



**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER
JANUARY GARDEN GAZETTE 2013**

Our next Planning and Scheduling session will be on January 15 at 6:30pm in the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Educational time will be a representative from TREES, Inc.

The minutes for the November Planning and Scheduling session were in the December Gazette #1.

The Planning and Scheduling session minutes for December were in the December Gazette #2.

Board of Directors meeting minutes of January 3, 2013:

Members present: Sam Liggett, Bill Hiatt, Verna Gaskin, Bob Archer, Kathy Hutton, Cyd Hunter, Larry Agee, Pat Youman, Carl Trent and Jim Luzar.

President, Sam Liggett called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes of last board meeting: No meeting in December. (November Board minutes were in December Gazette #1)

Vice President: Bob Archer reported the speakers for the upcoming months were:

January – Mary Beth Eberwine – New tree species

February – Bob Artis – Holly Arboretum

March – John Rosene – Ivy Tech Greenhouse

April - Bradley Pugh – Superintendent of Country Club

May – no education time planned – graduation of spring intern class.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna reported that the board meeting set for July 11th needed to be changed as that would be during the Vigo Co. Fair. The Board agreed to change it to Tuesday, July 2 at the Pie Company at 6:00pm.

Treasurer: Carl Trent reported on the balance after expenses as of 1-1-13.

COMMITTEES: Assessment and dues: Cyd Hunter stated that several people have not turned in hours for 2012. These need to be turned in as soon as possible. New badges have been received for two certified members, one bronze member, and one gold 2000 member.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields and others will be planting for Earth Day and the Herb Fair on Monday, January 7. A planning meeting for the Giving Garden has been set for January 25 at 10:00am in the Floriculture Building. Bob Archer reported that the brush pile by the Giving Garden needs to be burned. Jim Luzar will take care of that.

Gardens: The Patriotic Garden: wait for spring.

Hawthorn Park: pruning will be done in March.

Old Business: Spring Seminar: Is set for March 9 at Ivy Tech. Speakers have been confirmed. Several sponsors have also been confirmed. These can be found on the web site. Contact persons are Brenda Kirchner and Yvonne Russell. It was suggested that we see if our date can be added to the Indiana Gardening Magazine.

Christmas in the Park: Our display won second place this year earning us \$1,500. Over \$300 was made from the train ride and the hot chocolate sales.

Valley Viewer: We have the date of February 17th set up for the Valley Viewer. It will concentrate on the Spring Seminar. We could not have a second date. The Junior Leaders have a date set up for September 22nd. They will highlight the Giving Garden in theirs.

New Master Gardener Class: Class will run from Tuesday, February 5 through May 7 at the Fairgrounds Floriculture Building from noon to 3:00pm. Nine people have signed up so far. The class will be limited to twenty people.

New Business: Proposed budget for 2013: Should be named Proposed Expenses for 2013. Verna handed out the list of proposed expenses. This will be voted on at the Planning and scheduling meeting on January 15.

Larry Agee made a motion to give a donation of \$200 to IVY Tech, as a partner in the Giving Garden. Carl Trent seconded the motion. It was passed by the board.

Sign-up sheet for committees: Pat Youman will pass the sign-up sheet at the January Planning and Scheduling meeting. The board stated that there should be an expectation for each member to serve on at least one committee.

Dues: Dues of \$15.00 for 2013 are now due. The board recommends that the price of dues be \$15.00 if paid by February 28th. After March 1st, the dues will be \$20.00. This is to help the treasurer with the books. A vote for this measure will be taken at the Planning and scheduling meeting.

The Audit Committee needs to meet with John Hilderbrand.

Announcements:

1. Bi-State Program will be January 24 at the Beef House in Covington. Registration is required with \$20 fee by January 17.
2. "A Winter Day in the Garden", Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, Il., January 26, \$40.
3. Princeton, IN is hosting "Once Upon a Garden" on February 16 in the former Princeton Community H.S. Submit registration fee of \$40 prior to Feb. 6.
4. The April 16th Planning and Scheduling meeting will be at the IVY Tech greenhouse with John Rosene and not March.
5. The Herb Fair will be Saturday, May 11.
6. The Vigo County Fair will run from July 7 through 13.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Grand Traverse Pie Company on February 7th at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour of volunteer time.

NOTE: The Earth Day committee is in need of approximately 200 (16 oz., 20 oz., or 24 oz.) plastic water and pop bottles for sunflower giveaway during earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods in April. The small sunflower plants will be placed in the bottles to protect them.

Some plants to look for in 2013:

2013 Perennial Plant of the Year: Variegated Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum Odoratum Variegatum*).

2013 Herb of the year: Elderberry

2013 All-American Selections (AAS) winners ----

1. Canna "South Pacific Scarlet" – Huge 4-inch blooms of orange-red with gold flames on a compact plant. Thrives in hot, sunny, moist to damp soil. Tolerant of a touch of frost. 4-5' tall.
2. Echinacea "Cheyenne Spirit" – A mix of bright prairie colors on vigorous, quick-flowering plants that bloom just 23 to 24 weeks after sowing and never need deadheading. 18 to 30" tall.
3. Geranium "Pinto Premium White to Rose" – Grown from seed. 5" blooms are long lasting and slightly earlier than similar varieties. Performs extremely well under heat.
4. Cherry Tomato "Jasper" – Small deep red cherry resists late blight. Crack resistant. Indeterminate.
5. Melon "Melemon" – Taste similar to honeydew but with a delicious tanginess. Green rind turns to chartreuse at maturity, white flesh. Days to harvest sowing seed is 85 to 95 days.
6. Watermelon "Harvest Moon" – Hybrid, triploid seedless similar to "Moon and Stars" but with shorter vines. Has a sweet, pinkish-red flesh.

See you at the planning and scheduling meeting on the 15th. Have a good week.



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER MARCH GARDEN GAZETTE 2013

Next Planning and scheduling session will be March 19 at the Vigo County Fairgrounds 4-H meeting room at 6:30pm.

Education time will be Lawn Care by Brad Pugh of the Terre Haute County Club.

Minutes of Planning and scheduling session of February 19, 2013, 6:30pm in the 4-H meeting room at the Vigo County Fairgrounds.

Education time was by Bob Artis of the Holly Arboretum. .75 hours education time.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by President Sam Ligget.

Minutes of last meeting was published in the Gazette. Correction: Earth Day at ISU should have read: Wednesday, April 17th.

Vice President: Bob Archer gave upcoming education programs. March: Lawn care by Brad Pugh. April: John Rosene at IVY Tech Greenhouse.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna reported Bill Hiatt had hip replacement surgery and is home recuperating.

Recording Secretary: Pat passed the membership roster and the committee sign-up sheets for members to make corrections and add their names to the committees.

Treasurer: John reported the balance as of February 2013. Payments have been made for seeds, insurance and to IVY Tech. John also reported that you must have an expense report in order to get a check written. Do not come to him with receipts and no expense report and expect to be paid. Fifty-one people have registered for the Spring Seminar.

Committees: Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter had certificates and badges for: Sue Rosiak and Kevin Brown, Certified; Peggy Harlan, Bronze; and Verna Gaskin, Gold 2000. Badges have been ordered for: Carole Dreher, Brenda Kirchner, and Gene Jarvis, Advanced; Charlene McKean, Bronze; and Tina Bowen, Silver.

Giving Garden: Phil Small reported that a planning meeting was held. More vertical planting will be used this year. The committee will be planting seeds in the IVY Tech greenhouse on Friday, March 8, 2013 beginning at 10:00am.

Gardens: Hawthorne Park: Charlene McKeen reported they will be pruning the roses on Wednesday, February 27th at 10:00 am. All are asked to help.

Spring Seminar: The committee is wrapping things up. They will be setting up on Friday, March 8th until 5:00pm and before the seminar on Saturday, March 9th. Registration will be from 8:00 to 9:00am. You will earn four education hours for attending.

Matter and Motion: The date has been changed to Saturday, April 13th at IVY Tech. We will be making pinecone bird feeders. Jim reported we have 400 trees to give away.

Earth Day at ISU: Will be Wednesday, April 17th from 10:00am to 1:00pm. We are joining with the Community Garden at their table. Larry Agee made a motion to order 100 trees to be given away at ISU. Pat Secrest seconded. The motion passed. Jim will order 100 more trees.

Earth Day at Union Hospital and St. Mary's: Union Hospital is set for Friday, April 19th, and St. Mary's is set for Saturday, April 20th. Herbs and tomatoes have been planted for both Earth Days. Sunflowers have been planted to be given to children at St. Mary's. Several members packaged seeds to be given away at St. Mary's.

Old Business: Audit Report: Barbara Brugnaux reported that the books and records were reviewed for 2012, reconciling the beginning balance and ending balance of the check register to the bank statements. The books were also tied out from the beginning balance and adding net receipts for the year and deducting expenses to arrive at the recorded ending balance. It is the opinion of the Audit Committee that the Financial Records of the Wabash Valley Master Gardeners, Inc. fairly represented the financial position of the organization ending 12-31-12 and for the period referenced herein, and are sufficiently complete and auditable.

Valley Viewer: Thanks to Larry Agee and Jane Santucci for seeing that pictures were sent in for the February 17th article.

New Business: Tablesapes: Nancy Nation, Carole Dreher, and Sharon Polge have decorated a table that shows where our food from the Giving Garden goes. It takes place at the Terre Haute Country Club on Thursday, February 21st through Saturday, February 23rd.

Tulip Company: We have been invited to tour the Tulip Company on Davis Drive. A time will be set on the first or second Tuesday of March. This would count as one hour of education time. Watch for an email for the date and time to be there.

Everyone should get permission to use the Wabash Valley Master Gardener's logo. This does not include having it put on your clothing.

