



JUNE 2017 GARDEN GAZETTE

Next meeting is our Garden Tour on June 24. There will be four gardens to tour ending at Bill and Janice Hiatt's home in Staunton with a carry-in. Meat and drinks furnished by association. Those with last name beginning with A thru L bring a fruit or dessert. Those with last name M thru Z bring vegetable or salad. As always there will be a scavenger word hunt so have a pencil and paper handy to write down the letters. Get the word right and win a prize. Directions and times will be sent in an email at a later date so watch your email.

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING
MAY 16, 2017, 6:00pm, UTE SHELTER, DEMING PARK

No Educational time. Meeting preceded by Intern Graduation Party with chicken and drinks provided by the organization and side dishes or desserts provided by members.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Vice-President Charlene McKean.

Minutes: Recording Secretary Carole Dreher reported that the minutes have been published in the May Gazette and passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Charlene McKean announced that the June meeting would take place at Bill Hiatt's home following the annual garden tour. More information will be forthcoming about the garden tour.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin not in attendance.

Treasurer: Mary Beth Prickel reported on income and expenses and listed the ending balance in our account as of April 30, 2017.

Service Coordinator: Jessica Fields sent word that the next badge order would be placed on June 2, 2017.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg Fields indicated in the agenda that there would be a planting date of May 22nd at the Giving garden for tomatoes, peppers and other plants.

Flower Beds: Larry Agee, Head Bedkeeper, stated that our budget had been approved.

Volunteers are welcome to work in the various beds but should check with Carol Swearingen prior to doing so.

Website: Sam Ligget said that he plans to place photos of the Herb Faire on the website.

Fair Committee: Ruth Johnson said that we have four projects scheduled; making paper posies, flower arranging (we will need vases and flowers for this project), painting rocks and making stepping stones (we need bling for this project). These projects will take place on the first four weekdays of the fair. Persons who volunteer at these sessions need to have completed their Minor Certification to work with children.

Garden Tour: Beth Keyes said that we usually try to have four gardens to tour and we are still working on getting people to volunteer to share their garden. The tour will take place on June 24th and will end at Bill Hiatt's garden with a carry-in meal and a short meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Herb Fair: Debbie reported that we sold everything that we offered at this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmers Market: Sharon Polge will head up a booth at the opening day of the Market on Saturday, May 20th from 8:00am to 12:00 noon to provide information about Wabash Valley Master Gardeners. She also plans to offer children an opportunity to make peanut butter pine cone bird feeders. She said that she will need volunteers to help at the event.

Christmas in the Park: Charlene announced that we need someone to volunteer to head this committee if we wish to continue our participation. If anyone wishes to take this on, please contact Greg.

Dana Gadeken (Purdue Educator): Presented certificates to 15 interns who have completed the Spring class. They are as follow: Allison Collins, Andrew Collins, Anthony Adams, Diana Lynn Randolph, Gary Ellis, Hannah Taylor, Jen Wright, Mary Jane Drake, Melinda Leo, Nancy Bauer, Reinhard Groth, Sandy Wetzal, Shannon Giles, Stan Stevenson and William Dennison. She also presented badges to 4 members: White Badge : Flo Evinger, Bronze badges to Barbara Brugnaux and Jim Weaver and a Gold Badge to Bill Hiatt for 3,000+ hours. Dana listed some upcoming events that can provide members opportunities to earn volunteer hours. She said that she will be discussing some tree health issues on Thursday, May 18th in the Horticulture Building at the Fairgrounds. She is also planning to conduct a class on how to use the Master Gardener Manager website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

See www.wvmga.org for announcements.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board meeting June 1, 2017, Vigo Co. Library, room 6, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling meeting June 24, 2017, Bill Hiatt's house following garden tour and carry-in meal.

The meeting was adjourned with .75 hours of volunteer time for the members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Vigo County Public Library, room 6

Meeting called to Order by President Greg Fields at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Greg Fields, Verna Gaskin, Carl Trent, Jessica Fields, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Phil Small.

Non-Board Members in attendance: Dana Gadeken, Purdue Educator.

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Recording Secretary Carole Dreher not in attendance. Minutes published in the May Gazette.

Vice President: Charlene McKean not in attendance. No speaker for the June planning and scheduling meeting. No planning and scheduling meeting for July.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Mary Beth Prickel not in attendance. Carl Trent, assistant treasurer, gave the report.

Service Coordinator: Jessica Fields stated the next badge order is due June 2nd. Three members are moving up.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: They are ready to put water in the Passive Solar greenhouse and will need about 3 or 4 guys to help. An email will be sent out on when this will happen. Still planting tomatoes. There is a groundhog eating some of the plants. Potatoes are looking good. There are extra tomato cages if anyone would like to get one. Contact Greg Fields. The cages are 2 ft. wide by 4 ft. tall.

Flower beds: Larry Agee, head bedkeeper, stated there may be some plants missing from 3rd & Maple. 1st & Oak is all planted. Patriotic Garden still needs more mulch. Butterfly Garden is about done except for the walk way.

Website: Sam Ligget had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Herb Faire wrap up: Had a great day. Everything sold.

Garden Tour Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Fair Committee: Little Sprouts will have Amber Slaughterbeck doing a program followed by a wagon ride and tour of the Giving Garden. All the make and takes have been set – Tuesday the 11th will be making paper posies, Wednesday the 12th will be paint a rock, Thursday the 13th will be flower arranging and Friday the 14th will be stepping stones. A need list for the make and takes includes buttons for the paper posies, paints for the paint a rock, lots of “real” flowers for flower arranging along with small neck vases and lots of bling for the stepping stones.

Tribune Star write up: The Master Gardeners will be featured on June 11th in the Valley Life section.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park: We now have Co-Chairmen for this committee: They are Ruth Bohner and Bob Archer.

First Friday: June 2nd from 5 to 7pm will be “plant a flower” with Dana Gadeken.

Downtown Terre Haute: Stephanie Pence has asked about the Master Gardeners helping plant some flowers in the concrete planters along Wabash Avenue. We did this previously but there were problems getting water to the plants. Will discuss this at the planning and scheduling meeting.

Fair Activities meeting June 6th at Purdue Extension Office.

Raised beds for Happiness Bag: 2 raised beds will be donated. The Master Gardeners have plants and will help plant. Need helpers for this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

Next meetings:

P & S meeting June 24th (Garden Tour)

No Board meeting in July

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Meeting adjourned after .75 hours of volunteer time.

I am excited to say that the County Fair is almost here. Please find a way to become active in one of the many fair day activities, help with getting the Giving Garden ready, or help with a program. We would love to have all the help we can. We will see you at fair!!!!

-Dana Gadeken

Master Gardener Coordinator