



NOVEMBER GARDEN GAZETTE 2018

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is November 20 at 6:30pm at the 4-H building at the fairgrounds. Our speaker will be Lori Eldred, Manager of the JR Pharmacy at Baesler's on east Poplar Street. She will be speaking about CBD oil, etc.

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
Planning and Scheduling Meeting
October 16, 2018, 6:30pm, 4-H Building, Vigo Co. Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by President Phil Small.

Educational time – 1.25 hours. Vice President Ruth Bohner introduced our speaker, Jim Porterfield, an Ideal Soil Consultant, who is the author of “The Ideal Soil”. He has a degree in Forestry. He discussed trends over time in the Great Lakes Region concerning soil health, plant health, human health and minerals. He said “You can never have too much balance” between minerals. He discussed an experiment of SEA-90 on tomatoes. SEA stands for Sea minerals scooped up from the Gulf of California. He helped establish two experimental blackberry plots at the Giving Garden where one just grew and the other had minerals added along with other activities. Some of the minerals he discussed were zinc, copper(cu), Sulphur(k), potassium, iron(fe), magnesium(mn), boron and calcium. He showed several charts which showed statistical comparisons of minerals in each of the two plots. He noted that most soils are out of balance or are deficient. Balance can be achieved and is important for the health of people, animals and plants. One should have their soil tested to see what it

might need. It is seldom necessary to add boron or sulphur. Amending the soil can take place fast.

MINUTES: Recording Secretary Carole Dreher said that minutes had been published in the October 2018 Gazette. She also passed around an attendance sheet.

VICE PRESIDENT: Ruth Bohner said that she has not yet found a speaker for November. It was suggested that Jim Luzar might be a possibility since he has recently retired from his position in Parke County.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin said that she had emailed copies of the Gazette on Friday and mailed out printed copies this week.

TREASURER: Brenda Christiansen reported the balance in our account. She said there is one check outstanding.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Dana Gadeken, Purdue Educator asked if anyone had been having problems with entering their hours on the Purdue Master Gardener site. She also reminded members that they need to sign the yearly Master Gardeners Agreement form on the MG site.

COMMITTEES:

SPRING SEMINAR 2019: Shannon Giles noted that Verna had sent out a questionnaire about the 2018 Spring Seminar. She said they are looking for committee members and will be setting up a meeting soon. There was some discussion about the survey results.

GIVING GARDEN: Phil Small said that harvesting from the Giving Garden is pretty much done. They still have some cabbage. He said that this has been a successful year. Volunteers have harvested and distributed almost 13,000 pounds of produce. They are ready to do some clean-up. He would like persons who volunteered in the garden to provide a report to him of the hours they spent on this project. He said that one of the reasons the garden was due to the fact that one person was dedicated to watering the garden and spreading straw.

FLOWER BEDS: Larry Agee, Head Bedkeeper, said that he has purchased fertilizer and mulch to be used in the gardens next year. He said that all of the gardens are looking really good.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget said that members can find a copy of the Gazette on the website and a link to the Purdue Master Gardener site where they can enter their volunteer and educational hours.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK: Ruth Bohner said that this committee has had their first meeting. They really need some more people on the committee. The title for our display will be "Bringing a Dream to Life". Shannon Giles said that people can sign up via Doodle. She offered to provide her email address to anyone wishing to sign up and urged members who are present to let people not present to consider volunteering for this project.

OLD BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Vicki Cochran and Connie Cooper passed out ballots to vote on candidates to serve as officers in 2018. Officers in 2019 will be: President – Phil Small; Vice-President – Ruth Bohner; Recording Secretary – Carole Dreher; Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin; Treasurer – Susie Thompson; Service Coordinator – Brenda Christenson; directors – Larry Agee, Sam Ligget and Bob Archer.

