



THE GARDEN GAZETTE

FEBRUARY 2021

Next Planning and scheduling meeting is February 16, 2021, 6:30pm, in the Community Building (Floriculture Building) at the Fairgrounds. Educational time will be planting native plants for pollinators. This is a pre-recorded online presentation by Gina Anderson, the ANR Educator in Floyd County. The link to this presentation will be sent out shortly.

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2021, 6:30pm
Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, Community Building**

CALL TO ORDER: Ruth Bohner – 6:30pm

Welcome to new Interns Michael Powell, Peggy Berry, Jennifer Berry, Tiffany Idlewine, Laura Maloney, David Chapman, Sara Donker and our new Purdue Extension liaison Tabitha Flinn

OFFICER REPORTS:

VICE-PRESIDENT: Era Nichols – Rural King donated several thousand dollars of seeds left over from last year (2020). They will be brought to the next P & S meeting to be given away. Era and a few other gardeners purchased gloves and hats for donation to 14th & Chestnut, Reeves, and Catholic Charities. Era stated she was back working at Rural King again and that she was planning to have “let’s get dirty” kindergarten classes for Vigo County again. Would

need help. The classes are 45 minutes each, one class in the morning and one class in the afternoon for 8 days.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Bob Archer – There was not a Board and P& S meeting in December, so no minutes from those two. I made a couple of corrections to Board minutes for January 4th, 2021. One was Anderson’s Nursery was going to provide plants for the Patriotic Garden instead of the Park Department growing the seeds and the second was Era stated that her son not her brother could host us after the garden tour for our meeting and meal.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin – nothing to report

TREASURER: Susie Thompson – gave year end cash balance.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Ruth Johnson – Ruth asked that anyone needing her to input their hours, please submit every three months rather than a year at a time.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabitha Flinn – please complete your Annual Agreement. Individuals who post their hours on the Purdue website will automatically be notified by the website. All others will need to get the form from Tabitha or Ruth to sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GIVING GARDEN: Phil Small/Bob Archer – Phil will bring some of the free seeds to the next P & S meeting. We currently do not have the use of the IVY Tech greenhouse and may end up purchasing tomato and green bell pepper plants. Most of the other vegetables can be direct seeded. Having said that, Vicki Cochran did volunteer to grow some plants at her house. Also, Phil and I would like a one-time \$500 added to our budget to purchase paint for the garden fence and landscape material to help with weed control. We are also collecting newspaper (no slick colored sheets) to use around the tomato cages for weed control.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget – Sam said if you are aware of any other Master Gardener groups activities or seminars, let him know so he can post them to our website wvmga.org Also he posted 6 months’ worth of our calendar of events, stating that it was tentative based on Covid-19 concerns. Committee sign-up sheets are posted on the website.

FLOWER BEDS: Vicki Cochran – Anderson’s Nursery is going to provide the plants for the Patriotic Garden.

- Fairgrounds bed – currently landscape was removed during the site renovation around the Community Center and work there is pending.

OLD BUSINESS

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK: Era stated that items had been damaged and all the totes had been stolen. The display has been taken down and returned to the trailer. Between winning 1st place, selling train tickets and cookie sales, we had a net income of \$2,600 from the event.

MEMORIAL FENCE NAME ADDITIONS: Phil stated that the names have been dropped off at the plate maker business. The owner said she was waiting for the plate material – it had been on back order for some time.

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP SHEETS: Vicki placed committee sign-up sheets on the back table and they also are available at our wvmga.org website.

BULBS IN CLASSROOM: Ruth is looking for thick ring jars/canning jars for using as part of bulb kit for next year.

SPRING SEMINAR: The board discussed the subject and decided to delay until fall and revisit the subject then. Hopefully Covid-19 issues by then have been minimized.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Sam Ligget stated he had posted the first 6 months of activities.

2021 SPENDING BUDGET: After discussion the budget was approved as published. Tabitha was going to check with Jay (4H Extension Educator) to see if there was any 4H Support or Scholarship needed. There is \$1000 in the budget for 4H support. We are not aware of any current need at this time, but left the amount in the budget.

2020 AUDIT: Audit Committee to meet sometime in February after year end bank statement is received.

SMITH LABYRINTH: Board discussed whether to return as a MG committee or individuals work as “friends of Hawthorn Park”. It was decided that individual’s volunteer hours could be counted toward MG volunteer hours, but they would be working as a member of the “Friends of Hawthorn Park” group. Contact Brenda Kirchner if interested. Next meeting virtual, February 2nd.

FYI

Stan Stevenson is looking for course wood chips.

Mike McIntyre said the “wind walkers” like you see in car lots are effective in keeping crows from your property. He and his employer have had great success in keeping crows away by placing a wind walker on the roof several buildings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bi-State Annual Gardening Conference, January 21, 7-9 virtual on-line.

Received thank you cards from Judy Phillips for our memorial donation and one from the family of the late Bill Hiatt.

5th grade field days – September 28-30 at the Fairgrounds.

Herb Fair – Saturday, May 8, set-up Friday 7th, 1-7pm. Our paid space fee will be carried over from last year.

Check wvmga.org website for additional announcements

Next scheduled Board meeting is February 4, 2021, 6:00pm, Fairgrounds Community Building.
Next P & S meeting is February 16, 2021, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds Community Building

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm with 1.25 volunteer time.

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 4, 2021, 6:00pm
Wabash Valley Fairgrounds Community Building

CALL TO ORDER: by President Ruth Bohner at 6:15pm

OFFICER REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT: Era Nichols – Education for February P & S meeting will be a webinar about pollinators.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Bob Archer – Both January Board of Directors minutes and P & S minutes have been submitted to Verna for publishing.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin – Sent Beth Lutz a Sympathy Card for the loss of her husband and a donation to the cancer society in his name.

TREASURER: Susie Thompson – she submitted a 2020 year end statement of income and expenses to the board. Year to date cash balance was given and CD balance. Business Entity filing due this year (filing due every other year).

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Ruth Johnson – Ruth said that she and Tabatha were going to schedule a training date for posting hours to the Purdue Website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIVING GARDEN: Phil Small/Bob Archer – As of this meeting we do not have permission to use the IVY Tech Greenhouse. Tabatha was going to check with her contacts to see if we would be able to use the greenhouse. Phil discussed the possibility of us purchasing plants or members growing plants for the garden and for sale at the Herb Fair.

BED KEEPERS: Vicki Cochran – no report

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget – no report

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabatha Flinn - Statewide MG Intern Training Class begins March 3rd thru June 2nd. Educator Jay and the Library were investigating if there was any interest in us supporting a community garden at the Terre Haute Housing.

OLD BUSINESS

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Sam Ligget – Audit committee meeting for 2020 is February 8, 2021.

BULBS IN THE CLASSROOM: Ruth Bohner – Some teachers have sent her a picture journal of their bulb growing and she was going to get a couple of the pictures to Sam for posting on our website.

