



## DECEMBER GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

Next planning and scheduling meeting is **December 9, 6:00pm at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.** This is a carry-in of your favorite holiday snacks. There will be no education time. The graduating Interns are our guests. As always spouses are welcome.

Anyone wishing to get Master Gardener t-shirts, jackets, etc. with our emblem on them may purchase them at Embroidery Express located behind the mall. You may take your own t-shirt in or purchase one through Embroidery Express.

Minutes of Planning and scheduling meeting of November 18, 2014.  
4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

Educational time earned was 1.5 hour. Bob Archer introduced our speaker, Matt Pollom, and said that his topic would be Aquaponics. Mr. Pollom said that he had a background in the pharmaceutical industry but was inspired to take up this activity after a visit to Disney World's Epcot Center. He later visited Green Houses in Milwaukee, WI, which is heated by compost. He said that he has facilities at Inland Aquatics where plants and sea animals support hydroponics. He described his current operation and said that it is probably the way of the future. He said that 3 things are needed for hydroponics: water flow, water chemistry and room to grow.

President Sam Liggett called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

Minutes: Sam noted that the minutes had been published in the Gazette and asked for additions or corrections. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

Recording Secretary: Carole passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Bob said that Cheryl Dell, Urban Forrester for the City, would present our educational program for January, 2015 and in February we will have a program on Bonzai trees. Whether we get to see the presenters trees or not depends on the weather.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat reported the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Cyd said that December 5 is the deadline to present hours for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter awards.

### COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported that harvest is pretty much over for the 2014 growing season. All that remains is a few turnips. To date we have harvested 1,330 pounds of turnips, bringing our total for the year

up to 26,362 pounds of produce grown, harvested and donated to local food banks. Last years (2013) harvest totaled 22,558 pounds. Greg thanks all of the volunteers who helped make the garden a success. He said that we are working on getting materials to complete the greenhouse.

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, reported that most of the gardens maintained by the Master Gardeners have been put to bed for the year.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Seminar: Larry Agee reported that the planning committee have four speakers arranged and they are in the process of printing flyers. They will be mailing some to last year's attendees. Would like to have people donate gardening magazines and catalogs. If anyone should sell a sponsorship for the program please let the committee know. Quarter page ads cost \$40, half-page ads - \$80 and full page ads cost \$150.

Christmas in the Park: Sam said we would need volunteers to work in the concession stand on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Set up will take place on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and maybe even carry over to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Set up will take place at 10:00am in the Ozok Shelter. Judging will be on Decemnrber 8. On December 1 the lights will be turned on.

Website: Sam reported that Steve Smith has volunteered to help with maintenance of the website ([www.wvmga.org](http://www.wvmga.org)).

Fall Intern Class: Jim Luzar said that the class will be completed prior to the December meeting and the interns will be invited to that meeting.

Sam said that sheets describing activities of each committee will be available at the December meeting so members could peruse them and decide which committee(s) they would like to volunteer to serve on. (Everyone is encouraged to sign up for at least one committee)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Sam noted that dates for Board of Director meetings and Planning and scheduling meetings had been printed on the back of the agenda sheet.

Bob Archer said that there was an opportunity for non-profit organizations to decorate a tree that would be displayed during the Miracle on 7th Street which will be held on Dec. 5. Participants will receive an award of \$100 and one participant judged the best tree display will receive \$500. Carole Dreher announced that she and Nancy Nation are willing to take on this project and if selected will need some help with decorating, including the loan of garden related items such as colorful seed packets, pine cones, etc. and some volunteers to be available to represent the organization from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. She said she would send information to Verna so she could put out an email. A sign-up sheet was also passed around.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sam said we received a thank you card from Fairground employees for the donation of donuts. It was announced that there is a Christmas walk in the Collet Park area.

NEXT MEETING:

- Board Meeting January 8, 2015, Vigo Co. Library Room 6, 6:00pm
- Planning and scheduling meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 9, **6:00pm**, 4H meeting room, Vigo County Fairgrounds. No educational time, Christmas treat carry-in.

The meeting was adjourned with .5 hour of volunteer time for the 23 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES AND TIMES for 2015**

All meetings are at the Vigo Co. Library, Room 6 at 6:00pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month)

January 8 (The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in January is New Year's Day)

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

July 2

August 6

September 3

October 1

November 5

December – no meeting

**PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

All meetings are at the 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 6:30pm unless otherwise noted

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19 Ute Shelter in Deming Park , carry-in, 6:00pm

June Garden tour T.B.A.

July 21

August 18 place T.B.A.

September 15 Plant and seed exchange and carry-in, 6:00pm

October 20

November 17

December 15 Christmas get-together, carry-in favorite holiday snack, 6:00pm

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 2013 in Indiana the pounds of produce donated to local food banks from educational demonstration gardens was 55,755 of which 22,558 was from our own Giving Garden.

In 2012 the total in Indiana was 49,700 of which 11,400 pounds was from the Giving Garden.

In the Summer of 2002 sod was removed from an area in Deming Park for a Patriotic Garden by the Wabash Valley Master Gardeners. In November of that year "Diablo" Ninebark shrubs were planted. The shrubs were donated by Gary Galey of Fruitridge Greenery. At that time sod was removed for 2 more gardens and walkway, namely the Butterfly Garden and Herb Garden. In the Spring of 2003 the Patriotic Garden was planted with flowers being donated by Fruitridge Greenery. The Flag Pole and Flag donated by the AMVETS. The Butterfly Garden was planted with flowers and shrubs donated by The Apple House. The herbs for the Herb Garden were supplied by the Herb Society.

Dedication of the Gardens took place on June 14, 2003 (Flag Day). In attendance were Marilee Britton of the Parks Department, Mayor and Mrs. Burke, Dr. Lindy Miller, representatives of AMVETS and VFW Color Guard, and Wabash Valley Master Gardeners and others.

Happy Holiday!

*Jim*

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