



Wabash Valley Master Gardener
Garden Gazette 2012

Next planning and scheduling session **November 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**
at the 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

October 16, 2012 Planning and Scheduling Meeting at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m.

Program: Utilizing WVMG Facebook Page by Von Russell. Education time: 1 hour.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Larry Agee after thanking our organization's member, Yvonne Russell for her helpful presentation.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted with one correction to Larry's announcements: The Indiana Gourd Society Fall Festival date is not September 22, but should read November 3. Sam Liggett, Vice President has tentatively set the November program with Chef Jack Daniels on cooking with fresh food.

Verna reports no omissions from the Gazette distribution.

Treasurer John Hilderbrand was not available for a report.

Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter presented a pin from the State Conference in recognition acquiring Gold Status during 2012. Congratulations to Paula Wilson.

Members are encouraged to get their 2012 hours in very soon so Cyd doesn't have an end of year deluge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Giving Garden reported they have surpassed last year's production with 10,760 pounds of donations. Clean up dates are the next two Monday evenings (October 15 and 22) from 4 to 6:30pm. The 2013 Garden co-chair persons will be Kate Michaw and Greg Fields. Thank you and congratulations on the successful leadership of Bob Archer and Phil Small since the inception of the Giving Garden.

The Spring Seminar committee established IVY Tech Oakley Auditorium as the venue. There is no charge for the facility; however, their food service vendor is required to be used as the caterer. Co-chairperson, Brenda Kirchner, reported Ivy Tech's AudioVisual System is not

compatible with Mac or Apple users so their Presenters will be made aware of this. At this time, three speakers are confirmed. The committee asks for help by all members in acquiring sponsors for the event.

Also, you may refer prospective Gardening related vendors to contact any of the committee members.

The Christmas in the Park committee will decorate the shelter on **November 23**. They will begin the day at **9:00 a.m.** at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds to load and subsequently transport items to the Ozark Shelter in Deming Park. Help is needed at both places. On December 16, tickets for the train ride in Deming Park will be sold with proceeds going to our organization, along with proceeds from hot cocoa sales.

In OLD BUSINESS, the State Conference, held in Noblesville and sponsored by Hamilton County was reported upon by Charlene McKean. Other members who attended were Larry Agee, Carol Swearingen, Cyd Hunter and Judy Eckert.

Photos will be posted on WVMG Facebook page. It was announced that next year's conference will be in Bristol, Ind.

Election of Officers for a one year term are as follows: President: Sam Liggett; Vice President: Bob Archer; Recording Secretary: Pat Youman; Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin (retained); Treasurer: John Hilderbrand (retained); Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter (retained); Board of Directors: Larry Agee; Kathleen Hutton; Bill Hiatt.

In NEW BUSINESS the 2013 Spring Intern class begins Tuesday, February 5th at noon to 3:00 pm with a cost of \$85. Following discussion and upon a motion made by Sam Liggett, the membership voted to award two \$42.50 scholarships for two interns. The need of the recipients will be initially determined by Jim Luzar and communicated to the Board of Directors for final approval.

As on the past, our organization will continue the program of facilitating the classes by providing refreshments and helping Jim with leg work in setting up the classrooms. Carol Swearingen will coordinate the facilitators.

An Assistant Treasurer, appointed by the President was approved by the membership. For 2013, Carl Trent is Assistant to Treasurer John Hilderbrand, upon the motion by member Pat Youman, with a second by Debi Gansz.

A Master Gardener in good standing with Crawford County Master Gardeners in wishing to transfer into our association. With her records in order and accrued hours documented, per Jim Luzar, the membership agreed that she is welcome with no dues assessment for the remaining two months of this year.

Our Green Valley, an eco-seminar, will be held Nov. 9-10. Reservations are on the Facebook and Our Green Valley web site. Some, not all, of the seminar's topics are pertinent to gardening. Extension Educator, Jim Luzar ascertained there to be 4 hours applicable to the Master Gardener program for education.

The ISU Community Garden is renovating their house and shed to include a new greenhouse.

Other announcements: The Ohio Valley Garden Conference will be held in Evansville, IN on Oct. 20th, featuring Paul James as speaker.

The IN Gourd Society Fall Festival & meeting will be Nov. 3rd at the Parke County Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Board meeting will be Nov. 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Grand Traverse Pie Company.

The next planning and scheduling meeting will be at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 4-H Meeting Room on Nov. 13, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 28 members in attendance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting, Nov. 1, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Grand traverse Pie Company.

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

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

Minutes of last meeting were in October Gazette.

Vice President, Sam reports that education time for November will be Chef Jack Daniels.

Incoming Vice President Bob Archer asks that if anyone has any suggestions for speakers please let him know at rda4@frontier.com

Corresponding Secretary, Verna, had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: Nothing has changed since last report.

Service Coordinator, Cyd, reports that badges have been ordered and should be here before our November meeting. Annette Benefiel and Anita Criss have achieved Certified Master Gardener.

Giving Garden: Bob Archer stated that they have surpassed 11,200 pounds of produce with 200 cabbage and 200 broccoli still to be picked. There are still lots of greens (mustard greens, some

types of lettuce, etc.) in the Giving Garden and that anyone that wants some may go to the garden and pick all they want. **However, do not pick the cabbage or broccoli.** The garden has been cleaned up and all the hoses and pipes put away for the winter.

City Gardens: The Parks Department has passed our budget for the coming year.

County Park: Hawthorn Park Labyrinth – roses and other plants have been mulched but they plan to add more mulch after Thanksgiving.

Christmas in the Park: Working on painting some of the decorations. They will be buying some new LED lights. Decorating will be on the Friday after Thanksgiving. They will be needing lots of help for this. December 16 is the date for Master Gardeners to sell tickets for the train ride and hot chocolate.

Spring Seminar, “Gardener’s Gathering” - March 9, Ivy Tech Auditorium. Paula Wilson states they need sponsors and vendors. Contact your employers and see if they would be willing to help sponsor the seminar. Coordinate sponsors through Paula. Ivy Tech’s caterer will be doing the food. Four speakers are now confirmed.

OLD BUSINESS: Yvonne is now doing our website; wvmga.org

Jim Luzar and Ella Ingram were united in marriage on September 15. **“CONGRATULATIONS”** to them. They were given gift cards from the Master Gardeners.

Hours need to be turned in before the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS: December meeting will be Dec. 4, 6:00pm with a carry-in of your favorite holiday snack (finger food). **PARTY TIME!!!!!!!!!!**

Announcements: Purdue Tour of Renaissance Gardens of Italy, June 4-16, 2013 enrollment opens November 1, 1:00 p.m. Master Gardener plus one guest, then Purdue Alums, then M.Gs from other states until full.

Next planning and scheduling meeting: November 13, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

Next Board of Directors meeting: January 2013.

Meeting adjourned. 45 minutes of volunteer time for those present.

See you at our next meeting on the 13th.