MEMORIAL FENCE: Bob Archer –have four plates to mount soon as weather is decent. Also will need to get another plate made for Carol Swearingen.

COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS: Vicki Cochran – Ruth Bohner had a copy of the sign-ups.

RURAL KING DONATED SEEDS: how to make distribution: The Vigo Public Library has asked if we had any seeds to donate. They are planning to have food planning classes and would give seeds to those individuals who complete these classes. The board felt like this would be a good use of some of the seeds. Phil stated some seed packets have been held back for the Giving Garden and members could email him a list of seeds they would like. He would make them a packet and deliver it to the next P & S meeting or to the Extension Office.

NEW BUSINESS

VALLEY VIEWER: Cover page reserved for May 15th. Open to suggestions.

RUTH BOHNER stated that new Master Gardener Stationery has been ordered.

SKILLS AND INTEREST SURVEY of members, do this again? The board decided to have only the new interns complete the survey.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS, IVY TECH SCHOLARSHIPS: If/when we should give them out. Ivy Tech Scholarship usually given out in the fall. No input from Jay, the 4H Educator yet. Also question of using some of these funds for Open Class premiums.

HERB FAIR: Verna said she would again this year go to the Amish Auction and purchase hanging baskets but would like volunteers to go along and learn how to do this for the future.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ruth Bohner, Era Nichols, Bob Archer, Susie Thompson, Sam Ligget, Phil Small. Ruth Johnson and Verna Gaskin via Zoom. Brenda Kirchner absent.

NEXT MEETINGS

P & S meeting February 16, 2021, 6:30pm, Community Building, Fairgrounds

Board of Directors March 4, 2021, 6:00pm, Community Building, Fairgrounds

Meeting adjourned with Volunteer time 1 hour.



MARCH 2021 GARDEN GAZETTE

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm by President Ruth Bohner

Education time was to be via recorded webcast by Gina Anderson, Extension Educator. Topic was Gardening for Royalty, Native plants for Monarchs and Queens. Due to technical issues the sound could not be activated, so the business meeting was called to order.

OFFICER REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT: Era Nichols. Gifted Rural King seed orders are to be taken by Phil Small and packets are being dropped off at the Vigo Extension Office for pick-up. Trees for sale will be arriving next week at Rural King.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Bob Archer. Minutes from the January Board meeting, minutes from January P&S meeting, and minutes from the February Board meeting have been forwarded for publication. I have not been made aware of any corrections as of meeting time.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin. Nothing to report.

TREASURER: Susie Thompson. Membership dues –late penalty has been extended to March 16, 2021 due to covid-19 and bad weather. Bank balance was given.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Ruth Johnson. All hours submitted to Ruth have been posted to the MG website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIVING GARDEN: Bob Archer, Phil Small. We are planning an organizational meeting in the next week or so. Those individuals who have signed the committee sign-up sheets will be contacted.

BED KEEPERS: Vicki Cochran. Nothing to report at this time.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget. Any new webinars for education are posted on the bottom of the main WVMGA webpage.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabitha Flinn. Volunteer and Education hours for 2021 have returned to the standard 12 volunteer hours and 6 hours Education time. Area 5 (Vigo County is a member of this group) has 15 short education clips. Tabby is going to send the links to Verna so she can send them to the members. Tabby is going to a meeting at Ivy Tech the next day and will inquire about the availability of us using the greenhouse this spring. Tabby stated the YMCA had contacted her about flower bed seeds, but had not identified what they needed.

OLD BUSINESS

AUDIT REPORT: Sam reported that the audit committee, Brenda Kirchner, Paula Wilson, Sam Ligget and Susie Thompson met February 6th. They reviewed deposits, receipts, checks, bank statements and found no discrepancies or errors.

MEMORIAL FENCE FOLLOW-UP: Bob Archer/Phil Small – Bob is going to install four plates the following week.

COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS: Contact Vicki Cochran for sign-up.

RURAL KING SEEDS: Ruth/Phil – The Vigo Public Library was wanting to establish a “seed library.” Individuals must participate in a series of classes to be eligible for the seeds.

Currently we have not had any further conversations about this.

NEW BUSINESS

VALLEY VIEWER COVER PAGE: May 15, 2021. Contact Ruth if anyone has an idea.

4-H and IVY TECH SCHOLARSHIPS: Review Criteria – Originally for the Ivy Tech Scholarship eligibility a student had to be enrolled a minimum of 12 hours and be an AG student. Last semester Ivy Tech asked us to reduce the minimum to 6 hours and not necessarily be an AG student because of Covid issues. The members voted to restore the original requirements and use the 6 hour minimum only as a plan B. Tabby stated after talking to Sara at the Extension Office, there were no 4-H priorities needs at this time.

Should we do a Member Skills and Interest Survey? Ruth – after discussion it was decided to send out to everyone annually.

EARTH DAY AND HERB FAIR: Earth Day at SMWC is April 24th. Herb Fair is Saturday, May 8th. Anyone interested in learning purchasing from the auction, Verna is looking for new members to take over this task.

THE FAMILY OF CAROL SWEARINGEN is open to suggestions on how to create a memorial to honor Carol. There will be a memorial for her on June 19 at the shelter by the Patriotic Garden in Deming Park.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Board of Directors meeting, Community Building, March 4, 2021 at 6:00pm.
- Planning and scheduling meeting, Community Building, March 16, 2021 at 6:30pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:30PM with 1 hour volunteer time.

Recording Secretary Bob Archer

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 4, 2021, Purdue Extension Office, Terre Haute, In.
Social Distancing in seating and Face Masks are required**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04pm by Vice President Era Nichols

Members present via Zoom were Ruth Bohner and Verna Gaskin. All other board members were present at the extension office.

OFFICER REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT: Era Nichols – education. Tom/Dan Weber for March P & S meeting speaking about their sugar camp. Tabby was going to contact Kevin Orpurt about speaking about weather lore.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Bob Archer – the minutes for February P & S are complete and forwarded.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin, no report.

TREASURER: Susie Thompson – current cash balance given. Received from the family of Bill and Janice Hiatt a check for \$1,000. We should be receiving a bill for liability insurance soon for between \$300 to \$400 range. Our Indiana entity filing has been completed plus IN990

filing which declares our assets are below \$50,000. Our IRS non- profit entity has been filed also. Susie stated she had purged files of extraneous papers up to the past 7 years. She retained various required documents like articles of organization, audits and year end reports. Minutes of past meetings are also required to be kept and she questioned where past minutes were archived.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Ruth Johnson – Ruth stated all volunteer and education hours turned in to her had been posted on the Purdue MG website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIVING GARDEN: Bob Archer/Phil Small. We are having an organization meeting next Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00pm at the United Methodist Temple on South 3rd St. Enter the back door at the south end of the building. We received a nice gift from Sam's Club. They donated 60 bags of planting material.

