

VIGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER GAZETTE – September 2011

NEXT PLANNING AND SCHEDULING SESSION: September 27, 2011, 6:00 PM, 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. This is our annual seed and plant exchange and carry-in. Names ending from A thru J bring dessert and K thru Z bring a vegetable or salad. We will be having chicken. Drinks and table-service will be provided. Spouses are welcome. Here is a list of plants that people would like to see at the exchange: Sedum, Ajuga, Crepe Myrtle, Bee Balm, Black Eyed Susan, Butterfly Bush, Lambs Ear, Yarrow (yellow) and lime colored Hosta.

Minutes of August 23, 2011 Planning and Scheduling Session:

Education Speaker: Sam Liggett introduced Stephanie Taylor (M.G. Intern) who gave a lesson on micro-photography. For those attending you can count 3/4 of an hour for Education time.

23 members present.

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm.

Vice President: Sam said he had education speakers lined up for the remainder of this year.

Recording secretary: Bob Archer - minutes approved as published in the July Garden Gazette.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin - nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand - Gave balance as of August 23.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter - New badges on order for 3 interns, Advanced Master Gardener badge for Phil Small and Bronze for Bob Archer. Cyd stated that badge ordering and receiving usually runs at least a month behind.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Web page: Cyd - keep sending in new photos and calendar updates.

Giving Garden: Phil - harvested and delivered 7,000 lbs of produce. Several ISU students worked at the garden today as part of campus Donaghy Service Day. 65 individuals attended the "Twilight Tour" of the garden. Jim Luzar and John Rosene were presenters of weed and insect identification.

Head Bed Keeper: Roger Tonsfeld - not present. Verna said that some work had been done at First and Oak bed. Part of the bed had been sprayed to help address the grass problem. Hawthorn Park - Intern Stephanie Taylor talked about her association with the Audubon Society and her access to native plant material. Native plants would require less weeding and watering. General discussion about incorporating native plants inside and outside of the fenced in area. Stephanie volunteered to be the bed keeper chairperson for Hawthorne Park, Smith Labyrinth.

2012 Spring Seminar: Carol Swearingen/Teri Boland - Organizational meeting scheduled for September 6th at the Wabash Subway at 4:00 pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

OLD BUSINESS: Indiana State Fair - 5 members went on Monday, August 15th and 5 went on Wednesday, August 17th to man/woman the Purdue Extension information booth.

New Intern Class - New classes start September 8th at 6:00 pm at the Ivy Tech South Campus. Carol Swearingen is still taking names for facilitators.

Soil and Water Conservation Days - This is for 5th graders on September 20, 21, and 22, 9:00am till 2:00pm. Facilitators needed to help Pat Secrest (caterpillar identification) and Jim Luzar (soil identification). A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Plant and Seed exchange: Debi Gansz - September 27th, individuals with the last name beginning with A - J are to bring dessert and K -Z a vegetable or salad.

NEW BUSINESS: Chili Cook-Off: Debbie Lazzell - We are going to participate in the annual Altrusa Chili Cook-Off on September 10 at the Clabber Girl parking lot. The \$50.00 entry fee will be paid by the Extension Office. A motion was made and carried for an operating budget of \$150.00. A planning meeting to be held at Bob Archer's house August 30th at 5:00pm. This activity for us is a part of the "go local week" hosted by the extension office.

Learning days - Sharon Polge - Sharon will not be able to attend and a new chairperson is needed.

Nominating Committee: Kathy Hutton/Phil Small/Bob Archer - The committee does have a full slate of nominees to publish in the September Garden Gazette. Voting will be during the October meeting. Newly elected officers will take office at our January planning session. Donuts for county

park/city park/fair employees - Paula Wilson volunteered to deliver the 10 dozen donuts. \$50.00 had been allocated in the annual budget for this project. Christmas in the Park - Pat Secrest - General discussion about the upcoming event. Master gardeners will again try to host the train concession one evening. In previous years, bad weather canceled the train ride on our scheduled evenings. Pat passed around a sign up sheet for help in setting up the shelter display.

ANNOUNCEMENTS?GENERAL INFORMATION;

Hendricks County Fall Seminar in Danville, IL, October 15th. \$35.00.

City Crow Committee - Volunteers needed to work evenings to help the crow committee repel crows from the Downtown area. This time will not count towards master gardener volunteer hours, but if interested contact Jim Luzar or Jane Morse.

Ivy Tech Homecoming: Ivy Tech homecoming will be a 2 day event in October. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the dedication of the new pathway and trees.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. 3/4 volunteer hour for attendance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2011.

Board members present: Larry Agee, Sam Liggett, Bob Archer, Verna Gaskin, John Hilderbrand, Carl Trent, Paula Wilson, Debbie Lazzell, Bill Hiatt. Association member Debi Gansz also in attendance.

Board meeting called to order at 6:05pm at the Pie Co.

August board minutes approved as published in the August Garden Gazette.

Vice President: Sam Liggett - stated that educators were lined up for the rest of this year.

Recording Secretary: Bob Archer - nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin - nothing to report.

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand - Gave balance as of Board meeting. Several small expenses since last meeting for Matters in Motion, soaker hoses for the butterfly garden, and plates and spoons for the September plant and seed exchange meeting. The reimbursement check for \$50.00 for the Altrusa chili cook-off registration was in the mail according to Jim Luzar. Reimbursement check of \$101.53 received from the Vigo County Extension Office for plants purchased for the Giving Garden.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter - not present due to her husbands surgery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Giving Garden: Bob Archer - over 8,000 lbs. harvested and thanks to John Shoemaker's watering efforts, the fall crops were doing well.

