



THE GARDEN GAZETTE

JANUARY 2016

Next Planning and scheduling meeting is January 19, 2016 at 6:30pm in the 4-H Meeting Room at the Fairgrounds. Assessment of \$15 is due at this time along with volunteer hours. Assessment may be sent to Pat Youman, 2356 E. Glenview Dr., Terre Haute, IN 47802. After Jan. 30 the dues goes to \$20. Hours may be sent to Jessica Fields, 6598 McDaniel Rd., Terre Haute, IN 47802 or email to wabashvalleymastergardeners@yahoo.com

NOTE: The Spring Seminar Committee is collecting garden related magazines, books, catalogs, etc. to be given away free to those attending the seminar. They may be brought to our meetings in January and February or contact Jessica Fields.

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT – BOB ARCHER:

It is the start of a new year, and the Wabash Valley Master Gardener Association must send its total volunteer and education hours from 2015 to Purdue University by January 25th.

We have not received hours yet from many gardeners. Jessica Fields (new service coordinator) has prepared a service hour sheet for each member. Jessica has passed out the hour sheets to members who have been attending the planning and scheduling meetings. If you have not turned in your hours for 2015 or verified your hours sheet, please contact Jessica ASAP or at our next P & S meeting on January 19th. Jessica can be contacted at jessica.fields@indstate.edu Her mailing address is 6598 McDaniel Rd., Terre Haute, IN 47802. Who is a Master Gardener? To be called a Purdue Master Gardener, you must be certified each and every year. This means an individual must volunteer a minimum of 12 hours and acquire 6 education hours each year. If an individual does not meet these minimum requirements for a year they are no longer a certified Purdue Master Gardener. Interns have two years to complete 36 volunteer hours before they can be called a “certified” master gardener. Purdue is working on having each master gardener record their hours online this year. When implemented, this will take the responsibility of tracking hours out of our hands and place more responsibility on each individual gardener. We have individuals who pay their membership dues to the association but do not turn in any hours. We do appreciate the donation, but this alone does not make you a Purdue Master Gardener.

Beginning March 1st, individual gardeners who have not met the minimum volunteer and education hours for 2015, and not paid their association due of \$15 for 2016, will be dropped from our email and mailing lists.

We appreciate the efforts of all gardeners, and remember the job is not done until the paperwork is done.....

We and you do a lot for the betterment of the Wabash Valley.

Thanks, Bob Archer – President

Wabash Valley Master Gardener Association Planning and Scheduling Meeting, December 15, 2015, 6:00pm,
4-H Meeting Room on the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds

No educational time was earned. The meeting was preceded by a carry-in of snacks.

Meeting called to order by President Bob Archer at 6:50pm.

Bob asked Jim Luzar to introduce the Fall 2015 Interns. Jim introduced the group and asked each of them to say something about themselves as a means of introduction. Jim said members of the group are now finished with their classes and are ready to work on their 35 volunteer hours. At this time some photos were taken of the new interns.

Jim also offered some words of farewell since he will now be working full time in Parke County. Bob presented him with a going away card and a present from members of the organization and members gave him a standing ovation in appreciation of his years of work in Vigo County.

Minutes: published in the Gazette. No corrections or additions were offered.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Verna Gaskin and Debbie Lazzell conducted 2 seasonal games and awarded prizes of the centerpieces poinsettias based on the attendance list.

Vice President Greg Fields announced that there would be a Giving Garden committee meeting at 10:00am on January 22, 2016 in the Floriculture Building at the Fairgrounds.

Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin checked to see if any of the interns would need to receive a hard copy of the Gazette or membership list. At this point President Archer informed the interns and reminded members that the membership list is intended as contact information for the conduct of the business of the organization and is not to be used to promote personal business or issues to members and should not be shared with persons outside of the organization for such purposes.

COMMITTEES:

Spring Seminar: Jessica Fields said that her committee would like to offer old garden magazines to be shared at the seminar on March 13, 2016, and asked members to start bringing them to meetings. Bob encouraged members to start inviting people to attend the seminar.

Christmas in the Park: Bob offered thanks to Beth and Steve Keyes for their work on this project. He also reminded members that volunteers would be needed to help tear down the display at the park on 12/30/15.

Next Meetings:

- Board meeting Jan. 7, 2016, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm, RM. 6
- Planning and scheduling meeting, Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 6:30pm, 4H Bldg.

The meeting was adjourned with no hours of volunteer time for the members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 7, 2016, 6:00pm
Vigo County Public Library, RM. 6

President Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Members in attendance: Bob Archer, Greg Fields, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Sam Liggit, Phil Small, Jessica Fields, Carl Trent.

Non Board Members in attendance: Peggy Harlan and Beth Keyes were present at the beginning of the meeting. They were there to say that they felt that they could no longer head up the Christmas in the Park projects which they have handled so successfully over the past few years. They said they will be willing to help guide any volunteer(s) who want to take on the project in the future. There was some discussion about who might want to do this and even whether we still want to continue doing it. The matter will be revisited in the future.

Minutes of last board meeting were published in the December Gazette. Bob asked for any additions or corrections. There were none so the minutes were approved as published.

Vice President Greg Fields said that Jay Christiansen from the Extension Office will be the speaker at the January Planning and scheduling meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin said that she has been working on our Master Gardener scrapbook.

Treasurer Pat Youman reported the beginning balance, expenses, income and the ending balance. She passed around the latest bank statement for perusal by the members. She said that it was time for dues to be paid. Some discussion followed about payment of dues, reporting of volunteer and education hours, what members need to do to maintain their status as a Master Gardener and when they would need to recertify.

Service Coordinator Jessica Fields said that 6 people will be getting badges in March. She said that hours have been slow in coming in. Sam Liggit reported that he has updated the form on the website so it can be directed to Jessica. She has been checking records against reports to try to make sure they are up to date.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden – Greg Fields said that the total harvest for 2015 is 27,785 pounds. Verna has placed a seed order. Some volunteers have planted tomatoes and sunflowers for Earth Day. A Giving Garden committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on January 22, 2016 in the Floriculture Building.

Website – Sam Liggit reported that the time reporting sheet on the website had been updated. There was discussion about how people could copy the form if they do not have access to Microsoft Word. (NOTE: If anyone cannot print out the forms please notify Verna at vernajean1962@gmail.com and she will mail hard copies of the form to you)

Spring Seminar 2016 – Jessica Fields reported that her committee planned to meet on Jan. 8, 2016 at 10:00am. A question had been raised about whether someone went to the seminar for the sole purpose of volunteering but did not attend any of the sessions or eat a meal were they obligated to pay the \$35.00 entry fee? It was agreed that they did not have to pay the fee, but they could not claim any educational hours but only the volunteer time that they worked and if they decided they wished to eat they should pay for their meal.

Christmas in the Park – Pat Youman reported the final expenses compared to the \$500.00 we received for participating.

Arts Illiana Tablescapes – Carole Dreher said that she has submitted an application to participate in this event. There is no cost to the organization for this event. Carole and her committee donate time and items to use. This activity helps inform the community about activities of our organization and how they benefit the community. This year our theme will feature Master Gardener activities at the Vigo County Fair. The event will take place February 25-27, 2016, at the Indiana Theater at 7th and Ohio in downtown Terre Haute.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bed keeper reports:

1st and Oak Memorial Garden – This bed sustained some recent damage when a vehicle ran up into the bed. The retaining wall and some of the plants were damaged. Bob said that he has done work on the damage but more work is needed. There was some discussion about who we could get to erect the fence for the memorial and what sort of material we can use for the memorial plaques.