BED KEEPERS: Vicki Cochran – 1st & Oak, Debbie Lazzell is planning to clean up the sycamore leaves covering the garden next week. Gary Ellis will add a few pathways through the butterfly garden, and adding more annuals to the garden this year. Vicki met the new person who will be overseeing all of the gardens in Deming Park. He will be the go to guy for anything we need. Annuals will be planted in early May, weather permitting.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget. This past Tuesday he met with David Chapman who is stepping in to assist with the care of the website.

Anyone wanting to still sign up for a committee contact Vicki Cochran.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Taffy Flinn. The required volunteer hours for 2021 will be 6 vol/6 ed like last year due to Covid issues. Individuals are needed to help with a potato study, more details later, and there is going to be a JR MG training workshop March 18th in Boone County. There is a cost of \$60, but the Extension Office will cover the registration cost.

NEW BUSINESS

The association received a \$1000 check from the family of Bill Hiatt. The Board discussed the possibility of having a memorial dinner in June. Will revisit this subject closer to June for guidance from county and Purdue concerning possible Covid restrictions.

Brainstorming ideas for opportunities to help educate and support the public.

- Bob Archer suggested maybe having members volunteer at the garden stores (i.e. Walmart, Menards, Lowes, Rural King) and answer questions for shoppers. Something like what we do at the Purdue State Fair Booth. Tabby was going to see if this could be allowed.
- Phil Small/Sara Donker – Terre Haute Friendship House. It is one of only 6 places like it in the nation. A home where undergraduate students and young adults with

disabilities live together in community for the purpose of providing an opportunity for the young adults to gain independence. There is an opportunity to teach the joy of planning, planting, maintaining, harvesting, and preparing produce grown in their own backyard.

- **Shannon Giles – working with Honey Creek School about possible raised beds.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vigo County Fair, July 11 – 17th, 2021

NEXT MEETINGS:

Planning and scheduling meeting – Floriculture Building, March 16, 6:30pm.

Board of Directors Meeting – Floriculture Building, April 1, 6:00pm

Recording Secretary Bob Archer



Angie Trumbull

April 2021

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**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, MARCH 16, 2021, 6:30pm
WABASH VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS, COMMUNITY BUILDING**

EDUCATION SPEAKER: Dan Weber – speaking on the history of producing Maple Syrup in North America. Dan explained the back story of how Maple Syrup came to be in North America and the story of history of his family making the sweet product. Maple Syrup boiled down to sugar was the original product used by settlers to preserve meats. Later the syrup was added to tobacco to enhance the flavor and shipped to Europe. Maple Syrup has antiseptic and anti-microbial properties.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 8:00PM BY President Ruth Bohner.

OFFICER REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT: Era Nichols – Nathan Davis, Pesticide Investigator, giving presentation titled “Office of the Indiana State Chemist Review”.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Bob Archer – March Gazette has been published with the February P & S minutes and March Board minutes included. One note Purdue has modified education hours and volunteer hours required for 2021. 6 hours for each are required for 2021 because of COVID.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin – nothing to report, but keep an eye on email inbox for new information. Spring activities create new information almost daily.

TREASURER: Susie Thompson – Current balance as of March 16th was given plus two CD’s. Ivy Tech Scholarship checks have been sent.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Ruth Johnson – she has posted all hours currently sent to her.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Giving Garden: Phil Small/Bob Archer – The Giving Garden committee had a meeting last week with 9 individuals attending. General discussion about goals for 2021.

Bed Keepers: Vicki Cochran – Just waiting for warmer weather for planting and bed keepers are beginning spring clean-up of beds.

Website: Sam Ligget – nothing to report on website. Indiana Gardening Magazine going out of business and he brought in some old issues for anyone interested having one.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabby Flinn – not present and no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Herb Fair: Phil has about 75 Better Bush tomato plants started. Verna will try to pick up additional items from the Amish Auction for resale.

Skills and Interest Survey: Ruth Bohner – there are blank copies of the survey on the back table for anyone interested in filling one out.

Vigo Library Seed Bank: no further information from Library at this time.

Still interested in ideas for Bill Hiatt memorial – let Ruth know. The family of Carol Swearingen is planning to place a memorial bench near the Patriotic Garden for her.

NEW BUSINESS

Ideas for new projects – 1. Shannon Giles briefly presented a project for Honey Creek School involving special needs students. Project was not yet presented for approval. 2. Sara Donker presented a proposal to support the Terre Haute Friendship House. It is one of only 6 places like it in the nation. A home where undergraduate students and young adults with disabilities live together in community for the purpose of providing an opportunity for the young adults to gain independence. There is an opportunity to teach the joy of planning, planting, maintaining, harvesting and preparing produce grown in their own backyard. Very little cost and just need of gardeners to teach. Several members showed interest in this program. 3. Bob Archer presented a project of having members go to big box stores and volunteer some time answering customer questions similar to what we do at the state fair MG booth. Members showed interest in this project also. Tabby Flinn is going to check with Purdue to make sure these projects meet MG guidelines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Herb Fair, Saturday, May 8**
- **Wabash Valley Fair, July 11-18. MG activities 4 days, 4H plus open class projects.**
- **Earth Day at SMWC has been cancelled for 2021.**

9 zoom attendees

32 in person attendees
Adjourn at 8:30pm
Ed time: 1-1/2 hours
Vol time: ½ hour
Recording Secretary Bob Archer

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, APRIL 1, 2021
PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER: President – Ruth Bohner, 6:00pm

VICE PRESIDENT: Era Nichols (not present) Education subject for April P & S will be about the Indiana State Chemist office. May will be Dan Weber speaking about brambles.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Bob Archer – nothing to report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin – nothing to report.

TREASURER: Susie Thompson – not present, Sam and Ruth reporting. Susie had prepared a letter for 10 individuals who had not paid their dues. One CD was due for roll over. Received a thank you letter from IvyTech for the scholarships money we sent.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Ruth Johnson – present via Zoom – nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIVING GARDEN: Phil Small/Bob Archer – Waiting to get the garden tilled and warmer weather. Have purchased onion sets and seed potatoes.

BED KEEPERS: Vicki Cochran – nothing to report

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget – nothing to report

4H FAIR: Verna Gaskin – for now everything is a go. Having a fair superintendents meeting in April.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabby Flinn – Purdue did not approve gardeners going to big box stores in order to answering customer questions.

OLD BUSINESS

MEMORIAL FENCE/FOREVER GARDENERS UPDATE: only one left to add and the name has been submitted to the plate maker.

SKILLS AND INTEREST SURVEY RESULTS: Ruth Bohner – only received a few completed. Ruth to remind individuals to complete.

RURAL KING SEEDS AND VIGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SEED BANK: Phil/Ruth – no current info from Library.

