

1st and Oak at Fairbanks Park



- CLEAN AND PREPARE BED FOR PLANTING
- PLANT ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS
- MAINTAIN AND WATER THROUGH THE SUMMER
- APPLY PREEN AND FERTILIZER
- MULCH IF NEEDED
- MAINTAIN MEMORIAL FENCE
- MUMS AND DECORATIONS IN THE FALL

Daphne Lazzell (Chair)
Nike Mc Intyre

Audit Committee



The Audit Committee meets once or twice each year. The committee is responsible for reviewing the treasurer's accounts and reconcile the bank's statements with the treasurer's records. The committee not only checks the numbers but also reviews selected checks to make sure receipts and proper authorization are in place.

STAN STEW FURSON

Sam Higget

Rynda Miller

Suzana Bugnani (Chair)

Angie Decker

Susie Thompson

Bulbs in the Classroom

A Wabash Valley Master Gardeners Association (WVMGA) Project

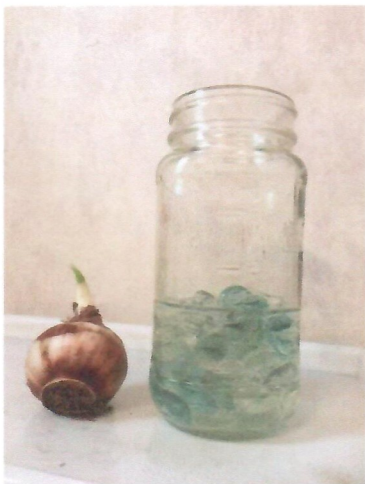
This project allows elementary students to watch a dormant bulb grow into a living, blooming plant right in their classroom. The grow kit and instructions provided each teacher allows an easy set up - put pebbles, then bulb (which side up is not always intuitive to the participants) in the jar, add water up to the base of the bulb. Students learn about plant parts (and patience) as the plant forms over the course of a month. Committee members help spread the word among Vigo County teachers, collect materials, prepare grow kits and deliver them to the schools in the fall.

Sign up to be part of a continually expanding, fun and educational project begun in 2019.

Chair: Ruth Baker

Susie Thompson

Beth Witz



BUTTERFLY GARDEN



Located in Deming Park close to the Ute Shelter

Weeding and mulching

Planting and fertilizing

Maintaining path through garden

Maintaining signage and stone around garden

Eliminating overcrowding in the garden

Dick Reed

Bob Tyler

Chair





CHRISTMAS GATHERING



The Christmas Gathering Committee is responsible for the decorations for the Wabash Valley Master Gardener Association's annual Christmas party and also in charge of obtaining the drinks for this event. The event is held at our regular Planning and Scheduling meeting for the month of December. Overseeing the setup and cleanup for the gathering are included as committee duties.

Brenda Miller Chair &
Nancy Kation Co Chair

EARTH DAY



The Wabash Valley Master Gardeners participate in Earth Day celebrations held at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and Indiana State University each spring. We sell herbs and tomatoes that we grow from seed, we give away to children Teddy Bear sunflowers that we also start from seed, and we pass out information about gardening and becoming a Master Gardener.

Earth Day

~~Beth Putz~~

Vielli

Lisa Wilson

Tabby + Mark

Ruth Bohner

Mindy Lee

meeting
2/19/26



Lynda Miller Chair

Angie Becker

Fairgrounds Flower Beds

Plant annuals around the 4H building; water and maintain as needed.

Bill Sizell

Henry Sizell

Debbie Sizell Chair

Giving Garden

The "Giving Garden" is located on the grounds of the Vigo County Fairgrounds. It was first established in 2010 as a way for the Master Gardeners to give back to the community. The garden consists of approximately one acre of land on which a variety of produce is grown. The produce grown is donated to the local food banks and soup kitchens. This year the garden



provided fresh produce to a variety of organizations including: Bethany House, Booker T. Washington Center), Conner's Center, Freebirds, Gary's Place Helping Hands, 14th & Chestnut Community Center, Lighthouse Mission, St. Ben's Soup Kitchen, St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen, The Life Center, The Salvation Army, and Catholic Charities.

The "Giving Garden" produces a variety of fresh produce. This includes primary vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cucumbers, green beans, green peppers, sweet corn, tomatoes and potatoes. In addition, other crops such as okra, sweet potatoes, turnips, radishes, zucchini, squash, spinach, Chinese cabbage, melons, and pumpkins are grown. A section of the garden has also been set aside for the planting of ornamental plants, such as Indian corn, Turks Turban and Dipper Gourds to be used for the children in the 4-H organization. Finally, a section is devoted to the growing of flowers which are used by the Master Gardeners during the Vigo County Fair for flower arranging demonstrations. Flowers are also sent to local soup kitchens to help spruce up the tables for the visitors.

In 2013, the "Giving Garden" produced 22,558 pounds of produce. Unfortunately approximately 200 pounds was lost to vandals during the growing season who stole all of the cabbage heads and destroyed a number of gourds and other vegetables. There has been an amazing community response and outpouring to this. Quality Fence donated material for a tall chain length fence as well as all of the labor to build the fence. The fence is close to completion.

