



GARDEN GAZETTE FEBRUARY 2015

Next planning and scheduling meeting is February 17th at 6:30pm at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley fairgrounds. Education time will be on Bonsai.

There is still time to pay your assessment of \$15 before February 28 at which time it will be \$20. Volunteer and education hours need to be turned in as they are now due. To be included in the new membership roster which will come out in March, you need to pay your assessment and turn your hours in. (Exception are the new interns)

You can still sign up for committees if you haven't already done so. We have several committees and lots of help is always needed.

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2015

Educational time earned was 1.0 hour. Bob Archer introduced our speaker, Sheryle Dell, Urban Forester for the City of Terre Haute. She spoke about things to consider when planting or caring for trees. She discussed the advantages and disadvantages of mulching, types of mulch to use and how much to use.

President Bob Archer called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Bob noted that the minutes were published in the Gazette and asked if there were any additions or corrections. There was a motion and a second that the minutes be approved as written and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Recording secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

VICE PRESIDENT: Greg Fields said the February program would be about Bonsai. March will feature vermiculture (use of worms in agriculture).

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin checked to see if everyone, especially new interns, was receiving emails and the Gazette.

TREASURER: Pat Youman reported the balances in our account.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Pat Woods the new coordinator reports that one person had sent in a report of their volunteer hours and education hours via email, *but the message was not saved and she does not know who sent them in. Persons who submitted hours via email in early January should check to see if she received their report.* Pat said she had heard from some persons that they had had difficulty contacting her. She said that her email address is garry.woods@frontier.com and her mailing address is 4670 North Creel Street, Terre Haute, IN, 47805.

GIVING GARDEN: Greg announced that the Giving Garden committee would have a meeting on Friday, January 23rd at the Floriculture Building from 10:00am to 12:00noon.

FLOWER BEDS: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, said that all was quiet with the beds at this time of year.

SPRING SEMINAR: Larry Agee reported that most of last year's sponsors have signed up again this year and said that if anyone knew of additional sponsors to contact the committee. He said they will have 4 speakers. Trifold brochures are ready to be mailed. Applications were passed out to members who were present so they could be filled out and submitted by persons wishing to do so. The Terre Haute Tourism and Convention Center gave the committee some items for attendees at the seminar. If any members are attending other seminars, they are encouraged to take brochures for our seminar with them. The committee is working on getting items to be used as door prizes. Food will be the same as last year. Larry encouraged members to bring gardening catalogs and magazines for persons attending to take home with them.

WEBSITE (www.wvmga.org): Sam Ligget reported that he has updated the volunteer sheet on that site and put information about the Spring Seminar up front. Bob noted that Sam has done a lot of work on this and said that links to events sponsored by other organizations have been added.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob noted the committee sign-up sheets that were presented on one of the tables. The sign-up sheets are accompanied with a description sheet telling what tasks the committee takes care of.

Members were reminded that they must turn in their hours and pay their dues (\$15.00) by the end of February, 2015 to retain active status in the Association. Members are to have at least 12 volunteer hours and 6 educational hours each year. This does not include interns as they have their own requirements.

NEW BUSINESS:

The proposed budget for 2015 was presented and discussed. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Copies of the Purdue Master Gardener Volunteer Application and Agreement were distributed and members are now asked to fill out and turn one in annually. Jim Luzar explained some of the items on the form that are new. Discussion followed.

TABLESCAPES: Carole Dreher and Nancy Nation reported the location for this event has changed. Instead of The Landing, it will take place at the Indiana Theater at 7th and Ohio. The dates of February 26 – 28 remain the same. Set-up will take place on the 26th. The general public can visit on the 27th and for a \$5.00 fee vote for their favorite tablescape. Our table will feature the Butterfly Garden which is located in Deming Park. So of course there will be butterflies and flowers.

MATTER IN MOTION: This event will take place on March 21st. Sharon Polge reported that the project will be the making of peanut butter and pine cone bird feeders. If anyone has pine cones they can donate they would be appreciated. Cones from a white pine tree work best.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Sam Ligget will chair this committee and will appoint other members to serve with him.

Bob said that Master Gardeners will be featured in the Valley Viewer page in a February edition of the Sunday Terre Haute Tribune-Star. Material is due by February 6th.

Seven persons received new badges: Master Gardener - Bill Edwards; Advanced – Chuck Moseman, Lorraine Howald, Pat Woods and Lynne Van Etten; Bronze – Jessica Fields and Gene Jarvis.