HIATT MEMORIAL CHECK: related to planning May and June members meetings. Memorial meeting will likely be June because of the graduation date of the current intern class. Possibility of using some of the check for repairing the flag pole at the Patriotic Garden. Approximately \$200 to repair.

NEW BUSINESS

PATRIOTIC GARDEN FLAGPOLE REPLACEMENT: Possibility of using some of the Hiatt memorial check for replacing the flagpole. Approximately \$200.

NEXT MEETINGS

- **Board of Directors May 6, 2021, 6:00pm, Purdue Extension Office**
- **P & S meeting May 18, 2021**

SOME TRIVIA FOR YOU

2021 Perennial of the Year is Calamintha nepeta, commonly known as Calamint

2021 Herb of the Year is Parsley

2021 Hosta of the Year is “Rainbow’s End”

2021 Flower of the Year is Sunflower

2021 Plant of the Year is Red Maranta Prayer Plant



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MAY 2021

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, APRIL 20, 2021
WABASH VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS, FLORICULTURE BUILDING

EDUCATION SPEAKER – Nathan Davis – Office of the Indiana State Chemist Review. He is a Pesticide investigator for Complaint based issues concerning drift watch, fertilizers, hemp, feed/seed. Also checks materials being licensed for the state of Indiana and making sure applicators are certified for chemicals they are using.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – President Ruth Bohner at 7:15pm.

OFFICER REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT: Era Nichols, not present, no report.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Bob Archer, no report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Verna Gaskin, no report other than asking members to check their email often. A lot of information is being received and needed passed along daily.

GREASURER: Susie Thompson, cash balance given. One of the two CDs was not renewed because we would only receive \$12 for \$4000 for 6 months. The \$4000 was deposited to our

cash account. Also our liability Insurance was renewed for the next year. Reminder to those individuals purchasing materials for the association to use our non-profit tax exempt number whenever possible/practical.

SERVICE COORDINATOR: Ruth Johnson, no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIVING GARDEN: Phil Small/Bob Archer: All the potatoes have been planted. ½ of the onions, cabbage and broccoli have been planted. Scheduled workday next Tuesday, April 27th at 9:00am to plant sweet corn and the remainder of onions, cabbage and broccoli.

BED KEEPER: Vicki Cochran: Whenever cleaning beds at Deming Park do not put leaves, sticks, etc. in bags or park totes. Just pile up materials near the beds and the park personnel will come and remove the pile. New mulch has been spread around in the Patriotic Garden. Work day scheduled for the Butterfly Garden this Friday, April 23rd at 4:00pm.

WEBSITE: Sam Ligget: Sam stated he moved education opportunities from the main page to the Member's Corner tab.

HERB FAIR: Verna Gaskin, Bob Archer reporting. Phil Small has around 90 Better Bush plants and a couple of flats of annuals to sell. Bob Archer, Verna and Debbie Lazzell are going to the Amish Auction, Friday, April 23rd to try to purchase some hanging baskets and any other items that might sell.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabby Flinn: Still a couple of sessions left in the Bee Keeper Series lectures. Required hours for 2021 are 6 volunteer hours and 6 educational hours. If any question about volunteer hours being accepted, check with her for a determination.

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder to fill out the Skills and Interest Survey.

Rural King Seed distribution – The Library decided to postpone their project for “seed library” for now.

Hiatt Memorial Check – Motion made and carried to spend a max of \$250.00 to replace the broken flagpole at the Deming Park Patriotic Garden. Vicki was going to check with the parks department and Holly Arboretum Association, to see if we could place a memorial bench at the Holly Arboretum in honor of the Hiatt Family.

Status of Honey Creek Middle School and Friendship House garden proposals. The Friendship House Garden project not going to be a MG Project, however volunteer hours worked will be counted toward approved volunteer hours. Sara passed around a sign-up sheet. Shannon is still finalizing plans for the middle school project.

NEW BUSINESS

WVMGA T-shirts and polo shirts - \$11 for T-shirts and \$20 for polo with our logo. Contact Ruth for more info and color choices.

May meeting at Deming Park – it was decided to have a regular meeting at this time and June would possibly be a combination of Intern Graduation, memorial dinner and garden tour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WVMGA Valley Viewer page of the Tribune Star coming May 15, 2021.
- Herb Fair – May 8, 2021 at the Fairgrounds
- Vigo County Fair – July 10 – 18

NEXT MEETINGS

- Board of Directors, Extension Office, May 6, 6:00pm
- Planning and Scheduling meeting, floriculture Building, May 18, 2021, 6:30pm.

Prepared by Recording Secretary Bob Archer

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MAY 6, 2021
PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE, 6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Era Nichols at 6:15pm.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Bob Archer - no report.

VICE PRESIDENT: Era Nichols – Can get donations for Honey Creek School if needed. Tom Weber will be educator for May speaking about black raspberries.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Verna Gaskin – no report.

TREASURER –Susie Thompson – Balance in account was given which includes \$4000cd which we did not renew. Going to send memorial check for Phyllis DeBord to the Humane Shelter and going to purchase \$50 worth of perennials to be planted at the Patriot Garden in the name of Carol Swearingen.

SERVICE COORDINATOR – Ruth Johnson – no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIVING GARDEN – Bob Archer/Phil Small – We still need to plant sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, squash and cucumbers.

BED KEEPERS – Report from Vicki Cochran – no report.

WEBSITE – Sam Ligget – Sam said he had posted new education opportunities on the website.

HERB FAIR, 4H Fair – Verna Gaskin – Herb Fair set-up Friday, May 7, 1-7pm. Fair 8-3pm Saturday May 8th. 4H Fair July 10-18. Make and takes will likely be outside with safety spacing requirements.

JUNE GARDEN TOUR AND MEMBERS MEETING – Era Nichols – Garden Tour will be Saturday, June 5th, with meal at Deming Park. Final details are still being finalized.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabby Flinn – June 2nd will be intern’s graduation date.

OLD BUSINESS

Skills and Interest Survey results – Ruth Bohner – no report at this time.

Patriotic Garden flagpole replacement – Bob Archer – flagpole was installed Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

WVMGA T-shirts and polo shirts – Susie purchased one, no activity on others.

Update on new activities:

- Shannon’s Honey Creek Middle School Special Ed garden – no report.
- Sara’s Friendship House garden – workday this Saturday, May 8 at 115 S. 18th St. at 10:00am to complete two raised beds.
- Education component of our projects; plant labels and signs to invite the public to come and visit with gardens while they are working – no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal for planting annuals garden under arches at Fairbanks Park: Sharon Polge – work to be finished by May 15th. Sharon Polge has a committee and materials are being furnished by Apple House for the Parks Department.

Valley Viewer – WVMGA page is appearing 5/15/21.

