



MARCH

GARDEN GAZETTE

2014

The March planning and scheduling meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014, at 6:30pm** in the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. (Note the new date for this month only) Education time will be on food nutrition with a speaker from the Extension Office.

**Planning and scheduling meeting, February 18, 2014.**

**Education:** Bob Archer announced that Rob Jean who was supposed to present a program on bees had called to say that he was ill. Bob then presented a program on moles. He described their habits and habitats and how to manage them. Education time earned was .75 hours. President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** published in the Gazette. Minutes were approved as presented in the Gazette.

**Recording Secretary:** Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

**Vice President:** Bob Archer reported that the trailer issue for storage is still undecided. Greg Fields is still checking on the matter. Bob noted that the March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room and the April 15 meeting will be at Dobbs Park.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Verna Gaskin noted that member Emma Harlan's husband had passed away as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Treasurer:** Pat Youman reported the balance in our account.

**Committees:**

**Service Coordinator:** Cyd Hunter noted that a total of 5,567 volunteer hours and 1,191.5 education hours were reported for 2013.

**Giving Garden:** Greg Fields reported that volunteers planted seeds today (2/18) for Earth Day and Herb Fair. On March 18<sup>th</sup> volunteers are needed to plant seeds for the Giving Garden. Planting will take place in the greenhouse at IVY Tech. Farm Bureau has some young farmers

who can help with the October 9<sup>th</sup> Garden Tour. He may need some help for this event. The White Violet Center wants to check out our new greenhouse at the Giving Garden.

**Flower Beds:** Bill Hiatt, Head Bed keeper, had a meeting with the Park Board and they now have our budget.

**Spring Seminar:** Brenda Kirchner and Carol Swearingen reported on this event which will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> at IVY tech. They are working on the booklet. Members attending were asked to bring old magazines, such as Birds and Bloom, and/or seed catalogs.

**Matter in Motion:** This event will take place on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sharon Polge and Debbi Gansz need pinecones for a birdfeeder project. Cones from a white pine work best.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Audit Committee:** Gene Jarvis reminded members that they should use expense reports when asking for reimbursement. Copies of the report can be obtained from the WVMGA Website. Committee sign-up sheet – passed around again with a copy of Verna's committee description page.

#### **MEETING DATES AND LOCATION CHANGES:**

- **March meeting changed from Tuesday, March 18 to Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Location remains at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room.**
- **April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Dobbs Park in the Indian Museum.**
- **August meeting will be on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Dogwood Shelter in Hawthorn Park.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Table Scapes:** Nancy Nation reported the theme for this year is based on the Patriotic Garden in Deming Park so colors are red, white and blue. Persons on the committee are Elisabeth Friedman, Nancy Nation, Sharon Polge, Mary Beth Prickel, Lynn VanEtten and Carol Dreher. The events are to take place at the Country Club of Terre Haute. On Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 from 10:00am to 5:00pm they are open for daily viewing at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket which will allow the ticketholder to cast a vote for their favorite tablescape. We hope that you will consider attending and voting for our table.

**Spring Intern Class:** Carol Swearingen – classes meet from February 13 to May 8 at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. There are 21 persons enrolled in the class.

Gene Jarvis made a motion to fund a scholarship of \$170 to send a 4-Her (4) to a Plant Science workshop at Purdue. Patty seconded the motion which was amended to specify that the 4-Her do a presentation to the Master Gardeners about their experience. The motion passed by a voice vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Bob Archer purchased a projector at an ISU auction for \$80.00. It is 9 years old. There was a motion to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.
- Public Seed Exchange at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds in the 4-H Meeting Room on Feb. 24 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
- Presentation about the Emerald Ash Borer at the VCPL on February 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:00pm.
- Indianapolis Museum of Art is having a seminar on Monday, February 24, to train persons interested in becoming a docent for their grounds.
- There will be a demonstration of fruit tree pruning at St. Mary of the Woods on Mar. 1.

## **Next Meetings:**

- **Board meeting, April 3, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm**
- **Planning and Scheduling meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 2014, Dobbs Park Indian Museum, 6:30pm**

**Submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

**Board of Directors meeting March 6, 6:00pm.**

**President, Sam Ligget called the meeting to order.**

**Members in attendance:** Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Cyd Hunter, Carl Trent, Larry Agee Paula Wilson, Bill Hiatt.

**Non Board member in attendance:** John Hilderbrand.

**Minutes of last Board Meeting:** Carole Dreher noted that the minutes from the previous Board meeting had been published in the February Gazette.

**Vice President: Bob Archer** said that Jim Luzar or someone from the Purdue Extension-Vigo County Office would present the Educational portion of the Wednesday, March 19, 2014 meeting. The topic will concern something about healthy eating. The April 15<sup>th</sup> Planning and scheduling meeting will be at the Indian Museum at Dobbs Park with the educational portion of the meeting offered by a park employee.

**Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin** said that some members had asked her about a Jr. Master Gardener program. Two persons who are involved with Girl Scouts and 4-H are interested in the subject.

**Treasurer: Pat Youman** reported the current balance in the Treasury and noted that it includes a sizeable amount of money collected for the Spring Seminar, a portion of which will soon be paid out. She passed around a copy of the current bank statement and presented a membership list with the names of members who have paid their 2014 dues highlighted.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter** mentioned that some persons have paid their dues for 2014 but have not submitted a report of their 2013 volunteer and educational hours. Six members submitted their hours but did not report a sufficient number of educational hours. None persons have earned Advanced status.

**Giving Garden: Sam Ligget** noted that a planting day for the Giving Garden is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> to take place at the IVY Tech greenhouse to begin at 10:00am.

**Head Bed Keeper: Bill Hiatt** said that the Park Board had approved budgets for all of the gardens except for the one at the Sewage Plant. The budget amounts for this year are the same as last years. The Park Board also donated some calendars and information for distribution at the Spring Seminar.

**Spring Seminar:** It was reported that 122 persons have signed up for this event. The number of vendors and sponsors is similar to those in 2013.

**Earth Day:** Sam reported that Union Hospital does not intend to have an Earth Day event this year.

**Herb Fair:** Sam said that he had purchased 4 used racks from Rural King which can be used to display hanging baskets at this event. Verna said that she has plans to pick up hanging baskets to be sold there.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Matter in Motion: Debi Gansz and Sharon Polge** will head up this event on March 22 at IVY Tech from 10:00am to 2:00pm. They have requested that members donate pine cones to be used for a bird feeder project.

**Spring Intern Class:** The start of this class was delayed due to poor weather conditions. There are around 20 persons participating.

**Committee Sign-up:** Carole Dreher passed around the current list. One person noted that the list did not make it all the way around the room at the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Web Site:** Sam said that we need a new web master. The site has not been kept up to date in part because members do not submit photos and data in a timely manner. Carole Dreher said that she was willing to try the job for a while to see if she was able to handle it. Larry Agee noted that nobody is currently replying to email sent to email address provided by the site.

**Public Seed Exchange and Fruit Tree Pruning demonstration:** Members who attended these events reported that they were well attended and well received.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**July Board Meeting:** Sam said that the Library will be closed for a 2 week period at that time that this meeting is scheduled for so we can hold the meeting at this house.

**Tax Exempt Status:** A lengthy sometimes confusing discussion occurred concerning the fact that we have lost our tax exempt status due to late filing of a report. Pat, Sam and former Treasurer John Hilderbrand are in the process of filing to get the status back. This entails preparing several pages of reports and forms. Pat asked if she could have permission to take the completed documents to a tax consultant for a review before we submit them. Bob Archer moved that we make a request at the next Planning and Scheduling meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> for \$850.00 for the IRS filing fee and up to \$500.00 for a tax consultant. Bill Hiatt seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

Bill Hiatt demonstrated one of two new easels that he has purchased for use at events such as the Spring Seminar.

## **Announcements:**

2014 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference in Indianapolis – June 12-14, 2014.

- April in Paris, April 14, 2014, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Paris, IL. \$25.

It was suggested that we forgo making a lot of announcements about events not sponsored by our club or local organization at our meeting and just let Verna issue emails about them.

**Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on April 3, 2014 at 6:00pm.**

**Meeting adjourned after 1.75 hours of volunteer time.**



## APRIL GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

April meeting will be at Dobbs Park Native American Museum on April 15 at 6:30pm. Know your flowers and win a door prize.

March 19 Planning and scheduling meeting, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room 6:30pm.

### **Education**

Educational time earned was 1 hour.

Jim Luzar of the Purdue Extension Office in Terre Haute introduced members of the office staff. Julie, the office manager, emphasized civil rights in offering programs and urged members to notify them of needs.

