



GARDEN GAZETTE  
MARCH 2015

Educational time earned was .75 hour for our speaker Chris Leininger, LAC, who was introduced by Brenda Kirchner. His topic was The Art of Bonsai. He showed several slides, some of which illustrated the classic shapes of bonsai. He stressed that pots used for bonsai should be ceramic with good drainage. He showed some of the tools used and viewing stones which add to landscape of bonsai. He showed how the shapes can be attained.

President Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

MINUTES: Bob said that minutes had been published in the Gazette and asked for additions or corrections. There were none. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published, seconded and passed by a voice vote.

RECORDING SECRETARY Carole passed around an attendance sheet.

VICE PRESIDENT Greg said that the March program would be on Vermiculture with a speaker from the White Violet Center. He also reported that he is currently teaching a class at Ivy Tech.

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

TREASURER: Pat Youman reported the balances in our account and noted that dues of \$15.00 were due by February 28<sup>th</sup>. If they are paid after that date they go up to \$20.00. So far 55 members have paid their dues.

SERVICE COORDINATOR Pat said that she had individual reports for members showing the volunteer and educational hours that they have reported. She passed them around so members in attendance could get them.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN: Greg reported that a planting date is scheduled for 9:00am on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Ivy Tech Greenhouse.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget said that he now has the Gazette on the Website. A list of area seminars listed on our meeting agenda has also been placed on the website.

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#### OLD BUSINESS:

Officers Retreat: Bob reported that an officers retreat was held in January. He passed out copies of a report of the topics covered at the meeting including; goals for Purdue Master Gardeners, Goals for the Wabash Valley Master Gardeners Association and Methods of implementation. Discussion followed.

Committee Sign-up: Bob asked if everyone had signed up for one or more committees and said that Carole Dreher had the sign-up sheets if anyone wished to add their name.

Spring Seminar: Larry Agee said most of the work is progressing on schedule. We will buy some potted plants to sell during the seminar. Preparation will take place on Friday, 3/13 from 11am to 5pm and Saturday morning from 6:30 to 8:00am. A reminder was made that the cost of the seminar is \$35.00 before February 28<sup>th</sup> and \$40.00 after that date.

Volunteer Application Agreement: Members were reminded that they need to complete and turn a Purdue Master Gardener Volunteer Application Agreement in to the Extension office if they have not already done so.

Tablescapes: Nancy Nation reported that our table design is based on the Butterfly Garden which Master Gardener volunteers maintain in Deming Park. She described activities that will occur during the three days of this event which takes place at the Indiana Theater. She said that there will be 27 tables this year.

Matter in Motion: This event takes place on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Sharon Polge said we will be helping make peanut butter pinecone birdfeeders. Times are 11:00am to 2:30pm and help is welcome for all or part of the time.

Audit Committee: This committee met on February 7 at MCL Restaurant. Carl Trent, Sam Ligget, Pat Youman, Gene Jarvis and Phil Small were present. They reviewed the books and expressed the opinion of the committee that the financial records of our organization fairly represent its financial position and are sufficiently complete and auditable.

Earth Day sales at SMWC: Debi Gansz reported on this event which takes place on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Indy Flower & Patio Show: The date for this event has been changed to March 20. Volunteers will help provide information about Purdue Master Gardeners from 10:00am to 5:30pm.

Herb Fair: This event will take place at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds this year on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Brenda Kirchner said that she has the Master Gardener sign and Larry Agee said that he has 5

Master Gardener aprons. Verna said that she also has a banner. It was suggested that these items be returned to the president after being used so volunteers needing to use them will know where to go to find them.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob said that SMWC would like to have one or two speakers from Master Gardeners to do a demonstration style event at their Earth Day Celebration on April 18<sup>th</sup> and asked that anyone wishing to take on a task of this sort contact them.
- Patty Weaver will conduct a fruit tree pruning demonstration at SMWC orchards on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to noon. No registration is necessary. Participants should bring their own tools. Bring your friends and/or relatives.
- Master Gardeners have been invited to participate in a Wellness/Benefits Fair at Rose Hulman from 10:00am to 2:00pm on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Two volunteers are needed.
- Phil Small passed out skills/interest sheets to members asking them to fill out and return them to him so we can determine if we have the skills and interests among our membership to accomplish our stated goals.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- J & J (Jessica Fields) is planning a plant giveaway for low income persons on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Verna has recently issued an email describing the event. She will need some help to repot plants prior to that date. There will be a nutritionist on hand to help provide information about the plants. City busses will be available to bring people to the fairgrounds on that date.