Bob said that our club will help promote Purdue Master Gardeners at the Indianapolis Flower and Garden Show from 10:00am to 2:30pm. Up to 4 people can go to help out.

Earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods will take place on April 18, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Herb Society will hold their Herb Faire on May 9th at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

“A Winter Day in the Garden” will be held at Robinson, IL on January 21st.

“Once Upon a Garden” will be held at Princeton, In. in October 2015.

The Wit and the Wisdom held at Putnam County Fairgrounds Community Building in Greencastle on February 21st. (\$35)

Other events may listed on the WVMGA website

NEXT MEETINGS:

Board Meeting February 5, 2015, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm

Planning and Scheduling meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room on the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 46 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF February 5, 2015

President, Bob Archer called the meeting to order shortly after 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Bob Archer, Greg Fields, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Carl Trent, Phil Small, Pat Woods.

Non Board members in attendance: none.

Minutes of last board meeting: **Carole Dreher** said that they had been published in the January edition of the Gazette. Bob asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none so the minutes were approved as written.

Vice President: Greg Fields said that the speaker for February would feature the topic of Bonsai. The topic for March will be Vermiculture by Candice Minister.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported the current balance. She presented the membership list noting that we have 49 paid members. The group spent some time going through the list of members who have not yet paid and discussing how inactive members should be handled.

COMMITTEES

Giving Garden: Greg reported that a meeting had been held and dates for planting have been set. They are February 13th for Earth Day and Herb Fair and March 27th for the Giving Garden. Verna reported that all seeds are here.

Greg said that Chuck Moseman is checking with soup kitchens to see what stuff they use the most of. Stacey Faith from the Extension Office will speak to them about recipes that they could be using. There was some discussion about whether or not we should donate to food pantries or only soup kitchens.

Greg noted that members had worked 1,400 volunteer hours for the Giving Garden in 2014.

Website: Sam reported that he has been working on keeping the site up to date and featuring current activities and keeping the calendar up to date. Steve Smith has been working on plug-ins.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Seminar: Since Larry Agee, Chair of this event, was not yet present at the time the topic first came up on the agenda, Sam Ligget reported that the committee had met recently and said that most things were up to date. Whenever Larry arrived he said that we still need more door prizes and may need to purchase some items. He hopes to be able to give 2 or 3 out after each of the four speakers are finished.

There was discussion about Earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods. We are working with Candice Minister of the White Violet Center on this event.

We have 3 persons signed up so far to go to the Indy Flower and Patio show on March 18th. We have room for 4.

Sam sent 25 photos to Cyd Hunter for possible inclusion in the Terre Haute Tribune-Star's Valley Viewer page. Materials are due to be submitted by Feb. 6th.

Audit Committee: Sam said that this committee will meet on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 2:00pm in the MCL Cafeteria. The committee should include the treasurer and 3 other members. Barbara Brugnaux will be unable to serve on the committee this year.

Herb Faire: Bob noted that this event will take place at the Vigo County Fairgrounds this year on May 9th. Verna said that we have two 15 x 15 square booths assigned. Set-up time is either Friday night or 5:30am – 7:30am on Saturday morning. Saturday morning is what we are planning on. Hours for the event will be 8:00am to 3:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Pat Youman reported that we do not have anybody in the organization bonded. We pay \$325.00 for liability. If we wish to have the treasurer bonded it will cost us an extra \$100.00. Greg Fields moved that we allocate \$100.00 for the Treasurer bond. Phil Small seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

Bob included a write-up on topics discussed at a recent Officers Retreat on the back of his meeting agenda. The retreat took place on January 27th at the Rock Run Café. Goals for Purdue Master Gardeners are to pass on knowledge, provide public education and create public awareness. Goals for our organization include 1.) Public education to create skills and interest in order to feed individuals and maintain private landscapes. 2.) Priority on youth gardening. 3.) Leadership training and skills development. 4.) Public awareness of association and gardeners availability for community welfare. 5.) Retention and integration of interns into our committees. and 6.) Sharing of ideas with other Master Gardener groups. Discussion followed on how these goals could be accomplished and whether we had the talent and skills within our group and if not, how we might acquire them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a fruit tree pruning demonstration workshop on March 7, 2015 at St. Mary of the Woods under Patty Weaver's guidance. It will take 2 hours. Attendees should bring pruners and/or other tools. The event is free and requires no registration.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on March 5, 2015 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.75 hours volunteer time.

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