- Sarah Gaughan is a 4-H educator working with various areas such as livestock. A new program is Alpacas. She helps with 4-H trips, camps, shooting sports, etc. The office reaches out to 300 students and livestock groups.
- Krista Farthing works with Junior Leaders, community centers and non-traditional 4-H youth. Approximately 250 youth fit this description. One of their programs is called Captain Cash. It is a financial program for third graders in local schools. She also serves on a state diversity committee.
- Stacey Faith's area is Health and Wellness Education covering such topics as dietetic matters and parenting for both youth and adults.

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Minutes:** Sam noted that the minutes had been published in the Gazette and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Carole Dreher said they should have noted that 1 hour of volunteer time had been earned by members in attendance.

**Recording Secretary** Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

**Corresponding Secretary** Verna Gaskin checked to see if everyone was receiving emails and the Gazette. She noted that she had sent out two notices about events that might be of interest – A Wildflower Walk and the Patio & Garden show in Indianapolis.

**Treasurer** Pat Youman reported on the balance in our account.

**Service Coordinator** Cyd Hunter was not present but Sam noted that first quarter badges will be presented at next month's (April) meeting. Verna said that she had blank forms available that people could record and report their volunteer and education time.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Giving Garden:** Greg Fields reported that 14 volunteers had planted 1800 plants for the Giving Garden. We may do more planting in 3 weeks. Work will resume on the greenhouse in the garden in the next weeks. We have acquired some 5 gallon buckets. Plants are underway to get the garden tilled soon. Jim Luzar said that the soil in the garden has been tested and nutrient levels are good. Greg said we are going to get coffee grounds from Starbucks to put around plants.

**Flower Beds:** Bill Hiatt, head bed keeper, said he would be speaking with parks management personnel about weeding, feeding and watering plants and noted that watering was sometimes difficult for some volunteers because of the location of the hoses.

- Hawthorn Park – Larry Agee noted that he would be getting some liquid to feed the roses. A work date in this park will be scheduled soon and Verna will send a notification.

**Spring Seminar:** Carol Swearingen reported that 135 folders had been made up. Evaluations of the event were positive. People came from all over the Wabash Valley and as far as Indianapolis. She thanked all of the members who volunteered to work on the event. There were 123 registrants and 13 walk-ins. There was 1 no show. Terms of the contract with IVY Tech will be different next year. There will be a fee. We cannot reserve early and we must be out by 2:00pm. So changes will be made.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Committee sign-up sheet was passed around again.

**Matter and Motion:** This event will take place on March 22, 2014. They will be making pine cone bird feeders.

**Earth Day:** Sign-up sheets were passed for persons to volunteer for Earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Audit Report:** Sam said there had been a question about whether we should have voted to accept the Audit Committee report and the answer is no.

**Table Scapes:** Nancy Nation reported the theme was based on the Patriotic Garden in Deming Park. Thank you to our committee members – Nancy Nation, Sharon Polge, Lynn VanEtten,

Elisabeth Friedmann and Carole Dreher. The events took place at the Country Club of Terre Haute. We did not win any prizes but we had a good time decorating and had a lot of compliments. We would like to thank any members who attended and voted for our table.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fair Committee:** Bill Hiatt reported that the program has been set. Projects will be worked on from 1:00 to 3:30pm. We will need baubles for use in creating stepping stones.

A promotion sheet for the Herb Fair was passed out.

Greg Fields said that a semi-trailer had been located but acquisition has to be cleared through an insurance company.

**2014 Purdue Master Gardener Conference:** June 12-14, Indianapolis – person attending should make reservations by April 1<sup>st</sup> and decide which first time attendee(s) gets the help from money donated for this event.

**Tax Exempt Status** – Pat Youman discussed problems that the organization is having with tax exempt filings with the IRS. Form 1023 was not filed on time. She is working with former treasurer, John Hilderbrand, to get our tax exempt status re-instated. Spirited discussion of the problem ensued. Tax Exempt status was not an item on the list for the Audit Committee. Some money needs to be allocated to correct the situation. Patty Weaver moved that we vote on the money needed - \$850 to be paid to the IRS and up to \$500 for review for a tax consultant – and deal with the matter further at the next meeting. Gene Jarvis seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

### **Announcements:**

- Board Meeting, April 3, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling Meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 2014, Dobbs Park, Native American Museum, 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned with 1.25 hours of volunteer time for the 35 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carole Dreher,  
Recording Secretary

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Vigo County Public Library, April 3, 2014

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

**Members in attendance:** Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Paula Wilson, Bill Hiatt, Cyd Hunter.

**Non-Board Member in attendance:** Pat Secrest.

**Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Carole Dreher,** Minutes of the March Board of Directors meeting was published in the March Gazette.

**Vice President: Bob Archer** said that the April Planning and Scheduling meeting will be at Dobbs Park. We will get some information about the Native Americans. If the weather permits we will go outside and look at some of their plantings. The May meeting will take place in the Ute Shelter in Deming Park and we will celebrate the Spring Interns' graduation. The June meeting will take place following a garden tour.

**Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin** led off a discussion about members who paid dues but not turned in hours and members who have turned in hours but not paid their dues. She also said that she would be going to the Rockville Produce Auction to get stuff for the Herb Faire which takes place in early May. We will have herbs and tomatoes at St. Mary of the Woods Earth Day. These plants have been planted in IVY Tech's Greenhouse.

**Treasurer: Pat Youman** gave the current balance with very little activity in the last month. There are still some outstanding bills from the spring Seminar. She wrote a check for \$255 to Stadler's for their review of the documents pertaining to the restoration of our tax exempt status which has been revoked.

## COMMITTEES

**Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter** said that badges have been ordered for quarterly distribution at the April meeting but they have not arrived yet. She said she thinks there are nine people getting awards but she did not have a list with her.

**Giving Garden: Sam** said that Jane Morse's reading group had read and discussed a book about the Donner Party who dealt with starvation when stranded on a western migration during the late 1800's. They wanted to do something about hunger so they collected money (\$230) to be donated for the giving garden.

**Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper,** said there was money left over from the money donated for the Garden at the intersection of Fruitridge and Ohio. Persons present agreed that this had been taken on as a one-time project.

**Larry Agee** reported on Hawthorn Park. Volunteers have fertilized, pruned and cleaned the roses. There will be a workday coming up on Tuesday, April 8. Verna will put out a notice.

### **Earth Day Activities:**

- **ISU – Bob Archer** said the only thing we need to do there is be available.

- **SMWC – Verna** said we will be handing out sunflowers. We need to pick up 30 tomato plants and 9 flats of herbs from the greenhouse at IVY Tech the evening before. Larry Agee and Phil Small will pick the plants up.

**Herb Faire** takes place on May 10<sup>th</sup> and our booth will feature hanging baskets of flowers from the Rockville Produce Auction.

**Garden Tour** is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will ask persons to submit their names for gardens to tour. Verna will issue challenges for a Scavenger Hunt. We will have our June meeting at Bill Hiatt's house following the garden tour.

**Vigo County Fair: Bill Hiatt** said that he has spent \$38 for 3 color flyers. We need to collect 100 plus 3"-4" terra cotta pots. There is a place in Indianapolis (Greenwood) that may have some and we will happily accept donations. The fair will take place from July 6 through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Matter in Motion:** No one present knew how this event turned out

**Spring Seminar:** We netted around \$2,000 from this event. Some time was spent discussing what we should do about next year's seminar due to changes in policy by IVY Tech. They will be charging \$300 a day, will want us to be out by 2:00pm and will not take reservations earlier than six weeks prior to the desired date. It was agreed that it was fair for them to charge us a fee because of the use of various facilities and the participation of some IVY Tech personnel, but the matter of having to be out by an early hour and not being able to make reservations earlier might be a problem.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Tax exempt status** – Pat and Sam reported that form 1023 had been completed and taken to Stadler for review who noted 2 changes. We paid them \$255. We need to pay \$850 to the IRS for revocation restoration. If it is filed within 15 months of the revocation retroactive. We have to file form 990 with notation. Lengthy and lively discussion about the matter and history of establishment of the tax exempt status took place.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Web Site:** Sam said that he had recently looked at the by-laws listed on the web site and said that they were not up to date. It was pointed out that the by-laws had been rewritten in 2009 to incorporate amendments except for amendment 11 which was added later. It was agreed that it is not necessary to give the interns copies of the by-laws. They can just be told that they are on our web site and be given instructions on how to navigate to the site.

