



THE GARDEN GAZETTE

The February Planning and Scheduling meeting will be **February 22nd, 6:30 PM** at the **Torner Center in Deming Park**. Education time will be Robin Morton with the White Violet Center at St. Mary of the Woods.

REMINDER: Volunteer and Educational hours for 2010 and assessment of \$15 are now past due. Send your hours to Cyd Hunter at cydhunter@frontier.com or 2689 E. Eaton Drive, Terre Haute, Ind., 47802 and your assessments to John Hilderbrand at 701 W. Dallas Drive, Terre Haute, Ind. 47802 if you have not already done so. Make checks payable to Wabash Valley Master Gardeners Association, Inc. February 28 is the cut-off date as a new membership roster will be created and sent out in March. This will include paid up members and new interns.

PLANNING SESSION MINUTES, JANUARY 25:

Call to order by President Larry Agee.

Vice President Marilyn Miller introduced Bob Archer and Phil Small who gave the Educational Program for the evening on the "Giving Garden" results from 2010. **1 hour of Education time can be claimed by all attending.**

Minutes from last meeting: as published in Gazette, additions or corrections, motion to accept and carried.

Treasurer's report: John - reported on balance which was same as last meeting.

Committee reports:

Christmas in the Park - Beth Keyes. Nothing new. Discussion on whether or not the WVMGA wanted to participate in next years display. Pat stated that the association has gotten a lot of publicity from this years participation. Pat volunteered to be the chairperson

for next year.

Scholarship: Cyd reported that Ivy Tech will handle the selection of a Scholarship recipient for us.

Search for Excellence Award: Cyd stated that the four applications have been completed and that she had forwarded them to Jim who reviewed them and sent them on to Rosie Lerner.

Website: Cyd stated that she and her committee spent a lot of time on the website and it is now up and active. If you have pictures or anything related to the Master Gardeners please submit to Cyd and she will get it on the website www.wvmga.org

Service Coordinator: Cyd reported hours and assessments are due. A total of 2,354 volunteer hours and 450 educational hours have been turned in so far.

Spring Seminar: John and Sister Teri reported that the registration form for the Seminar is now on our website. They are working on acquiring vendors and sponsors. Three levels for sponsors - \$50, \$100 and \$200. Set-up will be Friday before.

Giving Garden: The goal for 2010 was 2500 pounds and they picked 5200 pounds. For 2011 the size of the garden is being increased and the goal is to pick 10,000 pounds of produce. Spring preparation will be moving sawdust so garden can be expanded. Plowing the entire plot by John Rosene's IVY Tech Agri class. The planting of the seeds in the Ivy Tech Greenhouse.

Earth Day: Sharon Polge. However, she will be out of town at that time and Debi Gansz will take over. Date is April 16 at St. Mary of the Woods. Discussion on what had been sold before.

Herb Faire: Tomato plants ordered. Additional items will be obtained from the Amish Auction near Rockville.

Gardens: Head bed keeper: Roger stated the gardens were sleeping. There will be a workday in March to trim the roses at the Hawthorn Park Smith Labyrinth.

Fair Committee: Bill stated there will be a Committee meeting February 11 at 1:00 at the Public Library.

Old Business: Merom Chautauqua. After general discussion Carol Swearingen said she would contact a couple of interns who lived near Merom and see if they had any interest. No interest from members present.

President Larry stated that our meetings will be held at the Torner Center thru June. If Torner gets rented we will meet at Collett Park with notice being given ahead of time to everyone.

Spring 2011 Intern Class: Starts February 4. It will be on Fridays from 9AM to noon at Ivy Tech South Campus in room T124. A sign up sheet for facilitators was sent around. Carol would contact facilitators later to confirm dates.

The list of committees was sent around for members to sign up for the current year.

New Business: 2011 Proposed Budget was presented. After general discussion of each item, one expense was eliminated which was for the City Park's Dept. Gardens. After correction, motion made to accept the proposed budget for 2011. Motion carried.

Cyd Hunter stated "Matter in Motion" will be held at Ivy Tech on Saturday, March 26, 2011 and wanted to know if Master Gardeners were interested in participating. No action at this time, also lead time was short. Members Sharon Polge, Debbie Gansz, Verna Gaskin, and Bill Hiatt volunteered to attend and help in any way they could and get ideas for next year.