First Financial Welcome to Terre Haute plot: Maintenance of this plot will be taken for by First Financial.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purdue Master Gardener Impact Survey: This is a report that has been prepared by Jim Luzar in the past. Since he is now working full time in Parke County, Bob is working on the report that contains various statistics about volunteer hours, educational activities, contact with the public and various other items. The report is due by January 29th.

Memorial Condolences: Verna has sent these to the family of deceased member John Hilderbrand, to Peggy Harlan on the death of her father and Rondel Love family.

Audit Committee: Bob will be appointing an Audit Committee to conduct an audit in February.

Members are scheduled to make an annual **renewal of their Purdue Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Seed swap, ISU Community Garden – Jan. 16, 12-2, Rose Newton
- Bi-State Gardening Conference, Jan. 28, Beef House, Covington, IN
- “A Winter Day in the Garden”, Jan.30, Robinson, IL
- 9th Annual Spring Tonic, Mar. 5, 8:00am-3pm, Paoli, IN
- Indiana Garden and Flower Show, Mar. 12-20, Indianapolis
- Bird Fest, May 21, 8-12, Hawthorn Park – volunteers needed-see Amber S.
- Purdue State M.G. Conference, June 16-18, West Lafayette, IN

Check wvmga.org website for additional information

Next Board of Directors meeting on 2-4-16, 6:00pm, Public Library, Rm.6.

Meeting adjourned after 1.5 hours of volunteer time.

Planning and scheduling meeting will be at Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room 1-19-16 at 6:30pm.

Old Master Gardener Advisor Update

Thank you everyone for your kind words and thoughts at the December WVMG Association meeting! When Bob Archer presented the sack with something “green” inside, I assumed there were gardening packets or something. I was shocked when I got home that night and looked inside. I have treated my wife to several different meals over the past weeks...what a surprise and treat from all of you.

I wish all of you the best in 2016. Purdue Extension is working on hiring a new educator to fill my Vigo position. Keep the office posted of what you need in the meantime. Kathy, Wendy, and Abby Thomas will help you with your requests from the office. Kristi Whitacre is Vigo CED and is very supportive. Keep in touch!

Sincerely,

Jim

Jim Luzar

Extension Educator-Ag/NR

County Extension Director – Parke County



MAY 2016

GARDEN GAZETTE

Planning and Scheduling meeting for May is May 17, 2016 at **6:00pm**, at the Ute Shelter in Deming Park. **THIS WILL NOT BE A CARRY-IN.** Barbecue sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks will be furnished by the association.

Planning and scheduling meeting minutes of April 19, 2016, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Educational time earned was 1 hour. Speaker Phil Cox was introduced by Greg Fields. Mr. Cox works in the Vermillion County Extension in Newport, Indiana. His topic was pollinators. He noted that some pollinators such as bees and monarch butterflies are in jeopardy. Petitions have been sent to wildlife services to put them on the threatened species. GMO's which make it easier to control weeds in agricultural crops are a factor in causing their habitats to disappear as is logging in Mexico which threatens the Monarch's winter habitat. One way to help is to plant more milkweed. Swamp and common milkweed are their favorites. Asters and Goldenrods are also good plants for pollinators. Mr. Cox distributed several handouts and packets of seed for plants that attract pollinators.

Meeting called to order by President Bob Archer.

MINUTES: Bob said that minutes had been published in the Gazette and asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none, so the minutes were approved as printed.

RECORDING SECRETARY Carole passed around an attendance sheet.

VICE PRESIDENT: Greg said there would be no speaker at either the May or June meetings and that there would be no July meeting due to the Vigo County Fair. He encouraged members to help Bill Hiatt and Verna Gaskin out with their fair activities.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna checked to see if everyone was receiving emails and The Gazette. She said that she has been experiencing computer problems and is having her computer repaired.

TREASURER: Pat Youman reported on income and expenses over the past month and listed the balance in our account.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Jessica said that the next badge order will be placed in June.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN: Greg said that his Horticulture Class students had planted some blueberry plants. We are having some problems with our passive solar heat in the greenhouse and as a result, have lost some cabbage plants. They went ahead and used some of Jessica Fields cabbage plants that she was planning to use for her giveaway project. Some children toured the garden and planned to plant some seeds.

SPRING SEMINAR: Jessica said we are still waiting for one sponsor to send in their money. We had a profit of \$1,300, comparable to what we have made in the past. Jessica thanked all of the volunteers who make this happen.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget said that he has entered the constitution and by-laws exactly as written with amendments attached to the bottom of the documents. Discussion ensued about the Constitution and by-laws and where the official copies should reside.

FAIR COMMITTEE: Bill Hiatt said that he is planning to call a meeting of this committee in May. We need to have trinkets and/or decorations for stepping stones. Ruth Johnson asked for donation of glass containers suitable to be used as vases for our flower arranging project. Bottles should have narrow necks and labels should be removed.

OLD BUSINESS:

FLOWER BEDS: Bill Hiatt Head Bedkeeper.

Butterfly Garden – a work day is scheduled for Friday, April 22 for cleanup. We did not get the grant that we had applied for.

Hawthorne Park: The Park Department has decided to just mow the area this year that we had tended in the past.

Raised bed at ISU Community Garden: Patti and Jim Weaver are working on this project.

MATTER IN MOTION: Sharon Polge reported that this activity went well. She had plenty of volunteers and the children seemed to enjoy making the pinecone birdfeeders.

EARTH DAY AT SMWC: Pat Youman reported that we made \$375 at this event. She considered it to be successful. Connie Cooper had worked at the event and she too thought that it was successful endeavor. The Herb Society is willing to purchase remaining herbs from our organization for the Herb Fair.

THREE NEW PROJECTS: Bob sent a proposed layout with a suggested list of plants to the Masonic Temple who had requested help.

Patti Weaver was supposed to have met with Greg Archer who had requested help with a faith based project but has not been able to make much progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

Announcements:

- Greg Fields said that Jessica needs bags and boxes for her giveaway project will take place at the Fairgrounds on April 30th.
- Verna Gaskin said that she had some copies of the Open Class Books for the Vigo County Fair in July.
- Yvonne Russell said that she had two new Master Gardener signs.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board meeting May 5, 2016, Vigo County Public Library, 6:00pm Room 6.
- Planning and Scheduling meeting May 17, 2017, 6:00pm, Ute Shelter, Deming Park with a light meal provided. (**not a carry-in**)

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
May 5, 2016
Vigo County Public Library, Room 6

PRESIDENT Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and introduced the new Purdue Educator, Dana Gadeken. She said a few things about her background.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Larry Agee and Phil Small.

NON BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dana Gadeken (Purdue Educator)

MINUTES OF LASGT BOARD MEETING: Carole said that they had been published in the Gazette. Bob called for additions or corrections. There were none so the minutes stand as published.

