



*WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS  
ASSOCIATION GARDEN GAZETTE 2012 #2*

Next Planning and scheduling session is January 15, 2013 at 6:30pm at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Educational time will be a representative from TREES, Inc.

Please try to attend the January meeting as our yearly assessment of \$15 is due at this time and new sign-up sheets for committees will be sent around. Volunteer and Educational hours also need to be turned in. If hours and assessment are not turned in by the end of January you will be removed from the mailing list. (New Interns have one year at no cost from date of graduation).

If you are currently on a committee but cannot attend the planning session and would like to remain on that committee please contact your committee chairperson and let them know so that they may mark your name down. We will also be voting on the proposed budget for 2013.

Minutes of December 4, 2012 Planning and scheduling meeting:

President, Larry Agee called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a welcome to members and their guests for the annual Holiday snacks and dessert gathering.

Vice President, Sam Liggett's position will be filled by Bob Archer.

Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hutton's position will be filled by Pat Youman. The minutes of the November meeting will be published in the December gazette.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin, had no report and will continue in this position.

Treasurer, John Hilderbrand, gave the treasurer's report. Dues for 2013 are \$15 and payable at any time. Dues are waived for those who completed their class instruction during the past 12 months. John retains his position as treasurer, with appointed assistant Carl Trent.

Our Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter, also retains her position. Badges and certificates were presented to members whose status had been upgraded.

The giving garden committee under the care of Phil Small and Bob Archer, since its inception, will be turned over to Kate Michaw and Greg Fields.

Roger Tonsfeldt reported on the Budget meeting of the City Parks Board, stating that the submitted beds budgets were all approved.

The County Parks committee was not represented.

Christmas in the Park will sell train ride tickets and hot cocoa on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Those who want to help need to arrive near Torner Center at 5:30pm. The train runs from 6-8:00pm.

Inclement weather, i.e. wet tracks will cancel the event.

Voting for the Ozok Shelter takes place on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Jim Luzar distributed copies of people's choice awards ballots. Debbie Lazzell will deliver them to the park.

The Spring Seminar will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ivy Tech Oakley Auditorium. Chairperson, Brenda Kirchner, reported that presenters were in place. Contact Paula Wilson if you need information for potential vendors and sponsors.

The next intern class for Master Gardener Training begins February 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at noon. This is a change in the date that had been previously published. Scholarships are still available. Most, but not all classes will be in the Floriculture Building on the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

Volunteer hours for facilitating the classes only count for those who have signed up in advance to assist Jim with non-teaching duties. Contact Carol Swearingen for further information.

Jim Luzar determined that the core classes do not count as educational hours for certified members; however, additional topics by outside speakers may be considered for education.

In Old business; WVMG.org domain renewal for November 2012 thru November 2013 has been completed by Yvonne Russell. Membership had approved the annual \$14.95 fee at an earlier date.

ISU faculty member Jennifer Latimer is still seeking a volunteer for the Good Gardening Practices workshop for 2013. Information was published in the November minutes.

In New Business, the board recommended and accepted an honorary member for his service each year at the county fair and Christmas in the Park. Congratulations to Steve Keyes, husband of member Beth.

Larry's announcements of upcoming events include:

1. The Bi-State Program will be January 24 at the Beef House in Covington. Registration is required with \$20 fee by January 17<sup>th</sup>.
2. Princeton, IN. Is hosting "Once Upon a Garden" on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Submit the registration fee of \$40 prior to February 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. Purdue is sponsoring a tour of the Renaissance Gardens of Italy, June 4-16<sup>th</sup>. Information is available with November minutes.

2013 Officers and Board Members were introduced.

The next Board of directors meeting is January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. The next Planning and scheduling meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room.

Volunteer time acquired – one hour for the 32 members in attendance.

The following are our meeting dates for 2013. Please mark your calendars.

**Planning and scheduling meeting dates for 2013** (Meetings are on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday unless otherwise noted)

January 15, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

February 19, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

March 19, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

April 16, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

May 21, **6:00pm**, Ute Shelter in Deming Park (carry-in for graduating Interns)

June 18, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds (subject to change)

July 16, 6:30pm 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

August 20, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

September 17, **6:00pm**, 4-H Meeting Room at fairgrounds (seed/plant exchange, carry-in)

October 15, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

November **12**, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

December **3**, **6:00pm**, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds (Christmas Gathering, carry-in of “favorite Holiday snack” and also graduation for fall interns))

**Board of Directors meeting dates for 2013.** (Meetings are on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday unless otherwise noted) These meetings will be at the Grand Traverse Pie Company in the Orchard Room (large meeting room in back). Any member is welcome to attend but cannot take part in voting.

January 3, 6:00pm

February 7, 6:00pm

March 7, 6:00pm

April 4, 6:00pm

May 2, 6:00pm

June 6, 6:00pm

July **11**, 6:00pm

August 1, 6:00pm

September 5, 6:00pm

October 3, 6:00pm

November 7, 6:00pm

December – no meeting



Please watch your email for any changes prior to meetings.

I hope everyone has a “*MERRY CHRISTMAS*” and a “*HAPPY NEW YEAR*”