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETINGS

- Planning and scheduling meeting, Floriculture Building, May 18, 6:30pm.
- Board of Directors meeting, Purdue Extension Office, June 3, 6:00pm

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Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, MAY 18, 2021, 6:30pm
WABASH VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS COMMUNITY BUILDING

EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER – Tom Weber from Clay County speaking on Black Raspberries. He spoke about starting, feeding, maintaining, and his good and bad experiences with the berries. Require 2” of water a week and described the “primo canes” and “floro canes”. He really gave a complete lecture on the care of black raspberries.

CALL TO ORDER – President Ruth Bohner.

OFFICER REPORTS

RECORDING SECRETARY – Bob Archer – Made a few date corrections from the May Board meeting minutes.

VICE PRESIDENT – Era Nichols – Era stated she had two speakers lined up for August and September. Sharon Polge – table scapes and Kevin Orpert – weather lore.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Verna Gaskin –she had copies of the membership and committee sign-up lists. The lists had also been sent out via email to the membership.

TREASURER – Susie Thompson – cash balance was given plus a CD for \$4000. Gross sales from Herb Fair of \$1,377.00 and expenses of \$435.00 leaving a net of \$942.00 so far.

SERVICE COORDINATOR – Ruth Johnson – if need help logging hours contact her.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIVING GARDEN – Bob Archer/Phil Small – Our tomatoes survived the cold weather. Most of the garden has been planted and the tomato cages have been put up. Planning on a work day for Monday, May 24th at 9:00am.

BED KEEPERS – Vicki Cochran – gardeners have put in 8-1/2 hours planting the Patriotic Garden. Bed keepers have been hard at work planting and mulching other landscapes.

WEBSITE – Sam Ligget – no report.

HERB FAIR WRAP-UP – Verna Gaskin – She gave thanks for everyone who helped and a special thanks to Phil Small who grew tomato plants and other various plants to sell.

JUNE GARDEN TOUR AND MEMBERS MEETING – Vicki Cochran confirmed the date would be Saturday, June 5th and details and routes would be forthcoming. There will be the tour, meeting the new interns, potluck meal, and June P & S meeting.

VIGO FAIR – Verna – July 10-18. The “make and takes” will be all outside with social distancing required.

PURDUE EXTENSION – Tabby Flinn – Tabby was not present due to family illness.

OLD BUSINESS

Skills and Interest Survey results – Ruth still hoping more membership fills out the survey.

Patriotic Garden flagpole – has been replaced thanks to Bob Archer and Chuck Moseman.

Bill Hiatt Memorial update – a motion passed to purchase a bench and place it in the Holly Arboretum using a part of the funds the Hiatt family donated to us.

Update on new activities:

- Friendship House – Sara Donker – The Friendship House had a workday on May 8th and made and installed two raised beds with the help of 7 Master Gardeners and 5 house residents. They filled up the beds with vegetables.
- Honey Creek Middle School – Shannon Giles – Her group had one workday and another planned for Saturday, May 22, 9-11am. Still cleaning up the landscape area. She is planning for three workdays in June.

NEW BUSINESS

New project at Fairbanks Fountain gardens – Sharon Polge – Gardeners worked May 15th to complete one of the four beds at the base of the fountain at Fairbanks Park. They selected plants from the Apple House which were paid for by the Parks Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valley Viewer WVMGA cover page appeared May 15, 2021.

MG T-shirts can be purchased for \$11 and polo shirts \$20. 3X shirts slightly more. Contact Ruth Bohner or Susie Thompson.

Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements

NEXT MEETINGS

- Board of Directors, Purdue Extension Office, June 3, 6:00pm
- Planning and Scheduling meeting, Garden Tour, carry-in location and time to be announced, June 5.

Adjourn 8:30pm. 33 members present and 6 members via Zoom

Recording Secretary, Bob Archer



AUGUST 2021

THE GARDEN GAZETTE

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
GARDEN TOUR, LUNCH AND P & S MEETING
JUNE 5, 2021

There were three gardens on the tour

1. Treva Cook
2. Era Nichols
3. Bobby Shipman

After the tour, members met at Deming Park for lunch and a short P & S meeting

A brief meeting called to order at 2:30pm by President Ruth Bohner

Ruth and Susie Thompson had a catalog for ordering MG t-shirts and polo shirts.

A motion was made and carried for wording on a plaque that would be placed on the Bill Hiatt memorial bench. Wording to be "Bill H. Hiatt, Wabash Valley Master Gardener". A motion was made and carried for the location of the memorial bench for Bill Hiatt. Location to be near the patriotic garden opposite side from Carol Swearingen's memorial bench.

The "make and takes" at the Wabash Valley Fair will be inside like past years. No "little sprouts" this year. Only other change is that Purdue requires us to have a capacity safety policy and evacuation safety policy.

Ruth announced was there anyone interested in being the chair of the 2022 election committee.

Tabbi Flinn – our Purdue Educator – passed out certificates for advanced MG levels.

Phil Small – stated that the Giving Garden was working summer hours, Mondays and Thursdays at 9:00am

Vicki Cochran – plants were placed in 4 planters in front of the 4H building and nothing has been done to the community building so far

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm with 19 members attending the lunch and P & S meeting.

No volunteer or education hours for the meeting, lunch or garden tour.

No July Board or P & S meetings

Recording Secretary, Bob Archer

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, AUGUST 5, 2021
PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE, 6:00pm

Call to order: President Ruth Bohner

OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary , Bob Archer – no report

Vice-President, Era Nichols – Collecting mittens and caps for small children for this winter. Era had not heard from Kevin Orpurt about speaking for us this month or next.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin – nothing to report

Treasurer, Susie Thompson – balance as of meeting was given.

Service Coordinator, Ruth Johnson – Ruth had helped and trained three members on how to post their hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Giving Garden, Bob Archer/Phil Small – Deliveries were about 500 lbs. ahead of this time last year. Bob and Phil led a discussion concerning the shortage of help at the garden this year. Different options were discussed including closing down half of the garden or just plant all sweet corn.

Bed Keepers, Vicki Cochran – Report from Vicki stating all was good.

Website, Sam Ligget – Sam stated that new web based education had really dried up lately.

4-H Fair, Verna – There were 55 individuals for garden stakes, 80 for salt dough ornaments, 150 for floral arrangements and 114 for flower pots to go. We received the “Friends of 4-H Award” at the 4-H Achievement awards meeting.

June Garden Tour, Era Nichols – She believed it to be a success and a great turnout.

OLD BUSINESS

WVMGA t-shirts and polo shirts – need to have a minimum of 11 shirts for an order.

WVMGA Officers election report from Mindy Leo – proposed election slate

President – Era Nichols

Vice-President – Robert Archer

Recording Secretary – Ruth Bohner

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki Cochran

Treasurer – Susie Thompson

Board Member – Phil Small

Board Member – Verna Gaskin

Board Member at large – Brenda Kirchner

Update on new activities:

Shannon’s Honey Creek Middle School Special Ed. garden – the garden area has been cleared of all the excess debris.