We have three active members who need waivers for not getting enough hours in 2012. All were due to health problems. Patti Weaver made a motion to give waivers to these three people for the 2012 year. It was seconded by Yvonne Russell. The motion passed.

The Wabash Valley Master Gardeners will be filling the Purdue Extension booth at the Flower and Patio Show in Indianapolis on Sunday, March 17th from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Those going are Larry Agee, Greg Fields, Carol Swearingen, Yvonne Russell, Lorraine Howald, and Pat Youman.

The Spring Intern Class has 19 in attendance.

A thank you card was received from the Terre Haute Parks Dept. for our participation in Christmas in the Park.

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting will be March 19th at the Vigo County Fairgrounds 4-H Building at 6:30pm.

Next Board meeting will be March 7th at the Grand Traverse Pie Co. at 6:00pm. Beginning in April, the Board meeting will be at the Public Library.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Hilderbrand, Peggy Harlan seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned with .75 hours of volunteer time and .75 hours of education time for 37 members in attendance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Meeting held March 7 at 6:00pm at the Grand traverse Pie Company. President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance: Sam Ligget, Cyd Hunter, Bob Archer, Verna Gaskin, Larry Agee, and Pat Youman.

Minutes of last board meeting: Were posted in the February Gazette. No changes were noted.

Vice President: Bob Archer confirmed that the March program will be on lawn care by Brad Pugh, and the April program will be at IVY Tech Greenhouse with a presentation by John Rosene.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna sent get well cards to two members and a sympathy card and flower arrangement to Debi Gansz for the death of her husband, Ric. A sympathy card will be sent to Luke Anderson Family.

Treasurer: Sam reported the balance as of March 4th. Expenses and some income from the Spring Seminar had not been accounted for at that time. One hundred twenty-three people have registered for the seminar.

COMMITTEES: **Service Coordinator** Cyd Hunter ordered a Certified Master Gardener badge for Lorraine Howald. Cyd supplied a list of hours that had been turned in for 2012. It should be recognized that anyone who does not turn in their needed hours cannot vote or hold office, and they are not currently certified.

Giving Garden: Bob reported that planting for the garden will be Friday, March 8th, at 10:00am in the greenhouse.

Hawthorne Park: Pruning the roses has been set for Wednesday, March 13th at 10:00am.

Bed Keepers are still needed for 3rd and Maple and the Butterfly Garden.

Spring Seminar: Set-up begins at 12 noon on Friday, March 8th. Everything is ready to go.

Earth Day: At ISU on Wednesday, April 17th, at Union Hospital on Friday, April 19th, and at St. Mary's on Saturday, April 20th. Trees will be given away at ISU. Tomato and herb plants have been planted and will be sold at both Union and St. Mary's.

Herb Faire will be Saturday, May 11th.

Old Business: Thanks to the TableScapes committee, Nancy Nation, Sharon Polge, and Carole Dreher for setting up a nice table showing where the food from the Giving Garden is going in the community. They gave us great recognition and made us proud.

Matter and Motion: will be on Saturday, April 14th at IVY Tech.

Tour of The Tulip Company was attended by 32 people. Bob will take donuts to the staff as a thank you.

New Business: The site of the Board meeting has been changed to the **Vigo County Public Library.** However, the July meeting will be Tuesday, July 2nd at another site.

Dues: If paid after February 28, 2013, are \$20 for the year.

Announcements:

- Indiana Flower and Patio Show March 9 through March 17, Indiana State Fairgrounds.
- Chicago Flower and Patio Show March 9 through March 17, Navy Pier
- April in Paris, April 11, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Paris, Il.
- TREES, planting trees at Collett Park, March 23rd

Next Board of Directors meeting: April 4th @ **6:30pm** at the Vigo County Public Library in Room C.

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting: March 19, 2013, 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, 6:30pm. Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.

Anyone wanting a t-shirt (jacket, polo, etc.) with our Master Gardener logo may go to the Embroidery Express located behind Honey Creek Mall on the access road to Highway 63. If

you take your own garment in it is \$7.50 plus tax to have the Master Gardener logo embroidered on. Your name is extra and is \$4.00 plus tax. You can take your own shirt, etc. in or you may purchase one of theirs at an additional charge. If you purchase one of theirs it is \$4.00 plus price of garment plus tax.

For a 10½ inch logo on the back of a jacket (this is a larger emblem than on a shirt) it runs \$20 plus tax.

I have their catalog that they order from and will have it with me at the next meeting. They place orders at least twice a week.

A great big “THANK YOU” goes out to the Spring Seminar committee for all their time and work they put into making the seminar a success this year. The speakers were great, the food was great and the vendors were great. What more could you ask for; even cushioned seats and plenty of parking and all together it made for a delightful day. There were 27 members present not counting the committee, so it was a great turn out in support of the association.

The Earth Day committee still needs 20 to 24 oz. pop bottles. They can be brought to our planning and scheduling meeting in March or April.

Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

See you at the meeting in March.



**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER
APRIL GARDEN GAZETTE 2013**

The April meeting will be held at the Ivy Tech Greenhouse on April 16 at 6:30pm. We will meet at the greenhouse for a tour and our education time and then proceed to a classroom for our planning session. Don't miss this chance to see what is growing in the greenhouse.

March 19, 2013 Planning and Scheduling Meeting at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Building @6:30pm.

Program: Brad Pugh, CCGS from the Terre Haute Country Club presented on lawn care.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:25pm by President Sam Ligget.

Minutes of last meeting: Correction on the date of Matter and Motion should read Saturday, April 13th.

Vice President, Bob Archer reported that the April 16th meeting will be at the IVY Tech greenhouse at 6:30pm with an educational presentation from John Rosene. The May meeting will be a carry-in picnic at the Ute Shelter adjacent to the Butterfly and Patriotic Gardens in Deming Park with the new intern class as our guests along with any spouses that are welcome to attend.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna said anyone interested in getting t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. can take their shirts to Embroidery Express behind the Mall or she has their catalog for anyone to look at to purchase clothing from them. We

received a thank you card from Debi Gansz for the floral arrangement sent to the funeral home. Bob took donuts to the Tulip co. as a thank you for the tour.

Treasurer, John gave the balance after all proceeds and expenditures had been turned in from the Spring Seminar.

COMMITTEES:

Service Coordinator, Cyd had badges for: Brenda Kirchner, Carole Dreher, and Gene Jarvis; Advanced. Charlene McKean; Bronze. Tina Bowen; Silver.

Gardens: Giving Garden: Plants have been started in the greenhouse. The committee will be visiting kitchens this year to determine their needs. They will also be checking yields and finding causes for different yields. 3rd and Maple will have a workday on Wednesday, March 20. Butterfly Garden meeting is right after this meeting.

Matter and Motion on April 13, 10:00 to 2:00 at IVY Tech (main campus) will be giving away trees with sleeves.

Earth Day at ISU on 17th will also be giving away trees and sleeves.

Earth Day at Union Hospital on April 19th will be selling herbs and tomatoes.

Earth Day at St. Mary's on April 20th will be giving away seed packets and teddy bear sunflower plants and selling tomatoes and herbs. Plants have been planted in the greenhouse.

Herb Fair committee will be going to Rockville to buy hanging baskets the week before they are needed.

Vigo Co. Fair committee has had one meeting and is still working on the different make and take activities.

Garden Tour has a meeting immediately after this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Table scapes had a very nice display that represented our group. This gets our name out into the community and lets them know what we are doing.

Spring Seminar had excellent responses on the evaluations giving credit to the speakers, food, vendors, and venue. Reservation money was refunded to a gentleman who fell and was unable to continue with the seminar. A motion was made by Larry Agee to ask for the same space for next year. It was seconded by Bob Archer. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue Rosiak suggested that Goose Pond with its Whooping Cranes and other wildlife would be of interest. Bob Archer will check on the web site.

A motion was made by Barbara Brugnaux to increase the amount for our memorial gift from \$40 to \$50. It was seconded by Yvonne Russell. The motion carried.

Beth Keyes and George Needham will co-chair the 3rd and Maple garden.

Keeping your own hours is your responsibility. Be sure to keep track of all of your hours and send them in to Cyd Hunter.

Jim Luzar reported on an education opportunity on April 6th from 9:00 to noon. There will be speakers on soil testing, vertical gardens, and native plants. You would receive 3 hours of education time for attending.

John Hilderbrand will be cooking his chili for the 100 Men Who Cook this Saturday, March 23rd. Cookbooks are on sale for \$20.

Larry Agee reported that 100 roses were pruned at Hawthorn Park. A work day will be scheduled to prune the rest.

A thank you card was received from the IVY Tech FFA members for our contribution.

Other Announcements:

- March 23rd, TREES Inc. planting trees at Collet Park at 8:30am
- April in Paris, April 11th, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Paris, IL
- Board meeting, April 4th at the Vigo Co. Library, 6:30pm, room C

The next planning and scheduling meeting will be April 16th at the IVY Tech greenhouse at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned with .75 hours volunteer time and 1 hour education time for the 37 members in attendance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 4th at Vigo County Public Library @ 6:30pm

Members in attendance: Sam Liggett, Bob Archer, John Hilderbrand, Bill Hiatt, Larry Agee, Kathy Hutton, Cyd Hunter, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman.

President Sam Liggett called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Minutes of last board meeting: Was published in the Gazette. No changes were noted.

Vice President: Bob reported that a \$25 Lowe's gift card was given to Brad Pugh as a thank you for last month's presentation. The April 16th Planning and Scheduling meeting will be at 6:30pm at the IVY Tech greenhouse in the Industrial Park. John Rosene will be the presenter. The May meeting will honor the new intern graduates at Deming Park. The June meeting will be at the end of the Garden Tour. Verna Gaskin will present on the rules for entering projects in the Vigo County Fair. Larry noted that he had been contacted by Aaron Warner about speaking at one of our meetings about Terra Foods. We will get back to him during mid-summer and see if he is still interested in speaking.

