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Wabash Valley Master Gardeners Gazette

March 2026

Next meeting March 17, 6:00 P.M.

Community Building, Vigo County Fairgrounds

Education:

Dues Reminder: The assessment for 2025 is now due. If paid by March 17, dues are \$20.00, then increase to \$25.00. Please pay your dues to treasurer Susie Thompson. If mailing your dues, please send to WVMGA, P.O. Box 11532, Terre Haute IN 47802.

Twilight in the Garden: The committee for the June 27 seminar will meet March 11 at 1 p.m. at Lynda Miller's office, 601 Ohio St.

The flyer for this event is on the last page of the Gazette. Please help spread the word. It is a free event this year. And if you have a suggested sponsor, please contact Angie Decker. Copies of the flyer should be available at the next planning meeting.

Giving Garden: The committee will meet March 14 at 10 a.m. at United Methodist Temple. All are welcome.

Earth Day: The Sisters of Providence celebration is April 18 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Meetings start at 6 p.m. effective March 17. Don't forget!!

Herb Faire: The committee asks that as you start your garden clean up, please collect gently used tools, pots, gloves, and garden decor to be part of the garden yard sale at the Herb Faire. Plants are also needed for the sale May 9 at the fairgrounds. Set up May 8. More details in April!

Intern Picnic: May 19 at Deming Park. More details later.

Vigo County Fair Make and Takes: July 9-12. As always, trinkets for the steppingstones project are needed.

Garden Seminars/Education Hour Opportunities:

Putnam County Master Gardeners Garden Fair, **March 21**, Putnam County Fairgrounds, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., free

Edgar County Master Gardeners April in Paris Gardening Seminar, **April 9**, Lake Ridge Christian Church, event fee \$30. Register at <https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/april-in-paris-gardening-seminar-2026>

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

Service coordinator: Patti Weaver is now service coordinator. If you need her assistance in recording your hours, please send that information to Patti at p.weaver2@outlook.com.

**WVMGA Board Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2026
6-7:30 pm**

Attendees: Angie Decker, Lynda Miller, Beth Lutz, Barbara Brugnaux, Vicky Cochran, Debbie. Lazzell, Mindy Leo, Tabby Flinn

Lynda motioned and Barbara seconded that the January Board Meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Susie, Treasurer, was ill but submitted a written report. Proceeds from the December 2025 CITP net were reduced due to additional receipts received. The report was approved.

Angie announced that the Wabash Valley Community Foundation grant process meeting would be held February 13. This meeting provides information for submitting grants to the organization.

Earth Day: Beth announced that the WVMGA would apply as an educational exhibitor instead of a vendor since no sale of items or plants will be undertaken. There is no fee to attend as an educational exhibitor.

Spring Seminar: Angie announced the next planning meeting will be February 11 at 10 a.m. at Berkshire-Hathaway office at 601 Ohio Street.

Angie welcomed Mindy Leo to the board meeting and thanked her for volunteering.

Angie announced the intent to move the Service Coordinator position to a non-board position. This will be incorporated in the bylaws during the current revision process.

Angie announced the receipt of a letter from TH Parks and Recreation requesting the WVMGA interest in participating in the 2026 CITP. No volunteers have signed up for the committee. Barbara motioned and Vicki seconded that the WVMGA not participate in 2026. The motion carried.

Angie announced that Phil Small expressed an interest in participating at the West Central Outdoor Expo to be held April 18/19. Minimal volunteer participation is expected.

Angie announced receipt of a Benson, Bauer, and Young grant for \$1,000.00. The grant is restricted funds for the Giving Garden.

Meeting Adjourned - 1.5 hours volunteer time

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lutz

WVMGA Planning and Scheduling Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026
6:30-8:00 pm

The meeting was held virtually.

Education: Speaker Geoff Schortgen, the Wabash County extension representative provided the educational program, Hard to Control Weeds and Weed Identification. He covered some of the more common weeds to Indiana and effective treatments for their control.

1.0 hours education recorded.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order: Angie D. opened the meeting. Due to the virtual nature of the meeting, Angie announced the January Business Meeting Minutes will be approved at the March meeting.

Treasurer Report: Susie T. reported on checking and CD balances and acknowledged receipt of the Benson, Bauer and Young grant for the Giving Garden. This is a restricted funds grant. She reported that 23 members had paid their 2026 dues. Due to the business meeting being held virtually, the March 1 deadline for dues is extended to the March business meeting to be held March 17. Dues are \$20 until that date, afterwards dues increase to \$25 per member. Dues may also be mailed to the WVMGA postal office at P.O. Box 11532, Terre Haute, IN 47802.

Officers Report -None

New Business:

Phil Small announced a planning meeting for the Giving Garden to be held March 14, 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Temple Church located on South Highway 41 by the Chevrolet dealer.

Beth Lutz announced the Earth Day event held at SMWC on April 18 from 11-3 will be as an educational exhibitor. We will be providing sunflower seedlings for children to transplant. No sales will be conducted. Lisa Wilson, Mindy Leo, and Vicki Cochran volunteered.

Herb Faire-Debbie L indicated they are waiting for the parks department to repair the roof on the greenhouse before she begins setting plants.

Angie announced the next Twilight in the Garden planning meeting will be March 11 at 1 p.m. at the Berkshire Hathaway office at 601 Ohio street. There will be no admission to the event this year to be held June 27 at the fairgrounds.

Angie announced that the board voted the WVMGA would NOT be participating in the 2026 Christmas in the Park.

Volunteer time: **0.5 hour**

30 participants online for the virtual meeting including the speaker and Tabby F.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lutz

Next Meetings:

Board – April 2, 2026

S&P – March 17, 2026, **at 6 p.m.**

April 21, 2026, **at 6 p.m.**

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, Mindy Leo, members at large; Patti Weaver, service coordinator.



The Swallowtail
butterfly is the National
Pollinator of the Year

Twilight flyer on next page!

TWILIGHT IN THE GARDEN

In celebration of National Pollinator Week!

FREE EVENT

Be one of the first 100 guests to arrive and receive a free Swag Bag!



Join us in celebrating the pollinators that made it possible to donate over 135,000 pounds of fresh produce.

The Wabash Valley Master Gardeners' Giving Garden was established in 2010. All of the fresh produce is donated to local soup kitchens, food pantries, and educational programs.

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Speakers:

- ✓ Jennifer Tames, Catholic Charities Terre Haute - Food Insecurity in our Community
- ✓ Purdue "Pollinators in the Garden"

Activities:

- ✓ Giving Garden Tours
- ✓ Door Prizes
- ✓ Free Milkweed & Zinnias

Event Details:

📅 June 27th, 2026
🕒 4-7 pm

📍 The Giving Garden
Located at the West entrance of the Vigo County Fairgrounds
3901 S US Hwy 41
Terre Haute, 47802

