



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER  
SEPTEMBER 2013  
GARDEN GAZETTE

Next planning and scheduling meeting is September 17 at **6:00pm** (note earlier starting time for this meeting). This is our seed and plant exchange and carry-in. All last names beginning with A thru L bring vegetable or salad, last names beginning M thru Z bring desserts. Beverages and tableware furnished. There will be no education time at this meeting.

Some plants/seeds that members are looking for are wildflower seeds, succulents (I wonder who) and some cuttings from crepe myrtle bush. Bring anything that you would like to share with others.

Minutes of August 20, 2013 Planning and scheduling meeting at Fairgrounds at 6:30pm.

**Program:** Tim Christie of Wildlife Management Services spoke on controlling unwanted animals. If you did not get his business card and would like to contact him, his phone number is 812-533-0103.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Sam Ligget. Sam reported that we had received thank you cards from Bob Rosch and Tim Moore.

Vice President, Bob Archer reported on the following education programs:

September – no education program, plant and seed exchange and carry-in;

October – Dr. Jim Speer – Tree rings or Mrs. Speer – Ancient seeds; November – John Rosene on his trip to the country of Georgia.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna stated that her computer is still in the shop.

Treasurer, John gave the balance as of August 20. Expenses have been paid.

**Committees:** Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter was absent. Pat Youman presented Susan Polifroni with her Certified Master Gardener badge and

certificate. Jim Luzar stated that Purdue is charging for postage on the badges and suggested that we go to presenting them each quarter rather than monthly. Pat Secrest made a motion to switch to presenting the badges quarterly, and Von Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Giving Garden:** Greg fields passed out spreadsheets that show all of the produce taken from the garden and how it has been distributed. 14,558 pounds of produce have been distributed as of August 20<sup>th</sup>. Greg also reported on the new passive solar greenhouse that is to be erected at the Giving Garden. It is being provided by a Lilly Sustainability Endowment. Ralph Dale and Chuck Moseman will help oversee the project when Greg is in school. Help will be needed to paint the barrels black.

**Old Business:** Christmas in the Park chair, Peggy Harlan, reported the theme this year will be “North Pole International Reindeer Parking”. There will be a meeting at Peggy’s house on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm to build a prototype of the reindeer. John Hilderbrand said he would donate lights. If anyone has lights (especially LED lights) they don’t use, donations would be appreciated. The date and time for working at the train and selling cocoa will be decided by the committee.

**Nomination Committee:** If you are interested in any of the office or board positions, you should read the responsibilities in the by-laws and contact Carol Swearingen. The committee will have a slate of officers ready for the September meeting. The membership will vote on the officers during the October meeting.

**State Fair:** The group who manned the Purdue Master Gardener booth at the state fair was: Jim Luzar, Gene Jarvis, Beth Keyes, Paula Wilson and Debbie Lazzell. We understand Gene ate his way through the fair food.

**Vigo School Science Days:** Soil and Water Conservation Days at the Vigo County Fairgrounds will be on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm. We will be working in three sessions this year: Giant Caterpillars, foods grown in Indiana vs. the World, and Pigs. A sign-up sheet was passed for volunteers. There were plenty of volunteers. Thank you to those who signed up.

**Learning Days:** Will be on Saturday, September 28 at the Vigo County Public Library starting at 8:00am. Sharon Polge is in charge.

**New Business:** Altrusa Chili Cook-off will be Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in the Clabber Girl Festival Marketplace located on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Cherry Streets. John Hilderbrand passed our information on Altrusa and our plans for this year. We will be adding vegetable chili along with the famous hot chili. Set up begins at 7:00am and awards will be at 3:30pm.

**Purchase of laptop:** John Hilderbrand offered to sell his laptop computer with all of its software to the WVMGA for \$300. Larry Agee moved that we should purchase the computer. A question was raised about who would keep the computer. It was stated that the treasurer would keep the computer, but it is also to be used for presentations at the meetings and the Spring Seminar. A second to the motion was made by Von Russell. The motion carried.

**Mulch:** The Parks Department donated extra mulch to the WVMGA. Bill Hiatt, Roger Tonsfeldt, Kevin Brown, and Bob Archer hauled the mulch to the fairgrounds by the Giving Garden. It is to be used on the flower beds that we take care of. If you want some of it to use on one of the flower beds, let Roger know.