Announcements were made of up and coming seminars to be held.

Next Board of Directors meeting: February 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Grand Traverse Pie Co.

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting: Deming Park, Torner Center, February 22, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

New membership list: General discussion that after February 1st deadline for hours and assessments to be turned in, an updated list will be created.

Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show: Jim stated that either Mar. 15 or Mar. 17 the WVMGA members can man an extension information booth at the show. Jim is planning to drive and anyone interested in volunteering at the booth can contact Jim Luzar directly. Hours are 10:00 AM thru 3:30 PM. You can earn volunteer hours for this.

No other business.

Motion to adjourn made and carried. Meeting adjourned. 32 members present.

Those in attendance can claim 1 hour for volunteer time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, February 10, 2011, 6:00 PM at the Grand Travers Pie Co. Board members present were Larry Agee, Marilyn Miller, Bob Archer, Verna Gaskin, John Hilderbrand, Carl Trent, Cyd Hunter, Debbie Lazzell, Bill Hiatt.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by President Larry Agee.

Board minutes were approved as published in January 2011 Gazette.

Treasurers Report: John presented a summation of expenses and income for 2010. He has received invoice for our association insurance. Farm Bureau Insurance is sending us a quote. Three checks were currently outstanding from 2010. We now have 31 paid members.

Scholarship Committee: Ivy Tech will be talking to Agriculture students next week about applying for our scholarship.

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Spring Seminar: John stated they will have a meeting in the next week or so. Speakers and food lined up but working on some more vendors and sponsorships.

Giving Garden: Will be planting seeds soon in Ivy Tech Greenhouse. Map planning committee met on where to put everything. Enough drip tape has been donated to water the garden. Next garden meeting is February 28, 4:30 PM at the Ivy Tech South campus lobby.

Earth Day: General discussion.

Herb Fair: John stated he received the application for table space. Will ask membership for budget for expenditures.

Gardens: Nothing new to report. Larry Agee and John Shoemaker are keeping an eye on the roses and will schedule a work day for Hawthorn Park when they need trimmed. Bill Hiatt's committee working on new planting maps for Deming Park.

Old Business: Merom Chautauqua - General discussion - no action.

Membership List: Bob Archer is to make up a new and current membership list now that hours and assessments have been turned in.

New Business: Union Hospital's Earth Day, April 22, 2011, (Good Friday). General discussion about if we want an information booth. Sharon has contact information. Possibility of handing out literature and/or seed packets. No action at this time.

Garden tour: Co-chairmen are Bill Hiatt and Aaron Wheaton. General discussion about the general Public being allowed to participate, both as tour and display individuals. Discussion about liability issues. Marilyn and Cyd stated that many garden clubs use their garden tour as a principle money maker, rain or shine. Vermillion, Il., Marshall, Il., Attica, In., and Brazil, In. Grants - Bill Hiatt led general discussion about using grants to generate funds for Special projects. The ways and means committee needs to explore possibilities for the WVMGS to participate. We need to identify a specific project or projects. According to the by-laws, the organization will plan and execute a minimum of one major group project per year, a minimum of three educational programs, and a minimum of one fund raising event. It was

discussed that originally we were to create and maintain 7 gardens in Deming Park.

General discussion about placing advertising in the Terre Haute Tribune Star and the Valley View to raise awareness about our various projects.

The Friends of the Arboretum's next meeting on February 21 at 6:20 PM in the Torner Center at Deming Park will have as their speaker Eddie Bird talking about the City Parks Program. Master Gardeners are all invited to come out and participate. You can claim Educational time for this.

Next Board of Directors meeting is March 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Grand Traverse Pie Co.

No other business. Meeting adjourned. **Those present can claim 1.5 hours volunteer time.**

VIGO COUNTY FAIR FOR 2011 RUNS FROM JULY 10 THROUGH JULY 17. BIGGER AND BETTER WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION.

The committee looked at the strong and the weak points of the Little Sprouts program, the Work Shop programs and the Evening Seminars and we are making some changes for this year's fair. The straw maze is being eliminated along with the tractors and all evening sessions except Thursday.