There was discussion about duties of the officers some of which are written in the by-laws and some of which have come to be assumed through practice. There was discussion about whether a master calendar should be established to show dates when things should be done (not just meeting dates).

There was also discussion about a person presenting a class who was described as an Advanced Master Gardener. It was determined that we could probably not do anything about it because they did not claim to be a Wabash Valley Master Gardener.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bill Hiatt** talked about a possible day trip to Indianapolis to visit some gardens there. It was decided that we could try for a date of June 28<sup>th</sup>. We would need at least 52 people for a full size coach which rents for around \$800. Larry Agee and Bill Hiatt will bring the subject up at the April meeting.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on May 1, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.75 hours of volunteer time.

Grass is greening up and the spring flowers are starting to bloom.

Stay dry.

See you at Dobbs Park



## MAY GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

Next Planning and scheduling meeting is **May 20 at 6:00pm at the Ute Shelter** in Deming Park. Ute Shelter is next to the Patriotic, Butterfly and Herb Gardens. This is a carry in meal to honor the graduating Intern Class. Family is welcome. Last names beginning with A thru M bring Vegetable or Salad. Last names beginning N thru Z bring Fruit or Dessert. There will be no education time at this meeting.

Planning and scheduling meeting April 15, 2014, 6:30pm, Dobbs Park.

Education time: Vice President Bob Archer introduced our speaker Jan Creedon, the Curator of the Native American Museum at Dobbs Park. The park is operated by the Terre Haute City Parks. The Museum opened in 1994 and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday. Mrs. Creedon shared some Native American stories with us about three sisters (sunflowers, beans and squash plus corn) and how Native Americans used plants to treat injuries and illnesses. She said that the park maintains a butterfly garden and a Native American heirloom garden. Volunteers are welcome to help with the gardens. Scouts often help. We took a few minutes to look at the exhibits in the museum. Educational time earned was .75 hour.

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order.

Minutes: published in the Gazette. Sam noted one correction to the minutes. They said that Sam had told about Jane Morse's reading group making a donation

to the giving Garden, but it was Bob Archer who announced the donation. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President Bob Archer noted that there will be no speaker in May as the group will meet at Deming Park for a carry-in and intern graduation. In June we will have a garden tour with a meeting to follow at Bill Hiatt's house.

Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin checked to see if everyone was receiving emails and the Gazette.

Treasurer Pat Youman reported the balance in our account. She said that we paid Stadler \$255 to review the documents that had been prepared to send to the IRS for reinstatement of our tax exempt status. After review and update the documents were sent to the IRS with a \$850 payment via registered mail with the confirmation to be sent to the Extension Office. It could take as long as 9 months for this process. Pat also said that she had received a donation of \$205 from Jane Morse's reading group to be used for the Giving Garden.

#### COMMITTEES:

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter presented badges for the first quarter of the year to ten members: Certification to Amy Good; Advanced to Anita Criss, Mike Sekerak, Jane Santucci, Bob Jenkins, Mary Ellen Hlatko, and Cindy Little; Bronze to Roger Tonsfeldt; Gold 1000 to Carol Swearingen and John Hilderbrand.

Giving Garden: Verna said that she had received a message from Greg Fields in which he stated that he has planted additional plants: broccoli, cabbage, etc. He also said that the tomatoes for the Herb Faire are quite small, around six inches tall.

Flower Beds: Head Bedkeeper Bill Hiatt said that there has not been much activity in the Patriotic Garden. He said if members are in the park they are encouraged to pull a weed or two. Carol Swearingen keeps a schedule of persons

who volunteer to help in the garden and she will plan to pass it around at the May meeting.

### Old Business

Earth Day Activities: Bob Archer said that he and Yvonne Russell will wander the ISU event and likely hang out with the Trees people. Verna Gaskin and Debi Gansz are scheduled to take care of this, but both will be out of town so Pat Youman will be in charge. Verna said that things are under control.

Matter in Motion: This event took place on March 22, 2014. Sharon Polge said she had a lot of help. They helped make 50 peanut butter bird feeders and ran out of peanut butter, but it was a nice day. Members were asked if anyone knows where the sign that Yvonne Russell had made up was because it is missing. Someone said that it may be in the trailer. We will have to check.

### New Business

Herb Faire will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Verna went to the Rockville Plant Auction. The weather was poor that day. She will be going back to get some more for the Herb Fair. She plans to get 20 to 25 hanging baskets. She will send out a notice for help via email.

Bill Hiatt said that our Garden Tour will take place on June 21, 2014. Starting time is around 1:00pm depending on location of gardens to be toured. The committee is Bill, Debbie Lazzell, Brenda Kirchner and Ruth Johnson. If anyone is willing to offer their garden as part of the tour, please let one of them know.

Ruth Johnson showed a sample of a garden flag that we intend to use for a Vigo County Fair project. She said that we could use donations of acrylic paint if anyone has some. We are also looking for 4 inch clay flower pots to paint and bauble to be used in the making of stepping stones – marbles, jewelry, pieces of pottery, etc.

There was some discussion about how to maintain our tax exempt status in the future. We had to fill out a longer form this year, but next year we should be able to send a postcard. Sam asked Paula Wilson to establish a time line for filing for

the tax exempt status. We may want to assign this responsibility to the Finance Committee. Pat Youman said one form is due in April and another by May 15. Bill Hiatt reported that so far only 16 people had signed up to go on a planned trip to gardens in Indianapolis on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will need at least 40 persons to sign up. We will also need payments ahead of time to reserve a bus.

Announcements: Bob Archer said that he would be offering boat rides on the Wabash River to interested members on May 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>. Rides will start at 10:00am and go from Fairbanks Park to Kearns Landing. He will be able to take five persons at a time or 10 an hour. The weather and water level must be right for the rides to take place. He will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting. It would be nice to have one or more persons to take participants to and from the Park to the Landing.

Next Meetings:

- Board meeting, May 1, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling Meeting, Wednesday, May 20, 2014, Ute Shelter in Deming Park, **6:00pm**. This will be a carry-in and guests are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 36 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

#### WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 1, 2014, 6:00pm, Vigo county Public Library, Room C

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

Members in attendance: Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Carl Trent, and Paula Wilson.

Minutes of Last Board meeting: Carole Dreher reported that April minutes had been published in the Gazette.

Vice President: Bob Archer reported that we have enough meeting places and educational topics to finish out the year.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported our balance. She noted that the check we sent to the IRS has been cashed, but we do not expect to hear results for several months.

#### COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Volunteers planted 150 pounds of potatoes in the garden on May 1, 2014. Bob Archer reported that the tomatoes at IVTech have thrips and do not look well. We do not want to spray them because of organic plants in the greenhouse. We will need to move them to another location so we can spray them. These are tomatoes scheduled to be sold at the Herb Faire on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Bob asked if we need a backup plan. We can perhaps sell some of the tomatoes scheduled to be planted in the Giving Garden since they are not infected. Verna might be able to pick up some flats of flowers at the Rockville Plant Auction. Bob said that he might be able to donate some Lily of the Valley plants to sell.

Gardens: Bill Hiatt was not present to report. Someone asked who is in charge of the butterfly Garden, no one knew. Verna said that the bed at 1<sup>st</sup> and Oak needs to be cleaned out.

Earth Day: Bob Archer said we did nothing at ISU. Pat Youman said that Earth Day at Saint Mary of the woods took place on an excellent day and that she and her fellow volunteers sold over \$400 worth of plants. They returned a few plants to the greenhouse.

Herb Fair: Verna said volunteers will meet on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to replant tomatoes. Verna will send out an email asking for volunteers. We may have to drop prices because of the problems with the tomatoes.

Garden Tour in June: We need more gardens to tour. So far we only have Bill Hiatt's.

Vigo County Fair: We need items to use for the stepping stones – old jewelry, broken tiles, pieces of pottery, etc. We are also in need of acrylic paint.

OLD BUSINESS: Pat Youman, Angela Auterson, Phil Small, Carl Trent and Bob Archer are scheduled to attend the Purdue Master Gardener Conference.

Sam Ligget said that he has made some changes to the WVMGA Website.

There was discussion about the **tax exempt status**. Pat said that we had got back confirmation from the Post Office that our request for reinstatement had been delivered and the check has been cashed. Sam has asked Paula Wilson to

document dates for preparing and mailing forms relating to maintaining this status.

Bob Archer said that there was not enough interest in a trip to Indianapolis Gardens so the trip has been cancelled.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A patio gardening class is being offered on May 14, 2014 from 12:00noon to 1:00pm which can be taken and counted for educational hours.