Sara’s Friendship House garden – going ok, harvested some vegetables and residents were learning a lot about gardening.

Christmas in the Park – time to start working on this year’s display. Waiting for the weather to cool a bit.

NEW BUSINESS

New canopy for the fair and other activities – board recommended asking membership for approval to purchase one or two new canopies for association activities.

Memorial Fence – Bob Archer/Phil Small – sadly we need to add three more names to the memorial fence. 1. Carol Swearingen 2. Bob Artis 3. Phyllis Debord

NEXT MEETINGS:

Planning and scheduling meeting, Floriculture Building, August 17, 6:30pm

Board of Directors meeting, Purdue Extension Office, September 2, 6:00pm

Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 for 1.25 volunteer time

Recording Secretary, Bob Archer



THE GARDEN GAZETTE

SEPTEMBER 2021

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, AUGUST 17, 2021, 6:30pm
WABASH VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS, COMMUNITY BUILDING

Education time via internet was canceled because the projector failed.

CALL TO ORDER: President, Ruth Bohner at 6:40pm. Ruth stated the Master Gardeners were presented the "Friends of 4H" award from the 2021 4H Fair.

OFFICER REPORTS:

RECORDING SECRETARY, Bob Archer – No report.

VICE-PRESIDENT, Era Nichols –Reminder she is collecting hats, gloves, and socks for Children. Education for September will be Table Scapes hands on art project.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Verna Gaskin – no report.

TREASURER, Susie Thompson – Balance in account was given. This included the deposit of the second CD. The Board of Directors decided to wait to reinvest this last CD because of the extremely low interest rates offered at this time. We received a thank you caard from the Humane Society for the memorial donation for Phyllis Debord and a thank you card from Friends of the Holly Arboretum for the memorial donation for Dorothy Wilson (Charlene McKean's mother).

SERVICE COORDINATOR, Ruth Johnson – Ruth had helped two members get their hours posted up to date and encourages members to write down their hours and post regularly and not have to do a lot at one time later. One member stated she had trouble with her log-in password each time. Tabby said she would check this out and get back with the member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GIVING GARDEN, Phil Small – harvested pounds up slightly from last year. Phil stated that we might not be able to operate the garden next year like past years because of the lack of help. We may need to rethink how and who we have available to support the garden. Tabby suggested partnering with other organizations. As an example, ISU center for community engagement, High School students needing community volunteer hours, 4H members, and Federal Prison work release program.

BED KEEPERS, Vicki Cochran – steady rain all summer has contributed to the flower gardens looking great. Received a lot of positive comments regarding the gardens including the flower pots at the fairgrounds. She has the same problem as the Giving Garden, short of volunteers. Sharon Polge – the flower beds at Fairbands Park under the arch are looking great.

WEBSITE, Sam Ligget – Education time opportunities have really fallen this year. Tabby stated she would try to find training opportunities and forward to Sam for publication on our website.

VIGO FAIR WRAP UP, Verna Gaskin – 55 garden stakes, 80 salt dough ornaments, 155 floral arrangements, 114 potted plants to go (substitute for stepping stones because of weather). Let Ruth Johnson know if you have any other project ideas for the fair.

GARDEN TOUR, Era Nichols – Era believed the tour was a success and hoped it could be annually.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabby Flinn – The spring MG intern class will be conducted in person and locally. Tabby would like to reach out to younger individuals and other prospective students via short media clips about what we do using our members. (Note since our meeting, two short video clips have been produced and aired on channel 2).

OLD BUSINESS:

WVMGA t-shirts and polo shirts, Ruth Bohner – in order to place an order for t-shirts, there needs to be orders for 12. Cost would be \$11 each. Polo shirts can be ordered individually at a cost of \$20 each.

Update on memorial benches, Vicki Cochran – Believes both Carol Swearingen and Bill Hiatt memorial benches have been installed near the Patriotic Garden.

Friendship House, Phil Small for Sara Doner – Sweet corn was delivered to them today. They have grown both herbs and vegetables in their two raised beds, and stated they have enjoyed both learning and working in the beds

Honey Creek Middle School project, Shannon Giles – Custodians came in and removed debris from the courtyard and placed down mulch. Shannon hopes to do lab experiments in the courtyard. She still needs two raised beds constructed. Would like someone to come up with a supplies list, cost, and how much labor time to construct. She believes she has funding covered.

Christmas in the Park, Era Nichols/Ruth Bohner – going to start by cleaning out the MG trailer in the next week or two. Soon as the weather cools down. If anyone has an idea for a theme, contact Era.

Memorial Fence, Phil Small/Bob Archer – we have three names turned in for name plates to be made. As soon as received they will be installed. 1. Carol Swearingen. 2. Bob Artis. 3. Phyllis Debord.

Spring/Fall Seminar, Ruth Bohner – Because of COVID-19 the Spring Seminar was postponed with the possibility of rescheduling this fall. After discussion, a vote was taken and the idea of a fall seminar was rejected.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Learning Days, Sharon Polge – Library learning days will be September 18, 2021. Contact Sharon if interested in volunteering.

Next meetings:

September Board of Directors meeting – Sept. 2, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office.

September P&S meeting – Sept. 21, 2021 at David Brentlingers in West Terre Haute. Directions will be sent out later.

Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements

Recording Secretary Bob Archer

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2021, 6:00pm
Purdue Extension Office**

Call to order at 6:00pm by President, Ruth Bohner

OFFICER REPORTS

RECORDING SECRETARY, Bob Archer – August P&S meeting minutes have been completed and forwarded.

VICE PRESIDENT, Era Nichols – Proposing a field trip for Sept. 21 Planning and scheduling meeting. Having a field trip to tour David Brentlingers property and having our business meeting there afterwards. Tour would begin at 6:00pm. Board approved the motion. Era attended the IVTech scholarship dinner and spoke about our current intrn membership drive to anyone who would listen.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Verna Gaskin –Not present and no report.

TREASURER, Susie Thompson – Not present but had emailed current financial sheet to all board members. Balance as of 8/20/21 was given.

SERVICE COORDINATOR, Ruth Johnson – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIVING GARDEN, Phil Small – The produce this year is approximately 200lbs over this time last year. The crew has started some fall clean up, but there are still sweet potatoes left to dig as well as some late broccoli to harvest.

BED KEEPER, Vicki Cochran – No report, but several board members said their passing observations of the gardens looked great.

WEBSITE, Sam Ligget – No report.

ELECTION SLATE, Mindy Leo – Election to be held at October P&S meeting. Proposed slate for 2022: President – Era Nichols

Vice-President – Bob Archer

Recording Secretary – Ruth Bohner

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki Cochran

Treasurer – Susie Thompson

Service Coordinator – Ruth Johnson

Past Officer (elect 2) – Phil Small, Verna Gaskin

Member-at-large – Brenda Kirchner

FIFTH GRADE CONSERVATION DAYS – September 28, 29, 30 held at the fairgrounds. There are several individuals signed up and will also bring up at our P&S meeting to see if anyone else might be interested.