VICE PRESIDENT: Greg was not present. Members discussed the upcoming May meeting which is scheduled to be held in Deming Park. In the past this has included a carry-in meal in honor of Spring Interns. However, there was not a class this year so there will be no interns. There was a question about whether we should have a meal since we will also have one in June after our Garden tour and also because we do not have a chairperson to head up a committee to coordinate a meal. It was decided that we would have a simple meal this year consisting of barbecue sandwiches, chips and drinks. Verna volunteered to take care of the sandwiches. Since we usually do not have a speaker at this meeting, Bob invited Dana to come and introduce herself to members and suggested that she also bring some other persons from the Extension Staff so they could introduce themselves and describe their responsibilities.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna said she had nothing to report.

TREASURER: Pat was not present due to family activities and Assistant Treasurer Carl Trent also was not present so there was no treasurer report.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Jessica was not present because of IVY-Tech graduation. Bob said he thought she would be submitting a badge order soon.

GIVING GARDEN: Greg not present due to IVY-Tech graduation. He is on the staff there.

FLOWERBEDS: No report.

WEBSITE: No report.

PUBLICITY: No report

GARDEN TOUR: Verna was asked if she knew what gardens we would be touring. She said she thought that Bill had 2 gardens to tour and that another had been suggested, but no one knew which ones they were.

FALL INTERN CLASSES: There was discussion about this class, in part for Dana's benefit so she could be aware of our needs and, perhaps what we might need from her. We think these classes will take place on Tuesday mornings. There will be twelve 3 hour classes and a thirteenth class for a final test. Classes should be finished before Thanksgiving. Master Gardeners try to have volunteers on hand to help facilitate the classes.

Discussion ensued about who might teach the classes. Greg had previously suggested that he might have to teach them or get guest lecturers.

OLD BUSINESS:

BED KEEPERS REPORTS:

- 1st & Oak – this bed needs to be mulched. The Parks Board has requested that we try to have this bed ready prior to a May event in the park. There was discussion about what plants we should plant in this bed. Some plants do not thrive here during a dry spell.

- Susan Laitas Memorial/Memorial Fence – Bob said that materials have been purchased to erect the fence. There was a discussion about what information we should put on the plaques besides the person’s name. Since it would take some time to determine the length of time that an honoree was active with the Master Gardeners and might have had a lapse due to illness, it was suggested that we put “Class of XXXX” with XXX indicating the year the person took their intern training.

MINORS CERTIFICATION – We would like to have information about members who have completed this certification.

HERB FAIR: This event will take place at the Fairgrounds on May 7th. Verna said we will set up at 1:00pm on Friday, May 6th. Bob will bring hanging plants.

NEW BUSINESS:

Connie Cooper has offered to represent the Wabash Valley Master Gardeners at an affair in Marshall, Illinois, that we have been invited to participate in. There was discussion about what should be done. It was generally determined that it would be okay to participate in events if we could sell something but not to recruit members. If we have anything left over from the Herb Fair we might consider selling them there. Bob volunteered to call the person who sent the invitation to see what they may have expected from us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bob Archer said that he would be working on a schedule of meeting places, dates and times. He noted that there would be no meeting in July due to the Vigo County Fair taking place that month. This led to a general discussion about ownership of the fairgrounds and responsibilities for use of the facilities.

Check wvmga.org website for announcements.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on 6/02/2016 at 6:00pm.

Next Planning and scheduling meeting at Deming Park on 5/17/2016 at 6:00pm with a simple meal.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary, Carol Dreher

Hello Wabash Valley Master Gardeners,

I am so honored to start my journey through Purdue Extension with such an empowered and active group as the Wabash Valley Master Gardeners. The community involvement and enthusiasm demonstrated by your group was one of the reasons that I was so excited to apply for the position as Agricultural and Natural Resource Educator in Vigo County. I grew up in Alexandria, VA and loved helping my mother with small landscaping and container gardening projects around the house. After going to school at the University of Mary Washington and South Dakota State University my interests shifted to agriculture, leading me to get my MS in Dairy Nutrition. This interest has led me on some exciting adventures, all of which I am sure I will share with you all in time. Thank you for welcoming me aboard, and I am looking forward to working with you in the future.

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JUNE 2016

GARDEN GAZETTE

JUNE 18, 2016 is our **GARDEN TOUR**. You should have already received the tour directions. If not please contact me (Verna Gaskin at vernajean1962@gmail.com or 812-898-2004) The carry in is pot-luck, bring what you want. Meat and drinks furnished along with flatware and plates.

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2016 AT DEMING PARK.

No educational time. Meeting preceded by light meal.
Meeting called to order by President Bob Archer.

Bob then introduced Dana Gadeken, the new Agriculture Educator for Vigo County. Dana described her education and some of her experiences. She said that she was originally from Virginia. She has a Master's Degree from South Dakota State. She spent some time in New Zealand. She worked with dairy cattle.

MINUTES: Bob noted that the minutes had been published in the Gazette. He called for additions or corrections. There were none so the minutes stand as published.

RECORDING SECRETARY Carole passed around an attendance sheet.

VICE PRESIDENT Greg was not present but Bob said that there will be no speaker for the June meeting. Instead we will have a Garden Tour which will end up at Bill Hiatt's place where we will have a carry-in meal followed by a meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Verna checked to see if everyone was receiving emails and the Gazette. TREASURER Pat listed income and expenses and reported the balance in our account. SERVICE COORDINATOR Jessica was absent.

COMMITTEES:

FLOWER BEDS: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, reported that the gardens are in good shape.

1st & Oak – Bob said that he and Larry Agee have installed a fence in this bed to which we will attach memorial plaques.

HERB FAIR: We had a problem with our tomatoes and only had 20 to sell. We did however have a profit of \$754.

GARDEN TOUR: Bill Hiatt reported that this will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2016. We have 3 places to tour: a garden in Rosedale (Treva Cook), Richard Watson's, Betty Butwin's garden and Bill Hiatt's garden. We will have a carry-in meal which we will eat at Bill's place and then have a meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob said that 36 members have completed the minor certification. Members need to complete this before working on projects that include minors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peggy Harlan will head up the nominating committee. Bob noted that the President needs to do a lot of communicating. Greg Fields will likely assume this role which will leave the Vice President's position open. The office of Treasurer will also be open. Bob and Pat described some of the responsibilities of this office. Pat noted that the Spring Seminar required a lot of work for the treasurer.

2017 MEETING DATES: Bob provided a list of proposed meeting dates for 2017. Unless otherwise noted Board of Directors meetings will take place at the Library and Planning and scheduling meetings will take place in the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Purdue State Master Gardener Conference, West Lafayette, In. – June 16-18, 2016.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board of Directors meeting, June 2, 2016, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting June 18, 2016, Garden tour followed by carry-in meal at Bill Hiatt's home.

The meeting was adjourned with .5 hours volunteer time for the 24 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 2, 2016
Vigo CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY, ROOM 6

PRESIDENT Bob called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Archer, Greg Fields, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Phil Small, Jessica Field, Carl Trent.

NON BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Hiatt and Dana Gadeken.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Carole said that they had been published in the Gazette. Bob called for additions or corrections. There were none so the minutes stand as published.

VICE PRESIDENT: Greg said that he has been trying to get in touch with Bill Coppinger as a possible speaker in August. He noted that Mr. Coppinger was a well-received speaker at the Spring Seminar.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna said that she was sorry that she was late getting out information about a workday. Greg said that when the season first started they had a lot of volunteers but now they are down to around 5 or 6.

