



GARDEN GAZETTE 2018

Next meeting is August 21, 2018, 6:30pm in the 4H meeting room at the Fairgrounds. Speaker is Verna Gaskin, speaking about judging flowers and what judges look for.

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING

JUNE 16, 2018

Bill Hiatt's home

Meeting called to order by President Phil Small after touring Bill & Janice Hiatt's beautiful gardens and following a delicious carry-in meal.

Attendance sheet was passed around.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna stated she had two emails that had come back and would be checking into them.

Treasurer: Brenda gave balance on hand in checking account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Bob Archer stated garden is in good shape and growing. Picking cabbage, broccoli, onions, bell peppers and cucumbers. Sweet potatoes are vining everywhere.

A big thank you to Stan Stevenson who has spent hours watering the garden almost every day and to Bob Archer who is rodent proofing the garden.

Head bed keeper Larry Agee stated that purchasing needs to be finished within the next month and that there will be mums available for the beds. Debbie Lazzell and Sharon Polge working on the beds at the fairgrounds and the beds are looking good.

NEW BUSINESS: Rural King has donated a large amount of seed packets to the Master Gardeners.

Christmas in the Park: Ruth has an idea for this.

Spring Seminar 2019 needs a chairman or co-chairmen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements.

Next Meetings:

Board of Directors, Vigo County Public Library, room 6, August 2, 6pm.

Planning and Scheduling meeting, Fairgrounds 4-H Building, August 21, 6:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 2, 2018
Vigo County Public Library, Room 6

President, Phil Small called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Members in attendance: Phil Small, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Bob Archer and Sue Thompson.

Non-Board member in attendance: None

Minutes of last Board Meeting: Carole Dreher said they had been published in the Gazette.

VICE PRESIDENT: Ruth Bohner was not present, but she sent an email to Phil listing the speakers for August and September. In August Verna Gaskin, our Corresponding Secretary, will talk about judging flowers and what judges look for. In September Carissa Lovett, Naturalist at Terre Haute Parks and Recreation (Dobb's Park) will speak about Bats and gardening. Ruth asked if we would like to hold our Planning and Scheduling meeting at Dobb's Park whenever Carissa speaks. It was noted that we met there once previously. Phil said he would ask Ruth to check about meeting there if the space is adequate for our group.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna said she had nothing to report.

TREASURER: Brenda Christianson was absent, but Sam Ligget had 2 recent bank statements. He noted that 2 checks were outstanding and reported on the balance of the account.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Sue Thompson said she was uncertain how she was supposed to go about learning if people were reporting hours and if they were, how could she know if they are correct? If they are not, what, if anything, should she do about it, other than remind people at the meetings? Phil suggested that she discuss her questions with Dana Gadeken, Purdue Extension Educator.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN: Bob Archer and Phil Small reported that volunteers have picked and donated 7,101 pounds of produce. They reported that the product is nice – clean and healthy. The persons receiving the produce at the soup kitchens are thankful. Some produce is almost done.

They noted that ivy Tech would be harvesting sweet corn on their test plot and Master Gardener volunteers would be needed to help pick it, bag it and deliver it on Tuesday, August 7th. Volunteers will meet at the test plot on Davis Avenue at 7:30am. Verna will send out an email about the opportunity and also ask for volunteers to help pick vegetables at the garden on Monday, August 6th.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget said that he has added some recent photos to the site.

SPRING SEMINAR 2019: Phil said that we need a chair for this event. He did it last year, but said that he felt he couldn't handle it this year.

FLOWERBEDS: Larry Agee recommended that we take advantage of end of summer sales to stock up on stuff like fertilizer and mulch that we might need for next year. He said that the bed at 1st & Oak needs some mulch. Beth Keyes has requested volunteers to help water the bed at 3rd & Maple. He has done some pruning at the Patriotic Garden.

FAIR COMMITTEE: Verna presented a follow-up report on activities at the 2018 Vigo County Fair which took place in early July.

- Twelve children participated in the Little Sprouts program
- We had 300 wooden spoons to be decorated as garden stakes. This was enough for the participants to make up to 2 apiece. There were 288 markers created with 12 spoons left over.

- On Wednesday fairgoers painted garden flags. We had 173 flags available. We ran out and then gave out the 12 remaining spoon markers for people to paint. When those also ran out people painted paper plates. People who wanted to paint a flag were disappointed when we ran out, but it is sometimes difficult to estimate what we will need for these projects.
- On Thursday our project was flower arranging. We had 219 vases available. We owe a big thank you to Larry Agee and Kroger South who donated flowers for the project. Verna said she would send a thank you card to Kroger South. (Also a big thank you to the Master Gardeners who donated flowers from their own garden)
- On Friday people made 368 stepping stones. Volunteers used 18 bags of cement.

Bob Archer said that we probably need to see about getting some heavier table cloths to protect the tables and stand up under the heavy use that they get for some of the projects.

NOMINATION/ELECTION COMMITTEE: Phil said that Vicki Cochran and Sharon Polge have agreed to head up this committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

INTERN REBAGTE REIMBURSEMENTS: Only interns from 2017 and 2018 who complete their required volunteer hours are eligible for this rebate. Sue reported that 3 people are currently eligible.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK: A new leader is needed for this committee this year. Ruth Bohner said that she has been trying to encourage one or more persons to volunteer for this role. However, if a new leader is not found, she might be willing to co-chair the committee with Bob Archer again this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

PURDUE EXTENSION SPACE TREE: On 9/9/18, in honor of the expeditions made by the USA to the moon, The Tulip Poplar planted beside the Extension Office which was grown from a seed carried into space on one of those expeditions, will be celebrated. Dana has asked if the Master Gardeners would like to sponsor a booth or perhaps provide some prizes to celebrate the event.

RAINSCAPING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY: A workshop is being offered for persons to learn about Rainscaping. The workshop costs \$75 per person. Two members have suggested that they might like to take the workshop and share their experience with the membership.

BOB JENKINS MEMORIAL: Sue will find out the year that Bob took his intern training and Bob Archer will get the material for the memorial plaque to be placed in the garden at 1st & Oak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

STATE FAIR MASTER GARDENER BOOTH: Dana has tickets for this volunteer opportunity. Bob Archer, Phil Small and Bobbie Hamilton will attend on August 3rd. Larry Agee, Sue Rosiak and Teresa Combs will attend on August 9th.

TRI-COUNTY MASTER NATURALIST WORKSHOP: Starts on August 23rd. Sessions will be held in various locations.

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting is August 21, 2018, 6:30pm, 4-H meeting room at the Vigo County Fairgrounds.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on 9/6/18 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours of volunteer time.

Isn't it odd to see school buses chug by in the morning? To finally see your garden produce ready to pick? As much as I hate to say it, summer is coming to a close. Our beloved time in the sun will transition into Christmas lights and Valentine hearts. Treasure this time in the garden. Weed with friends. Jump into a Master Gardener volunteer day. Sink your fingers into the soft loamy dirt. Enjoy.

Dana Gadeken

Agricultural and Natural Resource Educator