LIBRARY LEARNING DAYS – Sharon Polge believes she has enough volunteers signed up.

PURDUE EXTENSION – Tabby Flinn – Tabby stated she has 6 individuals recruited as a result of the news clips that had been produced. Tabby was going to check with the fairgrounds about the status of the MG trailer and accessability.

OLD BUSINESS

WVMGA t-shirts and polo shirts – no discussion at this time.

TENT/CANOPIES NEEDED – 1 top of the WVMGA frame was found at the Extension Office.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK, Ruth Bohner/Era Nichols – Clean out of the MG gtrailer will be the first project in the next week or two.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

NEXT MEETINGS:

P & S meeting, September 21, 2021 at David Brentlingers property 6:00pm.

Board of Directors meeting Purdue Extension Office, Oct. 7, 2021, 6:00pm

Check wvmga.org for additional info and announcements.

Meeting adjourned with 1 hour volunteer time.

Recording Secretary Bob Archer



THE GARDEN GAZETTE

OCTOBER 2021

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, 6:00pm
David Brentlinger's Tree Farm, West Terre Haute, In.**

Education time consisted of a tour of Star Tree Farm, including a Christmas tree trimming demonstration and a wreath making demonstration, both led by owner David Brentlinger.

Meeting Call to order – President Ruth Bohner called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. No changes to the minutes of the previous meeting were indicated. Ruth announced that WVMGA t-shirts are still available for sale, and more requests are needed before we can place an order.

OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary, Bob Archer – no report, Phil Small filling in.

Vice-President, Era Nichols – no report.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin – no report.

Treasurer, Susie Thompson – Nothing new to report, still in good financial shape.

Service Coordinator, Ruth Johnson – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIVING GARDEN, Phil Small – The Giving Garden is nearly finished for the season and has performed well by producing over 1,000 pounds more than last year. Current poundage is over 8,000.

OFFICE ELECTION SLATE, Mindy Leo – Our annual election will be held at the October P&S meeting and the proposed slate has been published. Ruth indicated that anyone can still be on the ballot and asked if anyone was interested in running for a position.

FIFTH GRADE CONSERVATION DAYS, Phil Small – Phil announced that 5th Grade Learning Days at the Fairgrounds will be next week, Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 21-23, from 9am to 2pm. Anyone interested in presenting or learning how to present is welcome to join us.

LIBRARY LEARNING DAYS, Sharon Polge – Our station was very successful, with around 100 kids stopping by. The major activity was making sunflowers by attaching seeds to yellow paper plates and using large sunflower heads from the Giving Garden as a pattern.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabby Flinn – no report.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – Phil Small reported that the new Friendship House raised beds were greatly appreciated and well used by the residents. Many varieties of vegetables were grown throughout the season.

UPDATE ON HONEY CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT – Ruth reported that Shannon will be using the new garden for various science classes with her classes.

CANOPIES – Ruth reported that the rest of the current WVMGA tent has been found, and we will only need one new canopy.

NEW BUSINESS

Ruth announced an opportunity to work a booth this Saturday at an event sponsored by United Way in the Ryves neighborhood. We would be there to answer gardening questions and offer advice to neighborhood attendees, as well as bring plants to help people get started or improve their landscapes. Reinhard Groth volunteered to help, and Ruth will try to attend as well.

Ruth announced that we will participate in Christmas in the Park this year, but we need several volunteers to help in the planning and building of the display. Train rides for us are scheduled for December 13 and 19.

Education time for the meeting was .75 hours and volunteer time was .5 hours.

NEXT MEETINGS

October Board of Directors meeting – Thursday, October 7, 7pm at the Extension Office.

October P&S meeting – Tuesday, October 19, time and place TBA

Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements.

Submitted by Phil Small

**WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2021, 6:00pm, PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE**

CALL TO ORDER: President, Ruth Bohner – 6:00pm

OFFICER REPORTS

RECORDING SECRETARY, Bob Archer – no report

VICE-PRESIDENT, Era Nichols – not present, Ruth Bohner reporting. Era and Patti Weaver planning a field trip for our October P&S meeting at the ISU community garden. Meeting will be at the ISU garden house and a tour of “Food Forest”. Meeting will start at 6:00pm

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Verna Gaskin – no report

TREASURER, Susie Thompson – no activity since last report. Gave balance is account.

SERVICE COORDINATOR, Ruth Johnson – one gardener sent in 6 months of hours and they have been entered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIVING GARDEN, Bob Archer, Phil Small – still picking green beans and bell peppers. Have broccoli and cabbage to pick if the weather holds.

BED KEEPERS, report from Vicki Cochran – Brenda Kirchner reporting, the flower bed around the Patriotic Garden flagpole was vandalized and had to be removed.

WEBSITE, Sam Ligget – not present, no report.

2022 OFFICER ELECTION, Mindy Leo –slate posted and election will be October P&S meeting.

FIFTH GRADE CONSERVATION LEARNING DAYS, Phil –approximately 1,000 5th graders went thru in three days. We taught pollination methods and what parts of the fruit/veg we eat.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabby Flinn – April 30th Otter Creek stewardship committee is having an education presentation and looking for educators. Activity to be held at Mill Dam Park.

OLD BUSINESS

WVMGA T-SHIRTS and polo shirts

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK, Ruth – The committee had a meeting and she was happy with the initial attendance. Theme is going to be “Going Gnome for Christmas”. Train ride ticket sales dates December 13th and 19th.

Cleaning our WVMGA storage trailers at the fairgrounds scheduled for Monday, Oct. 18 at 9:30am.

NEW BUSINESS

Bulbs in the classroom project kicked off.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vicki delivered thank you donuts delivered to Parks staff.

Ryves neighborhood landscaping info day – no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P&S meetings will be in the 4-H Building the rest of the year.

NEXT MEETINGS

Planning and scheduling Meeting, October 19, 6:00pm, ISU Community Garden “Food Forrest”

Board of Directors meeting, Purdue Extension Office, November 4, 2021, 6:00pm.

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Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements

Submitted by Bob Archer, Recording Secretary



THE GARDEN GAZETTE

NOVEMBER 2021

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2021
ISU FOOD FOREST, 6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President, Era Nichols – 6:00pm, Patti Weaver gave us a tour of the ISU Market Garden and the ISU Food Forest. All the produce from the Market Garden (1500 lbs. in 2021) and the Food Forest is donated to local food pantries. (26 MG members attended tour and meeting).

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Ruth Bohner not present due to her father's ill health.

Recording Secretary, Bob Archer – Minutes from last meeting

Vice-President, Era Nichols – no report

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin – not present and no report

Treasurer, Susie Thompson – Account balance given. Only expense for last month was donuts.