TREASURER: Pat passed around a bank statement for members perusal. She listed income and expenses and reported the balance in our account.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Jessica reported that she had placed an order on June 2nd for badges for three members. The next badge order is due to be placed on September 2nd.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg reported that we are close to having all planting done. We need to have some watering done. So far we have nothing ready to harvest.

FLOWERBEDS: Bill said that the flower beds look good. He has done some spraying. Three rosebushes had to be replaced in the Patriotic Garden. First and Oak looks good with the memorial fence in place. We will have mums in this bed in the fall.

WEBSITE: Sam said that he has added a photo of Dana Gadeken, or agriculture educator in the Extension office, on the website.

SPRING SEMINAR 2017: Jessica showed a copy of a thank you letter sent to vendors from the Hendricks County Master Gardener Association and said that something similar might be good for us to do. Verna reminded her that we have some stationary with our letterhead on it.

FAIR COMMITTEE: Bill reminded members that the Fair dates are July 10-16. Discussion ensued concerning concrete for stepping stones. Bill said that we would need around 30 pounds. He said that he has aluminum pans for the stepping stones and noted that we still need trinkets for the stepping stones. He said that he thought Ruth Johnson had enough garden flags for painting, but added that vases are still needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEMORIAL FENCE: Larry said we still need to identify names and class years for the memorial plaques. The only way we know of the death of a gardener is if we are notified by a family member or other person. Pat and Verna have a partial list. We were reminded that a person would have to have been certified to be eligible to have a plaque on the memorial.

JUNE GARDEN TOUR: Bill said that the garden tour on June 18th will cover around 31 miles. Some of the gardens include Dick Watson's and Betty Butwin's. The tour will conclude at Bill's place where we will tour his

garden, enjoy a carry-in meal and have a meeting. There were some questions about who might participate in the tour. After some discussion, it was determined that the tour would not be open to the public, however a member could bring a guest if they chose to do so and the garden owner could invite guests if they chose to do so. There were some questions about the matter of liability in the case of injury at this point. Discussion followed.

FALL INTERN CLASS: Dana said they will take place on Tuesday mornings, 9am to 12noon beginning on September 6th and ending on November 29th. Some discussion took place about topics to be covered and possible presenters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Fields said that Master Gardeners can pick 4 rows of sweet corn at a site planted as joint venture between IVY Tech and Catholic Charities on ground owned by Westminster Village. The remainder will be harvested and transported to Lafayette where it will be shucked and frozen with ½ coming back to Terre Haute and the other half going to other Catholic Charities sites.

Bob presented a tentative **Board and P & S meeting schedule for 2017**. He said that he had secured the Library meeting space through June of 2017. Dana will reserve meeting space at the 4-H Building meeting room.

2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Peggy Harlan will be heading this committee.

There was some discussion about what hours could be counted as volunteer hours. It was agreed that whatever project was being worked on should benefit the public and be approved by our organization and/or the Extension office.

DANA GADEKEN said that Conservation Days has been set for September 13 – 15. Bob Archer noted that he and Phil Small worked on this event last year with their topic being identification of vegetables. Dana said that Wal-Mart has donated a large box of seeds and would like the Master Gardeners to help get them into the hands of persons who might like to plant them. Verna said that we have provided seeds in the past at the County Fair. We can just put them in a container and invite fair goers to take one or more packages. Phil Small offered to help sort the seeds and Greg said that he will pick them up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June 16th – 18th – Purdue State Master Gardener Conference, West Lafayette, In.

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

Next Board of Directors will not meet in July but will meet on August 4, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Library.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

“Friends are the flowers in the garden of life. Beginning with a seed of trust, nurtured with laughter and tears, growing into loyalty and love.”



AUGUST 2016

GARDEN GAZETTE

June meeting was our Garden Tour. The Garden Tour ended at Bill & Janice Hiatt's home with a delicious carry-in. The scavenger word hunt at Bill's was won by Beth Keyes and Jo Ligget. Both ladies received a \$10 gift card to Walmart. The hidden letters spelled out "Nasturtium" with a couple of extra letters thrown in to confuse everyone.

There was no Board of Directors meeting and no Planning and Scheduling meeting in July. Hope everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July. July was also fair time. We had a very successful week with Little Sprouts and our "make and takes".

Many ribbons were won by our Master Gardeners who exhibited items at the Fair. Several of our ladies exhibited in the King Arthur Flour baking contest featuring zucchini, and the Bakers Best baking contest featuring pumpkin.

Many thank you's to the Master Gardeners who came and helped with the "make and takes", brought extra flowers for flower arranging, and to the men who helped mix the concrete for the stepping stones. Lots of volunteer hours were earned and well deserved. We made 207 hypertufa rocks ahead of time and all of them were painted. On Wednesday 138 garden flags were painted. On Thursday 143 flower arrangements were made. On Friday 257 stepping stones were made.

Election of officers will be coming up before long. If you are interested in holding an office, please contact Peggy Harlan.

Prior to this meeting, members participated in a tour of four gardens:

1. Treva Cook's garden near Rosedale, IN. She and her husband shared their garden which featured several recycled building pieces, including doors and windows, in a peaceful rural setting.
2. Richard "Dick" Watson's garden in a Terre Haute subdivision. His yard was shaded by several wonderful large shade trees. He proudly pointed out his cherry trees and blueberry bush. Participants enjoyed sampling the sweet cherries and blueberries.
3. Betty Butler's garden in Seelyville. Her modest sized yard featured plants and yard art all around the fence and outbuildings. A large tree in the backyard was surrounded by plants, birdhouses and garden art.
4. Bill Hiatt's garden near Staunton, IN. Parking was available in a large mowed field next to the house and one of Bill's helpful grandsons helped people get around the

property in a golf cart. Bill's garden featured large garden statues, a pond, a swimming pool, and several plants, including a large clematis that almost completely covered a dead tree. Bill shared some bulbs of plants that he had divided.

No educational time was earned. The meeting was preceded by a carry in meal. It featured barbeque prepared by Bill's son who operates a restaurant. Bill's wife and family members kindly helped with preparations for the meal.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Archer. No attendance was taken but Bob estimated that around 30 people were present.

MINUTES: published in the summer Gazette. No corrections or additions were noted.

VICE PRESIDENT: Greg was not present but Bob reminded members that there would not be a Board of Directors meeting or Planning & Scheduling meeting in July due to the time commitment and activities taking place at the Vigo County Fair.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna and Debbie Lazzell completed a game that was begun with placement of small signs in Bill Hiatt's gardens. The signs contained clues to the name of an attractive flower that could also be eaten. The answer turned out to be "Nasturtium". Winners were Beth Keyes and Jo Ligget.

TREASURER: No treasurer's report was given.

COMMITTEES: There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was brought up.

NEW BUSINESS: Fair Committee: Bill Hiatt said that a few things are still needed for some of the planned projects – fancy items to be used for stepping stones and vases for flower arranging. He also said that volunteers would be meeting at the fairgrounds to make hypertufa rocks for the rock painting project on the following Monday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bob said that Master Gardeners had recently been honored by WTHI-TV with the "Make-A-Difference" award. Carol Swearingen said that volunteers are needed to water the Patriotic Garden in Deming Park.

