



## APRIL GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

April meeting will be at Dobbs Park Native American Museum on April 15 at 6:30pm. Know your flowers and win a door prize.

March 19 Planning and scheduling meeting, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room 6:30pm.

### **Education**

Educational time earned was 1 hour.

Jim Luzar of the Purdue Extension Office in Terre Haute introduced members of the office staff. Julie, the office manager, emphasized civil rights in offering programs and urged members to notify them of needs.

- Sarah Gaughan is a 4-H educator working with various areas such as livestock. A new program is Alpacas. She helps with 4-H trips, camps, shooting sports, etc. The office reaches out to 300 students and livestock groups.
- Krista Farthing works with Junior Leaders, community centers and non-traditional 4-H youth. Approximately 250 youth fit this description. One of their programs is called Captain Cash. It is a financial program for third graders in local schools. She also serves on a state diversity committee.
- Stacey Faith's area is Health and Wellness Education covering such topics as dietetic matters and parenting for both youth and adults.

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

**Minutes:** Sam noted that the minutes had been published in the Gazette and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Carole Dreher said they should have noted that 1 hour of volunteer time had been earned by members in attendance.

**Recording Secretary** Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

**Corresponding Secretary** Verna Gaskin checked to see if everyone was receiving emails and the Gazette. She noted that she had sent out two notices about events that might be of interest – A Wildflower Walk and the Patio & Garden show in Indianapolis.

**Treasurer** Pat Youman reported on the balance in our account.

**Service Coordinator** Cyd Hunter was not present but Sam noted that first quarter badges will be presented at next month's (April) meeting. Verna said that she had blank forms available that people could record and report their volunteer and education time.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Giving Garden:** Greg Fields reported that 14 volunteers had planted 1800 plants for the Giving Garden. We may do more planting in 3 weeks. Work will resume on the greenhouse in the garden in the next weeks. We have acquired some 5 gallon buckets. Plants are underway to get the garden tilled soon. Jim Luzar said that the soil in the garden has been tested and nutrient levels are good. Greg said we are going to get coffee grounds from Starbucks to put around plants.

**Flower Beds:** Bill Hiatt, head bed keeper, said he would be speaking with parks management personnel about weeding, feeding and watering plants and noted that watering was sometimes difficult for some volunteers because of the location of the hoses.

- Hawthorn Park – Larry Agee noted that he would be getting some liquid to feed the roses. A work date in this park will be scheduled soon and Verna will send a notification.

**Spring Seminar:** Carol Swearingen reported that 135 folders had been made up. Evaluations of the event were positive. People came from all over the Wabash Valley and as far as Indianapolis. She thanked all of the members who volunteered to work on the event. There were 123 registrants and 13 walk-ins. There was 1 no show. Terms of the contract with IVY Tech will be different next year. There will be a fee. We cannot reserve early and we must be out by 2:00pm. So changes will be made.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Committee sign-up sheet was passed around again.

**Matter and Motion:** This event will take place on March 22, 2014. They will be making pine cone bird feeders.

**Earth Day:** Sign-up sheets were passed for persons to volunteer for Earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Audit Report:** Sam said there had been a question about whether we should have voted to accept the Audit Committee report and the answer is no.

**Table Scapes:** Nancy Nation reported the theme was based on the Patriotic Garden in Deming Park. Thank you to our committee members – Nancy Nation, Sharon Polge, Lynn VanEtten,

Elisabeth Friedmann and Carole Dreher. The events took place at the Country Club of Terre Haute. We did not win any prizes but we had a good time decorating and had a lot of compliments. We would like to thank any members who attended and voted for our table.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fair Committee:** Bill Hiatt reported that the program has been set. Projects will be worked on from 1:00 to 3:30pm. We will need baubles for use in creating stepping stones.

A promotion sheet for the Herb Fair was passed out.

Greg Fields said that a semi-trailer had been located but acquisition has to be cleared through an insurance company.

**2014 Purdue Master Gardener Conference:** June 12-14, Indianapolis – person attending should make reservations by April 1<sup>st</sup> and decide which first time attendee(s) gets the help from money donated for this event.

**Tax Exempt Status** – Pat Youman discussed problems that the organization is having with tax exempt filings with the IRS. Form 1023 was not filed on time. She is working with former treasurer, John Hilderbrand, to get our tax exempt status re-instated. Spirited discussion of the problem ensued. Tax Exempt status was not an item on the list for the Audit Committee. Some money needs to be allocated to correct the situation. Patty Weaver moved that we vote on the money needed - \$850 to be paid to the IRS and up to \$500 for review for a tax consultant – and deal with the matter further at the next meeting. Gene Jarvis seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

### **Announcements:**

- Board Meeting, April 3, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling Meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 2014, Dobbs Park, Native American Museum, 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned with 1.25 hours of volunteer time for the 35 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carole Dreher,  
Recording Secretary

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Vigo County Public Library, April 3, 2014

**President, Sam Ligget** called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Members in attendance:** Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Paula Wilson, Bill Hiatt, Cyd Hunter.