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: John reported on the balance. A list of those who have paid their dues has been sent to the secretary. Those who have not paid their dues, and are not 2012 interns, will be put on the inactive list.

Committees:

Service Coordinator: Cyd reported that one new badge was ordered for Mary Ellen Hlatko, certified.

Butterfly Garden: There will be a work day on Monday, April 15th at 4:30pm. They will be labeling plants and cleaning up the garden.

Hawthorn Park: Had a workday on Wednesday, April 3rd. All roses were pruned. Larry reported that the water at the park will not be turned on for another two weeks. A work day to add the 3 in 1 systemic will be scheduled after the water is on. Bob will spray weeds during that work day.

Patriotic Garden: Workers will split the Ninebark shrubs around the garden. **3rd and Maple:** Has been cleaned up.

Earth Day at ISU on Wednesday, April 17th: will have trees and seed packets to give away.

Earth Day at Union Hospital on Friday, April 19th: herb and tomato plants are growing in the greenhouse and will be ready to sell.

Earth Day at St. Mary's on Saturday, April 20th: will have plants ready to sell and sunflower plants and seed packets to give away.

Vigo County Fair: Verna reported that the fair books should be coming out soon.

Garden Tour: Will be on a Saturday during the end of June. Rocks are being painted. Places to visit are pretty well set. They are waiting to set the date after they get in touch with the rock company in Brazil.

Matter and Motion on Saturday, April 13th: Will have make and take pine cone bird feeders.

New Business:

- It was suggested that the chairperson from each committee should speak during the year at meetings to let everyone know what to expect when they work on the different projects.
- An agreement with IVY Tech was signed and set up for next year's spring seminar.
- The Senior Citizens Center has indicated that they want help with their garden on the north side of their building. They are asking for help in planning and planting the garden. A vote needs to be taken at the next Planning and Scheduling meeting for this. Pat Youman will contact Julie Baysinger to see if she is interested in chairing this project, as she has already shown an interest in it.
- There was discussion about putting a disclaimer on the spring Seminar brochures. John said that our insurance covers us for accidents.
- Labor Ready is looking for a non-profit group to give \$1500.00 this year. It was agreed that we should send in our non-profit information, a letter explaining our goals, and a copy of our by-laws to Labor Ready.
- It was noted that our by-laws state that we should have a special project each year that does not include our on-going projects. If we help the Senior Center, that could count as our special project.

Announcements:

- Gardening for all Ages, Hendricks County Fairgrounds, April 20th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

- Honey Creek Garden Club Plant Sale, Fairbanks Park, April 24th, 9:00am to 2:00. (NO EARLY SALES)
- Spring Time Herb Faire, Fairbanks Park, Saturday, May 11th, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Next Board of Directors meeting: May 2nd, Vigo County Public Library, 6:00pm.

Next Planning & Scheduling meeting: Ivy Tech greenhouse in the Industrial Park, April 16th, at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours volunteer time.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jane Santucci from all the Master Gardeners on her recent marriage.



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER MAY GARDEN GAZETTE 2013

Next planning and scheduling meeting is Tuesday, May 21, at the Ute Shelter in Deming Park at 6:00pm (note earlier starting time). The Ute Shelter is located next to the Patriotic Garden, Butterfly Garden and the Herb Garden. This is the Intern Graduation Party and carry-in and spouses are always welcome. The meat and drinks are furnished. Those with last names beginning with A to M please bring a fruit or dessert. Those with last names beginning with N to Z please bring a vegetable or salad.

There will be no education time at this meeting.

Minutes of April planning and scheduling meeting: Meeting was held at the Greenhouse at IVY Tech @ 6:30pm.

Program: John Rosene gave an informative tour of the greenhouse at IVY Tech.

Minutes of April 16 planning and scheduling meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:25pm by President, Sam Liggett.

Minutes of last meeting were approved as posted in the Gazette.

Vice President, Bob Archer had nothing new to report. There will be no speaker in May. The June meeting will be the Garden Tour with Verna speaking on judging at the Vigo Co. Fair.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna had nothing to report.

Treasurer: John reported the balance as of April 16, 2013. He has written Verna a \$46 check for bulbs and a \$50 check for cash to be used at Earth Day.

Committees: No report from the Service coordinator as she was absent.

Giving Garden: Bob reported that the garden has been disked, and they are waiting for the weather to cooperate to get started. You may want to take care of a 10 X 10 section of the garden where you would decide what to plant and take to a soup kitchen. Let Greg or Kate know if you are interested in this.

Flower Beds: Roger reported that the nine bark hedges around the Patriotic Garden have been thinned. There was a work session to clean out the Butterfly Garden. Thank you to Kathy Hutton for transforming the garden into an educational display. There will be a clean-up day at 1st and Oak in 2 or 3 weeks. There will be no garden at the treatment plant this year. The money used on that garden will be used on the Springhill Garden. The garden at 3rd and Maple was cleaned. They received some good TV coverage.

Earth Day at ISU: Will take place, rain or shine, Wednesday, April 17 from 10am to 2pm. Patti and Yvonne will be there to give out trees and offer information.

Earth Day at Union: Will take place on Friday, April 19 from 10am to 2pm. Plants have been transplanted for the sale.

Earth Day at SMWC: Will take place on Saturday, April 20 from 11am to 3pm. Set up will begin at 9am. Larry and Verna will pick up the plants for the sale.

Herb Faire: Will be Saturday, May 11 at Fairbanks Park from 8am to 4pm. All members who signed up for the committee are expected to work that day. Set up will begin at 7am. John will buy hanging baskets and tomato plants will be ready at the greenhouse.

Hawthorne Park: All roses have been pruned. Need to have a work day to add 3 in 1 systemic to the roses. The day will be announced after the water at the park is turned on.

Old Business:

- **Matter in Motion was a success. Over 200 children made pine cone bird feeders. The tree give away started slow, but picked up when a picture of the tree was shown.**
- **The Hebrew congregation had a neighborhood garden work fair. Patti attended this and helped where needed. It was well attended.**

New Business:

- **Spring Seminar: Signed a contract to hold the date for use of the IVY Tech facilities in 2014. There may be a small charge next year.**
- **Senior Center: Contacted our organization to help spruce up their garden to the north of the center. The board proposed to put up \$100 for the project. It would count as sour special project for this year. Verna made a motion to take this as our project, give \$100 for materials and Julie Baysinger will oversee the project. Seconded by Patti. Motion carried.**
- **Bill Hiatt said that more tape is needed for labels of plants. Gene Jarvis motioned to pay up to \$30 to buy the tape. Roger seconded. Motion carried.**
- **Two interns are interested in working on a flower bed in front of Deming Park which is maintained by Bridges. An anonymous donor has given the WVMGA a check of \$500 to use for this bed. It was decided that an active Master Gardener should oversee this project. Patti Weaver volunteered to oversee the two interns. She will be in charge of making an expense list and purchasing the needed material. John will reimburse her. Jim will discuss with future intern classes about not taking on any projects without having it okayed by the membership first.**
- **Bill Hiatt said that there was too much mulch on the holly trees and the roots are not developing. They are trying to get prisoners to pull the mulch back. Master Gardeners may be needed to add needed nutrients.**

Other announcements:

- **Ash trees need to be treated for the Emerald Ash Bore from April 15 through May 15. They are here in Vigo Co.**

- Honey Creek Garden Club Plant Sale, Wednesday, April 24 at Fairbanks Park from 9am to 2pm (NO EARLY SALES)
- IVY Tech Plant Sale, at the greenhouse, Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm, April 22 through May 8.
- Keep Terre Haute Beautiful, Saturday, May 4 from 8am to 11am, Connor's Center (13th & Cruft), T-shirts and light refreshments will be provided.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 2, Vigo County Public Library, 6:00pm, Room C.

Next Planning and Scheduling Meeting: May 21, Ute Shelter at Deming Park at 6:00pm. Bring a covered dish, meat and drinks will be provided.

The meeting was adjourned with 1.5 hours volunteer time and .75 hours education time for the 33 members in attendance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

May 2 at the Vigo County Public Library at 6:00pm.

President, Sam Liggett, called the meeting to order at 6pm

Members in attendance: Sam Liggett, Larry Agee, Bob Archer, Verna Gaskin, Carl Trent, Bill Hiatt and Pat Youman.

Minutes of last Board meeting were posted in the April Gazette. No corrections.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Carl reported on balance. Deposits made from Earth Day at Union Hospital of \$181, Earth Day St. Mary's of \$312. Deposit made of donation check.

Committees: No report from Service Coordinator.

Giving Garden: Had a work day on May 1 where they planted 1000 onion bulbs, 200 cabbage, 200 broccoli and 100 lbs. of seed potatoes.

Kate Michaw turned in her resignation as co-chair of the Giving Garden due to family obligations. Names of someone to replace Kate were suggested.

Patriotic Garden: Garden has been cleaned of leaves, paths sprayed, and plants have been ordered.

Hawthorne Park: Bob sprayed weeds. There will be a work day on Tuesday, May 7 at 10:00am to put on 3 in 1 systemic. Bring rakes and sprinkling cans.

Butterfly Garden: Has work days planned for Tuesday, May 7 at 4pm to clean beds, and May 14 at 3:30pm for planting and mulching.

Earth Day at Union Hospital earned \$181.

Earth Day at SMWC earned \$312.

Herb Faire: 105 tomato plants have been transplanted into larger containers to sell. John and Carl will purchase at least 24 hanging baskets to sell. Bill will loan 2 large tables for the plants.

Vigo County Fair: Make and take projects have been decided on. Items to put in the stepping stones are needed.

Old Business:

- **The Garden Tour** has changed its date to June 15. Bill will make a map of the gardens to visit.
- **Julie Baysinger** is working on the project at Senior Center.
- **Patti Weaver** is working with the interns on a budget for the project at the garden across from Deming Park.

