



JUNE GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

Next Planning and scheduling meeting will take place after our Garden Tour and carry-in meal on **Saturday, June 21**. A carry-in meal will begin at Bill Hiatt's house at **5:30pm** after the garden tour. Those with last name beginning with letter A thru M bring a dessert or fruit and those with last name beginning with N thru Z bring a vegetable or salad.

Planning and scheduling meeting of May 20, 2014. No Educational time.

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. He thanked the committee members who helped put the picnic together. He also asked each of the Spring Interns to stand and introduce themselves. There were 19 people in the class.

Minutes: Recording Secretary Carol Dreher noted that minutes for the April minutes were published in the Gazette and passed around an attendance sheet. There was one correction to the minutes. Carl Trent was listed as being scheduled to attend the Purdue master Gardener Conference in June, but he is not scheduled to attend.

Vice President: Bob Archer said that the June meeting would follow a garden tour on Saturday, June 21st. Beginning time will be dependent on the number and locations of gardens to be toured. Members will be notified by email of the times along with a map (or description) of garden locations. The tour will end at Bill Hiatt's garden where a business meeting will be conducted. He also discussed the boat rides on the Wabash that he has scheduled for May 30th and 31st. The boat rides will be from Fairbanks Park to Kearns Landing with another group meeting to take a ride back to Fairbanks Park. The ride will take about an hour. There will be rides at 9, 10 and 11 on Friday and 10 and 11 on Saturday.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported the balance in our account.

COMMITTEES:

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter said that hours are due by June 6, if anyone is ready to submit hours for a new badge. Hours can be turned in anytime.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported that 668 tomatoes, broccoli and cabbage plants have been planted. Some wire needs to be cut for cages. There will be workdays on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Bring a hoe at 8:00am. We are still working on the greenhouse. Our goal for this year is 25,000 pounds of produce. We had 22,500 pounds last year. We will be trying some companion plantings. Broom corn has been planted for 4-H kids. We also have some Okra planted.

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt Head Bedkeeper.

Patriotic Garden has some problems with powdery mildew. We have also had problems with the red salvia and are uncertain whether it is due to humans or critters.

Hawthorn Park – having bad luck with the roses.

1st & Oak – Verna Gaskin and Debbie Lazzell plan to clean out this bed on Wednesday at 4:00pm.

3rd & Maple – Beth Keyes no report.

Butterfly Garden – some work has been done on cleaning this bed out. We would like to put more education information in this garden. We still have mulch available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Earth Day: Earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods – Pat Youman said that the report could be found in the Gazette in the Board of Director's meeting minutes.

Herb Fair: Verna reported that the Herb Fair brought in \$1,193.00. She spent \$400 at Rockville and we cleared \$629.00.

Garden Tour: June 21st – will start at 1:00pm and will include gardens belonging to Greg Fields, Jane Buchanan, Phil Small and Roger Tonsfield. Verna will give participants a list of plant names to look for. Names will be written on rocks. Directions will be sent via e-mail.

Vigo County Fair – Members were reminded that we will need donations of trinkets for stepping stones and acrylic paints for garden flags.

Persons scheduled to attend the 2014 Purdue Master Gardener Conference June 12 through 14 in Indianapolis includes: Phil Small, Bob Archer, Pat Youman and Angela Atterson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat Secrest has been our Registered Agent with the State of Indiana (the contact person) since 2004. He and his wife are retiring and may move out of state so he would like to be replaced. The job does not normally require a lot of work. It is mainly a matter of paperwork.

Sam said that the semi-trailer located at the fairgrounds is dangerous and we are still working on finding a replacement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sam said that he has brought the WVMGA website up to date. If anyone sees anything there that needs to be taken care of please let Sam know.

Dates and locations for Board of Directors' meeting for 2015 have been set. (Dates will be published at a later date).

Sam introduced the Board of Directors members and explained educational and volunteers. Bill said that there would be a workday in Deming Park on May 31st at the Holly Arboretum. They lost 27 trees over the past winter. Work at this time can be counted as volunteer time. Barbara Brugnaux said that TREES would be pulling honeysuckles this Saturday. Verna said that she still had 11 tomato plants.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board Meeting, June 5, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting, Saturday, June 21, 2014, Garden Tour, 1:00pm ending at Bill Hiatt's house/garden.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour volunteer time for the 49 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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, and Cyd Hunter.

Non Board Members in attendance: None.

Minutes of last Board Meeting: Carole Dreher said that they were published in the May Gazette. There was one correction. They said that Carl Trent would be attending the Purdue Master Gardener Conference in June, but he will not.