NEXT MEETING:

Board Meeting August 4, 2016, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.

Planning and Scheduling Meeting, August 16, 2016, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned with no volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 4, 2016, 6:00pm at the Vigo County Public Library, Meeting Room 6

PRESIDENT: Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Carl Trent, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Phil Small.

NON BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dana Gadeken – Purdue Extension.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING: Carole said that no minutes had been published since May because there were no Board of Directors or Planning and scheduling meetings in July due to Fair activities. Minutes

from the June meeting, held at Bill Hiatt's house after the Garden tour will be published in the August Gazette along with the Board of Directors meeting minutes.

VICE PRESIDENT: Greg was not present.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna had nothing to report.

TREASURER: Pat Youman passed around the latest bank statement for members to examine. She listed income, expenses and the current balance in our account.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Jessica was not present but Bob said that she had some badges and certificates to award.

COMMITTEES:

GIVING GARDEN: Phil Small reported that he and another volunteer helped deliver 2,000 ears of corn harvested from the plot located at Westminster Gardens which is a community effort involving several groups including Catholic Charities, IVY Tech, Ceres Solutions and a few others.

WEBSITE: Sam said he needs to add some information.

PUBLICITY: No report.

SPRING SEMINAR 2017: No report.

FAIR COMMITTEE WRAP-UP: Verna reported that one of our members, Ruth Johnson, had entered more than 40 exhibits at the Fair and received ribbons on all of them. We need to send a thank you note to the Bucci Company in Greencastle who donated 14 bags of Lone Star Cement for our stepping stone project at the fair.

OLD BUSINESS:

BED KEEPERS REPORTS:

- 1st & Oak – Bob said that this bed looks pretty good except for the fact that some critters (possibly moles or bunnies) have caused some damage.
- 3rd & Maple – Bob said that the annual in this bed have died and the spot seems to be a little bit weedy.
- Butterfly – Some volunteers were working on this bed today.
- Patriotic – This flower bed along with the herb bed tended by the Herb Society received some damage from recent storms.
- Hawthorne – no report
- Fairgrounds – These beds received some attention prior to the fair in early July.
- Raised bed at ISU Community Gardens – no report.

MEMORIAL FENCE: Bob said the tags are ready to attach to the fence as soon as he and/or Larry Agee have time to get some fasteners and attach them.

FALL 2016 INTERN CLASS: Dana Gaden said the fall class is due to start in September 6th. It will meet on Tuesdays 9:00am to 12:00noon into November. Currently only three people are signed up for the sessions. We really need to have at least 2 – 3 more people for the class. Members are urged to promote the class. Cost of the class is \$85.00.

Dana said that Cathy Cook is preparing for the Indiana Extension Homemakers Fall District Meetings. She is looking for someone to give a brief talk on September 14th about lawn care and gardening to a group during the SWCD field days. Someone suggested that Jessica Fields would be a good person to do this.

Dana presented a letter that she had received from the Altrusa Club inviting the Master Gardeners to participate in their Annual Chili Cook-Off as we have done in the past. This had been one of the late John Hilderbrand's project. Members agreed that it was a worthy project but decided that there was no interest in participating in the event this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Election Committee: Bob said that Peggy Harlan's committee is having some difficulty in getting members to agree to run for some of the offices. The most critical one lacking a candidate is that of Vice-President. The person who occupies this office, in addition to chairing a meeting whenever the President is unable to attend, is responsible for securing a speaker to present educational or informative materials at out Planning & scheduling meetings. It was suggested that perhaps Verna could send out an e-mail asking members to consider volunteering to run for an office.

Seed/plant exchange: This activity will take place at the September 20th Planning & Scheduling meeting at the 4H Building at the fairgrounds and will be preceded by a carry-in meal. More information about this will be forthcoming. Members may bring a guest if they wish to do so.

Bob said that volunteers are needed to help staff the STATE FAIR MASTER GARDENERS' BOOTH on Wednesday, August 10 and Friday, August 19 from 9am to 2pm (volunteers are asked to watch a video or read a pdf titled Plant info-to-go). Bob said he and some volunteers already. Discussion about what is expected of volunteers and transportation to and from the location.

Sam passed around two thank you notes. One was from Connor Center thanking us for the donation of fresh produce which helps them provide more diversity in the meals offered to their clients. The other was from the family of Wilma Harlan (Peggy Harlan's mother) for the memorial flowers we sent upon learning of her death.

Vigo SWCD field days, September 13-15: Bob Archer and Phil Small will offer information about Pollination and Vegetable ID.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SWCD Women's Learning Circle, August 11, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, Community Center 8:30am to 3:00pm. Verna issues an email about this event.

Check wvmga.org website for additional information.

Next P & S meeting, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 4H Meeting Room, 6:30pm on 8-16-16.

Next Board meeting at Vigo Co. Public Library, Room 6 on 9-1-16 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.

Hello Master Gardeners,

The presence of WVMGA at the 2016 Vigo County Fair was extremely impressive. There were daily questions from fair goer's about "make and takes", how the giving garden was doing, and the Master Gardener's activity. You are all part of an educational, community changing association that regularly makes Vigo County better than the day before. Thank you for all the volunteers. Those of you chatted with visitors to the Floriculture Building, guided flower arranging, and poured stepping stones in 90 °heat. The community noticed these gesture, large and small, and know that you are a Wabash Valley Master Gardener.

*Sincerely,
Dana Gadeken
Extension Educator
AGricultral and Natural Resource Educator*



SEPTEMBER 2016

Our next meeting is September 20 and is our seed and plant exchange and carry-in. Those with last name starting with A thru L please bring a vegetable or salad and those with last name starting with M thru Z please bring a fruit or dessert.

GARDEN GAZETTE

We will be voting at our October planning and scheduling meeting. The following is the slate of nominees:

President – Greg Fields

Vice President – Charlene McKean

Recording Secretary – Carole Dreher

Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin

Treasurer – Mary Beth Prickel

Service Coordinator – Jessica Fields

Board of Directors: Two past officers – Larry Agee, Sam Ligget

At-large member – Phil Small

Any member unable to attend the October meeting may request an absentee ballot from the Recording Secretary. The absentee ballot must be returned and received by the Secretary for certification no later than seven (7) days prior to the October 18 meeting. In order to vote, any person, upon meeting the membership requirements per Article III of the By-Laws and upon payment of any required assessments as provided in the By-Laws will be entitled to vote at any business meeting.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2016 PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, 4H BUILDING, WABASH VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS, 6:30pm

Educational time: 1 hour - Greg Fields introduced our speaker Peter Coppinger, a professor at Rose-Hulman. His field is Agrobacterium (mediated genetic engineering). He covered several topics: GMOs (genetically modified organisms). Genome editing (a new tool that allows specific changes to existing genes), Transgenic Technology (moving DNA through different kingdoms). He listed how these new technologies can be regulated: by the USDA through field testing permits, notification and determination of non-regulated states; by the FDA determining food safety and feed safety; and by the

EPA consideration of pesticidal plants, tolerance exemption, registrations and herbicides. Farmer oriented GMO concerns are insect resistance, herbicide tolerance (especially for cotton, soybeans and Canola) and any effects on non-target insects. Consumer oriented concerns are fears about food safety, broad geological impacts, and super weeds that have become resistant to herbicides through overuse.