There was discussion about taking on new projects – one time or on-going.

Pat Secrest would like to be replaced as the Registered Agent (Contact Person) for the State of Indiana.

Bob Archer's Boat rides on the Wabash River from Fairbanks Park to Kearns Landing on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am. This event will take place depending on the weather and depth of the river. He will need someone to take people from the park to the landing and from the landing to the park. Verna said that she can get her son's van which can hold 10 people.

#### Announcements:

We were reminded that donations of 4 inch clay pots and acrylic paints are needed for use in Vigo County Fair projects (make and takes).

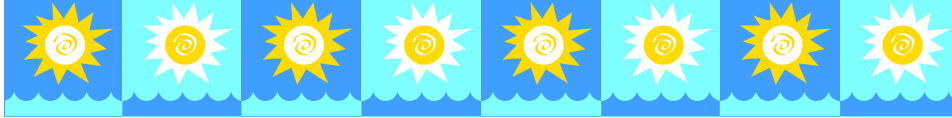
Pat Youman moved that the meeting be adjourned and Carl Trent seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours of volunteer time.

Next Board meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library, Room C on June 5, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting will be at the Ute Shelter in Deming Park at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary.



## JUNE GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

Next Planning and scheduling meeting will take place after our Garden Tour and carry-in meal on **Saturday, June 21**. A carry-in meal will begin at Bill Hiatt's house at **5:30pm** after the garden tour. Those with last name beginning with letter A thru M bring a dessert or fruit and those with last name beginning with N thru Z bring a vegetable or salad.

Planning and scheduling meeting of May 20, 2014. No Educational time.

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. He thanked the committee members who helped put the picnic together. He also asked each of the Spring Interns to stand and introduce themselves. There were 19 people in the class.

Minutes: Recording Secretary Carol Dreher noted that minutes for the April minutes were published in the Gazette and passed around an attendance sheet. There was one correction to the minutes. Carl Trent was listed as being scheduled to attend the Purdue master Gardener Conference in June, but he is not scheduled to attend.

Vice President: Bob Archer said that the June meeting would follow a garden tour on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Beginning time will be dependent on the number and locations of gardens to be toured. Members will be notified by email of the times along with a map (or description) of garden locations. The tour will end at Bill Hiatt's garden where a business meeting will be conducted. He also discussed the boat rides on the Wabash that he has scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The boat rides will be from Fairbanks Park to Kearns Landing with another group meeting to take a ride back to Fairbanks Park. The ride will take about an hour. There will be rides at 9, 10 and 11 on Friday and 10 and 11 on Saturday.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported the balance in our account.

### COMMITTEES:

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter said that hours are due by June 6, if anyone is ready to submit hours for a new badge. Hours can be turned in anytime.

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported that 668 tomatoes, broccoli and cabbage plants have been planted. Some wire needs to be cut for cages. There will be workdays on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Bring a hoe at 8:00am. We are still working on the greenhouse. Our goal for this year is 25,000 pounds of produce. We had 22,500 pounds last year. We will be trying some companion plantings. Broom corn has been planted for 4-H kids. We also have some Okra planted.

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt Head Bedkeeper.

Patriotic Garden has some problems with powdery mildew. We have also had problems with the red salvia and are uncertain whether it is due to humans or critters.

Hawthorn Park – having bad luck with the roses.

1<sup>st</sup> & Oak – Verna Gaskin and Debbie Lazzell plan to clean out this bed on Wednesday at 4:00pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> & Maple – Beth Keyes no report.

Butterfly Garden – some work has been done on cleaning this bed out. We would like to put more education information in this garden. We still have mulch available.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Earth Day: Earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods – Pat Youman said that the report could be found in the Gazette in the Board of Director's meeting minutes.

Herb Fair: Verna reported that the Herb Fair brought in \$1,193.00. She spent \$400 at Rockville and we cleared \$629.00.

Garden Tour: June 21<sup>st</sup> – will start at 1:00pm and will include gardens belonging to Greg Fields, Jane Buchanan, Phil Small and Roger Tonsfield. Verna will give participants a list of plant names to look for. Names will be written on rocks. Directions will be sent via e-mail.

Vigo County Fair – Members were reminded that we will need donations of trinkets for stepping stones and acrylic paints for garden flags.

Persons scheduled to attend the 2014 Purdue Master Gardener Conference June 12 through 14 in Indianapolis includes: Phil Small, Bob Archer, Pat Youman and Angela Atterson.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Pat Secrest has been our Registered Agent with the State of Indiana (the contact person) since 2004. He and his wife are retiring and may move out of state so he would like to be replaced. The job does not normally require a lot of work. It is mainly a matter of paperwork.

Sam said that the semi-trailer located at the fairgrounds is dangerous and we are still working on finding a replacement.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sam said that he has brought the WVMGA website up to date. If anyone sees anything there that needs to be taken care of please let Sam know.

Dates and locations for Board of Directors' meeting for 2015 have been set. (Dates will be published at a later date).

Sam introduced the Board of Directors members and explained educational and volunteers. Bill said that there would be a workday in Deming Park on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Holly Arboretum. They lost 27 trees over the past winter. Work at this time can be counted as volunteer time. Barbara Brugnaux said that TREES would be pulling honeysuckles this Saturday. Verna said that she still had 11 tomato plants.

#### NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board Meeting, June 5, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting, Saturday, June 21, 2014, Garden Tour, 1:00pm ending at Bill Hiatt's house/garden.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour volunteer time for the 49 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

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

Non Board Members in attendance: None.

Minutes of last Board Meeting: Carole Dreher said that they were published in the May Gazette. There was one correction. They said that Carl Trent would be attending the Purdue Master Gardener Conference in June, but he will not.

Vice President: Bob Archer said that he does not have an educational speaker for July. We will meet in Hawthorn Park in August and he has some possibilities for speakers at that meeting. We will have a seed exchange in September.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin said that she had sent a new master membership list to board members.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported the balance in our account and listed expenditures that she had dealt with during the past month.

## COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Members who have volunteered at the Giving Garden said that the Garden looked really good this past Monday and that 20 dozen new sweet potato plants had been planted.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter said that June 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for members to submit hours in order to receive a badge at the next quarterly awards. So far she has four persons eligible.

Head Bedkeeper: Bill Hiatt said that Parks Department Eddie has changed policy somewhat in regard to garden budgets.

He said that weeds are going crazy in the Patriotic Garden. We may have to replace two knockout roses. A workday may be called for.

The Butterfly Garden also needs some weeding.

Verna said that zinnias had been ordered for the garden at 1<sup>st</sup> and Oak but they were too small to plant so they were taken to the fairgrounds to mature. They are almost ready to plant now.'

Herb Fair: Carole Dreher read from the May Planning and Scheduling minutes that we netted \$629.15 from this affair. Since that time we have received an additional \$15 from the sale of tomato plants. Leftover geraniums and dahlias have been planted in the Giving Garden.

Garden Tour: This event will take place on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will plan to start at 1:00pm. A map and instructions will be sent out to members via email.

Vigo County Fair: July 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. We still need a lot of stuff, but do not have a good place to store stuff because of the poor condition of the trailer that we have been using. Bill said there will be a meeting before the fair to finalize plans.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Purdue Master Gardener Conference June 12 – 14. Pat Youman, Bob Archer, Phil Small and Angela Atterson are scheduled to attend.

Tax Exempt Status: Paula Wilson presented a first draft of a document of a Treasurer's Calendar of Advents. It still needs titles of documents. Discussion ensued. It was decided that the Treasurer should report on these documents in the meeting prior to their due dates. This matter should be on the Board agenda in the months of April and May.

Pat Youman has confirmation that this year's reports were delivered.

Sam has not heard from any persons willing to volunteer to serve as our **Registered Agent** (contact person for the State of Indiana).

Meeting dates and locations for Board of Directors meetings were presented. They will continue to be at the Library in a new meeting room. (Dates will be published at a later date).

Trailer Door – Robert Morris is supposed to be seeing about ordering a regular door to replace the current defective one. We have not heard from him recently and it was thought that perhaps he does not understand the urgency of the situation.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

\$500 Scholarship for Ivy Tech for 2014-2015 school year. Jim Luzar received a bill for this. It was dated March and there was concern about the timeliness of this, but it was noted that this item was paid for on June 19<sup>th</sup> last year.

