Youth Educational Committee

**September 16, 2014 Meeting Notes**

In attendance was: Shelley Forney, Kay Funk, Alice Baden, Sharon Stibal, Gary Wells, Mary Jane Frogge, Sarah Browning

**Agenda Item:**

1. **Education Requests 2014**

   There are no new specific requests.

   We discussed the process for requesting training. Sarah will develop a request form that will be available online. The requester will submit the form and it will be sent to Mary Jane, Sarah, and Gary. Gary will then poll master gardeners for interest in being the trainer. Gary will inform Sarah and Mary Jane within one week if the request can be serviced and they will inform the requester of the decision. Once the trainer has been selected they will communicate with the requester directly to make final arrangements.

2. **2015 Activities**

   There were no new requests for training. We discussed continuing with the following activities in 2015:

   **Earth Wellness Festival**– (March 25 & 26 2014) We will coordinate presenters during the spring training sessions.

   **Lincoln Earth Day**– Sarah will look at deadline for getting a booth.

   **Lincoln Home and Leisure show**- Since Finke’s isn’t participating, Sarah will look into other options.

   **Clover College**– We will promote individuals to participate.

3. **Training Kit Development**

   The ‘Tree’ Training Kit was developed by Sarah and presented to the group. The kit is targeted for grades K-6 (3-5 is ideal) and teaches what trees need to grow. A game is used to show how trees compete for water, nutrients and sun. The kit also includes tree cookies (a slice of a tree trunk) to show tree rings, which can be used to discuss the trees age and the seasonal variation in growth. The existing kit uses photographs of tree rings. The committee discussed the value in having real tree cookies, and Gary agreed to provide 30 small and a couple large tree cookies.

   The ‘Seed’ Training Kit was developed by Mary Jane and presented to the committee. The kit shows how seeds germinate and plants grow. Bean seeds are used to show germination. Seeds and seed packets of vegetable seeds are used to discuss when and how to plant,

   A ‘Compost’ Training Kit was discussed using the material from Earth Wellness and the material from the compost committee. We need to repackage the material into a training kit.

   The next quarterly meeting will be held in late November or early December.