



GARDEN GAZETTE #2

DECEMBER 2013

Next Planning and scheduling meeting is January 21, 2014, 6:30pm at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. If you haven't turned in your 2013 hours already, they are now due. Assessment of \$15 is due at this meeting along with any hours not turned in. It is also time to sign up for committees and the sign-up sheets will be available. Education time will be Keith Ruble on invasive plants.

Minutes of December 3 Planning and scheduling meeting at Fairgrounds at 6:00pm. No program – Christmas Gathering – Favorite holiday foods were enjoyed by all.

The meeting was called to order @7:00pm by President, Sam Ligget.

Minutes: A correction to the November minutes was made by Pat Youman. It should have been written: Keith Ruble (not Trees Inc.) is raising money to treat ash trees to protect them from the EAB. Motion was made by Barbara Brugnaux to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Von Russell. The motion carried.

Vice President, Bob Archer announced the education programs for January – Keith Ruble - Invasive Plants; February – Rob Jean – Bees.

Corresponding Secretary; Verna checked to make sure everyone is receiving their e-mails and Gazettes.

Treasurer; John Hilderbrand was absent. Sam reported the balance. We received donations from Margaret Hoggatt memorial.

Committees: Service Coordinator; Cyd Hunter reported that hours need to be in to her by December 5th in order to get any new badges in January. So far, those who will be receiving badges in January are: Bill Hiatt – Gold 2000, Pat Youman – Silver, Yvonne Russell – Bronze, Sue Rosiak – Advanced, Gene Jarvis – Advanced, Jenny Haynes – Certified, Chuck Moseman – Certified, Bob Jenkins – Certified, and Lynn Van Etten – Certified.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported that nine Ivy Tech students and five Master Gardeners worked on a very cold Monday and were able to put up the center beam and all supports, sheeted the north wall and south knee wall, and finished three-fourths of the west end. The Glazing will be coming from Ivy Tech. Ivy Tech students have planted lettuce in their greenhouse. Gene Jarvis has painted all of the barrels. Quality Fence has completed the fence with a 14 foot drive through gate and two walk-in gates. We owe them a huge thank you for all they have donated to us. The electrical hook-up was completed. The Extension Office is taking care of that cost. Looking toward the planting for next year – plans are made to plant tomatoes with differing maturity dates so all will not be ready to pick at the same time. Some special crops are going to be planted for the 4-H program.

Hawthorne Park: Charlene McKean thanked everyone who helped on two very cold days and cut back all of the roses.

Spring Seminar: Brenda Kirchner reported that all four speakers have been decided, Ivy The and the food service have been secured, and they are working on getting ad sponsors for the brochure.

Old Business: five members attended the Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) sessions. It was reported that much needed information was learned. We will be looking at all the ways to make the garden better.

Christmas in the Park: Peggy Harlan reported that the display is up and lit. Judging is Monday, December 9th. Our display is to be judged at 7:10pm. Judges will ask questions about our work. The lights will be on every night from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Everyone who drives through the park can vote for the People's Choice he storage trailer door was damaged by the wind. Sam and Jo worked on the door and has it secured with four bolts as a temporary fix, but it needs to be repaired permanently. Possible fixes were discussed. Jim will talk to the people at the fairgrounds to see what they want done and report back to us.

Tablescapes: Carol Dreher reported that she and Nancy Nation would be working on this project again this year. They will be highlighting the Patriotic Garden. They would also like pictures of all of the other gardens; Butterfly, 3rd and Maple, 1st and Oak, Hawthorne Park, Fairgrounds, Springhill and 41, and the Sewage Treatment Plant. If you have pictures of these gardens, get them to either Carole or Nancy by the January meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jim Speer is looking for volunteers to erect a greenhouse at ISU. If you can help, get in touch with him at ISU.
- Marsha Spencer asked for volunteers to speak at an Herb Society meeting. The meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. They usually meet at the Girl Scout

Building. If anyone is interested volunteering, contact Marsha Spencer. This would count as volunteer hours for Master Gardeners. Plus you will get to eat well.

- Indiana Home and Garden Show: January 10-12, 2014 at the Indiana Convention Center.
- Reminder to pay 2014 assessments by the end of Feb. 2014, dues are \$15 until Feb. 28th and \$20 after that.
- Turner Bus has a May 6, 2014 trip to Aurora, IN entitled Gardening Galore. The trip is to McCabe's Greenhouse and the cost is \$104 per person.

Next meetings:

- Board Meeting, January 2, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm
- Planning and Scheduling Meeting, January 21, 2014, Fairgrounds 4-H Building, 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hr. of volunteer time for the 37 members in attendance.

Stay warm and enjoy the new seed catalogs. See you at the January meetings.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

WVMGA BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2014

Month	Day	Place	Room	Time
January	2	VCPL*	C	6:00pm
February	6	VCPL	C	6:00pm
March	6	VCPL	C	6:00pm
April	3	VCPL	C	6:00pm
May	1	VCPL	C	6:00pm
June	5	VCPL	C	6:00pm
July	3	VCPL	C	6:00pm
August	7	no meeting place		6:00pm
September	4	VCPL	C	6:00pm
October	2	VCPL	C	6:00pm
November	6	VCPL	C	6:00pm
December	no board meeting			

WVMGA PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING DATES FOR 2014

Month	Day	Location	Time	Note
January	21	4-H Bldg. VCF**	6:30pm	
February	18	4-H Bldg. VCF	6:30pm	

March	18	4-H Bldg. VCF	6:30pm	
April	15	4-H Bldg. VCF	6:30pm	
May	20	Ute Shelter Deming Pk.	6:00pm	Intern Grad. Picnic
June	TBA		6:00pm	Garden Tour
July	15	4-H Bldg. VCF	6:30PM	
August	19	4-H Bldg. VCF	6:30pm	
September	16	4-H Bldg. VCF	6:00pm	Plant Exchange October
	21	4-H Bldg. VCF	6:30pm	
November	18	4-H Bldg. VCF	6:30pm	
December	9	4-H Bldg. VCF	6:00pm	Christmas- Gathering

* Vigo County Public Library

** Vigo County Fairgrounds

Wishing you a
Happy and Healthy
Holiday Season



Jim