Finally, a passive solar greenhouse is being built at the "Giving Garden." This greenhouse was donated to the Master Gardeners as part of a Lily Endowment that Indiana University received. The passive greenhouse will be used to grow vegetables, such as lettuce during the winter months. In addition, it will be used to harden off plants in the spring prior to planting. Construction has begun on the greenhouse and it should be completed this month.

While most of this work was done during the summer, the "Giving Garden" continues to produce even late into the season. Our last picking was October 29 when we were able to pick the last of the cold weather crops, cabbage and turnips.

GIVING GARDEN COMMITTEE

Chair

Phil Small

Dick Reed

Angie Decker (co-chair)

Susie Thompson

Phil Small

STAN STEVENSON

~~Phil Small~~

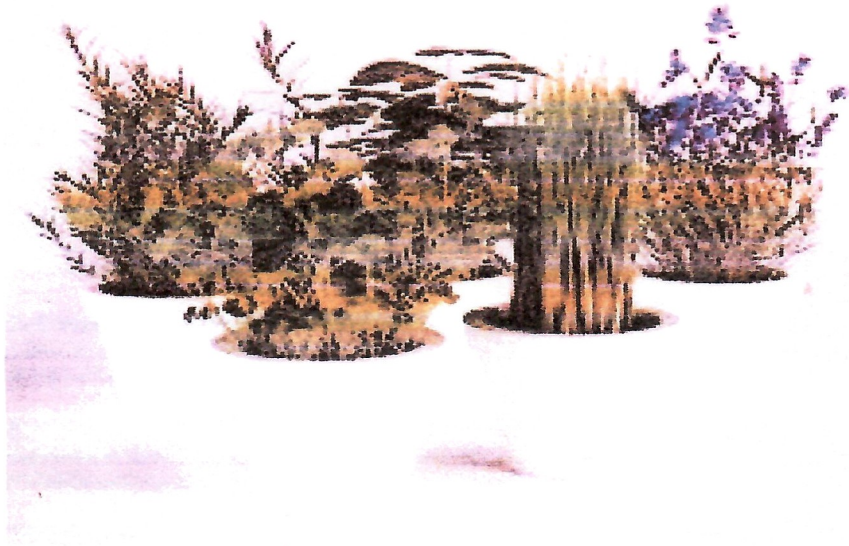
Sam Liggett

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Herb Fair

The Herb Fair involves:

1. Promoting the Master Gardener Program – including providing literature.
2. Coordinate with the Herb Society for space rental.
3. Plan on set up materials needed and sources.
4. Selling various products for profit as a fund raiser – Traditionally this has been Tomatoes and Hanging Baskets. The baskets do well since it is always the day before Mothers Day. Tomatoes do well if the plants are started well in advance – end of December or January – and thus have tomatoes on them.
5. Establish teams for acquisition of the products, transporting, presentation and set up as well as tear down.



Cindy Hart

Angie Decker

Debbie Lazzell?

Karen Curry

Susie Thompson

Alma Miller

Chair: Debbie Lazzell

HELP WITH INTERN CLASS



Duties may include:

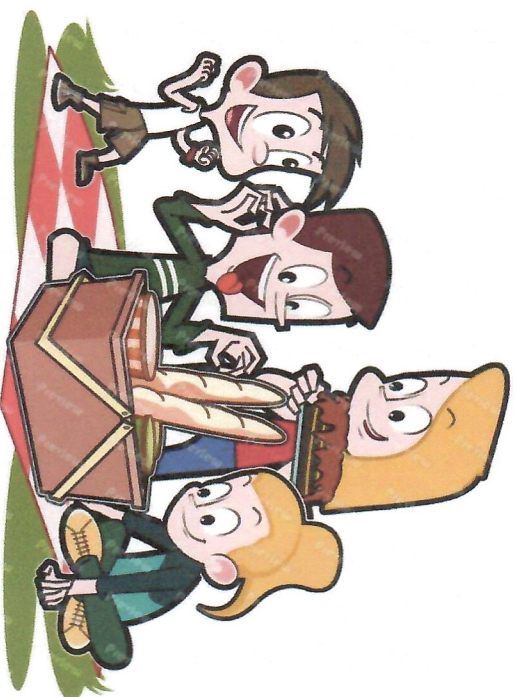
Assist Purdue Extension Coordinator as needed

Visit instructional class and describe some of the events the Master Gardeners are involved with

Amie Decker
Mindy Lee

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Intern Graduation Picnic



The May Planning and Scheduling meeting of the Wabash Valley Master Gardeners Association is typically the Intern Graduation Picnic. This is dependent on the starting date for the Purdue extension educational portion. The event is held at the Ute shelter in Deming Park. The committee is responsible for obtaining the meat and drinks for the carry-in at this meeting. Committee members are in charge of the setup and cleanup for the event.