New Business:

- **Verna** brought a request to help on a project at the Luke House in Sullivan. They are in need of plants and help planting them. They will take care of it after the initial work. The board will make a recommendation to the club to take this project on.

- A former officer is needed to replace Kathy Hutton on the board. The board recommends Beth Keyes as her replacement and will ask the membership to vote on this at the next meeting.

Announcements:

- Hawthorne Park Labyrinth workday – Tuesday, May 7 at 10am
- Butterfly Garden work days – Tuesday, May 7 at 4pm and Tuesday, May 14 at 3:30pm
- Giving Garden workday – Friday, May 10 at 9am
- Intern Class Picnic and Planning and Scheduling Meeting – Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00pm – Ute Shelter in Deming Park – bring covered dish.
- Board of Directors meeting – Thursday, June 6 at 6:00pm, Vigo County Public Library, Room C.

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours of volunteer time.

ITEMS NEEDED: For “Make and Take” projects at the Vigo County Fair:

Tuesday, July 9: Paint a “hypertufa” rock – need lots of craft paint – any color.

Wednesday, July 10: Making Paper flowers – craft paint, any color.

Thursday, July 11: “Flower Arrangement” - Bud vases. Cut flowers and greenery are always needed, ribbon for bows.

Friday, July 12: “Stepping Stones” – Old jewelry, broken dishes, tile or anything that can be placed in a stepping stone (no bullets).



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER JUNE GARDEN GAZETTE 2013

The June Planning and Scheduling meeting will be on Saturday, **June 15** at Bill Hiatt's home after the Garden Tour and with a carry-in meal starting at 6:00pm. Meat (Ham and Cheese Sandwiches) and drinks furnished along with paper goods and flatware. Last names beginning with A thru M bring a vegetable or salad and N thru Z fruit or dessert.

Minutes of May 21, 2013 Planning and scheduling meeting at Ute Shelter in Deming Park @ 6:00pm.

Program: No education time. A carry-in picnic to welcome the new interns was enjoyed by interns, members, and guests.

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

Vice President, Bob Archer reported that Verna Gaskin would be giving rules of judging and instructions on how to enter projects in the fair at the garden tour on June 15th. There are no plans yet for July.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: John gave the balance after the Herb Fair.

Committees: Herb Fair: John reported that 105 tomato plants, 23 hanging baskets, 60 Dorotheanthus plants, and 18 Columbine plants were sold. After expenses we made a total of \$753.

Service Coordinator: Cyd addressed the new interns about how to turn in their hours.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported that the following has been added to the garden: 112 cages with two tomatoes in each cage, 40 tomatoes using the

Florida Weave, 140 pepper plants, 16 rows of corn, 8 rows of beans, and panels with cucumbers. Greg went on to explain how the produce is used. Debbie Lazzell is working with the kitchens to make sure they get what they need.

Head Bed Keeper: Roger explained to the interns that the city gives us a budget and the Master Gardeners take care of six beds within the city: Patriotic Garden and Butterfly Garden in Deming Park, 3rd and Maple, 1st and Oak, Springhill and US41 and the Sewage Treatment Plant. Due to construction at the Sewage Treatment Plant, we are unable to work on that garden this summer and the budget for it will be used at Springhill and US41.

Hawthorn Park: The 3 in 1 systemic has been applied to the 130 knock out roses. The roses need to be dead headed regularly.

Earth Days: Have been reported on in the Gazette.

Vigo County Fair: We provide make and take projects from 1:00 to 3:30 during the fair. The projects are as follows: Tuesday – paper flowers, Wednesday – painted rocks, Thursday – flower arrangements, and Friday – stepping stones. If anyone is willing to work on any of these days, let Bill Hiatt or Debbie Lazzell know. It is a good chance to get your hours.

Garden Tour: Bill reported that there will be three gardens: Patti Weaver – 1:00 to 2:00pm, Phil Ewoldsen – 2:15 to 3:15pm, Brazil Stone – 3:45 to 4:45pm, and Bill Hiatt – 5:00 to ? (garden, meeting and carry-in). Tour map is included with the Gazette.

Old Business: There was a work day at the Senior Citizens Center last Saturday. Julie Baysinger laid out the plans. There were a good number of seniors there to work along with the Master Gardeners.

The bed at the entrance to Deming Park was cleaned last Sunday.

Rhododendrons were planted and mulch was spread.

New Business: Kathy Hutton has moved out of Terre Haute and has resigned from the board. A past officer is needed to take her place. A motion was made by Roger Tonsfeldt to have Beth Keyes fill that position. It was seconded by Larry Agee. The motion was carried by the membership.

The Luke House in Sullivan has asked for our help in starting a flower garden.

They are looking for plants and help with the planting. The residents there will take care of the garden after that. Ruth Johnson made a motion to provide this

help. Carol Swearingen seconded. The membership voted to give the help. Larry Agee and Carl Trent will head the project.

Sign-up sheets to water the Patriotic and Butterfly Gardens were passed. If you can take a week to do this, let Carol Swearingen know for the Patriotic Garden and Cindy Little know for the Butterfly Garden.

Co-Chairs are needed to plan for the Spring Seminar for 2014. Work needs to start soon. Let any board member know if you are willing to do this.

Nancy Nation is recuperating from open heart surgery. Cards may be sent to her home.

Jim introduced the new intern class. Seventeen completed the class. Welcome to the new interns.

Announcements: Materials still needed for the Vigo Co. Fair include craft paint (any color), old jewelry, broken dishes, tile or anything that can be placed in a stepping stone. Bud vases, cut flowers and greenery are always needed, as well as ribbon and bows.

Next meeting:

Planning and Scheduling meeting June 15th, Garden Tour, 1:00pm.

Board Meeting, June 6th at the Vigo County Public Library, 6:00pm, Room C.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 40 members present.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 6 at the Vigo County Public Library @ 6:00pm

President Sam Liggett called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Members in attendance: Sam Liggett, Larry Agee, Carl Trent, Bill Hiatt, Bob Archer, Beth Keyes, Cyd Hunter, Verna Gaskin and Pat Youman.

Minutes of last board meeting: Were posted in the May Gazette – no corrections were noted.

Vice President: Bob Archer gave a report of the upcoming education programs. Verna Gaskin will speak at the June meeting about what the judges are looking for in the flower judging, Pat Secrest will speak at the July meeting on “Got a Bug Problem?”, and Bob Archer and Phil Small will speak at the August meeting on “Intro to Tree Identification”.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna sent a sympathy card to Sue Rosiak who recently lost her sister.

Treasurer: Carl reported the balance. He raised the question of putting some of our monies into a short term CD. He is to explore that option.

Committee Reports:

Service Coordinator: Cyd has no new badges ordered.

Giving Garden: is fully planted. Sixteen people worked on June 3rd planting peppers and weeding the garden.

1st and Oak: has been cleaned, planted and mulched

Patriotic Garden: had a successful workday. Another truck load of mulch is needed to complete the paths. The sprinkling system is working well.

Hawthorne Park needs to have the roses trimmed back. The roses are in full bloom and after a rain they droop down too much.

Vigo County Fair has all the vases needed, and all crafts have been passed out to the craft people. The intern class has signed up to help. A sign-up list will be passed at the June meeting for all members. The flowers at the Giving Garden are looking good. Media day is this coming Monday and they need the handouts for the Make and Take. Beth Keyes has those ready.

Old Business:

Luke House: Carl, Verna, Larry met with the people at the Luke House and set up a work day. On Monday, June 3rd, several members brought perennials to the fair grounds. Jim brought stones. On Tuesday, June 4th, Carl, Verna, Phil, Larry, Verna's son, and grandson went to the Luke House and planted the plants and laid the stone. Three yards of mulch were put on the garden. No monetary expenses were used.

Senior Citizen Center Project completed work in one day. Julie Baysinger and Sam Ligget along with 5 seniors worked on the project.

Flower bed at Ohio Blvd. and Fruitridge has spent \$358.40 of the donated \$500. Patti Weaver will be sent an email asking about spending the rest of the money.

Garden Tour has been set for Saturday, June 15th. Directions and times for each tour will be sent. A special invitation for the garden tour and picnic will be sent to the new intern class. They will be recognized at the picnic.

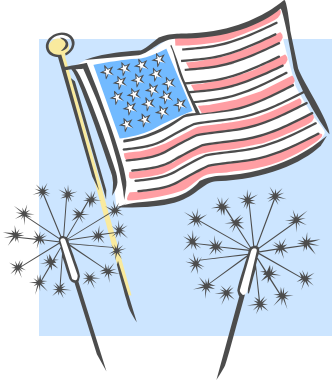
New Business:

- **Sam will let the Vigo County Library know that we would like to have our board meetings at the library in 2014.**
- **The treasurer is to send a check for \$500 to Ivy Tech for our scholarship.**
- **We will be asking for co-chairs and committee members for the 2014 Spring Seminar at the June meeting.**
- **The State Master Gardener Conference will be in Bristol, IN on September 5-7. A brochure can be found on the Purdue Extension web site. The club will pay \$100 to each of three people and the Purdue Extension office will also pay \$100 to these three people to help with costs. Early sign up is due by June 30 and final sign up is due by July 31. Sam Liggett will be going. Anyone else who is interested should let Sam know at the June meeting.**
- **Next planning and scheduling meeting will be part of the Garden Tour at Bill Hiatt's on June 15th.**
- **The next board meeting will be at Sam Liggett's home at 2705 S. 25th St. at 6:00pm on Tuesday, July 2nd.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 after 1.5 hours of volunteer time for the nine members present.

Many thanks to everyone for the generous donations of perennial flowers, shrubs, mulch and edging rocks for the Luke House in Sullivan. The flower beds were already tilled up for us to plant, water and mulch.