There was some discussion about acquiring a Post Office Box for the Organization so we could have a permanent address. Currently some mail goes to Extension Office or to individual officers or other members. Larry Agee found that we could rent one for \$54 per year. It was recommended that we propose this to the membership. Sam will add it to the June Agenda. Since the Board will not be able to hold their August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Library, Sam said he would heck with his wife to see if the meeting could be held at their house. He reported that his wife had approved of that plan.

Sam is considering who to ask to serve on a nominating committee to prepare a slate of nominees to run for office to serve in 2015. No one on the board can serve.

There was some discussion about co-chairpersons for the 2015 Spring Conference. Sam would like to verify that persons who put their names on the committee sign-up sheet understood that they were volunteering to work on the 2015 seminar.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We need to remind members that we need some items for the Vigo County Fair projects – Acrylic paints, baubles, bling and trinkets for stepping stones and 4” clay pots.

The Board members thanked Bob Archer who along with member Gene Jarvis treated members to boat rides on the Wabash River on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. All who participated said that they considered it a successful venture. Bob took three boatloads on Friday and three on Saturday. Gene took two boatloads. Larry Agee said that he herd that everyone had too much fun!

Sam called for a motion to adjourn. Larry Agee made the motion and bob Archer seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Next Board meeting will be at the Vigo Co. Library on July 3, 2014 at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours volunteer time.

Next Planning and scheduling meeting will take place at Bill Hiatt's home at 6:30pm following a garden tour beginning at 1:00pm and ending with a carry-in meal at Bill Hiatt's home at 5:30pm preceding the meeting.

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW:

2014 Hosta of the Year is "Abiqua Drinking Gourd"

2014 Herb of the Year is "Artemesia". Includes Sweet Annie, Wormwood, Tarragon, Mugwort, Southernwood, Sagebrush and other names.

2014 Perennial of the Year is *Panicum virgatum* 'Northwind'



## SEPTEMBER GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

IT'S PLANT AND SEED EXCHANGE TIME!!!!!!!

Next planning and scheduling meeting is September 16 at **6:00pm in the 4-H Meeting Room on the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds** with a plant and seed exchange and carry-in meal. The meat and drinks will be furnished by the association, along with plates, cups and flatware. Last names beginning with the letters A thru M bring a vegetable or salad, N thru Z bring fruit or dessert.

There will be no education time due to exchange of plants and seeds.

**NOMINATIONS AND VOTING:** Slate of officers for election at the October meeting. If you want to vote and will not be at the October meeting, Carole ([cedreher@aol.com](mailto:cedreher@aol.com)) has ballots for anyone who requests an absentee ballot. Ballots must be returned to Carole no later than seven (7) days before the election month meeting (October 21) for verification.

Office and name:

President – Bob Archer

Vice President – Greg Fields

Recording Secretary – Carole Dreher

Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin

Treasurer – Pat Youman

Service Coordinator – Pat Woods

Board of Directors (past officers, vote for two) - Larry Agee,  
Sam Ligget

Board of Directors (at large, vote for one) – Phil Small.

Minutes of August 19 Planning and scheduling meeting.

Prior to the meeting, members enjoyed desserts and drinks provided by the Board of Directors.

**Education** – Bob Archer introduced Larry Agee who talked about the labyrinth in Hawthorne Park, how the Master Gardeners got involved with it and some of the things members have done with it. He noted that this was the first project that Master Gardeners were involved with for the County Parks and initially it was to take care of the knockout roses. During the past year at least 20 of the 120 roses around the labyrinth died due to the severe winter weather. The park board will provide replacements in September. Help is always appreciated with deadheading the roses and pulling the weeds.

Education time earned was .75 hour.

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Minutes:** published in the Gazette. Carole Dreher reported 3 corrections.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher noted that an attendance sheet had been displayed for members to sign.

**Vice President:** Bob Archer said that we would be meeting in the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds again in September. The meeting will be preceded by a carry-in dinner and will feature a seed and plant exchange for members.

Sam said that meeting dates for 2015 have been determined and we are working on meeting locations.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Verna Gaskin checked to see if everyone was receiving e-mails and The Gazette.

**Treasure:** Pat Youman reported the balance in our account. She said that she has paid the entry fee for the Chili Cook-Off. She also announced that Jim Luzar had

received confirmation that our tax exempt status has been reinstated retroactive to the date of revocation.

**Service Coordinator:** Cyd Hunter requested that members turn in hours by September 5<sup>th</sup> if they hoped to receive a badge in October. Volunteer hour sheets can be turned in via e-mail or USPS. She noted that Verna Gaskin has volunteered 3000plus hours!

**COMMITTEES:**

**Giving Garden:** Greg Fields reported that 1,100 pounds of tomatoes were picked on Monday. A total of 1,473 were picked that day bringing our grand total to date to 16,339 pounds. He said that our gourd house had caved in. A hoop house has been ordered for cabbage, broccoli and peppers. He said that volunteers had picked in the rain and thanked all who have volunteered. He said that the green beans were done after producing 500 pounds

**Flower Beds:** Bill Hiatt – Head Bedkeeper – said that we are still working to rid plants of powdery mildew. He said that he recently drove around and looked at the gardens and noted that he had received compliments for some of the gardens.

**Old Business:**

Phil Small reported for the nominating committee saying they hope to have a slate ready by the end of the month. He, Charlene McKean and Peggy Harlan have been working on this task and expect to have it ready to put in the September Gazette. If a member expects to be absent at the time of voting, they may turn an absentee vote into the Recording secretary. The election will take place in October. Results will be published in November and the new slate of officers will take office in January, 2015.

**Christmas in the Park:** Peggy Harlan reported that they are still searching for a topic.

**State Fair:** Greg Fields said that he, Jim Luzar, Gene Jarvis and Patty Cottom volunteered at the Master Gardeners booth where they had 281 contacts. He said they looked at a lot of cell phone photos. Some of them judged flower exhibits. Jim said that he was proud of Vigo County Master Gardeners and thanked all who volunteered the two days assigned to us.

**Vigo County 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Days:** This event will take place September 9 – 11. Phil Small and Bob Archer will take on this task and would welcome volunteers. They will talk about pollinators and their effects.

**Learning Days at the VCPL:** Sharon Polge said that this will take place on September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Library parking lot. The topic will be “My First”, as in first plant or seed planted, etc. Sharon will do preliminary work, but Debbie Lazzell will lead the effort on the day of the event because Sharon will be out of town on that day.

**Spring Seminar 2015:** Larry Agee reported that this event will take place on March 14<sup>th</sup> at IVY Tech. A planning meeting will take place on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Java Haute Coffee Shop. He hopes to have five groups consisting of an experienced person and a newer person to cover items such as sponsors, vendors, speakers, food, etc.

**Chili Cook-Off:** Pat Youman will be making Vegetarian Chili. We have 2 turkey cookers to prepare our chili in. Greg has hot peppers to use in the hot chili. Verna Gaskin, Debbie Lazzell and Nancy Nation plan to meet at Nancy’s house to chop peppers.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jim Luzar announced that Tyler Travis, an IVY Tech student from Brazil’s Northview High School, has been selected to receive our scholarship.

Sam asked for permission to recycle tractor tires used for previous projects and some old carpet from the fairgrounds trailer. There was some discussion about this matter and Sam agreed to put off recycling the tires, saying that if anyone wants them they should give him a call. It was agreed, however, that the carpet should be recycled or discarded.

**Fall Master Gardener Class:** Carol Swearingen requested volunteers to help facilitate the class. Five persons have signed up for the class so far. Jim would like to have around 15 students in the class.

#### **Announcements:**

Jim Luzar reported information from a recent meeting of the Fair committee. Local daycares will receive an invitation to attend the fair on Wednesday next year instead of Tuesday as they have in the past. He said that the recycle petition

was not acceptable to the Fair Board. Jim asked that we not act on this at this time but give him some time to work on the suggestion over the winter.

Jim said that he will be teaching a class at the Federal Prison and invited members to volunteer as facilitators.

Sam said that officers have been invited to represent our organization in Master Gardener Leadership Roundtable on September 18 at the Clay County fairgrounds. The roundtable should include Parke, Vermillion, Greene, Putnam and Sullivan counties as well as Vigo.

Sharon Polge moved that the meeting be adjourned the motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

Board meeting September 4, 2014, Vigo County Library, 6:00pm.

Planning and Scheduling Meeting, Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 6:00pm, 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Carry in and Plant/Seed Exchange.

