



**Wabash Valley Master Gardeners Gazette  
May 2026**

**Next meeting May 19, 6 P.M.**

**INTERN PICNIC – GOOD FOOD, NEW FRIENDS AND OLD  
DEMING PARK UTE SHELTER**

**Picnic details:** WVMGA will provide fried chicken, drinks and tableware. Members with last names starting with A-M should bring a dessert; members with last names starting with N-Z please contribute a salad or vegetable dish. Interns are guests!

**Congratulations to the Herb Faire Committee...another awesome job.** A sellout of everything! And thanks to members who contributed so many plants for the sale. ★ Debbie Lazzell deserves special thanks for heading the committee and selling those plants!

**June 27, *Twilight in The Garden, In Celebration of National Pollinators Week,*** 4–7 p.m. Free this year! Spread the word! The flyer for Twilight in the Garden is at the end of the gazette.

**July 11-18, Vigo County Fair – Make and Takes July 14-17**

The always popular flower arranging and steppingstones will be back. Flowers and embellishments for the steppingstones needed. Other details to come.

**WVMGA Board Meeting**  
**April 2, 2026**

*Approved at May 2 Board meeting*

Attendees: A. Decker, L. Miller, S. Thompson, B. Lutz, B. Brugnaux, Mindy Leo, T. Flinn.

March Board Meeting Minutes - Barbara motioned for approval. Motion seconded by Lynda, all approved pending one correction.

Susie T. reported on the organization's finances. The finance report was approved by all board members. The board discussed options for renewing one CD that has come to term. Susie will continue to explore best available path forward.

Angie announced that she would be providing a presentation on container gardening at the Maple Center Lunch and Learn on April 13. She also announced that Happiness Bag was looking for more involvement with the Master Gardeners other than the tours that they had previously been involved with. This involvement is requested as part of the Happiness Bag recent expansion.

Lynda announced education for the April business meeting will be presented by Clarissa Lovett at Dobbs Park, Topic will be "Wildflowers." The business meeting will follow at Dobbs Park. There will be no education for the May business meeting as this time/day will be for the intern graduation picnic.

Earth Day - Beth L. announced that the Teddy Bear sunflower seedlings started by Vicki had germinated and were doing well. Will be ready for Earth Day at SMWC, April 18. Beth also announced that Vicki had secured a commitment from Dairy Queen (Davis Avenue) to provide 150 cones for the event. Will need contact information provided to Barbara for acknowledgment.

Herb Faire - Debby L. was not present but provided an update to Angie. All seedlings were transferred to the TH South greenhouse (Big thank you to Jan Barbee). Phil Small provided tomato seedlings, and these were potted to larger containers. Other seeds were planted, and all are doing well. There will be an organizational meeting for the Herb Faire on April 14, 11:00 am at Collett Park. It was noted that Barbara would need the principal's name to acknowledge the WVMGA appreciation for use of the greenhouse.

Angie announced that the meeting with Tabby and Erin at the Extension Office will be rescheduled to update the WVMGA website.

The bylaws were divided into 3 sections. Barbara will revise Articles I-X, Beth will revise XI-XX, and Angie will revise XXI-End.

Meeting Adjourned -1.0 hours volunteer time

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Lutz

## **WVMGA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES** **April 21, 2026**

The organization met at Dobbs Nature Center. Lynda Miller opened the meeting and introduced Carissa Lovett, Naturalist.

**Education:** Carissa provided a brief discussion of Dobbs Park including the layout, trails, and background. She presented an overview of Spring Wildflowers at Dobbs Park including photographs from the Wetlands, Butterfly, Amphitheater, and Native American Museum areas. **1.5 hours** education recorded.

### **Business Meeting:**

**Call to Order** - Angie D. opened the meeting. March business meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Flo E. and seconded by Susie T. March business meeting minutes were approved by the membership.

**Treasurer Report** - Susie T. reported on checking and CD balances. A new CD was purchased. To date, 35 members have paid their dues for 2026.

### **Officers Reports -**

Barbara B. reported that the audit committee completed the annual review. Sam motioned to accept the report as written, and Patty W seconded. The motion carried.