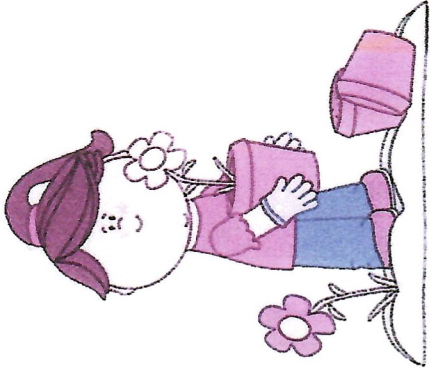
Chair & Co Chair

Jennifer McLeod

Sherry Watson

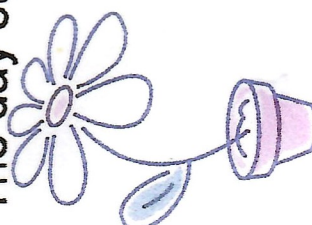
Angie Decker

Learning Days



The Master Gardeners participate in the Vigo County Family Learning Days, held at the end of September. 5-6 people are needed to help children with a hands-on make-and-take. In the past, we have planted seeds in dixie cups, and planted seeds in clear gloves with cotton balls.

The day starts outside at ~~8:30~~ ^{9:30} for set up and ends with clean-up at ~~noon~~ ^{one pm}.



A fun day for all!

Mindy

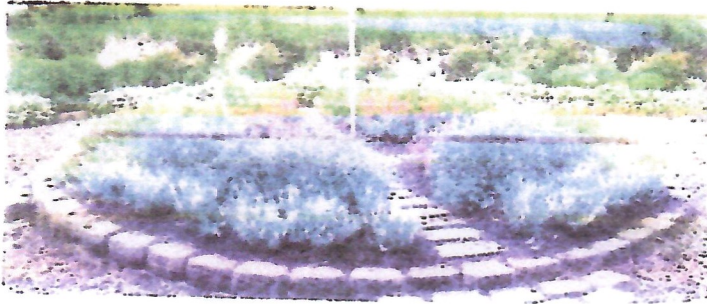
Nancy Johnson

Debra

Linda Miller

Chair: Sharon Polg

Patriotic Garden



We have a watering schedule for each week and some weeding.

Planting and deadheading.

Maintain path through garden.

Check for disease and other problems.

Come and enjoy Deming Park while working in the garden.

WENDY CAIN

Beth Lutz

Jen Baker & Berry

Bob Tyler

Chair:

Spring Seminar Committee

Twilight IN The Garden

The Spring Seminar is WVMGA's largest fundraising event which is held every year in early ~~March~~ ^{JUNE 27th}. A committee of 5-10 members are responsible for the following:

- * Choosing a venue for and scheduling the event
- * Deciding on garden related topics and hiring speakers to present a 45-50 minute PowerPoint presentation.
- * Obtaining sponsors by selling advertising in our sponsor booklet.
- * Recruiting vendors to sell related wares at the event.
- * Creating flyers and registration brochures to distribute to potential attendees
- * Putting together seminar packets ,including speaker's handouts, to hand out to seminar attendees.
- *Work with a caterer to provide a continental breakfast and lunch for a large group of between 130-160 people.
- * Be available the day before the event for setup and all the day of the event to help facilitate.
- *Receive and track the registrations and payments as they are received (usually handled by treasurer)
- * Help with tear down and cleanup after the event



Third & Maple Bed

The Wabash Valley Master Gardeners plant and maintain a flower bed at Third and Maple Streets on the South side of Maple Street.

This bed has mostly perennials and some annuals are planted across the front of the bed each spring.

Maintenance of this bed requires cutting back the ornamental grasses, and roses in late winter. Spreading new mulch when needed, watering, fertilizing, and of course pulling weeds. This bed is low maintenance.

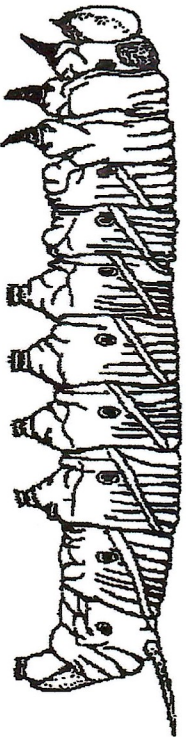


Vigo County Soil and Water Conservation District Education Days

This a three Day event held at the Vigo County Fair Grounds, usually in September, involving all the 5th grade students in the Vigo County School Corporation.

The Wabash Valley Master Gardener presentation is one of 20 stations the students visit as a class. Each individual presentation station deals with some aspect of nature or the environment.

For the last 5 years the WVMGA presentation, lasting approximately 10-15 minutes, has covered "giant" caterpillars found in Indiana.



Within the time constraints we allow the students to actually handle live caterpillars, which seems to enhance their experience.

Marie Deeter - co chair

Phil Small - chair

Paul Baer

Synda Miller

Faire committee



Set up and take down

Pick up all supplies

Put together a 4 day program involving public and teaching some skills

Get presenters for programs

Assist presenters



VIGO COUNTY FAIR COMMITTEE



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Debbie Russell
Karen Kation

Chair: Debbie