



SEPTEMBER GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

IT'S PLANT AND SEED EXCHANGE TIME!!!!!!!

Next planning and scheduling meeting is September 16 at **6:00pm in the 4-H Meeting Room on the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds** with a plant and seed exchange and carry-in meal. The meat and drinks will be furnished by the association, along with plates, cups and flatware. Last names beginning with the letters A thru M bring a vegetable or salad, N thru Z bring fruit or dessert.

There will be no education time due to exchange of plants and seeds.

NOMINATIONS AND VOTING: Slate of officers for election at the October meeting. If you want to vote and will not be at the October meeting, Carole (cedreher@aol.com) has ballots for anyone who requests an absentee ballot. Ballots must be returned to Carole no later than seven (7) days before the election month meeting (October 21) for verification.

Office and name:

President – Bob Archer

Vice President – Greg Fields

Recording Secretary – Carole Dreher

Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin

Treasurer – Pat Youman

Service Coordinator – Pat Woods

Board of Directors (past officers, vote for two) - Larry Agee,
Sam Ligget

Board of Directors (at large, vote for one) – Phil Small.

Minutes of August 19 Planning and scheduling meeting.

Prior to the meeting, members enjoyed desserts and drinks provided by the Board of Directors.

Education – Bob Archer introduced Larry Agee who talked about the labyrinth in Hawthorne Park, how the Master Gardeners got involved with it and some of the things members have done with it. He noted that this was the first project that Master Gardeners were involved with for the County Parks and initially it was to take care of the knockout roses. During the past year at least 20 of the 120 roses around the labyrinth died due to the severe winter weather. The park board will provide replacements in September. Help is always appreciated with deadheading the roses and pulling the weeds.

Education time earned was .75 hour.

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Minutes: published in the Gazette. Carole Dreher reported 3 corrections.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher noted that an attendance sheet had been displayed for members to sign.

Vice President: Bob Archer said that we would be meeting in the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds again in September. The meeting will be preceded by a carry-in dinner and will feature a seed and plant exchange for members.

Sam said that meeting dates for 2015 have been determined and we are working on meeting locations.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin checked to see if everyone was receiving e-mails and The Gazette.

Treasure: Pat Youman reported the balance in our account. She said that she has paid the entry fee for the Chili Cook-Off. She also announced that Jim Luzar had

received confirmation that our tax exempt status has been reinstated retroactive to the date of revocation.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter requested that members turn in hours by September 5th if they hoped to receive a badge in October. Volunteer hour sheets can be turned in via e-mail or USPS. She noted that Verna Gaskin has volunteered 3000plus hours!

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported that 1,100 pounds of tomatoes were picked on Monday. A total of 1,473 were picked that day bringing our grand total to date to 16,339 pounds. He said that our gourd house had caved in. A hoop house has been ordered for cabbage, broccoli and peppers. He said that volunteers had picked in the rain and thanked all who have volunteered. He said that the green beans were done after producing 500 pounds

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt – Head Bedkeeper – said that we are still working to rid plants of powdery mildew. He said that he recently drove around and looked at the gardens and noted that he had received compliments for some of the gardens.

Old Business:

Phil Small reported for the nominating committee saying they hope to have a slate ready by the end of the month. He, Charlene McKean and Peggy Harlan have been working on this task and expect to have it ready to put in the September Gazette. If a member expects to be absent at the time of voting, they may turn an absentee vote into the Recording secretary. The election will take place in October. Results will be published in November and the new slate of officers will take office in January, 2015.

Christmas in the Park: Peggy Harlan reported that they are still searching for a topic.

State Fair: Greg Fields said that he, Jim Luzar, Gene Jarvis and Patty Cottom volunteered at the Master Gardeners booth where they had 281 contacts. He said they looked at a lot of cell phone photos. Some of them judged flower exhibits. Jim said that he was proud of Vigo County Master Gardeners and thanked all who volunteered the two days assigned to us.

Vigo County 5th Grade Field Days: This event will take place September 9 – 11. Phil Small and Bob Archer will take on this task and would welcome volunteers. They will talk about pollinators and their effects.

Learning Days at the VCPL: Sharon Polge said that this will take place on September 27th in the Library parking lot. The topic will be “My First”, as in first plant or seed planted, etc. Sharon will do preliminary work, but Debbie Lazzell will lead the effort on the day of the event because Sharon will be out of town on that day.

Spring Seminar 2015: Larry Agee reported that this event will take place on March 14th at IVY Tech. A planning meeting will take place on September 26th at 5:30pm at the Java Haute Coffee Shop. He hopes to have five groups consisting of an experienced person and a newer person to cover items such as sponsors, vendors, speakers, food, etc.

Chili Cook-Off: Pat Youman will be making Vegetarian Chili. We have 2 turkey cookers to prepare our chili in. Greg has hot peppers to use in the hot chili. Verna Gaskin, Debbie Lazzell and Nancy Nation plan to meet at Nancy’s house to chop peppers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Luzar announced that Tyler Travis, an IVY Tech student from Brazil’s Northview High School, has been selected to receive our scholarship.

