



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER

MARCH 2012 GARDEN GAZETTE

Next Planning and Scheduling session will be March 20, 2012, 6:30pm at the Torner Center in Deming Park. Educational speaker will be John Mutchner on landscaping.

Minutes of February 21, 2012 Planning and Scheduling session, 6:30pm at the Torner Center in Deming Park.

Educational program was presented by Olivia Golding on dry canning. Those present can claim 3/4th hour educational time.

Planning session called to order at 7:15 by President Larry Agee.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Vice President: Sam Liggett: Next month's program will be on landscaping by John Mutchner.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Hutton: January minutes corrected to read in place of Aaron Warner.....will read Aaron Wheaton as working on sign for giving garden. The spelling of John Mutchner's name changed. January minutes approved as corrected.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand: Audit Committee chairman, Bill Hiatt, gave a report, submitted for record. Motion for approval by Roger Tonsfeldt and seconded by Sam Liggett; membership voted to accept the report.

John reported 39 assessments paid to date, leaving 10 members outstanding from last year. Deadline is the END OF FEBRUARY to pay 2012 dues.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter: Cyd reported on 48 members who have submitted hours for a total of 4,812.5 volunteer hours and 1,512.5 Educational hours.

Website Guardian: Cyd requested more photos be made available. Updated committee listing will be placed on the website in February.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Phil Small reported the Fairgrounds greenhouse will be used for planting seeds. An email will be sent to membership. Water system is on hold and still in committee.

Head Bed Keeper: Roger Tonsfeldt: Roger met with Eddie Bird, City Parks and Rec. Superintendent in February. A plan is being worked on for an overhaul of the bed at 1st and Oak due to invasive perennial grass. The bed at First Financial will have no expenditures.

Spring Seminar: Committee reports 47 registered to date.

Matter in Motion: Will take place at Ivy Tech on March 24. Committee will be meeting to plan the make and take.....same as last year.....peanut butter pinecone bird feeder.

Earth Day at ISU will take place on April 11. Bob Archer and Kathy Hutton will be on site.

Earth Day at Union Hospital on April 20, Debi Gansz asked membership to approve cost of 6 green aprons @ \$100. Patty seconded motion. Approved by membership vote.

Earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods on April 21. Debi Gansz reported the committee has started seeds to grow plants for give away.

Fair Committee: Bill Hiatt: will list items needed for fair projects for publication in future Gazette's. For projects they will need broken tile; old jewelry or trinkets for stepping stones; 4-8" gourds; clear CLEAN plastic water bottles.....personal size and 2 liter size; clean bud vases; plants that root easily in water such as spider plants, wandering jew, philodendron, boxwood clippings.

OLD BUSINESS:

~Phil Small reported sign at Giving Garden should be up in mid March.

~The February 27 slot with WTHI is not about the Spring Seminar.

NEW BUSINESS:

~Members are encouraged to sign up for serving on committees and projects.

Check website for an updated list from which to choose. No committee is ever

too full for new members. A copy will be passed around at the March membership session.

~Advanced Master Gardener level achieved by Barbara Brugnaux.

Congratulations!!

~Photos are needed for the Valley Viewer Page which will be ours on June 3rd.

~A new facebook page has been set up by Yvonne Russell. Jane Santucci moved the membership approve the site and Greg Field seconded the motion prior to voting approval.

~Arts Illiana's Tablesapes fundraiser was introduced by Nancy Nation. A table featuring the Giving Garden will be set to invite votes on February 23, 24, 25. Viewing is \$5.00. Nancy, Sharon Polge and Carole Dreher formed the committee. Barb Brugnaux made a motion the display be approved and Sr. Teri Boland seconded prior to endorsement by the membership.

~Christmas in the Park: Pat Secrest requested the membership approve participation in the 2012 contest. Commitment must be submitted by March 14th in order to secure the shelter. Motion was passed.

~Patty Weaver reported on the Community Garden at ISU. They have an upcoming event for March 31 from noon to 2pm at the gardens.

~Butterfly Garden: Kathy Hutton, John Shoemaker, Peggy Harlan invite other interested persons to assist with the building of a sign board for educational materials and postings at the Deming Park Butterfly Garden. The sign will be constructed for Spring placement. Purchasing of material will take place on March 6 at 1:00pm at Lowes, then construction will take place in Kathy's garage.

~Jim Luzar reported the Spring Intern Class currently has enrollment of 27 members. Facilitators are always needed to assist with various classroom duties. Contact Carol Swearingen for outstanding dates.

~Larry's announcements:

~~Master Gardener logo on garments: Embroidery Express, 601 Honey Creek Drive.

~~Garden Gazette will post membership phone, email changes....members should make corrections within their own materials to be able to contact other members.

~~March 10-18: Indy Flower and Patio show.