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Archer at 7:30pm. Bob announced that long time member Peggy Harlan is moving to Indianapolis to be close to her daughter and that members had brought snacks to share in Peggy's honor. He invited all those present to enjoy the snacks at this time.

MINUTES: Recording Secretary Carole Dreher said that minutes from the June P&S meeting and August Board of Director's meeting had been published in the August Gazette. Bob called for additions or corrections. Larry Agee noted one correction for P&S minutes. In the section describing the gardens visited during the June Garden tour, garden number 3 was listed as belonging to Betty Butler, but the correct name should have been Betty Butwin. Carole noted that she has passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Greg Fields had nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna asked if everyone has been receiving emails and The Gazette.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported on expenses and income and listed the current balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Jessica Fields reported that Connie Cooper had earned a bronze badge.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg reported that the recent sweet corn harvest which was shared among IVY Tech, Catholic Charities and Master Gardeners netted 168,000 ears of corn. The Giving Garden has now harvested and donated 95,837 pounds of produce (including 9,000 ears of corn).

Website: Sam Ligget – nothing to report.

Spring seminar 2017 – Jessica fields nothing to report.

Fair Committee: July 10-16 Final report: This report was published in the gazette. Verna noted that one of our members, Ruth Johnson, had entered 44 projects in the fair and received ribbons for each. She said another member had won a money prize in the King Arthur Flour baking contest with her zucchini bread. Ruth Johnson said several people said they appreciated Master Gardeners sponsoring these projects. Bob said that Dana had told Purdue people about the fair projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

Flower Beds: Bill Hiatt Head Bedkeeper

Butterfly and Patriotic Gardens – Carol Swearingen said that volunteers are needed to Keep these beds watered.

Memorial Garden: Bob was pleased to report that he and Larry Agee have completed this project. A dedication of the memorial is planned for September 1, 2016 at 6:00pm. One person asked what the dates on the plaques signified. Bob replied that the first date indicted the year that the honored person went through the intern class and the second date is the year that the person died.

2017 Election Committee – Peggy Harlan reported that her committee has found candidates for all offices except that of Recording Secretary.

September Seed and plant Exchange and Carry-in will take place at 6:00pm preceding the Planning and scheduling meeting on September 20, 2016. There will be no education speaker. Peggy Harlan said she thought September was rather late in the year for a seed and plant exchange.

Vigo County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Field Days will take place on September 13, 14 and 15 from 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Fairgrounds. Our topics will be Pollination and Vegetable ID. Volunteers will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob noted that Clay County would be hosting Nature Day on September 19th, 9:00am – 1:00pm.

2017 Calendar of P&S and Board meeting dates have been set.

State Fair MG Booth, Friday, August 19th, 9:00am – 2pm, need 3-4 volunteers. Pat Youman, Beth Keyes, Peggy Harlan and Pam Thompson have volunteered for this project. Bob Archer said that he and Susan Polifroni had volunteered for this duty on August 10th. They had 75 – 100 persons who stopped by the booth and were able to search garden topics on-line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fall Intern Class meets on Tuesdays from 9am – 12noon starting September 6, 2016. So far only 4 people have signed up for the class and we really need to have a larger enrollment to conduct the classes.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Board Meeting September 1, 2016, Vigo County Library, 6:00pm**
- **Planning and scheduling meeting September 20, 2016, Vigo Fairgrounds, 4H meeting building, preceded by seed and plant exchange and carry-in meal.**

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 42 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 1, 2015

Fairbanks Park, 1st & Oak, 6:00pm

Prior to the meeting, a dedication of the memorial fence in the garden maintained at the corner of First and Oak Streets was held and attended by Board members and some family members and friends of the persons who are memorialized on plaques appended to the fence. President Bob Archer welcomed those present and gave the background for the creation of the memorial. Vice President Greg Fields offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the lives of the honored members and their families and asked that the memorial be kept safe from vandalism and unfortunate events. Bob thanked all the people present and Board members moved to a shelter in the park to hold their monthly meeting.

President, Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.

Members in attendance: Bob Archer, Greg Fields, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Phil Small and Carl Trent.

Non Board Member in attendance: Dana Gadenken – Purdue Educator.

Minutes of Last Board Meeting: Carole said that minutes from the August Board of Directors meeting had been published in the August Gazette along with minutes from the June Planning & Scheduling meeting which was held after our annual garden tour. One correction had been identified in the June P&S minutes. In the list of gardens toured, garden #3 identified as belonging to Betty Butler who should have been named as Betty Butwin.

Vice President: Greg said he has been looking for speakers. Pat Youman said that she can put him into contact with a DNR employee who would like to present our group with some cautionary information about ordering seeds by mail and the fact that some may be contaminated. He also would like to present information about the Asian Longhorn Beetle which has been found in some states and is a danger to several trees and plants.

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

Treasurer: Pat passed around a recent bank statement for perusal by members. She also reported on income and expenses and noted the current balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Jessica was not present but Bob said that four people will be getting badges.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg reported that the garden is winding down. He said that our potatoes were unsuccessful and that the green beans were finished. More than 100,000 lbs. of produce has been harvested and donated. On September 7th, his Ag Structures Class from IVY Tech will build compost structures for the garden. He has trimmed around the garden in preparation for a tour during a September 9th Purdue Board Meeting.

Flowerbeds – Bob Archer said that he plans to send out an email to the volunteers in charge of the bed at 3rd & Maple to let them know that it needs attention. He said the beds in front of the 4H Meeting Building at the Fairgrounds need to be rebuilt. The lumber surrounding them is deteriorating. He said that Bill Hiatt has estimated that it would likely cost around \$200.00. He said that the Extension is willing to pay half of the expense up to \$100.00. He said we will plan on a workday for this project in mid-October or November.

Website: Sam said he was concerned about some Spam received into our email.

Publicity: no report.

Spring Seminar 2017 – Jessica was not present but Greg reported that this committee had met. They are looking for two main speakers and then plan some breakout sessions.

Christmas in the Park – Charlene McKean has indicated a willingness to take over this project which has been successful for us in the past under the leadership of Beth Keyes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bed keeper reports

- **Memorial Fence – Bob Archer and Larry Agee reported that this project is now completed with the installation and dedication of the memorial fence and plaques.**

Fall Intern Classes – Dana Gadeken reported that the classes have been cancelled due to having only 5 persons enrolled.

2017 Nominating committee reported the following slate of candidates to Bob:

President – Greg Fields

Vice-President – Charlene McKean

Recording Secretary – Carole Dreher

Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin

Treasurer – Mary Beth Prickel

Service Coordinator – Jessica Fields

Past Officers – Sam Ligget, Larry Agee

Member-at-large – Phil Small

Fall Master Gardener roundtable – Board members are invited to this event to be held on 9/27 at Spencer, Owen County Fairgrounds. Carole Dreher, Bob Archer and Larry Agee volunteered to take desserts.

SWCD field days, September 13-15 – Bob Archer and Phil Small will lead this effort covering topics on Pollination and Vegetable ID.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sept. P&S meeting – plant/seed exchange/carry-in. Connie Cooper will bring chicken and other members will be asked to bring other items. Verna will specify in an email.