**Non-Board Member in attendance:** Pat Secrest.

**Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Carole Dreher,** Minutes of the March Board of Directors meeting was published in the March Gazette.

**Vice President: Bob Archer** said that the April Planning and Scheduling meeting will be at Dobbs Park. We will get some information about the Native Americans. If the weather permits we will go outside and look at some of their plantings. The May meeting will take place in the Ute Shelter in Deming Park and we will celebrate the Spring Interns' graduation. The June meeting will take place following a garden tour.

**Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin** led off a discussion about members who paid dues but not turned in hours and members who have turned in hours but not paid their dues. She also said that she would be going to the Rockville Produce Auction to get stuff for the Herb Faire which takes place in early May. We will have herbs and tomatoes at St. Mary of the Woods Earth Day. These plants have been planted in IVY Tech's Greenhouse.

**Treasurer: Pat Youman** gave the current balance with very little activity in the last month. There are still some outstanding bills from the spring Seminar. She wrote a check for \$255 to Stadler's for their review of the documents pertaining to the restoration of our tax exempt status which has been revoked.

## COMMITTEES

**Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter** said that badges have been ordered for quarterly distribution at the April meeting but they have not arrived yet. She said she thinks there are nine people getting awards but she did not have a list with her.

**Giving Garden: Sam** said that Jane Morse's reading group had read and discussed a book about the Donner Party who dealt with starvation when stranded on a western migration during the late 1800's. They wanted to do something about hunger so they collected money (\$230) to be donated for the giving garden.

**Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper,** said there was money left over from the money donated for the Garden at the intersection of Fruitridge and Ohio. Persons present agreed that this had been taken on as a one-time project.

**Larry Agee** reported on Hawthorn Park. Volunteers have fertilized, pruned and cleaned the roses. There will be a workday coming up on Tuesday, April 8. Verna will put out a notice.

### **Earth Day Activities:**

- **ISU – Bob Archer** said the only thing we need to do there is be available.

- **SMWC – Verna** said we will be handing out sunflowers. We need to pick up 30 tomato plants and 9 flats of herbs from the greenhouse at IVY Tech the evening before. Larry Agee and Phil Small will pick the plants up.

**Herb Faire** takes place on May 10<sup>th</sup> and our booth will feature hanging baskets of flowers from the Rockville Produce Auction.

**Garden Tour** is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will ask persons to submit their names for gardens to tour. Verna will issue challenges for a Scavenger Hunt. We will have our June meeting at Bill Hiatt's house following the garden tour.

**Vigo County Fair: Bill Hiatt** said that he has spent \$38 for 3 color flyers. We need to collect 100 plus 3"-4" terra cotta pots. There is a place in Indianapolis (Greenwood) that may have some and we will happily accept donations. The fair will take place from July 6 through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Matter in Motion:** No one present knew how this event turned out

**Spring Seminar:** We netted around \$2,000 from this event. Some time was spent discussing what we should do about next year's seminar due to changes in policy by IVY Tech. They will be charging \$300 a day, will want us to be out by 2:00pm and will not take reservations earlier than six weeks prior to the desired date. It was agreed that it was fair for them to charge us a fee because of the use of various facilities and the participation of some IVY Tech personnel, but the matter of having to be out by an early hour and not being able to make reservations earlier might be a problem.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Tax exempt status** – Pat and Sam reported that form 1023 had been completed and taken to Stadler for review who noted 2 changes. We paid them \$255. We need to pay \$850 to the IRS for revocation restoration. If it is filed within 15 months of the revocation retroactive. We have to file form 990 with notation. Lengthy and lively discussion about the matter and history of establishment of the tax exempt status took place.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Web Site:** Sam said that he had recently looked at the by-laws listed on the web site and said that they were not up to date. It was pointed out that the by-laws had been rewritten in 2009 to incorporate amendments except for amendment 11 which was added later. It was agreed that it is not necessary to give the interns copies of the by-laws. They can just be told that they are on our web site and be given instructions on how to navigate to the site.

There was discussion about duties of the officers some of which are written in the by-laws and some of which have come to be assumed through practice. There was discussion about whether a master calendar should be established to show dates when things should be done (not just meeting dates).

There was also discussion about a person presenting a class who was described as an Advanced Master Gardener. It was determined that we could probably not do anything about it because they did not claim to be a Wabash Valley Master Gardener.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bill Hiatt** talked about a possible day trip to Indianapolis to visit some gardens there. It was decided that we could try for a date of June 28<sup>th</sup>. We would need at least 52 people for a full size coach which rents for around \$800. Larry Agee and Bill Hiatt will bring the subject up at the April meeting.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on May 1, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.75 hours of volunteer time.

Grass is greening up and the spring flowers are starting to bloom.

Stay dry.

See you at Dobbs Park