



**Wabash Valley Master Gardeners Gazette
January 2026**

Next meeting January 20, 6:30 P.M.

**Community Building, Vigo County Fairgrounds
Education: Tabby Flinn: "Working with Minors."**

Gardeners' Gathering: The planning committee for the June 27 seminar will at 601 S. 6th St. (Berkshire-Hathaway office) **Wednesday, January 21** at 10 a.m. All welcome.

Dues Reminder: The assessment for 2026 is now due. If paid before March 1, dues are \$20.00, then increase to \$25.00. Please pay your dues to treasurer Susie Thompson.

Board Opening: The WVMGA board has one open director at large position. Please consider volunteering. Your board needs your ideas and insights to help lead this organization. Talk to any board member with questions.

Committee Sign up: Please review the committee list and sign up by contacting the committee chair or President Angie Decker. Several important committees are lacking a chair. Please step up and be counted. Lists will be available at the January 20 meeting.

AUDIT - Chair Barbara Brugnaux
EARTH DAY - Chair Beth Lutz
EDUCATION - Chair Lynda Miller
HERB FAIRE CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
GIVING GARDEN - Chair Phil Small/Angie Decker
HEAD BEDKEEPER
BUTTERFLY GARDEN
PATRIOTIC GARDEN
THIRD AND MAPLE
1ST AND OAK
DRESSER HOME
WEBSITE
FAIRGROUNDS FLOWER BEDS
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DAYS – Chair Phil Small
LEARNING DAYS
BULBS IN THE CLASSROOM - Chair Ruth Bohner
CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
HOLIDAY GATHERING
INTERN GRADUATION Picnic

Events: The Putnam County master gardeners' garden fair is March 21.

Beekeeping 101 is January 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at IvyTech.
Pre-registration is necessary. More info at end of this Gazette.

Please send Barbara Brugnaux at bbrugnaux@gmail.com alerts about other events as you find out about them so that they can be posted.

Christmas in the Park – Many thanks to all who worked on our Christmas in the Park display, designing, putting up and taking down, as well as standing in the cold selling train tickets!

WVMGA holiday party – Thanks, too, to Lynda Miller, Nancy Nation, and Debbie Lazzell for organizing the holiday party December 9. A fun time with great food!

Budget: The 2026 budget was approved by the board of directors at its November meeting. A copy will be sent to you separately for review because the Gazette is posted on the WVMGA website which is available to the public. The budget is only available to the membership.

Service coordinator: Patti Weaver is the service coordinator. If you need her assistance in recording your hours, please send that information to Patti to p.weaver2@outlook.com or text to (812) 841-3443.

WVMGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2026

Attendees: A. Decker, L. Miller, S. Thompson, B. Lutz, B. Brugnau, V. Cochran, D. Lazzell, T. Flinn

Angie opened meeting with questions around meeting minutes as the bank requested them for business purposes. All agreed the Gazette is not a substitute for meeting minutes. There had been no meeting minutes published for some time.

Susie presented financial summary for the 2025 calendar year. She also prepared a spending report for the past 9 years. Finally, a summary of fundraising activities for the past 9 years was presented.

NOTE! Member assessments of \$20 are due and payable to WVMGA by March 1. After March 1, assessments are \$25.

Tabby reported that eight interns graduated in the January class. Registration is in progress for a Spring virtual class beginning in February. The intern graduation picnic will be May 19. More information to follow.

Tabby also reported that several members have not entered volunteer hours for 2025. Contact Tabby or Patti Weaver to get your hours entered.

Considerable time was spent discussing committee signups. Members need to signup for committees for planning purposes. They will be available at the Planning and Scheduling meeting.

Ongoing issues with the associations email account/web hosting services is forcing moving to a new gmail address. More information to follow.

Angie presented the summary of the member survey she provided at the Holiday party. The board discussed number of board and P&S meetings to hold. There is also a board vacancy for member at large. If anyone is interested, reach out to Angie.

The Gardeners Gathering will be June 27. The initial meeting for this event will be Wednesday, June 21, 10 a.m. at Berkshire Hathaway office at 6th and Ohio. Enter the building on the west side and proceed up the stairs.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lutz



Giving Garden Corner

While it's still mid-winter, planning for the garden seems to be a never-ending activity. We hope to have our first official Giving Garden planning meeting sometime in February, with a date yet to be announced. You may recall that Culver's very generously donated \$760 to the Giving Garden last fall through their "Concretes for a Cause" promotion. As we have had requests for salad greens from Meals on Wheels and others, we will be using Culver's donations to purchase materials for a new "Low Tunnel" operation, which will allow us to get a head start on a substantial cool season crop early this spring. If you stop by Culver's this winter, be sure to again thank them for their generous support of WVMGA. – Phil Small

Beekeeping Class Info Questions? Ask Ruth Bohner

Beekeeping 101 is a class for beginning beekeepers and anyone that may be interested in becoming a beekeeper. This class will cover basic beekeeping techniques and will include hive management and pest control. There will be something for all levels of beekeepers.


LOCATION
Ivy Tech Community College
Terre Haute Main Campus
8000 Education Drive
Terre Haute, IN 47802

COST
\$25/person | \$40/couple | \$10/child under 18
Includes a lunch and a membership to your bee club. There will be drawings for door prizes throughout the day and a chance to win a complete bee hive.

REGISTRATION
Scan QR Code below with your phone camera or go online to clay-county-beekeepers-club.square.site
Pre-registration is required.

For questions, call Leslie at 812-249-5671 or email claybeekeepers@gmail.com

CLAY COUNTY BEEKEEPERS CLUB
PITTSBURGH COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
WEBER VALLEY BEE CLUB



January Garden Jobs (Adapted from GardenKnowHow.com)

Don't call this work; it's more 'things to do while sipping coffee from a thermos and dreaming of better times to come.'

1. Plant Bare Root Roses
2. Mulch and prep garden beds
3. Keep bird feeders topped up
4. Pot pansies and violas for color

NEXT MEETINGS:

Board – February 5, 6 p.m.
S&P – January 20, 2026
February 17, 2026

2026 Board Members: Angie Decker, president; Lynda Miller, vice president; Susie Thompson, treasurer, Beth Lutz, recording secretary; Barbara Brugnaux, corresponding secretary; Debbie Lazzell, Vicki Cochran, members at large; Patti Weaver, service coordinator.