Sam asked for permission to recycle tractor tires used for previous projects and some old carpet from the fairgrounds trailer. There was some discussion about this matter and Sam agreed to put off recycling the tires, saying that if anyone wants them they should give him a call. It was agreed, however, that the carpet should be recycled or discarded.

Fall Master Gardener Class: Carol Swearingen requested volunteers to help facilitate the class. Five persons have signed up for the class so far. Jim would like to have around 15 students in the class.

Announcements:

Jim Luzar reported information from a recent meeting of the Fair committee. Local daycares will receive an invitation to attend the fair on Wednesday next year instead of Tuesday as they have in the past. He said that the recycle petition

was not acceptable to the Fair Board. Jim asked that we not act on this at this time but give him some time to work on the suggestion over the winter.

Jim said that he will be teaching a class at the Federal Prison and invited members to volunteer as facilitators.

Sam said that officers have been invited to represent our organization in Master Gardener Leadership Roundtable on September 18 at the Clay County fairgrounds. The roundtable should include Parke, Vermillion, Greene, Putnam and Sullivan counties as well as Vigo.

Sharon Polge moved that the meeting be adjourned the motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Board meeting September 4, 2014, Vigo County Library, 6:00pm.

Planning and Scheduling Meeting, Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 6:00pm, 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Carry in and Plant/Seed Exchange.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour volunteer time for the 37 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING September 4, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library **President, Sam Ligget** called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Members in attendance: Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee and Paula Wilson

Non Board Members in attendance: none

Minutes of Last Board meeting: **Carole Dreher** noted that had been published in the August edition of the Gazette.

Vice President: Bob Archer there will be no speaker at the Planning and scheduling meeting in September due to seed exchange and carry-in meal. Amber Slaughterbeck will speak to the assembly on October 21, 2014.

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

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported balance. She reported that there is no money allocated for the Altrusa Chili Cook-off in our budget. She did, however, pay the entry fee of \$50.00. Discussion followed about our budget. When the subject of participating in the Chili Cook-Off was brought up at the July, 2014 meeting members indicated they would like us to continue with this activity. No motion was made and no vote was taken on the matter and no funds were requested nor allocated. It was determined that we would have to ask the members at the September meeting to approve reimbursement of money spent.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter was not present, but she sent a report saying that she would be ordering awards for five members: Verna Gaskin – Gold 3000, Bob Archer – Gold, Brenda Kirchner – Bronze, Jean Diemer – Certified and Patty Cottom- Certified.

COMMITTEES: Giving garden – Chairman Greg Fields was not in attendance but members present reported that we have almost surpassed last year's harvest already.

Gardens – Head Bedkeeper, Bill Hiatt – was not present. Bob Archer said that he has pulled a large number of weeds from the gardens in Deming Park. Larry Agee says that replacement roses for Hawthorne are ready, but if we plant them now it will be necessary to water them 2 to 3 times a week so we will likely wait until the final week of September to plant them. We will also pull weeds so they won't go to seed. Sam noted that the bed at 1st and Oak was looking good.

Spring Seminar 2014 – Larry Agee announced that a committee meeting was held on August 26 with 5 members in attendance. As chair he hopes to subdivide the committee into five groups – audio visual, food, program, book and speakers. He would like to have at least two people to work on each of the five with each group consisting of 1 experienced person and 1 person who has not yet worked on a seminar. Larry noted that he has talked to one possible speaker whose topic would be windmills. There was additional discussion about possible speakers and/or topics.

Altrusa Chili Cook-Off – there was discussion about whether or not tents or tables will be supplied by Altrusa or whether we will need to supply our own.

Vigo county School Corporation 5th Grade Science Days, Sept. 9 – 11 – Bob Archer and Phil Small will be doing this presentation, but they would like to have

some volunteers over the three days to help coordinate our effort. They aren't asking people to sign up, just show up whenever you have time. Verna will send out an email asking for volunteers and offering contact information for Bob and Phil so they can have an idea if they are going to have enough help.

Learning Days – will take place at the Vigo County Library on September 27th.

Sharon Polge will take care of preparation, but Debbie Lazzell will lead the event on that day.

Christmas in the Park – They have decided to use white lights with white cords and white decorations with rotating colored lights. The title of the exhibit will be White Christmas, Winter Wonderland or something similar.

Fall Master Gardener Class – so far only 6 persons have signed up and Jim would like to have 15. Verna has sent messages to people via email and Facebook in an attempt to interest additional people.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reminder – September meeting will begin at 6:00pm and be preceded by a seed and plant exchange and a carry-in. Verna will send out an email to let people know what they should bring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Luzar forwarded copies of a New Master Gardener Program Policy Guide to some members of the Board. Sam noted some of the changes will be effective on 9-18-14 and the fact that groups would have some time to implement them.

Website Committee – Sam discussed some of his efforts to bring this website up to date and there was some discussion about what should be on it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A Master Gardener Leadership Round table meeting will be held on Sept. 18th at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Sam asked how many Board members will be attending so he can give them a count.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on October 2, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours of volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

CHILI COOK – OFF 2014: The Cook – Off Committee and helpers did a great job this year but did not place, but had two very tasty Chili's. They received a lot of compliments on both Chili's (HOT and Vegetarian). It was a good day with lots of fun and more to come. A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped.

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