Announcements:

- The State Conference is September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, Bristol, Ind.
- Adventures in Gardening, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds, Danville, In . Cost is \$35
- Board Meeting, September 5<sup>th</sup> at Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, at 6:00pm
- Planning and Scheduling meeting, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Fairgrounds 4-H Building – This is our carry-in and plant and seed exchange

The meeting was adjourned with 1hr of volunteer time and 1hr educational time for the 34 members in attendance.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES:**

September 5<sup>th</sup> at Vigo County Public Library @6:00pm

President, Sam Ligget was absent (State Convention). Vice President, Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Bob Archer, Bill Hiatt, Larry Agee, Beth Keyes, Verna Gaskin Cyd Hunter, John Hilderbrand and Pat Youman.

Bob reported on the following education programs: September – none – it is our plant and seed exchange and carry-in; October – Dr. Jim Speer – Tree rings or Mrs. Speer on Ancient Seeds; November – John Rosene – report on his trip to the country of Georgia; December – none – Christmas gathering and carry-in, and January 2014 – speaker on Emerald Ash Borer.

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

**Corresponding Secretary:** Verna has her computer back from the shop. A thank you was received from the Vigo County Fair for our contribution to the Horticulture Dept.

**Treasurer:** John reported the balance as of September 5 after an expense of \$108 for the Chili Cook-Off.

Committees: Service Coordinator: Cyd reported those who earned new badges in August were: Sam Ligget – Silver, Debbie Smith – Certified, and Richard Watson – Advanced Certified. Earned in September were: John Hilderbrand – Gold and Robert Jenkins – Certified. It was mentioned that badges are now being ordered from Purdue quarterly instead of monthly.

**Giving Garden:** has had over 19,000 pounds of produce taken to soup kitchens and food pantries so far this year. It was suggested that we need to look into buying a produce scale for the garden. A lawn mower was purchased for \$75 to mow around the outer edge of the garden.

**Old business:** Altrusa Chili Cook-Off preparations are moving along nicely. We will have both HOT and Vegetarian Chili available this year. A history of the Giving Garden will be in the center of a picture collage display.

The nomination Committee of Carol Swearingen, Greg fields, and Charlene McKean report that the nominations so far are: Sam Ligget-President, Bob Archer-Vice President, Verna Gaskin-Corresponding Secretary, Pat Youman-Treasurer, Cyd Hunter-Service Coordinator, Larry Agee-Board past officer, and Bill Hiatt-Board at large. They are waiting to hear on the recording secretary and one more board past officer position. The slate will be completed by the September planning and scheduling meeting.

Plant and seed exchange and carry-in for the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting: Verna reported that members with last initial of A-L should bring a vegetable or salad. Those with initial of M-Z should bring a dessert.

Christmas in the Park: “North Pole International” Beth Keyes reported that one reindeer has been made. They need to check on using the 4-H trailer for storage. Greenhouse at the Giving Garden update: John Rosene and Greg fields have made the kit request and sent it to Menards.

**New Business:** Tribune-Star Valley viewer is to high-light the 4-H and the Giving Garden on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Beth Keyes suggested that each chairperson should make a display of their service project, with a short explanation of what they do, to show all members, especially the new interns during the December meeting. Members would then sign up to work on the projects of their choice for 2014.

Announcements:

- Adventures in Gardening, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> @ Hendricks Co. fairgrounds, Danville, IN
- A Day at Hawthorne Winds, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, Dallas and Susan Foster’s Personal Landscape, 5313 Wheatland Rd., Vincennes, IN
- Next Planning and scheduling meeting: Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 4-H Building Fairgrounds, 6:00pm, Plant and seed exchange and carry-in
- Next Board of Directors meeting: Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm after 1hr volunteer time.

It is suggested that everyone wear their name tags at our meetings. If you don’t have a name tag, a paper tag will be available at the door.

If anyone would like to write a short article for the Gazette, please send it to me and I will put it in the Gazette. This is a great way to earn some volunteer time.

Don’t forget to bring those plants or seeds to the exchange and carry-in.