

## ECIMN Alumni Meeting Minutes October 13, 2021

Mary Kauffmann-Kennel opened the meeting. Four people will be going to the IMN state gathering at Turkey Run.

### Upcoming Meetings:

Our potluck will be at Schrock Pavilion on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 6pm. People will need to wear masks when they are not eating. Prizes will be given to the three people with the most volunteer hours. Everyone needs to submit their hours to Jenna by Nov. 5. Jenna is sending special invitations to those who took the 2020 and 2021 IMN classes, and people from those classes who have completed their volunteer hours will also get prizes.

The January meeting will be at the Historical Museum on Jan. 13 at 6:30. We'll be rotating sites for future alumni meetings.

### Committee Updates:

Carole Mitchell - IMN recently took part in the following events: (1) Green Day at the fair on July 23, (2) Meet Me on the Island at Island Park on Aug. 7, and (3) Riverfest on Aug. 28. Upcoming events where IMN will have an information booth/table are the Seed Swap on January 15, 10am-2:30pm at Goshen College and the Master Gardeners Gardening Expo on Feb. 26, 2022 at the RV Hall of Fame.

Elma Chapman - She needs submissions for the newsletter by Sunday, Oct. 17. Short submissions are fine and pictures are welcome. Email to [chapman\\_ej@yahoo.com](mailto:chapman_ej@yahoo.com).

Melanie Helmuth - Merry Lea is presenting their family friendly Enchanted Forest on Oct. 22 and 23. Volunteers are needed from 5:30-9:30pm. They prefer volunteers to work the entire time but they do have some shorter shifts available. They are looking for volunteers to dress in costume as animals, to serve as caretakers for the costumed "animals" and also need parking assistants and trail guides. Contact person is Maria Tice, Administrative Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College, P.O. Box 263, Wolf Lake, IN 46796, phone: 260-799-5869.

On Oct. 30 from 8:30-10am, Trees for Goshen needs help labelling trees that will be picked up the next week for the Fall Planting Event. Contact Melanie at [melaniehertzler@gmail.com](mailto:melaniehertzler@gmail.com).

Pathways Retreat can always use help with invasive tree removal. Contact Steve Thomas at [steveforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:steveforpeace@gmail.com).

Jenna - Next IMN class will start near the end of May and finish in the middle of July. Advertising for it will begin in March. Krista will probably be helping with it because Jenna will be having a baby in March. (Congratulations, Jenna!)

Dennis Badke introduced our speaker, Heather Downey, who presented a program on turtle rescue and rehab.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Zook