NEW BUSINESS

Sam announced that he will soon be taking donuts to the Extension Office and Parks Boards. Ruth Bohner talked about a need for help with a possible garden project with one or more elementary schools (Pre-school through 3rd grade).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Phil announced that the December meeting has been moved to December 11th and will take place at the Banquet Center at the Vigo County Fairgrounds. It will start at 6:00pm with a snack carry-in preceding the meeting.
- It was announced that Amber Slaughterback would take place at the Vigo County Library on 10/17 at 5:00pm. She is hoping to form a group for elimination of invasive species advocacy.
- Brenda Christiansen said that she has sent messages to interns to let them know about volunteer opportunities with Christmas in the Park, Spring Seminar 2019, etc.
- Sam reported that the Tree of Heaven plant is not good for people to be around if they have heart problems. It is similar to Sumac.
- Dana noted that Larry Agee is stepping down as a member of the Extension Board and they would like to have a Master Gardener volunteer to sit on that board. They meet 5 times a year.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board meeting November 1, 2018, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting November 20, 2018, 4-H Building, VC Fairgrounds at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 25 members in attendance. Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 1, 2018, 6:00pm, Vigo Co. Public Library**

PRESIDENT Phil Small called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Small, Ruth Bohner, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Brenda Christianson, Susie Thompson, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget and Bob Archer.

NON BOARD MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE: Dana Gadeken, Purdue Educator.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Carole Dreher said they had been published in the October Gazette.

VICE PRESIDENT: Ruth Bohner. Verna asked if anyone had any interest in hearing about CBD oil as an educational subject. There was some discussion about it and it was suggested that this might be a possibility for a Spring Seminar subject. Ruth said that she had not had any feedback about the proposed spring bulb project for elementary schools.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin said she has ordered flower seeds for City Parks. She asked if she should wait until after the first of the year to turn in her invoice since these items are to be used for projects next year. Most members felt she could turn them in earlier if she wished to do so.

TREASURER: Brenda Christianson presented a printed year-to-date report on our balance. Discussion about some items on the report ensued.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Susie Thompson said she had nothing to report.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN: Phil Small said that 12,880 pounds of produce had been harvested and distributed. That included 4,696 lbs. of tomatoes, 524 lbs. of cabbage, 1,126 lbs. of Bell Peppers and 1,005 lbs. of zucchini. We need to paint the fence around the garden next year. He said we have a volunteer who will till the garden for free. He just needs a letter stating the value of his work for tax reporting purposes. Fairgrounds personnel provided some chips and straw to be spread on the garden next year.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget said that he had paid the annual fee of \$18.49 to keep our Domain name.

SPRING SEMINAR 2019: Phil said that Shannon would like to have a committee meeting on 11/4 from 10am to 12noon.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK: Ruth reported on the progress of this project and requested that an additional \$200 be allocated to this project as contingency funds. We have been assigned three dates – 12/8, 12/13, and 12/19 – to sell train tickets and hot chocolate. On 11/8 volunteers will work on the display from 10am to 112noon. Discussion followed about work dates and meetings. Our display needs to be up by 12/4 so the lights can be checked.

FLOWERBEDS: Larry Agee and Verna discussed purchases needed for next year.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 COMMITTEE SIGN-UP SHEETS: Sam said that he would make these available at the January and February 2019 meetings.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Sam will add meetings to the website, if notified.

2019 PROPOSED BUDGET: Brenda brought copies of the proposed budget for 2018 to the meeting. There was discussion about how some of the items had worked out. One item discussed was money allocated for IVY Tech scholarships. Brenda said that she had never sent any money for this purpose. She was asked to go ahead and send the budgeted \$1,000 to IVY Tech specifying that it should be used to award two \$500 Agricultural Scholarships. A proposed budget for 2019 will be considered at the January 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

SPRING INTERN CLASS: It was suggested that several Master Gardeners should come to these meetings to meet and help advise at these classes. Dana said that 1 or 2 would be the most needed and that they would be there only as support people as needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements or link to Purdue Master Gardeners site.

Planning and scheduling meeting for December is December 11, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Banquet Center at the Vigo County Fairgrounds and is a carry-in of favorite holiday snacks.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on 01/07/19 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.5 hours of volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

*Welcome to cool weather, leaf tornadoes, and hot coco Sundays! As this season persistently pulls us away from the great outdoors, please find ways to help the association with Christmas in the Park or the Spring Seminar. These volunteer hours simply require you letting us know that you care about the Wabash Valley and want to be a part of this community. Keep the November Holiday Party on your calendar! I will be there to help you fill out the **MANDATORY** annual agreement (you can do it by yourself in MG Manager, but I'll be there to help if you need it). It's painless. Promise. Also, stay tuned for changes to our Intern Class format and badge hour's requirements. They are slowly coming down from the state office over the next 6 months.*

Most importantly have a holly, jolly, Christmas (or holiday season).

It's the best time of the year.

-Dana Gadeken, Master Gardener Coordinator