Hope to see everyone at the Garden Tour on Saturday afternoon and evening carry-in. Have a good week.



**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER
JULY 2013 GARDEN GAZETTE**

Next Planning and scheduling meeting is July 16 at 6:30pm at the 4-H Building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds. Speaker will be Pat Secrest on “Got a Bug Problem”.

On June 15 a delicious carry-in meal was enjoyed by everyone at Bill Hiatt’s home after the Garden Tour. Thanks to Bill and Janice for providing the sandwiches and drinks.

Education time was judging flowers for the fair by Verna Gaskin for .5 hours education time.

Meeting called to order by President Sam Ligget.

Minutes from last meeting (May 21) approved as published in the Gazette.

At this time Sam sent around a sign-up sheet for the 2014 Spring Seminar.

Chairman and committee members are needed to start getting speakers and vendors in place.

The July speaker is Pat Secrest on “Got a bug problem”. The August speakers are Bob Archer and Phil Small on Introduction to Tree Identification.

Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin had nothing to report.

Treasurer’s report – John Hilderbrand not in attendance.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter – nothing to report. No badges have been ordered.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reports that 45 pounds of broccoli was picked on Friday. There will be a work-day on Monday, June 17 at 9:00am. Verna will send an email out to members.

Flowerbeds: Roger Tonsfeldt – The Patriotic Garden had two workdays to spread mulch. The mulching is now done. You can now water manually or by sprinkler now.

Hawthorn Park Labyrinth – roses need to be deadheaded. There is a workday on Tuesday, June 18 at 10:00am. Verna will send an email out to members.

Vigo County Fair: Bill Hiatt reports that there are enough bud vases on hand. A sign-up sheet for workers was sent around. Still need items such as craft paint, flowers and foliage and ribbon for bows, and any kind of items for the stepping stones.

OLD BUSINESS:

Flowerbed at Fruitridge and Ohio: Some money left over. Should something for fall be purchased? Amy Good will look into this.

Luke House project in Sullivan: Larry Agee stated that everything is planted and mulched.

NEW BUSINESS:

State Master Gardener Conference is at Bristol, Indiana, September 5 – 7.

Members going are Sam Ligget, Peggy Harlan and Mary Ellen Hlatko.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Purdue Master Gardeners' manual is now available on a flash drive.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Planning and scheduling meeting is July 16, at 6:30pm at the 4-H building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds.

Board meeting: July 2 at 6:00pm at Sam Ligget's home, 2706 S. 25th St. in Terre Haute. The Board meetings for next year (2014) have been booked at the Vigo County Public Library.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Garden Tour: The word find (scavenger hunt) was “Elderberry”. Winners were Charlene McKean, Amy good and Carl Trent.

There was also a drawing for two books and the winners were Melissa Brown and Larry Agee.

.5 hours volunteer time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Sam Ligget’s home, July 2, 6:00pm.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by President Sam Ligget.

Board members present were Sam Liggett, Bob Archer, Verna Gaskin, John Hilderbrand, Carl Trent, Larry Agee, Beth Keyes and Bill Hiatt. Absent were Pat Youman and Cyd Hunter. Association members present: Greg fields and Brenda Kirchner.

Vice President Bob Archer – Education time for July 16 planning and scheduling session is Pat Secest speaking on “Got a Bug Problem”.

Recording Secretary Pat Youman – absent

Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin – Received a check from Margaret Hoggatt to be used for the 2014 Spring Seminar. Received a thank you from Jerry and Judy Meier of Sullivan, thanking the Master Gardeners for landscaping around the Luke House. Received a check from Peggy Harlan for the purchase of craft paint for the “make and take” projects at the fair. Thank you notes will be sent to Margaret and Peggy.

Treasurer John Hilderbrand – Gave the balance as of July 2. A check in the amount of \$500 was sent to IVY Tech for a scholarship to be awarded to an Agriculture/Horticulture student. Member Tim Moore’s mother passed away and an arrangement was sent from the Master Gardeners.

Service Coordinator Cyd Hunter was absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Greg reports that over 1,000 have been picked and distributed to area soup kitchens. He will have a full report at the next meeting. Another Church (Life Center) has been added to the list of kitchens receiving produce. Greg also stated that at noon today (July 2) at the Giving Garden a donation was given to the Giving Garden from the India Association of Terre Haute. The donation will be used to purchase seed, potting soil, etc. Channel 10 was there to record the donation.

Gardens: Patriotic Garden – ninebark has been trimmed and beds have been weeded.

1st and Oak – has been weeded but still having a problem with weeds. Organic Preen has been obtained by Jim Luzar and will be applied.

Hawthorn Park – The roses at the Labyrinth have all been trimmed.

Fairgrounds beds – have been planted and rose bushes and trees have been trimmed.

Vigo County Fair: About ready – a few more things to obtain. 144 hypertufa rocks were made.

OLD BUSINESS:

Flowerbed at Ohio Blvd. and Fruitridge – balance of the money will be used to purchase fall plants and/or spring bulbs.

Garden Tour – Everyone enjoyed the tour of Patti Weaver's garden, Phil Ewoldson's garden and Bill Hiatt's garden. A tour of the Stone Fabrication Plant in Brazil did not take place due to no one available to guide the tour. After a tour of Bill's garden, a carry in meal was enjoyed at Bill's home followed by our planning session. A big thank you to Patti, Phil and Bill and Janice for an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Spring Seminar – New chairperson is Brenda Kirchner. If anyone has any ideas for speakers please contact Brenda at k211713@aol.com

State Master Gardener Conference: Three people are going – Sam Liggett, Peggy Harlan and Mary Ellen Hlatko.

2014 location and dates for the Board of directors meetings have been finalized. We will be meeting at the Library in room C, 6:00pm on the first Thursday of each month. The dates and times will be printed in the January 2014 Garden Gazette.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park – need a chairman and also a theme for this year. Chili Cook-Off is in September. John Hilderbrand and his committee will again be cooking John’s two time award winning ‘HOT HOT HOT’ chili. They won hottest chili in 2011 and 2012. (and no John does not share his recipe for the hottest chili)

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting: July 16, 2013, at the 4-H Building, Vigo County Fairgrounds, 6:30pm.

Next Board of Directors meeting: August 1, 2013, Vigo County Public Library, room C, 6:00pm.

Motion made to adjourn and seconded.

Meeting adjourned with .75 volunteer time.

Come and check out the exhibits at the Fair. Hope to see you there.



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER
AUGUST 2013 GARDEN GAZETTE

Next planning and scheduling session is August 20 at the Vigo County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building at 6:30 pm. Educational time will be Tim Christie, Wildlife Management.

Minutes of the July 16, 2013 Planning and Scheduling Meeting at Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm.

Program: Pat Secrest presented information on beneficial insects, with 1 hour Education time.

The meeting was called to order @ 7:30 pm by President Sam Liggett.

Vice President, Bob Archer listed future education programs: August – Tim Christie, Wildlife Management; September – Plant and Seed Exchange – no education time; October and November – Jim Spear from ISU, study of ancient seeds and Bob Archer and Phil Small – tree identification.

Corresponding Secretary , Verna received thank you note from the Luke House Board of Directors and residents.

Treasurer, John reported balance with expenses from the Giving Garden, Fair, and Garden tour. A check has been sent for \$500 to IVY Tech for scholarship.

Committees: Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter reported that Susan Polifroni has earned her certified badge.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported a donation of \$250 was received from the India Association. A thank you was sent. The garden is now donating to the Life Center as a new soup kitchen. Greg passed a detailed list of produce that has been harvested this year which totals 3,485 pounds as of Monday, July 15. Panty

hose are needed to hold up the watermelon as they grow. More sprinklers have been purchased. Additional tomato and pepper plants were planted.

Beds: Roger was absent. The Patriotic Garden is being watered.

Hawthorn Park: Charlene said the roses need to be deadheaded. A work day was set for Tuesday, July 23 at 8:30 am.

Vigo County Fair: Bill reported that \$575 was spent on the fair projects. It was moved that we would give them the additional money. The motion passed. The projects attendance was: Painting rocks – 144, Paper flowers – 50, Flower Arrangement – 198, stepping stones – 320 and little sprouts – 30.

Old Business:

It was agreed that the rest of the money for the flowerbed at Fruitridge and Ohio would be used for fall planting.

The nomination committee for 2014 is Greg Fields, Carol Swearingen, and Charlene McKean. They will publish a slate of 6 officers and 3 directors in September. It will be voted on at the October meeting.

New Business:

The plant and seed exchange will be during September meeting. There is to be a carry-in beginning at **6:00 pm** in the 4-H Building. Bring your plants and seeds and other garden goodies that you would like to share.

The State Fair Purdue Information booth for August 12th has been filled.

Soil and water conservation days are September 10, 11, and 12 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Vigo County Fairgrounds. Pat Secrest needs members to help with the teaching.

Announcements:

- Indiana State Fair August 2 – 18
- State Conference September 5 – 7 in Bristol, IN
- Yvonne presented a new banner
- Greg will have information about the garden greenhouse during the next meeting
- Next planning and scheduling meeting is August 20 at the Vigo County Fairgrounds 4-H Building, 6:30 pm

- Next Board meeting is August 1 at the Vigo County Public Library, Room C at 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned with .75 hr of volunteer time and 1 hr education for the 33 members present.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 1st at Vigo County Public Library at 6:00pm

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Sam Liggett, Cyd Hunter, Bill Hiatt, Verna Gaskin, Bob Archer, Pat Youman and John Hilderbrand.

Minutes of last board meeting: Were approved as published in Gazette.

