April 2023 Gazette

Wabash Valley Master Gardeners’ Association

**Next P & S Meeting April 11th. 5 PM**

**Rural King Nursery**

**How to pick and buy a tree**

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE and PLACE OF MEETING!!**

**See below for Information**

**We met at David Brentlingers home to view his property and gardens.**

**We did not have a formal meeting so no minutes were taken.**

**Era briefly spoke on some upcoming events. Please see the notes below on dates and events that will be happening in the next few months. Not everything is listed. We would appreciate members input as to other**

**things that are not listed.**

**Call to Order:** President Era Nichols

**Vice President,** Beth Lutz, No Report

**Recording Secretary**, Ruth Bohner – No Report

**Treasurer**, Susie Thompson – All tax returns for the Master Gardeners have been filed for 2022

**Service Coordinator**, Ruth Johnson – No Report

**Corresponding Secretary,**Vicki Cochran-No Report

**Committee Reports:**

**Giving Garden, Phil Small,** Tree pruning demonstration Sat. April 1st 10-11:30. Tabby Flinn meet at community bldg.

**Herb Faire**, Debbie Lazzell Tenative date to dig Lilac bushes Tuesday April 4th 10 am. Deming Park Butterfly Garden. Watch for email to confirm.

**Riverscape,** Sharon Polge reported garden design and flowers have been chosen. They need additional volunteers on May 19-20 to plant the garden.

**Bed Keepers**, Vicki Cochran, Will hand out flower order list to chair persons for each garden. They will coordinate with Brenda Anderson on pickup times and dates.

**Website,** Sam Ligget – No Report

**Purdue Extension:** Tabby Flinn classes have begun for new interns. Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop Saturday April 1st Community Bldg. Fairgrounds

**Era updated members on the following items.**

**Let’s Get Dirty**, where kindergarteners come to Rural King to pet live animals, play in a potting soil “sandbox” and plant a flower to take home as well as learn about herbs is happening again this year. There will be 10 morning fieldtrip times offered (first-come-first-served basis) during the last two weeks of April and the first two weeks of May from 9:30-10:30 am and 11:00-12:00 noon. WVMGA members were asked to vote on participating in this program (as they have in past years) and members approved the event. Volunteer hours will count.

**Set times/days:**

**April 19th 9-10:30 Consolidated school, 91 Kindergarten children.**

**May 5th 9-10:30 Fuqua school ? # of children**

**May 7th 9-2 ??**

**May 12th 9-10:30 Farrington Grove 80 children**

**Deming Park**, Era reported that WVMGA has been asked to help with two programs at Deming Park. The first will have kindergarteners and first graders making clay pots one weekend and then planting flowers for mom the next weekend. The second, a 2-hour nature program for elementary students is a one-time deal for a summer camp offered at Deming. More information will be forthcoming on these events.

**Deming Day Camp Nature Week June 21, 9-11am More info to come**

**Sweet Week : August 7, 9-11am More info to come**

**Announcements:**

\*Ruth Bohner reports that Sara Donkers donated sweet potatoes to 28 teachers for Bulbs in The Classroom-spring session. Hopefully they will be able to have their students try their hands at growing sweet potatoes in home or school gardens.

\*Brenda Kirchner wishes to remind everyone about the Heirloom Garden Project

( Angie Decker Chair person) also, there are many youtube videos that can be watched and used towards education hours.

Bob Bruner has several webinar programs that Vicki has forwarded to members.

\*Vicki Cochran announces that Devaney Elementary school has asked for help on April 14th 6 to 8 pm to help with grasshead cups. We have 6 volunteers.

**Next Meetings:**

Board of Directors Meeting, April 6th Time and place TBA

**Next Planning and Scheduling meeting April 11thst 5:00 p.m. . Meet at Rural King Garden Center to learn more about choosing the best tree.Tabby Flinn instructor.**