

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER  
JANUARY GARDEN GAZETTE 2013**

Our next Planning and Scheduling session will be on January 15 at 6:30pm in the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Educational time will be a representative from TREES, Inc.

The minutes for the November Planning and Scheduling session were in the December Gazette #1.

The Planning and Scheduling session minutes for December were in the December Gazette #2.

Board of Directors meeting minutes of January 3, 2013:

Members present: Sam Liggett, Bill Hiatt, Verna Gaskin, Bob Archer, Kathy Hutton, Cyd Hunter, Larry Agee, Pat Youman, Carl Trent and Jim Luzar.

President, Sam Liggett called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes of last board meeting: No meeting in December. (November Board minutes were in December Gazette #1)

Vice President: Bob Archer reported the speakers for the upcoming months were:

January – Mary Beth Eberwine – New tree species

February – Bob Artis – Holly Arboretum

March – John Rosene – Ivy Tech Greenhouse

April - Bradley Pugh – Superintendent of Country Club

May – no education time planned – graduation of spring intern class.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna reported that the board meeting set for July 11<sup>th</sup> needed to be changed as that would be during the Vigo Co. Fair. The Board agreed to change it to Tuesday, July 2 at the Pie Company at 6:00pm.

Treasurer: Carl Trent reported on the balance after expenses as of 1-1-13.

COMMITTEES: Assessment and dues: Cyd Hunter stated that several people have not turned in hours for 2012. These need to be turned in as soon as possible. New badges have been received for two certified members, one bronze member, and one gold 2000 member.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields and others will be planting for Earth Day and the Herb Fair on Monday, January 7. A planning meeting for the Giving Garden has been set for January 25 at 10:00am in the Floriculture Building. Bob Archer reported that the brush pile by the Giving Garden needs to be burned. Jim Luzar will take care of that.

Gardens: The Patriotic Garden: wait for spring.

Hawthorn Park: pruning will be done in March.

Old Business: Spring Seminar: Is set for March 9 at Ivy Tech. Speakers have been confirmed. Several sponsors have also been confirmed. These can be found on the web site. Contact persons are Brenda Kirchner and Yvonne Russell. It was suggested that we see if our date can be added to the Indiana Gardening Magazine.

Christmas in the Park: Our display won second place this year earning us \$1,500. Over \$300 was made from the train ride and the hot chocolate sales.

Valley Viewer: We have the date of February 17<sup>th</sup> set up for the Valley Viewer. It will concentrate on the Spring Seminar. We could not have a second date. The Junior Leaders have a date set up for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will highlight the Giving Garden in theirs.

New Master Gardener Class: Class will run from Tuesday, February 5 through May 7 at the Fairgrounds Floriculture Building from noon to 3:00pm. Nine people have signed up so far. The class will be limited to twenty people.

New Business: Proposed budget for 2013: Should be named Proposed Expenses for 2013. Verna handed out the list of proposed expenses. This will be voted on at the Planning and scheduling meeting on January 15.

Larry Agee made a motion to give a donation of \$200 to IVY Tech, as a partner in the Giving Garden. Carl Trent seconded the motion. It was passed by the board.

Sign-up sheet for committees: Pat Youman will pass the sign-up sheet at the January Planning and Scheduling meeting. The board stated that there should be an expectation for each member to serve on at least one committee.

Dues: Dues of \$15.00 for 2013 are now due. The board recommends that the price of dues be \$15.00 if paid by February 28<sup>th</sup>. After March 1<sup>st</sup>, the dues will be \$20.00. This is to help the treasurer with the books. A vote for this measure will be taken at the Planning and scheduling meeting.

The Audit Committee needs to meet with John Hilderbrand.

#### Announcements:

1. Bi-State Program will be January 24 at the Beef House in Covington. Registration is required with \$20 fee by January 17.
2. "A Winter Day in the Garden", Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, Il., January 26, \$40.
3. Princeton, IN is hosting "Once Upon a Garden" on February 16 in the former Princeton Community H.S. Submit registration fee of \$40 prior to Feb. 6.
4. The April 16th Planning and Scheduling meeting will be at the IVY Tech greenhouse with John Rosene and not March.
5. The Herb Fair will be Saturday, May 11.
6. The Vigo County Fair will run from July 7 through 13.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Grand Traverse Pie Company on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour of volunteer time.

NOTE: The Earth Day committee is in need of approximately 200 (16 oz., 20 oz., or 24 oz.) plastic water and pop bottles for sunflower giveaway during earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods in April. The small sunflower plants will be placed in the bottles to protect them.

Some plants to look for in 2013:

**2013 Perennial Plant of the Year:** Variegated Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum Odoratum Variegatum*).

**2013 Herb of the year: Elderberry**

2013 All-American Selections (AAS) winners ----

1. Canna "South Pacific Scarlet" – Huge 4-inch blooms of orange-red with gold flames on a compact plant. Thrives in hot, sunny, moist to damp soil. Tolerant of a touch of frost. 4-5' tall.
2. Echinacea "Cheyenne Spirit" – A mix of bright prairie colors on vigorous, quick-flowering plants that bloom just 23 to 24 weeks after sowing and never need deadheading. 18 to 30" tall.
3. Geranium "Pinto Premium White to Rose" – Grown from seed. 5" blooms are long lasting and slightly earlier than similar varieties. Performs extremely well under heat.
4. Cherry Tomato "Jasper" – Small deep red cherry resists late blight. Crack resistant. Indeterminate.
5. Melon "Melemon" – Taste similar to honeydew but with a delicious tanginess. Green rind turns to chartreuse at maturity, white flesh. Days to harvest sowing seed is 85 to 95 days.
6. Watermelon "Harvest Moon" – Hybrid, triploid seedless similar to "Moon and Stars" but with shorter vines. Has a sweet, pinkish-red flesh.

See you at the planning and scheduling meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Have a good week.