



Master Gardener News

**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

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September 2023

Next Meeting Date – September 12th, 2023

General Meeting: 5:30 pm
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension Office– Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden
Program: Picnic
Message from Barbi Oliver
Garfield County Master Gardeners President

Fall will soon be here. There are several things that can be planted before cold weather comes. Many vegetables that are planted in early spring can be planted and harvested in the Fall. Because the ground is warm, seeds will germinate quicker. Soaking seeds overnight is a great idea and then planting the germinated seed in moist ground. Many shrubs and trees do well to be planted in the Fall.

Bring family and a potluck dish to this month's social. Chicken will be furnished. Bring a lawn chair also.

Barbi Oliver

Minutes of the Garfield County Master Gardeners August 8, 2023

Call to Order: Barbi Oliver

Announcements: Barbi recognized members present who have birthdays in August. The group serenaded those celebrated with "Happy Birthday."

Minutes of previous meeting:

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion to Adopt: No motion made, Barbi declared the Minutes to be approved as written

Treasurer's Report :

Read by: Ruth Carvalho

Checking Account: \$ 20,533.99

As of: August 8, 2023

Savings Account: \$6,722.80

Total: \$27,256.79

Bills: Total paid \$247.35 (Hospitality \$7.35 + Weed trimming \$240.00)

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup):

Mike reported that a water feature has been completed in the Gazebo Garden. He also noted that Diane Ford and Jenny Gwinnup had spent a lot of time cleaning up the Rose Garden. He went on to recommend the vitex bush be removed from that area. He complimented the work done on the Fairy Garden. He also reported that Jim Mitchell of Professional Tree Care had sprayed the evergreens in the gardens for bagworms and did not charge for his service. Mike presented a proposed plan for changing the Sensory Garden and said he would like to get started on it in September. Diane Ford made a motion to approve up to \$2,000 for the project. Kathryn Redding seconded the motion. The motion passed, Mike sought input from the group on what material to put in the walking area around the new Sensory Garden, offering cost information on screenings, crushed granite and pea gravel. After some discussion, Mickey Chapman made a motion to use screenings. The motion was seconded by Janet Coontz. The motion passed.

Children's Garden (Diane Ford): Diane Ford reported that Janet Coontz and Pam Lyon had been working on the Fairy Garden under the weeping mulberry tree, and the project is mostly completed. Diane said she is also considering a Yellow Brick Road around the tree, which would lead to the Fairy Garden. Diane has cleaned out much of the dry bed

and invited others to help keep it clean. She recommended changes for the Butterfly Garden, including making it smaller and possibly a raised bed but said it could be a “back burner” project. Mike Gwinnup plans for a revised Sensory Garden are included in his proposal for the Demonstration Garden. Possibilities of vandalism were discussed.

Newspaper (Kris Vculek): Kris reported that authors are scheduled for all Master Gardener columns for the Enid Newspaper.

Community Education (Janet Coontz): Janet shared her intention to ask members for ideas for community education.

Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin): Ann Bryant reminded the group that the September 12th meeting will be our fall picnic at 5:30 p.m. After discussion, Amber Gill moved that the GCMG will purchase fried chicken from Jumbo Food. Anne Bethel seconded the motion. Motion passed. Members were asked to sign up with what food each will provide as well as how many he/she will bring to the picnic. Jenny Gwinnup will send out an email to all GCMGs with a deadline of September 1st to reply with information on number of folks who will attend and what food they will bring.

Multimedia (Barbi Oliver): Barbi and a few committee members met with Ray Gill, who is sharing his expertise with the group. Ray advised GCMG to purchase a large size laptop computer, a back-up hard drive, and office suite software. Barbi has investigated costs for the items and said she can purchase it all for under \$1,000. Diane Ford moved the organization approve spending up to the \$1,000 on the recommended equipment. Jenny Gwinnup seconded the motion. Motion passed. Barbi proposed the computer equipment be kept under lock in the Master Gardener office. She also noted that she will accept the responsibility of setting up the GCMG website but will expect the content to come from the group.

State Conference 2024 (Mike Gwinnup): Mike said he has been in touch with the Master Gardeners from El Reno and will be attending one of their planning meetings for the 2023 State Master Gardener Meeting.

Old Business: Ruth Carvalho reported checking on getting the existing four –drawer file cabinet fitted with a lock (or having the existing lock re-keyed). There was brief discussion of purchasing a new cabinet. Martha Posey made a motion the group approve up to \$100 to purchase a new cabinet or get the existing one re-vamped to lock. Mike Gwinnup seconded the motion. Motion passed. Amber Gill is going to check on the possibility she has access to a locking cabinet that can be donated to the GCMG.

Barbie reminded committee chairs that they will have budgets for next year. Ruth will provide for the October meeting, a summary of 2023 expenses for each committee.

Adjourn: Barbi Oliver

REMINDER

The next Master Gardener Meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th



George Milacek- September 9th

Linda Presa -September 20th

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