

# The Thymes

Official Newsletter of the Illinois Valley Herb Guild



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## Club Corner

### October 2022 Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance \$3,921.22  
Total Monthly Income – \$75.00 (Dues)  
Total Monthly Expenses –\$50.00 (U of I  
Extension program)  
Closing Balance Checking – \$3946.22

Plant Sale  
Committee Meeting  
11-15-22 @ 5:30 p.m.

## Upcoming Meeting

November 15, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.



The program will be “Holiday Candy and Chocolates Making” presented by club members Sandy Bumgardner and Jan Webster.

**Refreshment Committee:**  
Karen Verda – if you would like to help Karen, let her or me know.

President: Amy Williams, Vice President: Dave Dunagan, Treasurer: Vicki Gensini,  
Corresponding Secretary: Craig Arbet, Recording Secretary: Jacki Norris.

## TURKEY TRIVIA



**Are Turkeys Native to the Americas?** Yes, turkeys originated in the "New World." Specifically, wild turkeys are native to Mexico. European explorers brought wild turkeys' home with them in the early 1500's. The birds were domesticated in Europe and later brought to North America by English colonists. Note that domesticated turkeys have white-tipped tails; wild turkeys have dark-tipped tails.

**Could the Turkey Have Been the National Bird?** Yes, Ben Franklin thought the turkey would be a better national symbol than the bald eagle. According to the Franklin Institute, he wrote in a letter to his daughter:

"For my own part, I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our county; he is a bird of bad moral character; he does not get his living honestly...like those among men who live by sharping and robbing...he is,generally poor; and often very lousy. Besides, he is a rank coward; the little king-bird, not bigger than a sparrow, attacks him boldly and drives him out of the district...For in truth, the turkey is in comparison a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America. Eagles have been found in all countries, but the turkey was peculiar to ours..."

**How Much Turkey Does a Person Eat per Year?** The average person in he United States will eat 15 pounds of turkey this year.

**What Is a Baby Turkey Called? And What About Adult Turkeys?** A baby turkey is called a poult, chick, or even turklette. An adult male turkey is called a tom and a female is a hen.

**How Big Do Turkeys Get?** The domestic tom can weigh up to 50 pounds, the domestic hen up to 16 pounds. The wild tom can weigh up to 20 pounds, the wild hen up to 12 pounds.

*Submitted by Sharon Gallop*

## IVHG October 2022 Minutes & Program

The Illinois Valley Herb Guild met on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at the Senior Center in Standard, IL. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Vice-President, Dave Dunagan.

Dave Dunagan asked everyone to keep Amy Williams and Jackie Norris's moms in our prayers.

Dave Dunagan introduced our three new members, Laurie Hattan, Cathy Flynn and Joyce Lukich.

We received word that our scheduled guest speaker, Steve Lundquist, was ill and can't be present tonight. Sharon Gallup and Sandy Miller gave the presentation on Bugs – The Good, Bad and the Ugly. It was a great PowerPoint presentation on the many different type of insects with lots of interaction with the members. The new Master Gardener & Master Naturalist Extra Help Program Coordinator, Bettyann Harrison, joined us for the evening.

Craig Arbet made a motion to accept the secretary's report and also the treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Sandy Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Lorraine Terando announced that Red Bud made a final decision, and they are not going to grow plants for us for our plant sale...even after reducing our order. Amy Williams is working with Hy-Vee to see if they would be willing to order plants for us. Debbie Kasperski will reach out to the Peru Greenhouse and also Seatonville. Cathy Flynn will reach out to a greenhouse in Bloomington.

Vicki Gensini said that if we don't have the plant sale, we should think of another fund raiser the club can do. Vicki also stated that we spend around \$1,200 a year as a club and will be out of money in a couple of years if we don't come up with something. Vicki also suggested that the club not pay for members' dinners at the Christmas party unless we find out before then that we will be having the plant sale.

Jan Webster and Sandy Bumgardner will be presenting in November on making candy and chocolates for the holidays.

A sign-up sheet was sent around for the Christmas party which will be on Monday, December 5th at 6 pm at Capponi's in Toluca. It will be family-style chicken. The sheet will also be passed around at the November meeting.

Terry Kaveney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Jan Webster seconded. Motion carried.

Door prizes were donated by Jan Webster.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Gensini, Acting Recording Secretary

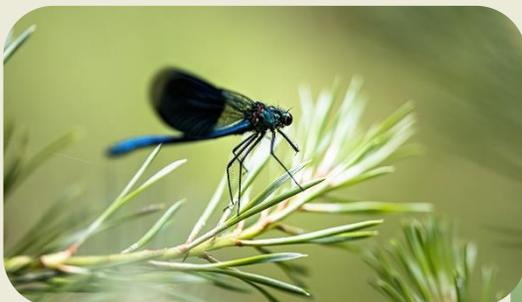
The October meeting speakers were Sharon Gallup, IVHG member, Master Gardener, and Sandy Miller, IVHG member and Master Naturalist. Their talk was on....

Insects: The Good/The Bad/The Ugly



Not only did they present a excellent Power Point Show but had the members participate using objects which included candy skittles, a baster, a cup, a party blower, and a bug eye viewer, to demonstrate how insects function in getting their nourishment from plants. We learned that insects have four methods for using their mouths to get their food

1. CHEWING – these insects have mandibles like our jaw and teeth, they take BITES of food. Examples: Crickets, Ants Beetles, Caterpillars, Dragon Flies, Praying Mantis
2. PIERCING/SUCKING – these insect have a long, thin proboscis that it inserts into a juicy leaf. They leave small spots that die after they are sucked dry of sap. Examples: Mosquitoes. Aphids, Stinkbugs, Leafhoppers, Assassin bugs, Harlequin bugs
3. SIPHONING – these insects have a proboscis, but it sucks nectar from flowers and fruit. Like a straw! Examples: Butterflies, Moths
4. SPONGING – these insects sponge up things, but wait, doesn't a sponge have to be wet to pick things up?? Ewwww! Example: Flies use their spit to wet their food. Flies don't bite it's their spit that irritates the skin.



*Submitted by Dave Dunagan*