~~March 24: Matter in Motion, Ivy Tech Quad Room. Contact Debi Gansz.
~~March 31: ISU Community Garden 11:00 to noon. Soil prep for Spring. Contact Patty Weaver.
~~April 12: "April in Paris". Edgar County Illinois Extension site.
~~June 9: Herb Society Bus trip to Missouri Botanical Gardens. Non members \$55. Contact Larry Agee.

Next Board of Directors meeting: March 1 at 6:00pm at Pie Company.

Next Planning Session meeting: March 20 at 6:30pm at Torner Center in Deming Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm for 1 hour volunteer time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: March 1, 2012, 6:00pm, Pie Company.

Board members present: Larry Agee, Sam Liggett, Kathy Hutton, Verna Gaskin, John Hilderbrand, Bill Hiatt, Bob Archer.

Called to order by President Larry Agee at 6:05pm.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Vice President: Sam Liggett: April meeting presentation will be Edie Dyer Wilson on butterflies. Awaiting a date to be set for Garden Tour in order to plan for June and July programs.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Hutton: Minutes of February Board meeting were approved with correction as published in the February Planning and Scheduling minutes.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin. Nothing to report.

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand: Balance given. Multiple registrations. Deadline were discussed. A policy may be in order for next year to eliminate multiple trips to the bank, as well as repeat paperwork for treasurer, secretary and service coordinator. John reported having received 110 registrations @ \$35 for the March 1 deadline for the Spring Seminar. Registration after this date will be \$40.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Butterfly Garden: Meeting at Lowes patio area at 1:00pm on Tueaday, March 6 to purchase sign materials, then build in Kathy Hutton's garage.

Earth Days: Discussion on number and size of tomato plants to be purchased. As we are participating and selling them in various Earth Day venuesfinal numbers will be determined by Larry and purchased. (approximately 18 small and 30 large plants).

Fair Committee: July 8 thru 14th is the fair. SET UP will be on the 8th. Bill requested items for make and take to be published in the Gazette.

Spring Seminar: Vendors, patrons and contributors were discussed. Apple House has been most generous.

Giving Garden: Workday on Wednesday, March 7 at 1:00pm at the Ivy Tech Greenhouse. The Rose Hulman students will not be participating in the irrigation system this year. The immediate plan is to extend the faucet and increase the water pressure. Nothing further has been done with the tiller.

Herb Fair: May 12 registration is in per John Hilderbrand. The week of May 1st is tentative to pick up plants in Rockville. More information and a call out for covered transport for the plants and baskets at a later date.

Matter In Motion at Ivy Tech: Yvonne attended meeting with John Rosene and posted information on facebook page.

Patriotic Garden: Bill Hiatt reported plants are ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Agenda for next meeting will include proposal for John Rosene to become an honorary member of the Wabash valley Master Gardeners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tablescape's participation by Committee Nancy Nation, Carole Dreher, and Sharon Polge earned a 1st Place Trophy in New Participant Category.

Larry's announcements are the same as those printed in February Planning and Scheduling minutes.

Motion to adjourn by bill Hiatt and seconded by Sam Liggett. Adjourned at 6:57pm. Can claim 1 hour volunteer time.

Next Board of Directors meeting is April 5, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Pie Company.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

TREES Invasive Community Spring ABH pull at Dobbs Park. There will be a work morning on Saturday, April 14 to remove Asian Bush Honeysuckle (ABH) from Dobbs Park. Registration will start at 8:30am in front of the Dobbs Park Nature Center. Work will begin at 9:00am and end around noon. Will work in all but the extreme weather conditions. If you can help out contact Jane Morse at jmdmorse@morsecentral.com or phone 812-877-3902 or 812-239-9111. Can claim volunteer time for this.

The following is an article submitted by Julie Baysinger. Thank you Julie.

'Jack Frost' Brunnera

The 2012 Perennial Plant of the year is a woodland perennial that was first introduced in 2000. This hardy perennial has proven over the last decade to be a reliable, beautiful and popular perennial for the shade garden. It has opened up new possibilities for shade gardeners by giving them something new to complement their hostas and ferns.

Jack Frost likes shade and is well known for its dramatic heart-shaped foliage. The silver leaves have dark-green veining that produces a crackle-like finish. It's small blue flowers bloom mid to late spring and the flower stems are great for cutting for spring bouquets.

Jack Frost grows best in full shade with loose, rich, well-drained soil. It will brighten any shade garden and can be used as a ground cover or border for a shaded perennial garden. Remove ragged foliage in late fall and remove the spent flower stalks in early summer to keep this plant looking its best. Jack Frost is not a favored plant by rabbits or deer, so it could be a good choice if wildlife is a problem in your landscape. It is hardy in zones 3 to 8.

That's all for this month.

Spring arrives on March 20 (our planning session) so put on your garden hat and come out to our meeting. See you there.