Vice President: Bob Archer said that he does not have an educational speaker for July. We will meet in Hawthorn Park in August and he has some possibilities for speakers at that meeting. We will have a seed exchange in September.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin said that she had sent a new master membership list to board members.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported the balance in our account and listed expenditures that she had dealt with during the past month.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Members who have volunteered at the Giving Garden said that the Garden looked really good this past Monday and that 20 dozen new sweet potato plants had been planted.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter said that June 6th is the deadline for members to submit hours in order to receive a badge at the next quarterly awards. So far she has four persons eligible.

Head Bedkeeper: Bill Hiatt said that Parks Department Eddie has changed policy somewhat in regard to garden budgets.

He said that weeds are going crazy in the Patriotic Garden. We may have to replace two knockout roses. A workday may be called for.

The Butterfly Garden also needs some weeding.

Verna said that zinnias had been ordered for the garden at 1st and Oak but they were too small to plant so they were taken to the fairgrounds to mature. They are almost ready to plant now.'

Herb Fair: Carole Dreher read from the May Planning and Scheduling minutes that we netted \$629.15 from this affair. Since that time we have received an additional \$15 from the sale of tomato plants. Leftover geraniums and dahlias have been planted in the Giving Garden.

Garden Tour: This event will take place on Saturday, June 21st. We will plan to start at 1:00pm. A map and instructions will be sent out to members via email.

Vigo County Fair: July 6th – 12th. We still need a lot of stuff, but do not have a good place to store stuff because of the poor condition of the trailer that we have been using. Bill said there will be a meeting before the fair to finalize plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

Purdue Master Gardener Conference June 12 – 14. Pat Youman, Bob Archer, Phil Small and Angela Atterson are scheduled to attend.

Tax Exempt Status: Paula Wilson presented a first draft of a document of a Treasurer's Calendar of Advents. It still needs titles of documents. Discussion ensued. It was decided that the Treasurer should report on these documents in the meeting prior to their due dates. This matter should be on the Board agenda in the months of April and May.

Pat Youman has confirmation that this year's reports were delivered.

Sam has not heard from any persons willing to volunteer to serve as our **Registered Agent** (contact person for the State of Indiana).

Meeting dates and locations for Board of Directors meetings were presented. They will continue to be at the Library in a new meeting room. (Dates will be published at a later date).

Trailer Door – Robert Morris is supposed to be seeing about ordering a regular door to replace the current defective one. We have not heard from him recently and it was thought that perhaps he does not understand the urgency of the situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

\$500 Scholarship for Ivy Tech for 2014-2015 school year. Jim Luzar received a bill for this. It was dated March and there was concern about the timeliness of this, but it was noted that this item was paid for on June 19th last year.

There was some discussion about acquiring a Post Office Box for the Organization so we could have a permanent address. Currently some mail goes to Extension Office or to individual officers or other members. Larry Agee found that we could rent one for \$54 per year. It was recommended that we propose this to the membership. Sam will add it to the June Agenda. Since the Board will not be able to hold their August 7th meeting at the Library, Sam said he would heck with his wife to see if the meeting could be held at their house. He reported that his wife had approved of that plan.

Sam is considering who to ask to serve on a nominating committee to prepare a slate of nominees to run for office to serve in 2015. No one on the board can serve.

There was some discussion about co-chairpersons for the 2015 Spring Conference. Sam would like to verify that persons who put their names on the committee sign-up sheet understood that they were volunteering to work on the 2015 seminar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We need to remind members that we need some items for the Vigo County Fair projects – Acrylic paints, baubles, bling and trinkets for stepping stones and 4” clay pots.

The Board members thanked Bob Archer who along with member Gene Jarvis treated members to boat rides on the Wabash River on May 30th and 31st. All who participated said that they considered it a successful venture. Bob took three boatloads on Friday and three on Saturday. Gene took two boatloads. Larry Agee said that he herd that everyone had too much fun!

Sam called for a motion to adjourn. Larry Agee made the motion and bob Archer seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Next Board meeting will be at the Vigo Co. Library on July 3, 2014 at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours volunteer time.

Next Planning and scheduling meeting will take place at Bill Hiatt's home at 6:30pm following a garden tour beginning at 1:00pm and ending with a carry-in meal at Bill Hiatt's home at 5:30pm preceding the meeting.

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW:

2014 Hosta of the Year is "Abiqua Drinking Gourd"

2014 Herb of the Year is "Artemesia". Includes Sweet Annie, Wormwood, Tarragon, Mugwort, Southernwood, Sagebrush and other names.

2014 Perennial of the Year is *Panicum virgatum* 'Northwind'