



## OCTOBER GARDEN GAZETTE 2018

**NEXT MEETING:** October 16, 2018 in the 4-H meeting room at the Fairgrounds.

Our December meeting has changed to December 11 and will be held at the Fairgrounds Banquet Center on the south side of the Fairgrounds. It starts at 6:00pm and is a carry-in of our favorite holiday snack.

### PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING September 18, 2018, 6:30pm, Dobbs Park

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

Educational time was 1.25 hours – Vice President Ruth Bohner introduced our speaker, Carissa Lovett of the Dobbs Park Nature Center. Her topic was “Bats – Myths and Misconceptions”. She accompanied her talk with a series of slides and a big brown bat named “Rose”. Rose was found injured at Rose-Hulman and brought to the Nature Center to see if she could be saved. She recovered, but can no longer live out in the wild. Carissa noted that bats can see as well as we can. If they get caught in hair, it is just an accident. Only the Vampire bat in South America drinks blood and it is an endangered species. They mostly eat bugs and do not eat other animals. There are about 50 species of bats. Bats do not build nest and are not “flying mice”. They are clean animals and nurse their young. They carry few diseases, but people should be careful around bat guano. Bats do not hibernate, some migrate. White nose syndrome is a danger to bats and was first detected in 2006. A bat can eat half its body weight in a night and a pregnant bat can eat their weight at night.

*How to help Bats:* Add a water source. Put up a bat house. Plant a bat garden containing night blooming native plants.

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

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Ruth Bohner talked about a speaker for the October meeting. She reported that she had received an email from Mark Minster of the Ryves Up program. The group would be happy to have help with their garden project. It would take place at 2:30pm after school.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Verna Gaskin was not present.

**TREASURER:** Brenda Christianson reported the balance in our account as of 8/31/18.

**SERVICE COORDINATOR:** Susie Thompson encouraged people to enter their hours on the Purdue website or for those members who don't use computers, please get a written report to her so she can enter them.

**COMMITTEES:**

**GIVING GARDEN:** Phil Small said volunteers are now doing some clean-up in the garden. Last week Phil and Bob Archer participated in Conservation Days for Vigo County Fifth graders. They had 1,100 students take part in this event.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK:** Ruth Bohner said that she had attended an organizational meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8pm. A schedule for working in the refreshment stand and selling hot chocolate and cookies was prepared. Our committee will work out a meeting/work schedule soon.

**DANA GADEKEN, PURDUE EDUCATOR,** talked about an upcoming Bee Keeping event. She reminded members that they need to record 12 hours of volunteer time and 6 hours of educational time to maintain the status as active Purdue Master Gardeners. Dana presented Silver badges to Sharon Polge and Mary Beth Prickel and a Master Gardener badge to Shannon Giles. Three other members will receive badges through the mail.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SPRING SEMINAR 2019:** Phil – looking for committee chair or co-chairs.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Vickie Cochran reported a slate of candidates to be voted on to serve as officers in 2019. All of the current officers have agreed to run for re-election,

however Brenda Christianson and Susie Thompson will switch places with Susie running for Treasurer and Brenda running for Service Coordinator.

**LEARNING DAYS AT THE VCPL:** Sharon Polge said that this event will take place on September 20<sup>th</sup> and Master Gardeners will help children make paper posies.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Shannon Giles talked about flooding in North Carolina in the aftermath of hurricane Florence. She is going down there and taking pet supplies – cat litter, litter boxes, blankets, towels, etc.. If anyone would like to donate some of these items or money for supplies, please let her know.

Please check the Master Gardener website [wvmga.org](http://wvmga.org) for additional announcements.

PS: If you want to get to the Purdue website to log volunteer or educational hours, there is a link on this website that will take you there.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Board meeting October 4, 2018, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting, October 16, 2018, 4-H Building, Vigo Co. Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned with .50 hours of volunteer time for the 33 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
October 4, 2018, 6:00pm, VCPL, room 6

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

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

**NON BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** None.

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

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Ruth Bohner said the October speaker will be James Porterfield whose topic will be about fertilization. We do not have a speaker yet for November. She said that she would welcome suggestions for topics or speakers.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Verna Gaskin and Larry Agee discussed ordering seeds for next year.

**TREASURER:** Brenda Christianson presented a brief report and said there had been little activity during September. She reported the balance in our account.

**SERVICE COORDINATOR:** Sue Thompson said that people should think about logging their hours which prompted a discussion about logging hours.

**COMMITTEES:**

**GIVING GARDEN:** Phil Small said that activity in the garden is wrapping up. They are ready to harvest broccoli and cabbage. There are still some peppers as well.

**WEBSITE:** Sam Ligget said that he is expecting the bill for the domain name to arrive in October or November.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK:** Ruth said that Bob Archer will have a meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ozok shelter where our display will be erected. The title of our display will be "Bringing a Dream to Life". We hope to encourage interns to help work on this project. Ruth said that we will need plastic water bottles for the project. They will be used to protect the plug-ins on extension cords used in the display.

**FLOWERBEDS:** Larry Agee said that he and Bob Archer have purchased some items for next spring, such as mulch and other supplies, while they were on sale. He also said that mums have been planted in the garden at 1<sup>st</sup> & Oak.

**NOMINATION/ELECTION COMMITTEE:** Carole said that she had sent Vicki Cochran a copy of a form that had been used in 2015 so she could use it as a template for this year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SPRING SEMINAR 2019:** Phil said that Shannon Giles and Ruth Bohner may consider co-chairing this committee. He also said that he had reached out to people who served on this year's committee to see if they will consider serving again next year. He asked Board Members to try

to recruit people at the next Planning and Scheduling meeting to see if they might be willing to help. We need to have an organizational meeting soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DECEMBER MEETING DATE:** Discussion took place about the date of the December meeting date. Our meetings normally take place on the third Tuesday of the month which would be the 18<sup>th</sup>, but we usually move it to the second Tuesday in December because several members are working on their own family Christmas activities. Phil said that he had been told that the 4-H building might be unavailable on the 11<sup>th</sup> because the 4-H Junior Leaders may have a meeting scheduled. Members agreed that we would prefer to meet on the 11<sup>th</sup>, if it is available. Phil said he would check, but if it is not available we will go ahead and meet on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHOOL FLOWER BULB PROJECT:** Ruth discussed the possibility of helping elementary school teachers with a project growing spring bulbs where students can watch them develop in their classroom. Members discussed what type of bulbs might be best for an indoor project. Ruth said she needs to do some more research on what teachers might need to work such a project into their schedules.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SPRING INTERN CLASS:** Dana Gadeken, Purdue Educator, is planning a morning class in the spring (information is available on Facebook).

Check [wvmga.org](http://wvmga.org) website for additional announcements.

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting – 4-H building at Vigo County Fairgrounds, 10-16-18, at 6:30pm.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be on 11/1/18 at 6:00pm, at VCPL.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour of volunteer time.

It's here! Plaid sweaters, pumpkins, and "harvest" stamped on every surface. We can say goodbye to our tomatoes plants and running out the door in shorts and flip flops. Now we get "properly" use hot coco and throw roasted squash into every prepared meal. This is my favorite season (mostly due to my bingeing on fresh apples). I hope you enjoy it to.

**-Dana Gadeken, Master Gardener Coordinator**

PS- Don't forget Master Gardener events, big and small, we love them all.