VCPL Learning Days 9/26 – this event is usually headed up by Sharon Polge and Carol Swearingen.

Greg Fields said that he would like to explore the possibility of growing fruit trees at the fairgrounds where the compost pile used to be.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

Next Planning & scheduling meeting, 4H meeting building on Sept. 20, 2016 at 6:00pm (note earlier time) carry-in

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the VCPL on 10-6-16 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.

August was the time that we bid a fond farewell to summer and begin to prepare for autumn. All those toiling in the giving garden are rapidly approaching the finish line where they can put down their spades and send that very last tomato to the food pantry. Master Gardeners were able to maintain the beds sprinkled throughout the community, provide produce to the needy, as well as erect a memorial fence in honor of forever gardeners at the Fairbanks garden bed. These are wonderful gestures and reinforce the unwavering presence of the Wabash Valley Master Gardeners in Terre Haute and surrounding areas. So thank you for sticking it out in the heat and chaos, all in order to simply do a little bit of good in the community.

-Dana Gadeken, Agricultural and Natural Resource Educator



OCTOBER 2016

GARDEN GAZETTE

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2016, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

Planning and Scheduling Meeting September 20, 2016, 4H Building/Fairgrounds.

No educational time was earned. Meeting was preceded by a carry-in meal. Connie Cooper ordered and picked up fried chicken which was supplied by the association. Members brought vegetables and desserts.

Meeting called to order by President Bob Archer at 7:07pm.

Minutes: had been published in the Gazette. There was one correction. It was reported that Beth Keyes went to the State Fair to volunteer at the Master Gardener booth but was Sue Rosiak instead.

Recording Secretary: Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President: Greg Fields had nothing to report.

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

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported expenses, income and the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Jessica Fields had nothing to report.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg said that apple trees will be planted at this site.

Flower Beds: **Bill Hiatt Head Bedkeeper:** Bill reported that his wife has been in intensive care with several serious health issues. He said that he had picked up mums from the Parks Department.

First and Oak, Verna Gaskin and Debbie Lazzell reported that mums have been planted in this bed.

Third and Maple, Beth Keyes reported that this bed has been cleaned up.

Spring Seminar: Jessica announced that she has called for a meeting at 9:30am on October 1st at the Community Center.

Christmas In the Park: Charlene McKean reported that we can begin setting up at the Ozok Shelter on November 12th and must be done by December 1st. On December 10th our organization is asked to sell train tickets. Judging will take place on December 16th. Our display will be judged at 7:10pm. The display should be dismantled and removed between December 26th and January 3rd.

Learning Days: Sharon Polge said this will take place from 9-12 at the Vigo County Library and volunteers are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Greg Fields said that he has fertilizer if any committee needs some.

Next meetings

- Board Meeting October 6, 2016, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling Meeting, October 18, 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 38 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 6, 2016, 6:00pm

Vigo Co. Public Library, Room 6

President: Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Bob Archer, Greg Fields, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Phil Small, Jessica Fields, Carl Trent.

Non Board Members in attendance: none.

Minutes of Last Board meeting: Carole said they were reported in the September Gazette. There was one correction. It was reported that Beth Keyes went to State Fair to volunteer at the Master Gardener booth, but was Sue Rosiak instead.

Vice President: Greg is still working on speakers.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat passed around the latest bank statement for members perusal. She listed income and expenses and reported the current balance.

Service Coordinator: Jessica said that she had not received volunteer/education hours from anyone recently. She noted that she has a few badges that she needs to pick up.

COMMITTEES

Giving Garden: Greg said that volunteers are only working one day a week now. They are harvesting things like turnips, red & green tomatoes and some large sweet potatoes. They are planning to plant some fruit trees. They are grafted trees so they will need to be staked. He noted that most Light House residents have been moved to Conner Center after the recent fire which destroyed their building on Wabash Avenue.

Website: Sam said that he had added a photo to the site of member Carole Dreher participating in the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay during its time in Vigo County. He said that he had recently paid the fee to keep the domain name.

Spring Seminar 2017: Jessica reported that she has already hosted 2 committee meetings, neither of which has been well attended (4 at one time and 5 at the other). A November meeting is planned. They received an email from Charlotte (Ivy Tech) concerning food vendors. They must be certified. They are still pondering what to do about food.

Christmas in the Park: Bob Archer said that he attended a recent meeting of this committee. There was about 10 people in attendance. Era Nichols' son has a barn that they can use for storage. Bob says that they have a plan. They will need some people (mostly men) to meet at the trailer at 9:00am on November 12 and go to the park to set up walls mostly. They will not do everything because there will be no security.

OLD BUSINESS:

BED KEEPERS REPORTS:

1st & Oak and 3rd & Maple: Several people reported that these two beds look good. Carole Dreher said that she was especially proud of the way 1st & Oak bed looked whenever the Torchbearers events took place in Fairbanks Park where it is located.

Fairgrounds: Bob said that he has been working on these beds by removing trees that are anywhere from a few inches to two feet tall. He said the ties in front of the 4H building are only one level high and 2-3 people should be able to replace them in around ½ day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donuts for Fairgrounds, Hawthorne Park, TH City Parks and Extension Office People – Sam Ligget volunteered to take care of this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements

Next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library on 11/3/16 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned after .5 hours of volunteer time.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

October sure is flying by. We finally got that drop in temperature and are officially moving away from 80 // days. You have my permission to pull out your sweaters and prepare for fuzzy hats and mittens! The Master Gardeners are planning and preparing for involvement in the community, (even in winter!) Christmas in the Park, as well as garden maintenance around Terre Haute, and the Fairgrounds. Keep up the good work and enjoy the fall foliage.

*Dana Gadeken
Agricultural and Natural Resource Educator*



Next planning and scheduling session is November 15, 2016, 6:30pm at the 4-H Building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds.

Minutes of October 18, 2016 Planning and Scheduling Session.

Educational time was 0.5 (1/2hr.) We did not have a speaker, but Bob Archer said that we had some fertilizer if anyone needed some for personal use, but it must not be sold. He then led a discussion of fertilizer, lawns and other plants. There was also discussion of grass seed, grass seed blends and places to get them.

Meeting called to order by President Bob Archer at 6:50pm.

Minutes: were published in the Gazette. Bob called for additions and/or corrections. There were none so the minutes were approved as published.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President Greg Fields was not present.

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

Treasurer Pat Youman reported on expenses, income and the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator Jessica Fields was not present, but Bob reminded members that badge orders are due by December 2nd. Four members have recently qualified for badges: Brenda Christianson (Certified), Debbie Cole (certified), Ruth Johnson (Silver) and Era Nichols (certified advanced).

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg Fields – not present.

Flower beds: Bill Hiatt, Head Bedkeeper, reported that he had picked up mums for the gardens. Carol Swearingen reported that she had received compliments on some of the gardens we maintain.

Spring Seminar 2017: Jessica Fields sent a note saying that we have received the okay from Ivy Tech for use of classrooms. She said that the next committee meeting is scheduled for 9:30am on October 1, 2016. Vicki Cochran said that we still need vendors.

Website: Sam Ligget said that it is time to pay the yearly fee to keep the domain name for the website. He is having problems with “phishing” in the email.