Vice President: Bob Archer listed the future speakers and topics as:

August – Tim Christie – mammal garden pests

September – none – plant and seed exchange and carry-in

October – Dr. Jim Speer – tree rings or Mrs. Speer – ancient seeds

November – John Rosene – trip to the country of Georgia

December – none – holiday carry-in

Corresponding Secretary: Verna sent a thank you card to ISU for the new banner.

Treasurer: John reported the balance as of August 1. All outstanding checks have been written and deposits have been made.

Committees: Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter has ordered two new badges.

Giving Garden: Bob reported that over 8000 pounds of produce has been harvested from the garden. New broccoli, cabbage and bok choy plants are being planted. Larry Agee said a minister from Wabash, IN had been in contact with

him wanting to know about starting a garden to supply food to the needy. Word is getting out about what we are doing here.

Gardens: Roger Tonsfeldt absent. Verna reported that a workday to pull weeds had been set for Friday, August 2nd at 1st and Oak. Larry Agee reported that the new Natural Resource Programmer, Amber Slaughterbeck, is to purchase the 3 in 1 systemic and Round-up needed for Hawthorne Park. A date has not yet been set to apply this.

Vigo County Fair: Bill Hiatt said a gift card was sent to Ryan Keyes for all of the voluntary time he has put in helping with our projects at the fair.

Old Business:

Sam Ligget, Peggy Harlan and Mary Ellen Hlatko will be attending the State Conference.

Members on the Nomination Committee are Carol Swearingen, Greg Fields and Charlene McKean. They have a meeting planned for August 6th.

The Purdue Master Gardener Booth at the state fair for August 12 has been filled.

New Business:

Altrusa Chili Cook-off is to be on Saturday, September 14th. Tasting is from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Awards will be presented at 4:00pm. John has dried peppers from last year. He was to see if we wanted to make two kinds of chili this year. A budget of \$200 should cover the costs of two kinds.

Greenhouse at the Giving Garden: A Lilly Endowment has given passive solar greenhouse kits to: ISU (2 kits), Rose Hulman, St. Mary's, Otter Creek MS, North Vigo HS, and Purdue Extension/IVY Tech which is to be located at the Giving Garden. In addition to the kit, each will receive a \$1000 debit at the Apple House and \$2000 to buy supplies to put the kit together. The greenhouses are heated by black water barrels which will heat by the sun during the day and emit heat during

the evening. They will have automatic vents and computers to check the temperature overnight. They are to be up and running by June 2014. We need to use it and keep records.

John Hilderbrand offered to sell his Sony Vaio computer to the Master Gardeners. It is loaded with the program for keeping the treasurer's records, power point, excel, word, and Norton Security. Larry Agee made a motion to buy the computer. It was seconded by Verna Gaskin. The motion carried. Larry then made a motion to give John a down payment. It was seconded by Verna. The motion carried. The computer is to be kept by the treasurer because of the software. It can be used for presentations at meetings and the Spring Seminar.

Announcements:

Indiana State Fair is August 2nd through 18th

State Conference is September 5th through 7th, Bristol, IN

September 17th Planning and Scheduling Meeting will have a carry-in and

Plant and seed exchange beginning at 6:00pm

Next Planning and scheduling meeting is August 20, 2013 at the 4-H

Building at 6:30pm

Next Board of Directors meeting is September 5, 2013 at the Public

Library, Room C, 6:00pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Hiatt and seconded by Cyd Hunter. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER
SEPTEMBER 2013
GARDEN GAZETTE

Next planning and scheduling meeting is September 17 at **6:00pm** (note earlier starting time for this meeting). This is our seed and plant exchange and carry-in. All last names beginning with A thru L bring vegetable or salad, last names beginning M thru Z bring desserts. Beverages and tableware furnished. There will be no education time at this meeting.

Some plants/seeds that members are looking for are wildflower seeds, succulents (I wonder who) and some cuttings from crepe myrtle bush. Bring anything that you would like to share with others.

Minutes of August 20, 2013 Planning and scheduling meeting at Fairgrounds at 6:30pm.

Program: Tim Christie of Wildlife Management Services spoke on controlling unwanted animals. If you did not get his business card and would like to contact him, his phone number is 812-533-0103.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Sam Ligget. Sam reported that we had received thank you cards from Bob Rosch and Tim Moore.

Vice President, Bob Archer reported on the following education programs:

September – no education program, plant and seed exchange and carry-in;

October – Dr. Jim Speer – Tree rings or Mrs. Speer – Ancient seeds; November – John Rosene on his trip to the country of Georgia.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna stated that her computer is still in the shop.

Treasurer, John gave the balance as of August 20. Expenses have been paid.

Committees: Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter was absent. Pat Youman presented Susan Polifroni with her Certified Master Gardener badge and

certificate. Jim Luzar stated that Purdue is charging for postage on the badges and suggested that we go to presenting them each quarter rather than monthly. Pat Secrest made a motion to switch to presenting the badges quarterly, and Von Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Giving Garden: Greg fields passed out spreadsheets that show all of the produce taken from the garden and how it has been distributed. 14,558 pounds of produce have been distributed as of August 20th. Greg also reported on the new passive solar greenhouse that is to be erected at the Giving Garden. It is being provided by a Lilly Sustainability Endowment. Ralph Dale and Chuck Moseman will help oversee the project when Greg is in school. Help will be needed to paint the barrels black.

Old Business: Christmas in the Park chair, Peggy Harlan, reported the theme this year will be “North Pole International Reindeer Parking”. There will be a meeting at Peggy’s house on Sunday, August 25th at 1:00pm to build a prototype of the reindeer. John Hilderbrand said he would donate lights. If anyone has lights (especially LED lights) they don’t use, donations would be appreciated. The date and time for working at the train and selling cocoa will be decided by the committee.

Nomination Committee: If you are interested in any of the office or board positions, you should read the responsibilities in the by-laws and contact Carol Swearingen. The committee will have a slate of officers ready for the September meeting. The membership will vote on the officers during the October meeting.

State Fair: The group who manned the Purdue Master Gardener booth at the state fair was: Jim Luzar, Gene Jarvis, Beth Keyes, Paula Wilson and Debbie Lazzell. We understand Gene ate his way through the fair food.

Vigo School Science Days: Soil and Water Conservation Days at the Vigo County Fairgrounds will be on Tuesday, September 10th, Wednesday, September 11th and Thursday, September 12th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. We will be working in three sessions this year: Giant Caterpillars, foods grown in Indiana vs. the World, and Pigs. A sign-up sheet was passed for volunteers. There were plenty of volunteers. Thank you to those who signed up.

Learning Days: Will be on Saturday, September 28 at the Vigo County Public Library starting at 8:00am. Sharon Polge is in charge.

New Business: Altrusa Chili Cook-off will be Saturday, September 14th in the Clabber Girl Festival Marketplace located on the corner of 9th and Cherry Streets. John Hilderbrand passed our information on Altrusa and our plans for this year. We will be adding vegetable chili along with the famous hot chili. Set up begins at 7:00am and awards will be at 3:30pm.

Purchase of laptop: John Hilderbrand offered to sell his laptop computer with all of its software to the WVMGA for \$300. Larry Agee moved that we should purchase the computer. A question was raised about who would keep the computer. It was stated that the treasurer would keep the computer, but it is also to be used for presentations at the meetings and the Spring Seminar. A second to the motion was made by Von Russell. The motion carried.

Mulch: The Parks Department donated extra mulch to the WVMGA. Bill Hiatt, Roger Tonsfeldt, Kevin Brown, and Bob Archer hauled the mulch to the fairgrounds by the Giving Garden. It is to be used on the flower beds that we take care of. If you want some of it to use on one of the flower beds, let Roger know.

Announcements:

- The State Conference is September 5th – 7th, Bristol, Ind.
- Adventures in Gardening, September 28th at Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds, Danville, In . Cost is \$35
- Board Meeting, September 5th at Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, at 6:00pm
- Planning and Scheduling meeting, September 17th at 6:00pm at the Fairgrounds 4-H Building – This is our carry-in and plant and seed exchange

The meeting was adjourned with 1hr of volunteer time and 1hr educational time for the 34 members in attendance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES:

September 5th at Vigo County Public Library @6:00pm

President, Sam Ligget was absent (State Convention). Vice President, Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Bob Archer, Bill Hiatt, Larry Agee, Beth Keyes, Verna Gaskin Cyd Hunter, John Hilderbrand and Pat Youman.

Bob reported on the following education programs: September – none – it is our plant and seed exchange and carry-in; October – Dr. Jim Speer – Tree rings or Mrs. Speer on Ancient Seeds; November – John Rosene – report on his trip to the country of Georgia; December – none – Christmas gathering and carry-in, and January 2014 – speaker on Emerald Ash Borer.

Minutes of last board meeting: Were approved as written in the Gazette.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna has her computer back from the shop. A thank you was received from the Vigo County Fair for our contribution to the Horticulture Dept.

Treasurer: John reported the balance as of September 5 after an expense of \$108 for the Chili Cook-Off.

Committees: Service Coordinator: Cyd reported those who earned new badges in August were: Sam Ligget – Silver, Debbie Smith – Certified, and Richard Watson – Advanced Certified. Earned in September were: John Hilderbrand – Gold and Robert Jenkins – Certified. It was mentioned that badges are now being ordered from Purdue quarterly instead of monthly.

Giving Garden: has had over 19,000 pounds of produce taken to soup kitchens and food pantries so far this year. It was suggested that we need to look into buying a produce scale for the garden. A lawn mower was purchased for \$75 to mow around the outer edge of the garden.

Old business: Altrusa Chili Cook-Off preparations are moving along nicely. We will have both HOT and Vegetarian Chili available this year. A history of the Giving Garden will be in the center of a picture collage display.

The nomination Committee of Carol Swearingen, Greg fields, and Charlene McKean report that the nominations so far are: Sam Ligget-President, Bob Archer-Vice President, Verna Gaskin-Corresponding Secretary, Pat Youman-Treasurer, Cyd Hunter-Service Coordinator, Larry Agee-Board past officer, and Bill Hiatt-Board at large. They are waiting to hear on the recording secretary and one more board past officer position. The slate will be completed by the September planning and scheduling meeting.