Beth L reported that five Master Gardeners attended the Earth Day event held at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Participants were provided ice cream cones to transplant dwarf sunflower seedlings. Terre Haute Dairy Queen donated the cones. Approximately 120 cones/seedlings were distributed.

Debbie reported that the garden and flowering plants were doing well and will be ready for the Herb Faire.

Giving Garden- Angie reported the low tunnel structure was completed and per Phil S. routine workdays will be starting soon. Patty W. reported that she uses “walls of water” technique in her home garden for tomatoes and that her tomato plants are blooming and setting fruit.

Angie announced the Twilight in the Garden committee is still seeking sponsors for the event. Also, donations of items for the swag bags and door prizes are also needed. If you know of any businesses that can fulfill these requests, please contact Angie or Lynda.

### **New Business –**

Intern Picnic - Nancy Nation reported that the intern picnic would take place at Deming Park, Ute shelter on May 19 at 6 p.m. If your last name begins with A-M, bring a dessert and if your last name begins with N-Z bring salad or vegetables. The association will provide fried chicken.

Volunteer time: **0.5 hour**  
31 participants present

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Lutz

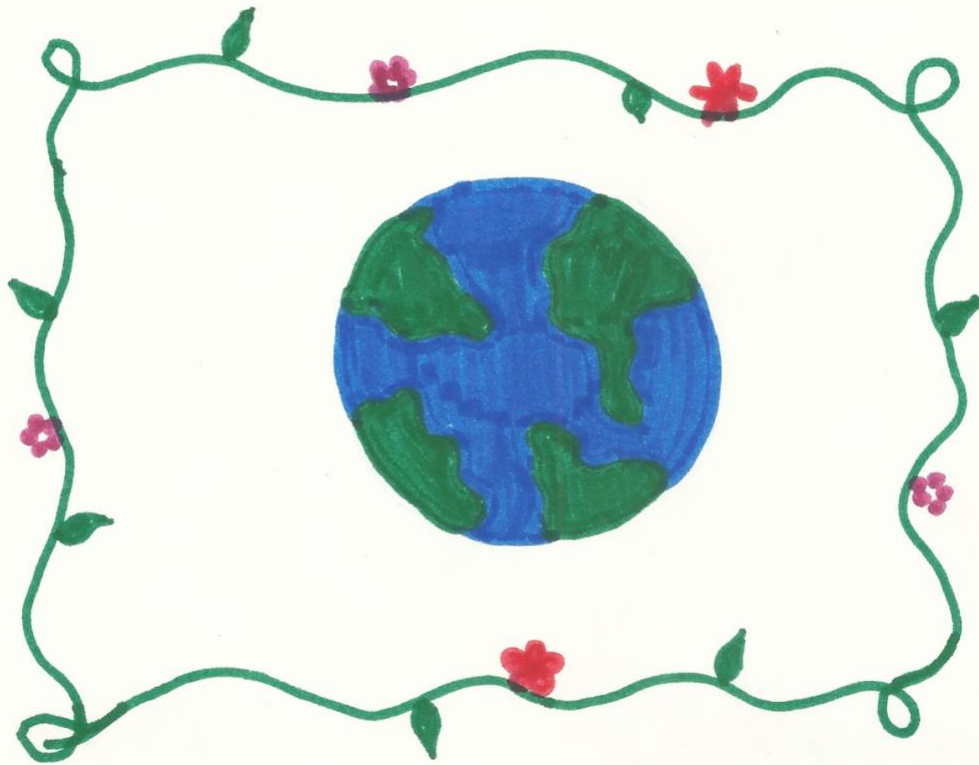
### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

Board – June 4, 2026  
NO July board meeting

S&P – May 19, 2026  
June 27, 2026, Twilight in the Garden event  
NO July S&P due to fair activities

*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, and Mindy Leo, members at large; Patti Weaver, service coordinator*

***Twilight Flyer and Note from White Violet Center ON NEXT PAGES.***



Dear Wabash Valley Master Gardeners

Thank you for being a part of our  
Earth Day Festival! We hope you  
enjoyed it this year and will join us  
again next year! Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>,  
2027

Sincerely,

The White Violet Center Team

# 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