Christmas in the Park: Charlene McKean said there will be a workshop meeting of this committee on October 19th at 3:00pm at a barn owned by Era Nichols’ son. On November 12th volunteers will meet at the trailer to put up walls.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of officers for 2017 – Vicki Cochran passed out ballots and people voted on officers for next year. Results: President – Greg Fields, Vice-President – Charlene McKean, Recording Secretary – Carole Dreher, Corresponding Secretary – Verna Gaskin, Treasurer – Mary Beth Prickel, Service Coordinator – Jessica Fields and three Board of Directors – Larry Agee (past officer, Sam Ligget (past officer) and Phil Small (at-large member). There were no write-in votes and no absentee votes.

Sam Ligget will be distributing donuts to Parks people and the Extension Office.

Bob said he would like to replace the 20 timbers in front of the 4-H Meeting building. It will cost approximately \$100 to do this. The Extension Office has agreed to pay ½ of the cost up to \$100. A motion was made and seconded to approve this expenditure. Motion carried by a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A second 4-H position has been filled at the Extension Office.

See www.wvmga.org for additional announcements.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Board Meeting November 3, 2016, Vigo Co. Library, 6:00pm.**

- **Planning and Scheduling Meeting, November 15, 2016, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting room, Vigo Co. 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
November 3, 2016, 6:00pm
Vigo County Public Library, room 6**

President Bob Archer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members in attendance: Bob Archer, Greg Fields, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Larry Agee, Sam Ligget, Phil Small, Jessica Fields.

Non Board Members in attendance: Dana Gaden (Purdue Educator).

Minutes of last Board meeting: Carole said they were published in the October Gazette. Bob called for additions or corrections. None were offered so the minutes stand as published. Vice President Greg reported that it is getting hard to find people to speak that we have not already heard from. Bob offered one possibility and said he would give Greg contact information. One suggestion was made that perhaps we could have people who have already spoken return.

Corresponding Secretary Verna said she had nothing to report.

Purdue Educator: Bob asked Dana Gaden if she had anything she wished to report. She said she went to a conference at Purdue and asked John Oreck about speaking at one of our meetings. Dana had been asked to see about reserving the 4-H Meeting room for our meetings in 2017. The building will not be available in March or April. At this point some other suggestions were made for those months: Collett Park, Torner Building at Deming Park or perhaps Dobbs Park. Bob said that Board of Directors meetings were set for the Library through May 2017. He can reserve a meeting place there through November 2017 and will do so. She asked if we want to try to have a spring class and if so, when? It was suggested that we would like to try to form a class and it should be February through May. There was discussion about the cost of the class and whether we should offer scholarship(s). It was undetermined about whether or not the cost of the class is a deterring factor for persons considering the class. Dana asked where and how the class should be promoted. Members suggested the local newspaper, television, signs, our website and Facebook.

Treasurer: Pat passed around the latest bank statement for members to examine. She listed expenses and income and reported the balance in our account.

Service Coordinator: Jessica reported that the badge order was not placed. Four badges were to be ordered for people moving up.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Greg showed a photo of the new compost bin built at the garden by his Ivy Tech Ag Structures class which he teaches. He would like to disc up the garden and we can burn leaves.

Flowerbeds: Bill Hiatt was not present and no one had anything else to report.

Website: Sam said that he paid the fee for us to keep our domain name.

Spring Seminar 2017: Jessica said this committee has a meeting planned for Tuesday, November 15. Usually just the same 4 people show up despite moving the meeting times around. They are still talking about food. They were to advertise that this seminar is a community affair not just for Master Gardeners.

Christmas in the Park: Charlene McKean reported that this committee had a work day. They plan to meet on November 12 to set up the wall. Bob said that he will haul the materials, but will need to have help to load and unload them. Verna volunteered to send out an email asking for help. Our organization is scheduled to sell train tickets on December 10th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bed keeper reports:

- Fairgrounds landscaping wood in front of the 4-H Building needs to be replaced. Bob said that he will do this. He said that Debbie Lazzell had worked on the beds around the Floriculture Building.

Donuts for Fairground, Hawthorn Park, TH City Parks and Extension Office People: Sam said that this had been taken care of. Hawthorn Park was not included since we did not do anything there this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget for 2017: Copies of a proposed budget were presented, examined and discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bob presented a copy of a thank you note from "The House of Hope" for donations of stuff.

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements.

There will be no Board of Directors meeting in December.

The November Planning and Scheduling meeting will be on November 15, in the 4-H Meeting room at 6:30pm and the December meeting will be on December 20 in the 4-H meeting room at 6:00pm with a carry-in of your favorite holiday snacks.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour volunteer time.

No matter how often I look at thermometer, it just keeps on dropping. That's the changing of the seasons for you. Thanksgiving will come and go and next thing you know we will all be absently humming Christmas carols. Before we hurdle on to next year, let us just pause. Think back to planting in Spring, watching your flowers and vegetables come in, battling insects, and then harvesting the fruits of your labor. You made a difference.

Whether its in your garden at home, prompting you to linger at your window and maybe stand outside just a little bit longer

Throughout the community, tending beds on street corners, prompting a smile from passers by

Or in the Giving Garden, toiling to feed those who ask for a helping hand.

You made a difference. Take time to acknowledge your success and accept the thank you's. You now have my permission to move on to the next exciting project. Volunteer on a committee, help plan a Master Gardener event, or simply come to a meeting and chit chat with friends. We'll see you soon.

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DECEMBER 2016

Mini - GARDEN GAZETTE

This is just a reminder about our next meeting and volunteer hours.

The January Gazette will have the November meeting minutes.

Next planning and scheduling meeting is December 20 at 6:00pm in the 4H meeting room at the fairgrounds. This is a carry-in of your favorite holiday snack or dessert. Spouses or significant other are welcome. There will be no education time but there may be a short business meeting.

Sign-up sheets for committees for next year will be available at our December & January meeting. 2016 hours are due. Some still have not turned in 2015 hours. Hours are sent to Jessica Fields, 6598 McDaniel Rd., Terre Haute, In. 47802 or wabashvalleymastergardeners@yahoo.com Also due in January is \$15 assessment and you can send that to Mary Beth Prickle, 3566 Bluegrass Lane, Terre Haute, IN 47802.

Our committees are: Butterfly Garden

Patriotic Garden
First & Oak Garden
Third & Maple Garden
Fairgrounds Gardens
Website
Scholarship
Giving Garden
Christmas in the Park
Tablescapes
Earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods
Earth Day at ISU
Garden Tour

Herb Fair
Intern Class
Matter in Motion at Ivy Tech
Learning Days at the Library
Spring Seminar 2018
Soil & Water Conservation Days at Fairgrounds (5th Graders)
Vigo County Fair
Christmas Gathering Party
Spring Intern Graduation Party at Deming Park
Plant & Seed Exchange

Our fundraisers are Christmas in the Park, Herb Fair, Earth Day and our Spring Seminar. Without our fundraisers we would not be able to do all of our projects so lots of help is needed.

January meetings are:

- **Board of Directors – January 5, 2017, Vigo Co. Public Library, 6:00pm, Rm. 6.**
- **Planning and Scheduling meeting – January 17, 2017, 6:30pm, 4H meeting room, Vigo County Fairgrounds.**

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

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