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

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording secretary

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING September 4, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library** **President, Sam Ligget** called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

**Members in attendance:** Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee and Paula Wilson

**Non Board Members in attendance:** none

**Minutes of Last Board meeting:** **Carole Dreher** noted that had been published in the August edition of the Gazette.

**Vice President: Bob Archer** there will be no speaker at the Planning and scheduling meeting in September due to seed exchange and carry-in meal. Amber Slaughterbeck will speak to the assembly on October 21, 2014.

**Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin** said she had nothing to report.

**Treasurer: Pat Youman** reported balance. She reported that there is no money allocated for the Altrusa Chili Cook-off in our budget. She did, however, pay the entry fee of \$50.00. Discussion followed about our budget. When the subject of participating in the Chili Cook-Off was brought up at the July, 2014 meeting members indicated they would like us to continue with this activity. No motion was made and no vote was taken on the matter and no funds were requested nor allocated. It was determined that we would have to ask the members at the September meeting to approve reimbursement of money spent.

**Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter** was not present, but she sent a report saying that she would be ordering awards for five members: Verna Gaskin – Gold 3000, Bob Archer – Gold, Brenda Kirchner – Bronze, Jean Diemer – Certified and Patty Cottom- Certified.

**COMMITTEES: Giving garden – Chairman Greg Fields** was not in attendance but members present reported that we have almost surpassed last year's harvest already.

**Gardens – Head Bedkeeper, Bill Hiatt** – was not present. Bob Archer said that he has pulled a large number of weeds from the gardens in Deming Park. Larry Agee says that replacement roses for Hawthorne are ready, but if we plant them now it will be necessary to water them 2 to 3 times a week so we will likely wait until the final week of September to plant them. We will also pull weeds so they won't go to seed. Sam noted that the bed at 1<sup>st</sup> and Oak was looking good.

**Spring Seminar 2014 – Larry Agee** announced that a committee meeting was held on August 26 with 5 members in attendance. As chair he hopes to subdivide the committee into five groups – audio visual, food, program, book and speakers. He would like to have at least two people to work on each of the five with each group consisting of 1 experienced person and 1 person who has not yet worked on a seminar. Larry noted that he has talked to one possible speaker whose topic would be windmills. There was additional discussion about possible speakers and/or topics.

**Altrusa Chili Cook-Off** – there was discussion about whether or not tents or tables will be supplied by Altrusa or whether we will need to supply our own.

**Vigo county School Corporation 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Days, Sept. 9 – 11 – Bob Archer and Phil Small** will be doing this presentation, but they would like to have

some volunteers over the three days to help coordinate our effort. They aren't asking people to sign up, just show up whenever you have time. Verna will send out an email asking for volunteers and offering contact information for Bob and Phil so they can have an idea if they are going to have enough help.

**Learning Days** – will take place at the Vigo County Library on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sharon Polge will take care of preparation, but Debbie Lazzell will lead the event on that day.

**Christmas in the Park** – They have decided to use white lights with white cords and white decorations with rotating colored lights. The title of the exhibit will be White Christmas, Winter Wonderland or something similar.

**Fall Master Gardener Class** – so far only 6 persons have signed up and Jim would like to have 15. Verna has sent messages to people via email and Facebook in an attempt to interest additional people.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Reminder** – September meeting will begin at 6:00pm and be preceded by a seed and plant exchange and a carry-in. Verna will send out an email to let people know what they should bring.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jim Luzar forwarded copies of a New Master Gardener Program Policy Guide to some members of the Board. Sam noted some of the changes will be effective on 9-18-14 and the fact that groups would have some time to implement them.

**Website Committee** – Sam discussed some of his efforts to bring this website up to date and there was some discussion about what should be on it.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A Master Gardener Leadership Round table meeting will be held on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Sam asked how many Board members will be attending so he can give them a count.

**Next Board of Directors meeting** will be at the Vigo County Public Library on October 2, 2014 at 6:00pm.

**Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours of volunteer time.**

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**CHILI COOK – OFF 2014:** The Cook – Off Committee and helpers did a great job this year but did not place, but had two very tasty Chili's. They received a lot of compliments on both Chili's (HOT and Vegetarian). It was a good day with lots of fun and more to come. A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped.

*Jim Luzar*

Jim Luzar

Extension Educator - Ag/Natural Resources

County Extension Director

IVY Tech College

Partnership Coordinator





WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER  
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Next planning & scheduling meeting is October 21, 6:30pm at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Fairgrounds.

Education time will be Amber Slaughterbeck speaking about Wabashiki.

At this meeting we will be voting on the following officers. If you need an absentee ballot you need to contact Carole Dreher (Recording Secretary) as soon as possible as the ballot needs to be returned no later than seven (7) days prior to the election. Write-ins are allowed on the ballot.

**President** – Bob Archer

**Vice President** - Greg Fields

**Recording Secretary** – Carole Dreher

**Corresponding Secretary** – Verna Gaskin

**Treasurer** – Pat Youman

**Service Coordinator** – Pat Woods

**Board of Directors** (past officers – vote for two) Larry Agee, Sam Ligget  
(at large – vote for one) Phil Small

Planning and scheduling meeting September 16.

No education time was earned.

The meeting was preceded by a carry-in meal and a plant and seed exchange.

Sam Ligget called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Sam noted that the minutes had been published in the Gazette and asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none and the minutes were accepted as written by a voice vote.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

VICE PRESIDENT: Bob Archer said that our November program will be on the art of Bonsai.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna checked to see if everyone was receiving the emails and the Gazette.

TREASURER: Pat Youman reported the activity and balance for our account during the past month.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Cyd said that she has ordered badges to be presented in October.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN: Greg Fields reported that we are winding down activity for the season. We still have cabbage and broccoli. So far we have harvested and distributed 23,748.5 pounds of produce. The tomatoes are done producing and are being pulled up. We are planning on planting a cover crop. Volunteers are now picking on Monday and Friday.

FLOWER BEDS: Bill Hiatt Head Bedkeeper; Patriotic Garden – Bill reported that the flowers are growing well and, unfortunately, so are the weeds. He said that he has received compliments on the gardens.

Hawthorne Park: Larry Agee said that there will be a workday on September 17<sup>th</sup> to plant the replacement roses. After they are planted we will need volunteers to water them 2 to 3 times per week.

SPRING SEMINAR: Larry Agee said that the date for this event is March 14, 2015 and there will be a meeting at Java Haute next Tuesday, September 23 at 5:30pm to work on plans. He did note that we have secured two speakers so far.'

OLD BUSINESS:

LEARNING DAYS at the Library will take place at the Library. Debbie Lazzell reported that she has not yet heard from Sharon Polge who is preparing for this event.

WEB SITE: Sam reported that Pat Cottom, Yvonne Russell and Barbara Brugnaux have agreed to serve on this committee. He informed us that the site had been down recently and some information had been lost.

SCIENCE DAYS – CONSERVATION/LEARNING : Phil Small and Bob Archer reported that this was a successful event. They had good helpers and entertained 46 classes with an average of 25 students per class.

FALL INTERN CLASS: Carol Swearingen said that 10 students had started the class. Volunteers are needed to help facilitate the class.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Phil Small reported that a slate of candidates has been set. He noted that the Recording Secretary, Carol Dreher, has printed copies of the ballot which can be

provided to persons who will be unable to attend the October meeting who wish to vote by absentee ballot.

CHILI COOKOFF: Sam reported that we have funded this project on a yearly basis. A motion was made and seconded that we pay the \$50.00 entry fee and up to \$200.00 for this year's participation. Motion was approved by a voice vote. Debbie Lazzell thanked everyone who worked on this project.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park: Peggy Harlan announced that the theme for this year's exhibit will be "A Season of Sparkle". She said that a work meeting is planned from 1:00 to 4:00pm on September 21, 2014 in the Women's Building. She called for donation of any penguins, white deer or snowflakes that anyone might have to spare.

Sam noted that some copies of updated versions of the Purdue Master Gardeners Policy Manual have been received. Some changes include guidelines for lapses in volunteer activity and transfers.

The new guidelines say that any persons who have not met minimum educational and volunteer hours for more than 4 years will need to be recertified if they wish to continue as a Master Gardener.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Greg Fields thanked Ruth Johnson for providing empty boxes this summer for the Giving Garden.

#### NEXT MEETING:

- Board meeting Oct. 2, Vigo County Public Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30pm, 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned with .75 of volunteer time for the 35 members in attendance. Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING October 2, 2014, Vigo County Public Library

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Members in attendance were Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee and Paula Wilson.