Plant and seed exchange and carry-in for the September 17th meeting: Verna reported that members with last initial of A-L should bring a vegetable or salad. Those with initial of M-Z should bring a dessert.

Christmas in the Park: "North Pole International" Beth Keyes reported that one reindeer has been made. They need to check on using the 4-H trailer for storage. Greenhouse at the Giving Garden update: John Rosene and Greg fields have made the kit request and sent it to Menards.

New Business: Tribune-Star Valley viewer is to high-light the 4-H and the Giving Garden on September 22nd.

Beth Keyes suggested that each chairperson should make a display of their service project, with a short explanation of what they do, to show all members, especially the new interns during the December meeting. Members would then sign up to work on the projects of their choice for 2014.

Announcements:

- Adventures in Gardening, Sept. 28th @ Hendricks Co. fairgrounds, Danville, IN
- A Day at Hawthorne Winds, Sept. 21st, Dallas and Susan Foster's Personal Landscape, 5313 Wheatland Rd., Vincennes, IN
- Next Planning and scheduling meeting: Sept. 17th, 4-H Building Fairgrounds, 6:00pm, Plant and seed exchange and carry-in
- Next Board of Directors meeting: Oct. 3rd, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm after 1hr volunteer time.

It is suggested that everyone wear their name tags at our meetings. If you don't have a name tag, a paper tag will be available at the door.

If anyone would like to write a short article for the Gazette, please send it to me and I will put it in the Gazette. This is a great way to earn some volunteer time.

Don't forget to bring those plants or seeds to the exchange and carry-in.



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER
OCTOBER 2013 GARDEN GAZETTE

Next planning and scheduling session is October 15, 2013 t 6:30pm in the 4-H Meeting Room on the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Educational time will be Dr. Jim Speer, speaking on tree rings.

Minutes of September 17, 2013 planning and scheduling meeting at the Fairgrounds at 6:00pm.

There was no educational program. A wonderful carry-in meal was enjoyed by everyone present. The members supplied us with many wonderful plants from their gardens. After the meeting, everyone was able to choose plants and seeds to take home.

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

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written in the Gazette.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Vice President, Bob Archer: Educational speaker for October will be either Dr. Jim Speer, speaking on tree rings, or Mrs. Speer, speaking on ancient seeds.

November will be John Rosene, reporting on his trip to the country of Georgia.

December will be the Christmas carry-in.

It was noted that Saturday, September 28th is "Keep Terre Haute Beautiful" day. Anyone wanting to participate should meet in Fairbanks Park, Patrick Shelter at 8:30am. T-shirt, gloves, sack, and snack will be provided.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin: Had nothing to report.

Treasurer, John Hilderbrand: Balance given as of September 17, 2013 after the Chili Cook-Off expenses.

Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter: Badges will be ordered quarterly instead of monthly. At the November meeting, she will provide a schedule of when badges will be ordered.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden, Greg Fields: A total of 20,514 pounds of produce has been taken from the garden. Greg provided a spreadsheet with all of the produce listed. The passive solar greenhouse plans are coming along. Concrete has been donated. Material will be delivered to IVY Tech where students will work on it. Bib lettuce will be grown all winter.

Head Bed Keeper, Roger Tonsfeldt: Wants to put trees in the bed at Springhill and US 41 this fall. Other beds are ready for fall.

Spring Seminar, 2014, Brenda Kirchner: Two definite speakers and one strong maybe so far. Still working on one more speaker.

Hawthorne Park, Larry Agee: Roses need to have dead branches removed and wood chips spread. Work day set for Monday, Sept. 23rd at 9:00am.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park, Peggy Harlan: The Park wants all lights up and ready by November 25th. Decorating will be on Saturday, Nov. 23rd and Sunday, Nov. 24th. Work days will be on Sundays, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, and Oct. 27 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Floriculture Building at the Fairgrounds.

Vigo County 5th Grade Field Day, Pat Secrest: 1,257 students passed through the program. Everything went well.

Learning Days, Sharon Polge: Will be on Saturday, Sept. 28th from 9:00am to noon at the Vigo County Public Library. Will be planting seeds in gloves.

NEW BUSINESS:

Altrusa Chili Cook-Off, John Hilderbrand: The chili won for the hottest for the third year in a row. A motion was made by Sharon Polge to pay \$220 for chili supplies, seconded by Von Russell and carried by the membership.

Intern Training Class: Evening classes will begin February 6th.

Certificates and Badges, Cyd Hunter: Badges were earned by: Debbie Smith – Certified, Richard Watson – Advanced Certified, and Sam Ligget – Silver.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin: Will send thank you to Michael Moore for the banner and signs. The Extension office will also send thank you.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board meeting, October 3, Vigo County Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm
- Planning and scheduling meeting October 15, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds at 6:30pm

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Adventures in Gardening, Sept. 28th @ Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds, Danville, In. \$35
- Keep Terre Haute Beautiful, Sept. 28th, Fairbanks Park, Patrick Shelter, 8:30am
- Christmas in the Park work days, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, and Oct. 27 at Floriculture Building, 1:00 to 4:00pm
- 11th Annual Gardening Show, Sat., Jan 25, 2014, Porter County Expo Center, Valparaiso, IN, 8:00am to 4:00pm CST
- State Conference 2014, Grow It Forward, June 12-14, 2014, Indianapolis Marriott North Conference Center & Hotel.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 3, 2013 at Vigo County Public Library at 6:00pm.

President, Sam Ligget, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Larry Agee, Cyd Hunter, Bill Hiatt, Verna Gaskin and Pat Youman.

Minutes of last board meeting: Approved as written in the Gazette.

Vice President: Bob Archer gave the list of speakers: Oct. – Dr. or Mrs. Speer – Trees or ancient seeds; Nov. – John Rosene – trip to the country of Georgia; Dec. – Christmas Gathering; Jan. – Jayne Santucci or her recruit – Emerald Ash Borer; Feb. – Rob Sean – Bees.

Treasurer: Balance given as of Oct. 3rd (balanced with the bank)

Committees:

- Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter, gave a schedule for ordering and presenting badges. This will be included in the next Gazette. Be sure to get your hours in to Cyd by the approved time in order to meet requirements and receive your badge.
- Giving Garden: Greg has been working on building permits for the greenhouse. Work should begin next week. Quality Fence Company is donating 6 foot chain link fence with installation to go on the south and east sides of the garden. Gates will be included. The fairgrounds will be putting up fence on the west side. A total of 21,723 pounds of produce has been sent to area soup kitchens and food banks. Work days have been cut to one time a week: Tuesdays at 8:00am.
- 1st and Oak Garden: Will be planting mums and ornamental peppers on Friday, Oct. 4th.
- Hawthorne Park: Larry took some rose cuttings to Apple House for their opinion. Ryan thinks last year's scale has caused the problems. He suggests trimming back the roses to 12 to 15 inches after Nov. 1st. We are waiting on an okay from the extension office before proceeding.

Old Business:

- Altrusa Chili Cook-Off reported that our booth took in just under \$200. With just a little more, we could have received the Peoples' Choice Award. Remember to bring your money and help support us next year.
- Nomination Committee: Has the slate of officers and board members ready for a vote at the Oct. planning meeting.
- Members are asked to remember to wear their badges to the meetings. Beginning in Oct., there will be a greeting table where you will sign the attendance sheet and pick up a paper badge if you do not have yours with you.
- Committee chairpersons will be asked to have a brief description of the work done on their committee. Members could then make decisions

about which committees they wish to join. Sam will contact chairpersons about this.

New Business:

- Purdue is offering a “Growing through Leadership” training course across the state. The course consists of five sessions. One will be meeting in Porter Co. on Nov. 5th, 12th, Dec.3rd, and 10th. This course will become a webinar soon so there will be no need to travel to take part.
- Spring Intern Class will meet on Thursdays, from Feb. 6, 2014 through May 8, 2014 from 6:00 to 9:00pm. The cost is \$85.
- Buying donuts for the Fairgrounds, City Parks Dept., Hawthorne Park and Purdue Extension staff has not yet been done. \$75 has been budgeted. Larry will take care of this.

Announcements:

- Indiana Gourd Society Fall Festival, Lake Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Crown Point, Oct. 26.
- Next Planning and Scheduling meeting: Oct. 15, 2013, 4-H Meeting Room at the Fairgrounds, 6:30pm
- Next Board of Directors meeting: Nov. 7, 2013, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours volunteer time.

SLATE OF OFFICERS TO BE VOTED ON AT OCTOBER PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING:

- President – Sam Ligget
- Vice-President – Bob Archer
- Recording Secretary – Carol Dreher
- Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin
- Treasurer – Pat Youman
- Service Coordinator – Cyd Hunter
- Board Past Officers (2) – Larry Agee and Paula Wilson

- Board member at large (1) – Bill Hiatt

PLEASE read your emails in a timely manner. I send out emails several times a week about work-days, (changes in dates and times) and other information concerning the Master Gardeners.

That's all for this month – See you at the next Planning and scheduling meeting.



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS
NOVEMBER 2013 GARDEN GAZETTE

Next planning and scheduling meeting is November 12 (one week earlier) at 6:30pm at the 4-H Building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds. Education time will be John Rosene on his visit to the country of Georgia.

Minutes of the October 15, 2013 Planning and scheduling meeting at the Fairgrounds at 6:30pm.

Program was Dr. James Speer on using tree rings to cross date and compare records to climate data.

The meeting was called to order @ 7:20 by President Sam Ligget.

Vice President, Bob Archer reported that the Nov education program would be on the country of Georgia, given by John Rosene. Speakers have been secured through February 2014.

