes. Need to get those minutes from Beth Keyes. One other entry change will be made to the report prior to the February Planning and Scheduling Session meeting for membership approval of the Annual Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

~Beds: Bill Hiatt reports Patriotic Garden plants are being ordered this week.

~Earth Day: Bob Archer noted more could have been sold at Union Hospital's Green Event. ISU Earth Day is April 11th. Bob Archer and Kathy Hutton will be available to help from 10am to 1pm.

~Giving Garden: 2012 Goal of 11K pounds. Rose Hulman students are not available until March for design of irrigation system. Verna has seeds and supplies for planting during March in the Greenhouse. A Greenhouse key has been secured for watering purposes. Committee will get a quote from Tractor Supply for a price on a tiller. A bee hive will be on site this year. A May Twilight Tour is being planned. Raised garden beds (new this year) will be a project of the 4-H Jr. Leadership Program. The sign is being reworded to include Ivy Tech and is in the possession of Aaron Wheaton.

~Herb Fair: Reservation will be sent in by Treasurer. Co-chairman, John Hilderbrand, reported all items were sold last year. Recognizing we are limited by the amount of money we are able to generate at this event, the board agreed with the proposal to try a new approach with an additional option to make 20% on smaller heirloom plants and pepper plants. These will be sold in addition to our traditional patio tomato plants and hanging baskets.

~Spring Seminar: Budget was received by Treasurer. WTHI spot was reserved for Feb. 22; however, Sister Teri Boland gave a presentation on Feb. 1. The committee needs to secure a member for Feb. 22 slot.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Intern Class for Feb. 8 through May 9 currently has 20 enrolled. One (half value) scholarship applicant has been submitted by Jim Luzar. Treasure John Hilderbrand will submit check.

Member Yvonne Russell would like to create a Facebook Page for WVMG...will be presented for membership approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Feb. 18-19, Fowler Park Pancake Breakfast.

Feb. 20, Arboretum, 6:30pm at Torner Center – Tom Cummins to present program.

Feb. 21, INDOT Presentation on 641 ByPass, South Vigo High School, 5:00pm.

Feb. 25-26, Parke County Maple Syrup Fair, Rockville Fairgrounds.

March 10-18, Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show.

April 12, "April in Paris", Paris, Illinois.

June 9, Herb Society Bus Trip to Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Next Board meeting: March 1, at 6:00pm, at the Pie Company.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 for 1 ¼ hour of volunteer time.

There will be a Spring Garden Soil Preparation event at ISU Community Gardens at 11:00am on Saturday, March 31. John Rosene and Jim Luzar will conduct a garden soil preparation demonstration. Meet at the northeast corner of the garden to watch, assist and get all the answers to get your plot ready before you plant. This will count toward Master Gardener Education time. This is open to all Master Gardeners. No need to register for demonstration, but if you can stay and help in the garden after the demonstration let Patty Weaver know at Patricia.weaver@unisonec.com and you can claim volunteer time for that.

The following is a recipe submitted by Larry Agee. It was served at the Herb Day luncheon on January 21 at Urbana, Illinois.

Carrots with Grapes

Serve as a side dish with chicken or turkey

2 pounds of carrots, cut into julienne strips

1 clove garlic

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil or 2 tsp. dried basil

½ cup (1 stick) butter

1 Tbsp. chopped fresh chervil or 1 tsp. dried chervil

¼ tsp. celery salt

2 cups seedless white grapes, halved

2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

In saucepan over medium heat, combine the carrots, basil and garlic. Add water to cover and cook for 20 minutes or until tender. In a separate saucepan, melt the butter and add the chervil and celery salt. When the carrots are cooked, drain; then discard the garlic. Add the carrots, grapes, and lemon juice to the butter mixture, toss to coat and heat until the grapes are warm. Makes 12 servings. Larry and Julie say this is a very good recipe.

The Fair Committee is in need of the following items for the “Make and Take” craft sessions during the Vigo County Fair: 16 to 20 oz. plastic water bottles with labels removed, water type plants (spider plants, wandering jew, etc.); mini bottle gourds or bottle gourds 4” to 8” tall (not to exceed 10” tall) dried and cleaned and ready to paint; bud vases with narrow top, ribbon for bows; old jewelry, trinkets, marbles and aquarium rocks. Also needed is a 5 gallon bucket of pea gravel if anyone has access to it. If anyone has these items or can save them for the committee please do so. Committee members to contact are Bill Hiatt, Debbie Lazzell, Beth Keyes, Ruth Johnson and Verna Gaskin. The agenda for the “Make and Take” sessions are:

July 10 – Hydroponic water bottle garden

July 11 – Gourd painting – Ladybug or Bee

July 12 – Flower arranging

July 13 – Stepping stones

SPRING SEMINAR: Everyone please try to support our fund raising events.

The Spring Seminar is coming up on March 10. You can go to our website: wvmga.org and download the seminar form and send it in. The Spring Seminar is our major fund raiser for the year along with Earth Day and Herb Fair, so let’s see you all at the Spring Seminar. The topics are great and you can get 4 hours of educational time for it.

That’s all for this month, stay warm and dry. Spring is just around the corner.