The Little Sprouts program will be Tuesday (7-12-2011) from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Carissa Lovett, Dobb's Park Naturalist, will present a program on frogs and toads.

The 1 to 4 pm Make and Take program is as follows:

Tuesday, July 12: Painting Hypertufa rocks.

Wednesday, July 13: Make a terrarium.

Thursday, July 14: Flower arrangement.

Friday, July 15: Stepping stones.

The 6 to 7 pm Evening Seminar will be Thursday (7-14-2011) and will be a diagnostic session and a ride to the Giving Garden.

We plan on having educational handouts for all of the projects we put on this year.

Will be handing out seed packets with WVMGA name on them.

We will be giving door prizes for the evening seminar to try and increase attendance.

We will have demonstration flower gardens planted around the floriculture building and all plants identified and handouts available on care and layouts of gardens.

This year except for Little Sprouts program we will be using all WVMGA people.

Will have better identification of WVMGA area inside of the building also.

We have need of the following items for various projects:

Two liter clear bottles with caps, rinsed and if possible all labels removed (150)

Bud vases, small and medium, for flower arranging (100)

Aquarium rocks (clean), marbles, broken tile, old jewelry and broken cups, saucers and plates for use in stepping stones.

Anyone interested in getting a shirt (t-shirt, pullover, etc.) or maybe even a tote bag with our Wabash Valley Master Gardener logo on it can go to the **Embroidery Express** behind the Honey Creek Mall (just down from Mulligan's). They have our logo on file there. You can order a shirt from them and the cost of the logo is \$4.00 plus the cost of the shirt. You can take in your own shirt to have the logo embroidered on it and the cost is only \$7.50 per shirt.

NEED SOME HELP: At our September Seed and Plant Exchange someone brought a big bag of sunflower seeds. I need to know what kind they are. If you can send me an email at vernajean1962@juno.com and let me know, I would appreciate it very much. They are to be planted in the Giving Garden.

2011 Herb of the year is "Horseradish".

The following article was submitted by Certified Master Gardener Julie Basinger, a member of the Spring 2010 class.

Growing and Preparing Horseradish

Horseradish has been used as a medicine or a condiment for nearly two thousand years. The root of the plant is savored for its strong flavor and pungency that adds "heat" to many recipes. It was brought to North America during colonial times. It's not certain where the name horseradish comes from, but Europeans believe it refers to the old method of processing the root called "hoofing" where horses were used to stamp the root tender before grating it. Collinsville, Illinois is the self-proclaimed "Horseradish Capitol of the World" and hosts an annual International Festival each June. Southwest Illinois produces 85% of the world's commercially grown horseradish.

Horseradish will grow anywhere - which is sometimes a problem. It thrives in less-than-ideal locations so you'll want to choose a generous site with firm boundaries before planting. Some growers use a large bucket or barrel underground in an effort to contain the root. Horseradish can be grown from

either the crowns of the plant or root cuttings. Plant the root cuttings with the narrow end down about two inches below the soil. Plants started from crowns should not be harvested until the second year, after the first frost. When harvesting the root, loosen the soil around the plant with a pitchfork to expose the root. Cut just below the base of the crown and replant the crown when finished, as it will grow new roots. Wash and scrape the root just like you would a carrot. Cut into chunks and place into blender or food processor with a small amount of water. When grinding the root, it is best to do so in a well ventilated area as volatile oils are released during the grinding process. When finished, drain excess water and add 1 Tbsp. white vinegar for every cup of ground root. The vinegar preserves the horseradish, enhances the flavor and also stops the heat-building enzyme activity. It's best to store in jelly jars in the refrigerator, but it freezes well also. Horseradish is a healthy way to add flavor to any dish. One tablespoon only contains six calories and has zero fat.

St. Elmo's Steakhouse Famous Shrimp Cocktail

16 jumbo shrimp - peeled and deveined

For sauce, mix together and refrigerate:

2 cups chili sauce

2 Tbsp. prepared horseradish

1 tsp. lemon juice

WORKDAYS: All scheduled workdays and committee meetings will be placed on the calendar on our website. Check the calendar often.

That's all for this month. The groundhog did not see his shadow and that means Spring is only six weeks away. See you at the February 22nd meeting.