Gardens: Verna stated the 1st and Oak bed grass issue was looking better since being sprayed.

OLD BUSINESS: Altrusa Chili Cook-off, September 10,2011 - Debbie Lazzell - Final meeting Friday, September 9th at the 4-H Meeting Room to prepare vegetables for the cook-off. General discussion about the preparations for the event.

Family Learning Days, Vigo County Public Library, September 24, 2011 - Beth Keyes volunteered to be event chairperson since Sharon Polge was not going to be able to attend.

Soil and Water Conservation Days: At the fairgrounds, September 20, 21, and 22. Anyone interested in helping can contact Jim Luzar or Pat Secrest.

Christmas in the Park: organizational meeting held this week and a theme of "Christmas in Candyland" was selected. Also this year the display will be completely changed from the past two years. Decorating can start after November 14th and tear down beginning December 27th thru January 2nd. Our train concession date is Saturday, December 17th. Anyone interested in being involved contact Pat Secrest or Beth Keyes.

Spring Seminar: March 10, 2012 at St. Mary of the Woods: Paula Wilson - The Spring Seminar committee met last Tuesday. They have 4 to 5 prospective speakers. Sponsors needed.

Fall Intern Class: First class begins September 8, 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Ivy Tech Workforce Development Building.

Plant and Seed Exchange: September 27, 2011 - Debi Gansz passed around a sheet which members had said they had an interest in. Meeting starts at 6:00 pm and there will be a carry-in meal. Again A to J bring dessert and K to Z bring vegetable or salad.

Election Committee: Bob Archer - the slate of nominees for the October election is as follows:

President - Larry Agee

Vice-President - Sam Liggett

Recording Secretary - Kathy Hutton
Corresponding Secretary - Verna Gaskin
Treasurer - John Hilderbrand
Service Coordinator - Cyd Hunter

Board of Directors: Past Board members (Vote for two) Paula Wilson, Debbie Lazzell, Bob Archer
Board member at Large - Bill Hiatt

(Any absentee votes must be turned in to Bob Archer prior to the October planning and business meeting
- Have to call Bob and request a ballot) Also write in votes are allowed for each position.

NEW BUSINESS: Board appointment and confirmation of Carl Trent as assistant treasurer - The Board nominated Carl for the assistant treasurer's position and this matter will be presented to the October's membership meeting for confirmation. This is a board appointed position which is to be reappointed annually. General Discussion about methods to encourage intern graduates to be welcomed and encouraged to participate in the association's projects and activities.

Announcements: Ivy Tech homecoming dedication of the new pathway and the sponsorship of trees will be Friday, October 21 at noon.

International Conference, October 11-14, 2011 in Charleston, West Virginia.

Meeting Adjourned.

Winners at the July Garden tour were Kathy Hutton 1st place receiving a yellow Peony. 2nd place was Jo Liggett receiving 101 Trees of Indiana from Jim Luzar and 3rd place Sam Liggett receiving a CD from Jim Luzar. Numerous other plants were also given away.

FROM THE SERVICE COORDINATOR'S DESK: Cyd Hutton - Congratulations to the following members who have advanced to the next level. Robert Archer to Bronze. Phill Small to Advanced Master Gardener. Brenda Kirchner, Virginia Laycock, Peggy Harlan, William Malloy, Carole Dreher, Nancy Nation and Teri Boland to Certified Master Gardener.

Many of these individuals have acquired their hours working in the Giving Garden. What a wonderful project. Remember your hours may be submitted at anytime either through e-mail or snail mail. Badge orders are placed whenever anyone advances to the next level.

Master Gardener Certification: Upon completion of the volunteer commitment of at least 35 hours, Interns will become Certified from Purdue University.

Active Status: Once an individual has completed the necessary requirements and is certified as a Master Gardener, this does not mean he/she is a Master Gardener for life. Master Gardeners must recertify each year to remain on the "active" list and maintain the Master Gardener title.

Master Gardener Recertification is achieved by fulfilling the following requirements:

1. Donating a minimum of twelve (12) hours of volunteer service each year, and
2. Completing a minimum of six (6) hours Educational Training through any of the following options:
Participation in state, Regional, National, or International Master Gardener Conferences.
Participation in county sponsored advanced training sessions.
Participation in any other programs approved by the local Program Coordinator.

Advanced Master Gardener Certification: Advanced certification requires at least ten hours of approved additional instructions as well as a minimum of an additional 25 hours of volunteer service.

Other levels of Advanced Master Gardener status include Bronze (200 volunteer hours - 60 Educational hours), Silver (500 volunteer hours - 75 educational hours), Gold (1000 volunteer hours - 100 educational hours). All hours carry over from year to year.

That's all for this month - see you at the September 27 seed and plant exchange and carry-in.



Coordinator's Notes!!

**We would like to welcome the Master Gardener
Class for Fall 2012**

Matthew Alpin
Kristy Beck
Annette Benefiel
Megan Bilyeu
Tina Bowen
Ania Criss
John Edwards
Greg Fields
James Holscher
Christie Houtz
Gene Jarvis
Jordan Klug
Sue Rosiak
Yvonne Russell
Sharon
Sanquenetti
Jane Santuci
Barbara Stoffer
Richard Watson