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand gave the balance as of October 15.

Committees: Service Coordinator: Cyd was absent, but Sam gave out information on the ordering of badges. If you did not get a schedule of dates to turn in hours, it was sent by email by Verna.

Giving Garden: Greg reported that 22,263 pounds of produce has been given to local food banks or soup kitchens so far this year. Quality Fence is donating and installing a fence to go around the garden. It will include a drive-in gate and 2 walk-in gates. The greenhouse is coming together. Jones and sons has donated the concrete. Footers should be poured next week. Your volunteer hours for the giving garden should be turned into Greg. Do not include your travel time on these hours.

Flower Beds: Roger reported that he has a tree for the Springhill site. Budget time – all bed keepers need to turn in their budgets to Roger.

Hawthorne Park: Roses will be cut back to 12-18 inches from the ground after the 2nd hard freeze. It will be a big work-day and much help is needed. Be watching for an email about this work day.

Spring Seminar: The date of the Spring Seminar is March 8, 2014. Brenda will call a committee meeting within the next 2 weeks.

Old Business: Learning Days at the Vigo Co. Public Library went well. Carol reported that 230 children planted seeds in the fingers of gloves.

Christmas in the Park: Work days for getting the decorations ready are Sundays, Oct. 20th and 27th from 1:00 to 4:00pm in the Floriculture Bldg.

Intern Class for 2014: Begins Thursday, February 6th and meets from 6:00-9:00pm for 12 Thursdays. Cost is \$85. WVMGA offers two half scholarships.

New Business: Election of officers and directors: Ballots were passed out and voted on by the membership. The officers for 2014 will be: President, Sam Ligget; Vice President, Bob Archer; Recording Secretary, Carol Dreher; Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin; Treasurer, Pat Youman; Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter; Directors – past officers, Larry Agee & Paula Wilson; Director-at-large, Bill Hiatt.

Wearing Badges: Thanks to everyone remembering to wear your badges.

Members are asked to wear their badges each meeting. A paper badge will be available for those who do not have theirs.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to reimburse Verna \$39.71 for expenses at 1st and Oak Flowerbed.

Larry Agee purchased and distributed donuts for the City Parks Department, Hawthorne Park, and Purdue Extension.

Committee chairpersons are asked to make 8 ½ by 11” signs that tell about their committee project for the December meeting. Members will get a better idea for the committees they wish to participate.

Bill Hiatt has cannas, elephant ears, and grasses at his house. If anyone is interested, give him a call.

Von purchased a thermometer for the Chili Cook-Off.

Announcements:

*Next Board meeting – Nov. 7, 2013, Vigo Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.

*Next Planning and scheduling meeting – Nov. 12, 2013, Fairgrounds 4-H Building, 6:30pm

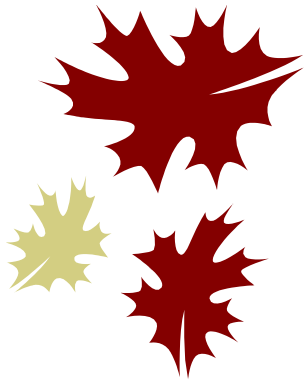
*Christmas in the Park work days: Oct 20 & 27 at the Fairgrounds Floriculture Bldg. 1:00 to 4:00pm.

*Our Green Valley Alliance for Sustainability 2013 Conference, Oct. 31st, Hulman Memorial Student Union, ISU, cost starts at \$35.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn with .75 hr. of volunteer time and 1 hr. of education time for the 29 members in attendance.

The minutes for the Board of Directors meeting on Nov. 7 will appear in the December Gazette along with the November planning and scheduling meeting.

That is all for this month, see you at the November 12 planning and scheduling meeting.



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER DECEMBER 2013 GARDEN GAZETTE #1

Next planning and scheduling meeting is Tuesday, **December 3, 2013, 6:00pm** at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, in the 4-H Meeting Room. This is a “bring your favorite holiday snack” for the Christmas Gathering carry-in. Spouses are invited also.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: November 7, Vigo County Public Library at 6:00pm.

President, Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Sam Ligget, Carl Trent, Cyd Hunter, Bob Archer, Bill Hiatt, Beth Keyes, Verna Gaskin, Larry Agee, and Pat Youman.

Member in attendance: Peggy Harlan

Minutes of last board meeting: Approved as written in the Gazette.

Vice President: Bob Archer reported on upcoming education programs.

November – John Rosene on his trip to the Republic of Georgia and January – Keith Ruble on invasive plants.

Corresponding secretary: Verna had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Carl gave the balance as of November 7 with an outstanding bill that is less than \$100. Donations have been received from the Margaret Hoggatt memorial.

COMMITTEES: Service Coordinator reported that several members have turned in hours and will be receiving new badges. In order to receive new badges in January, hours must be in by December 5th.

Giving garden: The greenhouse north and south walls are up. A thank you needs to be sent to Kurt Jones for providing the concrete for the footers and concrete

blocks. Quality fence will provide and build a 6 foot chain-link fence to go around the garden.

Gardens: Bed keepers need to get figures in for their budget. Verna will alert the membership when there is a work day at Hawthorne Park to cut the roses back to 18 inches.

Spring Seminar: Looking for an additional speaker. A committee meeting will be called for next week. The Valley Viewer page has been reserved for the 3rd Sunday in February to highlight the spring Seminar.

OLD BUSINESS: *Christmas in the Park:* Peggy Harlan reported the theme for this year is "North Pole International". Set-up for the display at Deming Park will start at 9:00am on Saturday the 23rd at the trailer at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Trucks are needed to transport the display to Deming Park, so plenty of help is needed for this. If you can't make it to the fairgrounds, be at Deming Park at 10:00am to help set everything up and again lots of help is needed for this. They will continue setting up everything on Sunday the 24th at 10:00am at the Park. Everything has to be in place by the 25th. Lighting of the displays will be at 6:00pm on Dec. 2nd. The judging will be on Dec. 9th starting at 6:00pm with judging of our shelter at 7:10pm. We have the train ride and concession (hot chocolate) on December 15th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This counts as volunteer time also.

The Committee Chair Display board will be up during the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The proposed calendar for 2014 meetings was given for the board to review.

The Spring Intern Class will meet from February 6th through May 8th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

A food handling certification webinar class will be offered from Purdue. Some people from the Giving Garden will be attending.

Trees Inc. is raising money for EAB pesticide. \$530 will take care of 30 trees with a diameter of 16 inches or less. This will be brought up during the membership meeting in November. Keith Ruble will speak about it in January.

Proposed expenses for 2014 was given by Verna for the board to review.

Announcements:

- Next Planning and Scheduling Meeting: November 12, 2013, 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 6:30pm.
- Next Board of Directors Meeting: January 2, 2014, Vigo County Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.
- Indiana Home and Garden Show, January 10 – 12, Indiana Convention Center.
- Indiana Flower and Patio Show, March 8 – 16, Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned after 1.5 hours volunteer time.

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING:

Minutes of November 12, 2013 Planning and scheduling meeting at Wabash Valley Fairgrounds at 6:30pm.

Program: John Rosene spoke about his trip to the Republic of Georgia.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Sam Ligget.

Vice President: Bob Archer reported that Keith Ruble would speak at the January meeting about invasive species of plants.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna has sent thank you notes for the memorial donations for Margaret Hoggatt and to Jones and Son for the concrete.

Treasurer: John was absent. The balance reported at the Board meeting was given with an outstanding bill that is less than \$100.

Committees: Service coordinator; Cyd Hunter was absent. Pat Youman reported that in order to receive a badge in January, your hours need to be turned in to Cyd by December 5th. Anyone with their hours ready to be turned in at the meeting should turn them into Pat and she will get them to Cyd.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields said the total amount of produce taken from the garden for the soup kitchens and food pantries was 22,558 pounds. Greg has made great plans for the greenhouse construction to take total advantage of the winter sun. Quality fence should start work on the fence around the garden soon.

There will be a workday on November 25th to work on the greenhouse construction. Watch for an email about the workday.

Flower Beds: Bed keepers need to get their budgets into Roger as soon as possible.

Hawthorne Park: Workdays to cut the roses back have been set for: Tuesday, Nov. 19th and Wednesday Nov. 20th beginning at 9:00am on both days. A lot of help is needed to get this job done.

Spring Seminar: Brenda Kirchner reported that they are still looking for speakers. A planning meeting for the committee will be scheduled for next Mon. or Tues.

OLD BUSINESS: Everyone is reminded to wear their badges to all meetings.

Christmas in the Park: Set up for the display will be on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23rd and 24th. Check your email for the workday details. We will sell train tickets and hot chocolate on Sunday, December 15th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm (weather permitting). A sign-up sheet for workers was passed around at the meeting.

Committee Information: Chairpersons should have their 8.5" by 11" signs ready to be displayed at the December 3rd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: A food handling certification webinar will be held November 14th, 19th and 21st from 1:00 to 4:00pm at Ivy Tech. Workers from the Giving Garden will be attending.

Trees Incorporated: Is asking for donations to pay for the treatment against the EAB. \$516 dollars is needed to treat 30 medium sized trees. Keith Ruble will speak about this at the January meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Indiana Home and Garden Show, Jan. 10-12, 2014 at the Indiana Convention Center
- Next Planning and Scheduling meeting, Dec. 3 at 6:00pm, Fairgrounds 4-H Building. Bring your favorite holiday snack for the Christmas Gathering carry-in.
- Next Board meeting, Jan. 2, 2014, Vigo County Public Library, room C, 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hr. volunteer time and 1 hr. education time with 30 members present.

See you at the carry-in with your favorite holiday snack.

Wishing You and Your Family a Happy Holiday !

Jim

Jim Luzar

Extension Educator

Ag/Natural Resources, Purdue University
Partnership Coordinator, IVY Tech College





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