Non Board members in attendance: None

Minutes of last Board meeting: Carole Dreher – Published in Gazette

VICE PRESIDENT: Bob said that the October speaker will be Amber Slaughterbeck who works for the Vigo County Parks Department. He said he was still looking for a November speaker. When asked about the Bonsai program that had been mentioned at the September Planning and Scheduling meeting, he said that had fallen through.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Verna said that she had nothing to report and encouraged members to let her know if someone is ill so she can send them a card.

**TREASURER:** Pat reported on our balance. She said that she had paid the entry fee of \$50.00 for the Chili Cook-off and expenses of \$203.00.

**SERVICE COORDINATOR:** Cyd was unable to attend, but reported in an email message the names of persons who will be receiving awards in October.

**COMMITTEES:**

**GIVING GARDEN:** Reported via Sam that the poundage of the produce is down significantly due to the lateness of the season. Progress on the greenhouse is at a standstill. John Rosene of IVYTech wants to finish it with student labor, but scheduling has been a problem for him.

**GARDENS:** Head Bill Hiatt was not present, but members said they had received an email from Susan Polifroni saying that she had weeded the Butterfly Garden.

Verna reported that Debbie Lazzell had pulled up the zinnias and planted mums, pansies and flowering cabbage at 1<sup>ST</sup> AND Oak.

Sam said that work had been done on the First National bed.

Bob Archer said that he had watered the roses at Hawthorn Park. There was some discussion about reports of a mite that is attacking Knockout Roses in other areas (rosette virus?) and there are fears that it may become to roses what the EAB is to Ash trees.

**SPRING SEMINAR 2015:** Larry Agee said that they have 3 speakers and are talking to a possible 4<sup>th</sup> one. Cyd Hunter will arrange printing with the Big Picture. We have a verbal agreement with IVYTech, but are still awaiting a formal agreement. The arrangement should be the same as last year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ALTRUSA CHILI COOK-OFF:** Members who worked at or attended the event reported that it had been fun and seemed to go well even though we did not win any prizes.

**LEARNING DAY AT THE LIBRARY –** Sharon Polge was to have prepared for this and Debbie Lazzell was to have led the effort at the event. No report was available to describe how the event turned out.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK –** A workday is scheduled at the Fairgrounds on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is the day assigned for us to work in the refreshment stand (train ride) during this seasonal event.

**FALL MASTER GARDENER CLASS:** It was reported that the class size has increased to 12 attendees.

**WEB SITE COMMITTEE** met recently to discuss various things about the site. One complaint about it is that it is difficult to add photos to it or edit items already on the site.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sam said we need to purchase and deliver donuts to City Park Employees, fairground employees, Hawthorne Park employees (and at the County Annex) and the Extension Office.

Sam asked if anyone on the board wished to take on the task. It was decided that the matter should be taken up at the next Planning & Scheduling meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jane Morse has scheduled a honeysuckle pull at Dobbs Park on Oct. 11 beginning at 8:30am. Cheryl Dell, Urban Forester, has been conducting some programs titled "Walk through the Park". She would like to do a program for Master Gardeners, perhaps one that included a walk around Deming Park. She would like to encourage Master Gardeners to advocate for maintaining the Urban forest.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the VCPL on November 6, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1.5 hours volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher Recording Secretary

Here is an easy recipe for Pumpkin Cookies called "2 Ingredient Pumpkin Cookies".

1 box Spice Cake Mix (any brand)

1 15 oz. can pumpkin

Mix dry cake mix with pumpkin and drop by teaspoon on cookie sheet lined with parchment paper.

Bake for 15 – 20 minutes or until done in a 350 degree oven.

Makes approximately 30 to 36 cookies

Eat plain or frost with cream cheese frosting. (I purchased a can of cream cheese frosting)

I have made these and they are very good. A fast and easy recipe.

Jim Luzar  
Extension Educator, CED  
Ag/Natural Resources  
IVY Tech  
Partnership Coordinator



## NOVEMBER GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

Next planning and scheduling meeting is November 18, 2014, 6:30pm in the 4-H meeting room at the Fairgrounds.

Education time will be on Aquaponics presented by Matt Pollom.

Minutes of October 21, 2014, Planning and scheduling meeting.

Vice President Bob Archer introduced the speaker, Amber Slaughterback of the Vigo County Parks Department. She is the Natural Resources Programmer and responsible for Special Events and Nature programs. Members were invited to sign up for email notification of events. The Vigo County Parks include 2,600 acres, 65 acres of which are water. She listed the acreage for each of the parks that the County Parks Department manages: Fowler Park - 462 acres, Prairie Creek Park – 282 acres, Hawthorne Park – 256 acres and Markel Mill Park – 8 acres. She noted that the DNR manages the Wabashiki Nature Park but the County Parks Department takes care of the parking there. She also spoke about her project to help turtles cross the highway without getting run over near Wabashiki.

Educational time earned was 1.0 hour.

President Sam Liggett called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Minutes: Sam said that the minutes had been published in the Gazette and asked for corrections or additions. There were none and the minutes were approved as printed.

Recording Secretary: Carole passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Bob said that the November educational topic will be hydroponics. There will be no educational program in December due to the carry-in meal scheduled prior to the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin checked to see if everyone was receiving emails and the Gazette.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Cyd announced the persons receiving awards this quarter and asked them to remain after the meeting for photos. Persons receiving awards were: Patty Cottom – Certified, Jessica Fields – Certified, Era Nichols – Certified, Jean Diemer – Certified, Brenda Kirchner – Bronze, Greg Fields – Gold, Bob Archer – Gold and Verna Gaskin – Gold 3000.

Giving garden: Greg reported that activity is winding down there. They are still picking some bell peppers. Volunteers have harvested and donated 25,482 pounds to date. Greg said that volunteers have been great. He has spoken to some groups who have donated funds for the garden. When asked about the greenhouse, he said the status has not changed.

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, said that the beds are still in good shape. Recent rains have helped.

Bob Archer reported on recent work at Hawthorne Park.

Debbie Lazzell reported on Learning Days at the Library. There were four volunteers to help her serve around 150 children. The project was seeds in a cup.

Spring Seminar: Larry Agee was not present, but he sent a report stating that some speakers had been scheduled and that they are now negotiating for the last speaker.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park: Peggy reported that there will be a workday at Beth Keyes house in Shirkieville on Friday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8. They have to paint stuff and make flags. There is still a lot of work to do. They will decorate on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers will be needed on December 7<sup>th</sup> to work in the concession stand in Deming.

Fall Intern Class: Carol Swearingen was not present, but Patty Weaver reported that things were progressing well.

Nominating Committee: Members of this committee passed out ballots for members to vote for their choice of members to serve as officers during 2015. Thirty-three ballots were cast. Peggy Harlan announced the results. The new officers will be: Bob Archer – President, Greg Fields – Vice President, Carole Dreher – Recording Secretary, Verna Gaskin – Corresponding Secretary, Pat Youman – Treasurer, Pat Woods – Service Coordinator, Larry Agee and Sam Liggit – Board of Directors (Past Officers) and Phil Small – Board of Directors (At large). Newly elected

officers are invited to attend the November Board Meeting which will be held in the Vigo County Public Library.

**New Business:**

Sam said there will be no Spring Intern Class in 2015 because Jim Luzar is scheduled to teach 3 classes at IVY Tech.

Larry Agee and Sam Liggitt took donuts to the Extension Office, City Parks personnel, County Parks personnel and Vigo County Fairgrounds personnel.

**Announcements:**

Members are asked to wear name tags to meetings.

There was a question about fundraising followed by discussion. It was noted that as a non-profit organization the standard is that we can keep one year's operating expense and we should not compete against local farmers or merchants.

**Next meeting:**

Board meeting, Nov. 6, 2014, Vigo County Library, 6:00pm.

Planning and scheduling meeting, Tuesday November 18, 2014, 6:30pm, 4-H Building, Vigo County Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned with 1.25 hours volunteer time for the 34 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary.

Board of Directors meeting minutes of Nov. 6, 2014.

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

Members in attendance: Sam Liggitt, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee and Paula Wilson.

Non Board members in attendance: Brenda Kirchner and Pat Woods.

Minutes of last Board meeting: Carole Dreher reported that they had been published in the October Gazette. Minutes were approved as written.

Vice President: Bob announced that Matt Pollom would speak at the November Planning and scheduling meeting on the topic of Aquaponics. The December meeting will feature a carry-in dinner and will not include an educational topic. January's guest speaker will be the City Arborist.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat passed around the bank statement and reported the balance.

Service Coordinator: Cyd was not present but Sam noted that hours for fourth quarter badges (to be presented in January) are due by 12/05/14.

#### COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg was not present but Sam said that we are within 80 pounds of reaching 26,000 pounds of produce harvested and donated. Right now they are mostly harvesting turnips. Have not been able to do the rototilling yet due to the weather.

Garden Beds: Head Bedkeeper Bill was not present but Brenda reported that the Patriotic Garden had been put to bed for the winter. Larry Agee said that the plants at Hawthorne Park look good.

Spring Seminar 2015: Larry said he still need an email agreement from one of the speakers to verify that they would be there otherwise the speakers are all set. He said that a meeting to work on plans for this event would take place at 7:00pm following this meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas in the Park: The title for our exhibit will be "Christmas: A season of Sparkle". The committee is working on a lady who will twirl around. Beth Keyes sent a report saying that they will need volunteers to help set up on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was discussion about work on the exhibit.

Fall Intern Class of 2014: Members of this class should be finished in November. They will be invited to attend our December meeting to celebrate completion of their training.

Website Committee: Sam reported that this committee had recently met. Steve Smith, a Spring 2014 intern, has some computer experience and has joined the committee. Steve said that the software (WordPress) that they are using has good reput. He is getting a plug-in to help.

Sam said that he and Larry Agee took care of the task of delivering thank you donuts to the Parks and Fairgrounds personnel.

Committee Sign-up 2015: Committee description sheets will be displayed at the December meeting to help people decide what committees they might wish to volunteer for.

Someone asked if anyone knew the outcome of an insurance claim filed last year. No one knew. A general discussion of insurance policies ensued.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Sam said we would be needing volunteers to staff the concession stand at Deming Park on December 7 from 6 to 8 or perhaps as late as 9 depending on the weather and the attendance.

Sam announced that there would be no Spring 2015 Intern class due to the fact that Jim Luzar is scheduled to teach 3 classes at IVY Tech during the Spring Semester.

Sam noted that the 2015 meeting dates had been set and had been provided to the Board of Directors on the back of the agenda. There was brief discussion about them and Verna said that she would have them published in the Gazette.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Purdue Master Gardener Study Abroad, Northern England and Wales, July 6-18, 2015.

Indiana Flower and Patio Show, Indiana State Fairgrounds, March 14-22, 2015.

Indiana Home and Garden Show, February 13-15, Indiana Convention Center.

Bob Archer presented a flyer describing a 2014 Miracle Christmas Tree decorating contest for non-profit groups in the Wabash Valley. There will be one grand prize winner of \$500 and all participating groups will get \$100. Carole Dreher was asked to check with Nancy Nation and see if the two of them would be willing to consider taking on this project.

Sam announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on 1-8-2015 at 6:00pm in Room E.

The meeting was adjourned after .75 hours of volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary





## DECEMBER GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

Next planning and scheduling meeting is **December 9, 6:00pm at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.** This is a carry-in of your favorite holiday snacks. There will be no education time. The graduating Interns are our guests. As always spouses are welcome.

Anyone wishing to get Master Gardener t-shirts, jackets, etc. with our emblem on them may purchase them at Embroidery Express located behind the mall. You may take your own t-shirt in or purchase one through Embroidery Express.

Minutes of Planning and scheduling meeting of November 18, 2014.  
4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

Educational time earned was 1.5 hour. Bob Archer introduced our speaker, Matt Pollom, and said that his topic would be Aquaponics. Mr. Pollom said that he had a background in the pharmaceutical industry but was inspired to take up this activity after a visit to Disney World's Epcot Center. He later visited Green Houses in Milwaukee, WI, which is heated by compost. He said that he has facilities at Inland Aquatics where plants and sea animals support hydroponics. He described his current operation and said that it is probably the way of the future. He said that 3 things are needed for hydroponics: water flow, water chemistry and room to grow.

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

Minutes: Sam noted that the minutes had been published in the Gazette and asked for additions or corrections. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

Recording Secretary: Carole passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Bob said that Cheryl Dell, Urban Forrester for the City, would present our educational program for January, 2015 and in February we will have a program on Bonzai trees. Whether we get to see the presenters trees or not depends on the weather.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat reported the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Cyd said that December 5 is the deadline to present hours for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter awards.

### COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg Fields reported that harvest is pretty much over for the 2014 growing season. All that remains is a few turnips. To date we have harvested 1,330 pounds of turnips, bringing our total for the year

up to 26,362 pounds of produce grown, harvested and donated to local food banks. Last years (2013) harvest totaled 22,558 pounds. Greg thanks all of the volunteers who helped make the garden a success. He said that we are working on getting materials to complete the greenhouse.

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, reported that most of the gardens maintained by the Master Gardeners have been put to bed for the year.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Seminar: Larry Agee reported that the planning committee have four speakers arranged and they are in the process of printing flyers. They will be mailing some to last year's attendees. Would like to have people donate gardening magazines and catalogs. If anyone should sell a sponsorship for the program please let the committee know. Quarter page ads cost \$40, half-page ads - \$80 and full page ads cost \$150.

Christmas in the Park: Sam said we would need volunteers to work in the concession stand on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Set up will take place on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and maybe even carry over to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Set up will take place at 10:00am in the Ozok Shelter. Judging will be on Decemnrber 8. On December 1 the lights will be turned on.

Website: Sam reported that Steve Smith has volunteered to help with maintenance of the website ([www.wvmga.org](http://www.wvmga.org)).

Fall Intern Class: Jim Luzar said that the class will be completed prior to the December meeting and the interns will be invited to that meeting.

Sam said that sheets describing activities of each committee will be available at the December meeting so members could peruse them and decide which committee(s) they would like to volunteer to serve on. (Everyone is encouraged to sign up for at least one committee)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Sam noted that dates for Board of Director meetings and Planning and scheduling meetings had been printed on the back of the agenda sheet.

Bob Archer said that there was an opportunity for non-profit organizations to decorate a tree that would be displayed during the Miracle on 7th Street which will be held on Dec. 5. Participants will receive an award of \$100 and one participant judged the best tree display will receive \$500. Carole Dreher announced that she and Nancy Nation are willing to take on this project and if selected will need some help with decorating, including the loan of garden related items such as colorful seed packets, pine cones, etc. and some volunteers to be available to represent the organization from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. She said she would send information to Verna so she could put out an email. A sign-up sheet was also passed around.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sam said we received a thank you card from Fairground employees for the donation of donuts. It was announced that there is a Christmas walk in the Collet Park area.

NEXT MEETING:

- Board Meeting January 8, 2015, Vigo Co. Library Room 6, 6:00pm
- Planning and scheduling meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 9, **6:00pm**, 4H meeting room, Vigo County Fairgrounds. No educational time, Christmas treat carry-in.

The meeting was adjourned with .5 hour of volunteer time for the 23 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES AND TIMES for 2015**

All meetings are at the Vigo Co. Library, Room 6 at 6:00pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month)

January 8 (The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in January is New Year's Day)

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

July 2

August 6

September 3

October 1

November 5

December – no meeting

**PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

All meetings are at the 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 6:30pm unless otherwise noted

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19 Ute Shelter in Deming Park , carry-in, 6:00pm

June Garden tour T.B.A.

July 21

August 18 place T.B.A.

September 15 Plant and seed exchange and carry-in, 6:00pm

October 20

November 17

December 15 Christmas get-together, carry-in favorite holiday snack, 6:00pm

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 2013 in Indiana the pounds of produce donated to local food banks from educational demonstration gardens was 55,755 of which 22,558 was from our own Giving Garden.

In 2012 the total in Indiana was 49,700 of which 11,400 pounds was from the Giving Garden.

In the Summer of 2002 sod was removed from an area in Deming Park for a Patriotic Garden by the Wabash Valley Master Gardeners. In November of that year "Diablo" Ninebark shrubs were planted. The shrubs were donated by Gary Galey of Fruitridge Greenery. At that time sod was removed for 2 more gardens and walkway, namely the Butterfly Garden and Herb Garden. In the Spring of 2003 the Patriotic Garden was planted with flowers being donated by Fruitridge Greenery. The Flag Pole and Flag donated by the AMVETS. The Butterfly Garden was planted with flowers and shrubs donated by The Apple House. The herbs for the Herb Garden were supplied by the Herb Society.

Dedication of the Gardens took place on June 14, 2003 (Flag Day). In attendance were Marilee Britton of the Parks Department, Mayor and Mrs. Burke, Dr. Lindy Miller, representatives of AMVETS and VFW Color Guard, and Wabash Valley Master Gardeners and others.

Happy Holiday!

*Jim*

Jim Luzar

Extension Educator-Ag/Natural Resources

County Extension Director

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