



THE GARDEN GAZETTE

JANUARY 2020

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING  
November 19, 2019, 6:30pm 4-H Building, Vigo Co. Fairgrounds**

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

**EDUCATIONAL TIME:** Vice President Ruth Bohner introduced our speaker, Karen Staub, whose topic was "Some Edible Plants of West Central Indiana". It was also Karen's birthday so we sang Happy Birthday to her and ate birthday cake. Karen said that she learned a lot about her topic from her mother. She listed some plants and noted their characteristics. Some plants that she mentioned are: Morel Mushrooms, Blood Root, Wild Onion, Wild Garlic, Wild Strawberry, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Violets, Dandelion, Poke berries, Yarrow, Boneset, Black Walnuts, Butternuts, Blackberries, Raspberries, Wild Cherries, Hickory nuts (from Shagbark Hickory nut trees) and several other plants.

**MINUTES:** will be published in the November Gazette.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Ruth Bohner said that there will be no speaker at the December meeting because that will be our Christmas Party.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Verna Gaskin said she had nothing to report.

**TREASURER:** Susie Thompson reported the balance in our checking account.

**SERVICE COORDINATOR:** Dana Gadeken reminded members that they need to have at least 12 volunteer hours and 6 education hours to maintain their active member status.

**COMMITTEES:**

**GIVING GARDEN:** Bob Archer said that we were able to harvest and donate over 10,000 pounds of produce from the garden this year.

**FLOWER BEDS:** Larry Agee, Head Bedkeeper, said that he had submitted our 2020 budget to the Parks Department. Seeds that were ordered have arrived.

**WEBSITE:** Sam Ligget reported that he paid the Domain fee. Next year we will have to pay the Host fee.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK:** Some volunteers worked today (11/19) and will have another workday tomorrow. They have 2 weeks to get our display ready. We have three dates (12/02, 12/06 and 12/09) to sell tickets for the train rides. We will also need cookie donations for those dates. If it rains or snows on any of those dates, the train rides will be cancelled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dana requested \$50 to purchase a Jr. Master Gardener Curriculum for Middle school Students. A motion was made and seconded that we allocate the requested funds. There was some discussion and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Dana announced that the next Master Gardener training will take place on Monday's beginning on 02/10/20. Participants will meet from 9:00am to 12:00noon at the Vigo county Public Library (VCPL). The deadline for registration is 01/20/20. Please recommend the program to your friends.

Ruth reported on the bulb project that she initiated last year and is continuing this year. She will be using paper whites and sweet potatoes. Classes will observe the bulbs in their classrooms. One teacher requested an onion. Currently 27 teachers have asked to participate. She also had a request for a volunteer to help establish a garden at Terre Town Elementary School.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Sam Ligget said that he and Brenda Christianson had delivered donuts to Parks Department, Fairgrounds and Extension office personnel.
- Planning and scheduling meeting to be held in the Vigo County fairgrounds Banquet Center in November 2019 through March 2019.

- Fairgrounds people are working on the landscaping material around the Community Building. Master Gardeners are invited to help with design.
- Phil noted that members of the Board of Directors are preparing to work on the budget for 2020. If anyone needs to change a budget item from what it was last year, please let a member of the board know.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Board meeting January 2, 2020, Vigo County Public Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling meeting 6:30pm, December 10, 2019, Banquet Center, Vigo County Fairgrounds. Snack carry-in precedes meeting at 6:00pm. Members are asked to bring a snack to share with other members.

The meeting was adjourned with 1.25 hours of volunteer time for the 32 members in attendance. Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2019, 6:00pm, United Methodist Temple Church Fellowship Hall**

No education time.

This was a carry-in of our favorite holiday snack. After a moment of silence, everyone enjoyed the treats.

Meeting called to order by President Phil Small at 6:50pm.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher was not present. No attendance sheet was sent around.

Corresponding Secretary Verna had nothing to report but to watch for emails about workdays.

Treasurer Susie Thompson reported the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator Brenda Christianson was not present.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Website:** Sam Ligget reported problems with the website in trying to open the Garden Gazette for November and previous months. Discussion followed and it was decided to take a “wait and see what happens”.

**Christmas in the Park:** Ruth stated that we received 6<sup>th</sup> place and \$700. Shannon stated thanks to all who brought cookies and came to help with the train rides and also to the committee for all their hard

work. Take down of display will take place any time after Christmas and an email will be sent out to members for help and transporting items to the trailer. They also stated that the “Grinch” showed up and was a big hit with everyone.

**Purdue Extension:** Dana stated there is to be a Master Gardener Intern Training Class starting February 10, 2020 thru May 18, 2020. This will be on Monday mornings from 9am to 12noon at the Vigo County Public Library. The cost is \$130.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Committee sign-up sheets were available to those wishing to sign-up at this time and they will be available at the January meeting also.

Dues are \$15 and payable to Susie Thompson our treasurer. It goes to \$20 at the end of February.

Spring Seminar 2020 is coming up and anyone wanting to help with this can contact Shannon Giles.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

All P & S meetings from January 2020 through March 2020 will be held at the Fairgrounds Banquet Center.

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

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Board of Directors, Vigo Co. Public Library, 6:00pm, room 6, January 2, 2020.
- Planning and scheduling meeting, Fairgrounds Banquet Center, January 21, 2020, 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Verna Gaskin Corresponding Secretary

**OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2020**

President Ruth Bohner; Vice President Stan Stevenson; Recording Secretary Carole Dreher; Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin; Treasurer Susie Thompson; Service Coordinator Brenda Christianson; Directors, Phil Small, Sam Ligget and Bob Archer.

Purdue Extension Educator – Dana Gaden