



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER
OCTOBER 2013 GARDEN GAZETTE

Next planning and scheduling session is October 15, 2013 t 6:30pm in the 4-H Meeting Room on the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Educational time will be Dr. Jim Speer, speaking on tree rings.

Minutes of September 17, 2013 planning and scheduling meeting at the Fairgrounds at 6:00pm.

There was no educational program. A wonderful carry-in meal was enjoyed by everyone present. The members supplied us with many wonderful plants from their gardens. After the meeting, everyone was able to choose plants and seeds to take home.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Sam Ligget.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written in the Gazette.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Vice President, Bob Archer: Educational speaker for October will be either Dr. Jim Speer, speaking on tree rings, or Mrs. Speer, speaking on ancient seeds.

November will be John Rosene, reporting on his trip to the country of Georgia.

December will be the Christmas carry-in.

It was noted that Saturday, September 28th is "Keep Terre Haute Beautiful" day. Anyone wanting to participate should meet in Fairbanks Park, Patrick Shelter at 8:30am. T-shirt, gloves, sack, and snack will be provided.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin: Had nothing to report.

Treasurer, John Hilderbrand: Balance given as of September 17, 2013 after the Chili Cook-Off expenses.

Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter: Badges will be ordered quarterly instead of monthly. At the November meeting, she will provide a schedule of when badges will be ordered.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden, Greg Fields: A total of 20,514 pounds of produce has been taken from the garden. Greg provided a spreadsheet with all of the produce listed. The passive solar greenhouse plans are coming along. Concrete has been donated. Material will be delivered to IVY Tech where students will work on it. Bib lettuce will be grown all winter.

Head Bed Keeper, Roger Tonsfeldt: Wants to put trees in the bed at Springhill and US 41 this fall. Other beds are ready for fall.

Spring Seminar, 2014, Brenda Kirchner: Two definite speakers and one strong maybe so far. Still working on one more speaker.

Hawthorne Park, Larry Agee: Roses need to have dead branches removed and wood chips spread. Work day set for Monday, Sept. 23rd at 9:00am.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park, Peggy Harlan: The Park wants all lights up and ready by November 25th. Decorating will be on Saturday, Nov. 23rd and Sunday, Nov. 24th. Work days will be on Sundays, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, and Oct. 27 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Floriculture Building at the Fairgrounds.

Vigo County 5th Grade Field Day, Pat Secrest: 1,257 students passed through the program. Everything went well.

Learning Days, Sharon Polge: Will be on Saturday, Sept. 28th from 9:00am to noon at the Vigo County Public Library. Will be planting seeds in gloves.

NEW BUSINESS:

Altrusa Chili Cook-Off, John Hilderbrand: The chili won for the hottest for the third year in a row. A motion was made by Sharon Polge to pay \$220 for chili supplies, seconded by Von Russell and carried by the membership.

Intern Training Class: Evening classes will begin February 6th.

Certificates and Badges, Cyd Hunter: Badges were earned by: Debbie Smith – Certified, Richard Watson – Advanced Certified, and Sam Ligget – Silver.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin: Will send thank you to Michael Moore for the banner and signs. The Extension office will also send thank you.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board meeting, October 3, Vigo County Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm
- Planning and scheduling meeting October 15, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds at 6:30pm

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Adventures in Gardening, Sept. 28th @ Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds, Danville, In. \$35
- Keep Terre Haute Beautiful, Sept. 28th, Fairbanks Park, Patrick Shelter, 8:30am
- Christmas in the Park work days, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, and Oct. 27 at Floriculture Building, 1:00 to 4:00pm
- 11th Annual Gardening Show, Sat., Jan 25, 2014, Porter County Expo Center, Valparaiso, IN, 8:00am to 4:00pm CST
- State Conference 2014, Grow It Forward, June 12-14, 2014, Indianapolis Marriott North Conference Center & Hotel.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hr volunteer time for the 37 members in attendance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 3, 2013 at Vigo County Public Library at 6:00pm.

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

Members in attendance: Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Larry Agee, Cyd Hunter, Bill Hiatt, Verna Gaskin and Pat Youman.

Minutes of last board meeting: Approved as written in the Gazette.

Vice President: Bob Archer gave the list of speakers: Oct. – Dr. or Mrs. Speer – Trees or ancient seeds; Nov. – John Rosene – trip to the country of Georgia; Dec. – Christmas Gathering; Jan. – Jayne Santucci or her recruit – Emerald Ash Borer; Feb. – Rob Sean – Bees.

Treasurer: Balance given as of Oct. 3rd (balanced with the bank)

Committees:

- Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter, gave a schedule for ordering and presenting badges. This will be included in the next Gazette. Be sure to get your hours in to Cyd by the approved time in order to meet requirements and receive your badge.
- Giving Garden: Greg has been working on building permits for the greenhouse. Work should begin next week. Quality Fence Company is donating 6 foot chain link fence with installation to go on the south and east sides of the garden. Gates will be included. The fairgrounds will be putting up fence on the west side. A total of 21,723 pounds of produce has been sent to area soup kitchens and food banks. Work days have been cut to one time a week: Tuesdays at 8:00am.
- 1st and Oak Garden: Will be planting mums and ornamental peppers on Friday, Oct. 4th.
- Hawthorne Park: Larry took some rose cuttings to Apple House for their opinion. Ryan thinks last year's scale has caused the problems. He suggests trimming back the roses to 12 to 15 inches after Nov. 1st. We are waiting on an okay from the extension office before proceeding.

Old Business:

- Altrusa Chili Cook-Off reported that our booth took in just under \$200. With just a little more, we could have received the Peoples' Choice Award. Remember to bring your money and help support us next year.
- Nomination Committee: Has the slate of officers and board members ready for a vote at the Oct. planning meeting.
- Members are asked to remember to wear their badges to the meetings. Beginning in Oct., there will be a greeting table where you will sign the attendance sheet and pick up a paper badge if you do not have yours with you.
- Committee chairpersons will be asked to have a brief description of the work done on their committee. Members could then make decisions

about which committees they wish to join. Sam will contact chairpersons about this.

New Business:

- Purdue is offering a “Growing through Leadership” training course across the state. The course consists of five sessions. One will be meeting in Porter Co. on Nov. 5th, 12th, Dec.3rd, and 10th. This course will become a webinar soon so there will be no need to travel to take part.
- Spring Intern Class will meet on Thursdays, from Feb. 6, 2014 through May 8, 2014 from 6:00 to 9:00pm. The cost is \$85.
- Buying donuts for the Fairgrounds, City Parks Dept., Hawthorne Park and Purdue Extension staff has not yet been done. \$75 has been budgeted. Larry will take care of this.

Announcements:

- Indiana Gourd Society Fall Festival, Lake Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Crown Point, Oct. 26.
- Next Planning and Scheduling meeting: Oct. 15, 2013, 4-H Meeting Room at the Fairgrounds, 6:30pm
- Next Board of Directors meeting: Nov. 7, 2013, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours volunteer time.

SLATE OF OFFICERS TO BE VOTED ON AT OCTOBER PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING:

- President – Sam Ligget
- Vice-President – Bob Archer
- Recording Secretary – Carol Dreher
- Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin
- Treasurer – Pat Youman
- Service Coordinator – Cyd Hunter
- Board Past Officers (2) – Larry Agee and Paula Wilson

- Board member at large (1) – Bill Hiatt

PLEASE read your emails in a timely manner. I send out emails several times a week about work-days, (changes in dates and times) and other information concerning the Master Gardeners.

That's all for this month – See you at the next Planning and scheduling meeting.