1. **Review of March 4, 2015, minutes** were approved as read.

2. **Compost Library Sessions:** After discussion, those that were presented decided to forgo the library sessions in 2016 and add to the number of Pioneer Park demonstrations.

3. **Composting turning at Pioneer Park:** We discussed the progress of the composting activities at Pioneer Park. The Doodle Poll filled up quickly for the 2015 season. Everyone was advised of the infestation of mosquito and chiggers and use insect repellent as necessary, when they turn the pile. The compost at this time is pretty well decomposed and ready to use. It was suggested we demonstrate in the class how to filter what's there and give samples to those present at the September and October sessions.

   Waste Cap Nebraska has been doing a six-week community composting workshop this summer and using the bins for their demonstrations. You may see an increase in the compost as a result.

4. **Sustainable Living Festival** – August 22, 2015

   Gary Wells, chairman of the Youth Education Committee, is spear heading a committee for the Sustainable Living Festival Saturday, August 22, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, near Canopy Street, in the Hay Market. The focus will be around composting and pollinators. He shared with us some of his plans. He is developing literature and hands on activities for this event and will have them available. The Compost Committee has been invited, thru the Doodle Poll, to help in the booth.

5. **2016 Activities**

   **Compost Library Sessions:** After discussion, it was decided that we would not schedule any library sessions for the 2016 season.

   **Compost Pioneer Park Demonstration:** After discussion, it was decided to have three Spring and two Fall demonstrations.

   The following are tentative dates for 2016:

   **Spring:** Saturday, April 2, 2:00 pm; Saturday, May 21, 2:00 pm; Saturday, June 11, 10:00 am
   
   **Fall:** Saturday, September 24, 10:00 am; Saturday, October 15, 10:00 am

   Sarah Browning will verify with Pioneer Park staff to see if the dates and times would work in their schedule.

   **NOTE:** Please note the change in date and time for the May, 2016 demonstration. The Nature Center is closed to the public at 5:00 pm and they would have to pay a staff person to stay on site if we had an evening demonstration. Therefore, Sarah and I chose Saturday, May 21, in the afternoon, to avoid any morning conflicts with other volunteer opportunities.
**Earth Wellness Festival:**  On-line registration for this event will be available in January 2016. No date has been set but in years past it took place the 4th week of March. More details will be available after January, 2016.

http://lancaster.unl.edu/ewf

**Lincoln Earth Day:**  No date is available for 2016. Last years event was April 18. More details will be available at a later date.

http://lincolnearthday.org

**Nebraska Builders Home & Garden Show:**  The Compost Committee was invited to help staff the City of Lincoln's Solid Waste Recycling Booth in 2015. The 2016 event is scheduled for February 12-14. More details will be available at a later date.

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6. **Other Discussion:**

There were questions about the status of the Master Gardener Compost Committee involvement with Sheridan Elementary School's compost bins. After pro and con discussion and suggestions, it was decided that Sarah Browning and Mary Jane Fogge would investigate and perhaps send pictures of the site to the committee before making any decisions.

7. **Adjournment:**  Everyone was thanked for coming. Our next meeting will be scheduled during the 2016 Master Gardener training.