



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
GARDEN GAZETTE 2012 #1

Next Planning and scheduling session is Dec. 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. This is a carry-in of your "favorite holiday snack". There will be no educational time, but a short meeting will be held.

Minutes of Board of Directors meeting, November 1, 2012, 6:00 pm.

Officers present: Larry Agee, Sam Liggett, Verna Gaskin, Cyd Hunter, Paula Wilson, Bob Archer, and Bill Hiatt.

Meeting called to order by President Larry Agee.

Minutes of last meeting in Gazette.

Vice President; Sam stated speaker for November was Jack Daniels. If anyone has any suggestions for speakers for 2013 please contact Bob Archer, incoming Vice President for 2013.

Corresponding Secretary; Verna, nothing to report.

Treasurer Report: Same as previously, nothing changed.

Service Coordinator: Cyd stated two members have achieved certified status.

Badges have been ordered and should be in for next meeting.

Giving Garden: Bob Archer – 11,200 pounds have been picked. Cabbage and broccoli and some greens have been planted. Greens are available to anyone who would like them; however, do not pick the cabbage and broccoli. Watering system has been put up for year.

Gardens: City Parks: Nothing much going on.

County Park: (Hawthorn) Has been mulched. Will add more after Thanksgiving.

Christmas in the Park: Peggy Harlan, chairperson, states they will be working the Friday after Thanksgiving putting up the decorations. They will be buying new LED lights. The Master Gardeners will be selling tickets for train ride on December

16th and also hot chocolate. Help will be needed for this. If you can help please contact Peggy.

Spring Seminar "Gardener's Gathering" is March 9, 2013 at Ivy Tech Auditorium. Paula Wilson needs names of sponsors and vendors. Your place of work is a good place to start.

Old Business: Yvonne Russell is now doing our website.

Jim and Ella Luzar received gift cards from the Master Gardeners.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Announcements: Purdue Tour of Renaissance Gardens of Italy is now on Purdue's website. It is June 4-16, 2013. Enrollment is now open to Master Gardeners plus one guest, then to Purdue Alums, then to M.G's from other states until full.

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Motion to adjourn: ¾ hour volunteer time.

Minutes of the November 13 Planning and scheduling session:

The education program began at 6:30pm with Jack Daniel, a local chef, who spoke on cooking with herbs. ¾ hour of education time was credited to the 30 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order @ 7:15pm by President Larry Agee.

Vice President, Sam Liggett turned the selection of our next guest speaker over to Bob Archer, vice President for 2013. There will be no speaker at our next meeting (December).

Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hutton accepted approved minutes as they appeared in the Gazette.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin will forward a gazette copy to one member who did not receive it via email this month.

Treasurer, John Hilderbrand was not available for a report.

Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter, reported that badges for September were ordered and should be in by December meeting. Anita Criss and Annette Benefiel have received their certification. Congratulations, ladies!

Garden reports: Christmas in the Park will have a set up workday on the 23rd of November, beginning at 9am at the Fairgrounds to transport items to the Ozok Shelter at 10am in Deming Park. Workday on stringing lights on the shelter will be on Saturday the 24th. Judging takes place on December 10. Our organizations train ride sales night is December 16th from 6-9pm. Hot cocoa will also be sold by our members who may contact Peggy Harlan to sign up as **help**.

City Parks and Recreation Board will meet on the 23rd of November. Roger Tonsfeldt needs to have budgets for the beds submitted now.

Kathleen Hutton reported the Butterfly Garden request for new chairperson/s has received response from 3 members. She will help with the transition in the spring and assist the new bed keepers with a legend and with bed clean up. A late winter planning meeting will be announced.

The Giving Garden has been put to bed with a final weight of 11, 265 pounds of food distributed to local food banks and charities. Congratulations to successful endeavors of the committee under the guidance of chairpersons Phil Small and Bob Archer. Next year's committee co-chairpersons are Kate Michaw and Greg Fields.

The Spring Seminar Committee chairperson, Brenda Kirchner, reported all four guest speakers are in place for their presentations at the Oakley Auditorium at Ivy Tech College. Vendors are needed, with their fees of \$20. Corporate Sponsors are needed...contact Paula Wilson to send our formal letterhead request to them. A Booklet Page cost is \$150; ½ Page cost is \$50; ¼ to 1/3 of a Page is \$40.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Luzar spoke on a Food Hub project for Saturday, December 8th from 10am to noon in the Women's Building at the Fairgrounds.

A staff member of ISU faculty, Jennifer Latimer is seeking an individual to attend a seminar on Safe Urban Gardening. The primary goal is to learn soil testing and be available, through grant funding, to offer free soil sampling. There has been no soil sampling through Purdue Extension Office since 1991. Contact Larry Agee if you would be interested in this project.

The Valley Viewer Date for featuring our organization needs to be reserved during November for Spring and Fall coverage. Criteria in the past have been 6 photos and less than 500 words. Discussion led to considering two dates, one prior to

the seminar. That would make our request dates for February 17th or 24th and August 25th. Larry will submit these dates for their consideration. The next class sessions for Master Gardener Training will begin February 5th, starting at noon and ending at 3pm, with the cost of class being \$85. Scholarship inquiry is available through the Purdue Extension Office. Carol Swearingen will coordinate facilitators to assist Jim Luzar with non-teaching duties at each class session. December 4 is the next planning and sharing meeting. It will follow a carry in of snacks and treats in celebration of the holiday season. It will begin @ 6pm in the 4-H Building.

Larry's announcements were as follows:

1. Purdue Tour of Renaissance Gardens of Italy, June 4 – 16, 2013.
Enrollment opens November 1, 2012.
2. New member Kayla Holscher transferred from Crawford County Illinois MG.
3. Get to know your Extension Educators:
 - A. Julie Hart, Extension Director, Economic & community Development.
 - B. Jim Luzar, MG Educator; Agriculture & Natural Resources Development; Ivy Tech Partnership coordinator.
 - C. Krista Farthing and Sarah Gaughan, 4-H Youth Development.
 - D. Katarina Walker, Health & Human Science, Dietician

Bob Archer moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and President Larry Agee adjourned after $\frac{3}{4}$ hour of volunteer time for those in attendance.

This is it for November meetings.

December Gazette will be out shortly.