#### NEXT MEETING:

- Board Meeting March 5, 2015, Vigo County Public Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting, Tuesday, March 19, 2015, 6:30pm at the 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 42 members in attendance.  
Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2015, 6:00pm, Vigo County Public Library

President Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Non Board Members in attendance: none

Minutes of last Board Meeting: Carol reported that they had been published in the February Gazette. President Bob Archer asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none.

Vice President: Greg said that the March speaker would be Candace Minster whose topic would be Vermiculture. He does not yet have a speaker for April.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat reported on balance for our treasury and said that we have 64 paid memberships. She reported that she had received correspondence from State Farm stating that it would cost us an extra \$90 to bond the association's treasurer on top of the regular liability insurance's cost of \$325. This would cover up to \$15,000 with a deductible of \$250. Verna moved that we add this bond to our insurance coverage. Larry seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote. She said that she has already mailed in the entity report. She also said that she had arranged to have the club's computer cleaned up and found that it contained no viruses.

#### COMMITTEES:

Service Coordinator Pat reported that she had found the member who had turned in a report of volunteer hours without a name on the form. Pat asked if anyone had a schedule of the dates for when hours should be turned in for badges. Carole Dreher gave her a list.

Giving Garden: Greg said we have a loan of ½ acre that we can use for planting sweet corn for the garden. He said that Chuck Moseman, Phil Small and Debbie Lazzell had gone around to the various soup kitchens to which we donate produce to see what produce they use the most of, the least and which they might like more of. The two they would like more of include corn and green beans. Some prefer not to get things like Bok Choy or Okra. Greg said that he hopes to have his committee members stay after the Planning and scheduling meeting for short meeting. He also noted that there will be a planting day for the Giving Garden at the Ivy Tech Greenhouse at 9:00am on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Website: Sam said that he took some stuff off of the website and added information about Tablesapes and other current items of interest.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Bob said that we have been assigned an area at the ISU Community Gardens to create a raised garden bed.
- Herb Fair – Larry said that all of the covered booths have been taken. We have been assigned booth #2 &3. Trees, Inc. will be giving away trees.
- Skills Survey – Phil Small reported that he had received some completed surveys. He will offer them at the Planning and Scheduling meeting to persons who were not

present at the February meeting. He will have the results tabulated and report on them at a later meeting.

- Spring Seminar – Larry said registration numbers have been disappointing. Currently we have 84 registrants, 40 of whom are club members. We will take enrollees at the door, but may have to run out and get some lunches. Also the small amount of attendees may be a detriment to getting vendors for future seminars. Discussion about this followed with some members noting that there is now a lot of competition where several years ago there were only a few gardening seminars. Bob Archer said this is one reason that Princeton has moved theirs to the fall.
- Tablesapes – Carole Dreher passed around a photo of the Master Gardener table and said that though we had a lot of compliments we had not received one off the five prize awards.
- Matter In Motion – Bob said that Sharon Polge and her committee have this covered. It will take place on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- May meeting location – Bob noted that this meeting is usually held in a shelter at Deming Park with a carry-in supper to honor persons who have completed a Spring Master Gardening class. He asked if we still want to have a carry-in dinner and meeting at the park since there is no Spring class this year. The Board indicated by a show of hands that they would like to have a carry-in dinner and meeting at the park, but decided that there would not be a speaker.
- Bob said that he had been contacted about the possibility of Master Gardeners being involved with a green theme for the downtown Terre Haute First Friday activities in April. This takes place from 5 to 7pm.
- A Chances and Services for Child and Adult Care Food Program will take place on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. They would like someone from Master Gardeners to discuss a topic such as planting potatoes.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A Fall Master Gardener training class will take place on Wednesdays at the Fairgrounds at 6 to 9pm from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 18<sup>th</sup>. It will cost \$85 per participant.
- Other announcements are available on the website. [www.wvmga.org](http://www.wvmga.org)

Next Board of Directors meeting April 2 at the Public Library, 6:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Carole Dreher

An article in the March/April 2015 Indiana Gardening Magazine states “Emerald Ash Borer Hits Fringe Trees”. The short version of the article is that evidence is now being found that the EAB is starting to attack white forsythia, jasmine, lilac, privet and fringe tree as well as ash trees.

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