Service Coordinator, Ruth Johnson – had entered 6 months of hours for one individual.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Giving Garden, Bob Archer/Phil Small – so far 8,500lbs this year, but garden is winding down.

Bed Keepers, Vicki Cochran – had to remove flowers from around the flag pole in the Patriotic Garden due to damage from vandalism. Next year's flower order has been placed with the Parks Department.

Website, Sam Ligget – check our website for education opportunities. wvmga.org

2022 OFFICER ELECTION SLATE, Mindy Leo – after voting, the newly elected Officers for 2022 are as follows: President – Era Nichols

Vice President – Robert Archer

Recording Secretary – Ruth Bohner

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki Cochran

Treasurer – Susie Thompson

Service Coordinator – Ruth Johnson

Board Members – Verna Gaskin, Phil Small, Brenda Kirchner

Fifth Grade Conservation Days, Phil Small – had approximately 1,000 5th graders attend in three days. We taught how pollination occurs and what parts of a plant we eat.

Christmas in the Park, Vicki Cochran – “Gnome for Christmas” will be the theme. We need to get the trailers moved to the south Side of the fairgrounds fence in order for accessibility.

Clean out of the trailers is first priority. Shannon volunteered her garage for a place to work out of the weather. Train ticket sales for us will be December 13th and 19th. Display can be put up after November 27th. Lighting is December 1st and judging will be December 6th at 5:45pm.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Tabby Flinn – not present but stat3d at the board meeting, April 30, 2022, a volunteer event if interested – the Otter Creek Stewardship Committee is having an education presentation meeting and looking for educators. Meeting taking place at Mill Dam Park.

OLD BUSINESS

WVMGA t-shirts, need 12 shirts before we can place an order, we have 11 ordered so far.

Honey Creek School project, Shannon stated that the building technician would construct the raised beds in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Bulbs in the Classroom Project, Ruth Bohner – not present

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check wvmga.org for additional information and announcements!

NEXT MEETINGS

Board of Directors, Purdue Extension Office, November 4, 2021, 6pm

Planning and scheduling meeting, 4-H Building, Nov. 16, 6:30pm

Adjourned

Education time .75 with .75 hours for volunteer time.

Submitted by Recording Secretary Robert Archer

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, NOVEMBER 4, 2021
PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE, 6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER: President, Ruth Bohner

OFFICER REPORTS

RECORDING SECRETARY, Bob Archer – October P & S minutes have been forwarded to Verna.

VICE-PRESIDENT, Era Nichols – Education for November P & S meeting will be Sharon Polge, Table Scapes.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Verna Gaskin – not present, no report

TREASURER, Susie Thompson – Balance in account given as of November 4, 2021.

SERVICE COORDINATOR, Ruth Johnson – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Giving Garden, Bob Archer, Phil Small – 20% increase over last year, 8,500lbs.

Bed Keeper, Vicki Cochran – Bed keepers doing fall clean-up

Website, Sam Ligget – Domain name paid for the next year and hosting service paid up thru 2025.

Christmas in the Park, Vicki and Era – Trailers finally got cleaned out and committee Members working on making Gnomes and repairing bits and pieces of the display.

Bulbs in the classroom, Ruth Bohner – over 90 classrooms signed up so far for this next season.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabby Flinn – 4H and youth development educator position open at the end of the month. Teachers are welcome to apply. New intern class starting the first of the 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

WVMGA T-shirts and polo shirts, Ruth Bohner – finally got enough orders to place an order for t-shirts.

Trailer clean out, finally completed on Monday, November 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

December P & S meeting, date and activity – P & S meeting will be **DECEMBER 14 and bring your favorite dessert.**

NO Board meeting in December.

Elementary after School program, Would Master Gardeners be interested in speaking

to students at Devaney, Ouabache, and CASY? Board approved and will recruit Gardeners.

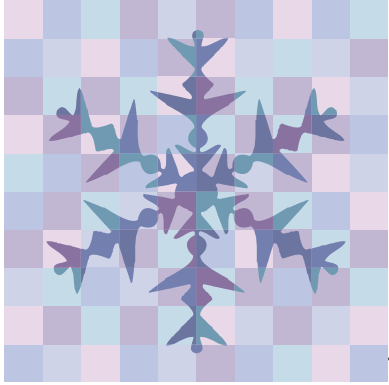
NEXT MEETINGS

No December Board meeting

December 14, P & S at 6:30pm at the 4H meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm for 1 hour volunteer time.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Bob Archer



December Christmas Party and Planning and scheduling meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at **6:00pm**. We will be meeting in the Community Center (Floriculture Bldg.). This is a carry-in of your **favorite holiday snack**. This can be an appetizer, snack or dessert. There will also be a short business meeting.

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION
PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING, NOVEMBER 16, 2021
4H Meeting Room, 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: President, Ruth Bohner

OFFICER REPORTS:

Recording Secretary: Bob Archer – no report

Vice President: Era Nichols – Education 20 minute segment on fall gardens and mulching, presented by Tabby Flinn.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin – Will be emailing in December committee sign-up sheets, any changes in membership roster, calendar of events, background check update.

Treasurer: Susie Thompson – Balance given as of November 16. Check signers for 2022 will be Era Nichols, Vicki Cochran, Susie Thompson and Verna Gaskin.

Service Coordinator: Ruth Johnson – no report other than send to her or complete on-line your ed. and vol. hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Bob Archer/Phil Small – 20 percent increase over last year. 8500 lbs.

Bed Keepers: Vicki Cochran – bed keepers doing fall clean-up. Vicki had some vagrant and damage issues. She is going to discuss with the park office.

Website: Sam Ligget – domain name paid for the next year and hosting service paid up thru 2025.

Christmas in the Park: Vicki and Era – Trailers finally got cleaned out and committee members working on making Gnomes and repairing bits and pieces of the display. Train dates are December 13 and 19. Save hats and mittens for giveaways.

Bulbs in the Classroom: Ruth Bohner – over 109 classrooms signed up so far for this next season.

PURDUE EXTENSION: Tabby Flinn – 4H and Youth Development Educator position open at the end of the month. Teachers are welcome to apply. New intern class starting the first of the 2022. Purdue has established a state emeritus roster for individuals who can no longer participate due to age or health reasons.

OLD BUSINESS:

WVMGA t-shirts and polo shirts: Ruth Bohner – finally got enough orders to place an order for t-shirts.

Trailer clean out, finally completed Monday, November 8.

NEW BUSINESS:

December P & S meeting, date and activity – P & S meeting will be December 14 and bring your favorite holiday snack.

No board meeting in December.

Elementary after school program – Would Master Gardeners be interested in speaking to students at Devaney, Quabache and CASY? Board approved and will recruit Gardeners.

Era presented idea to donate dollars to Fair Board. Idea tabled for further consideration.

Adjourn

Next Meetings:

No December board meeting

December 14 P & S at 6:00pm at the Community Center (Floriculture Building)

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Bob Archer