



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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Next Meeting Date – February 14th, 2023

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: Tour Plant's Plenty Greenhouses

Message from Barbi Oliver

Garfield County Master Gardeners President

After the hot, hot summer we had last year, you might be considering native plants. Native plants may seem like weeds but they can have benefits. A native plant must be beautiful, hardy and non-invasive. Native plants come in many colors and are very hardy for the region. They have a very close relationship to the environment and support many "helpful" insects as well as some bad ones. For example, birds need thousands of caterpillars to feed their babies. While native plants are not invasive, they can be aggressive and thought of as weeds.

Many native plants have been cultivated. They now come in many different colors and have different characteristics. Sometimes it's hard to find native plants and/or the ones with the characteristics that you want. Overall, natives plants have a deeper root system to look for moisture and help with soil structure.

Several episodes of Oklahoma Gardening on YouTube are about Native plants and trees.

Barbi Oliver

Minutes of the Garfield County Master Gardeners January 10, 2023

President Barbi Oliver called the meeting to order.

Announcements: January birthdays were announced.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting were changed to reflect the corrected amount of the OSU scholarship monies sent. The previous minutes listed the amount as \$1,500.00. It was corrected to \$2,000.00. Diane Ford made the motion to adopt the correction. The members voted to accept the correction. The motion passed and the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Christmas Lunch was held in lieu of our regular meeting, there were two reports. As of 12/05/2022, the checking account balance was \$14,025.98; savings account balance was \$6,721.14; total funds \$20,747.12. As of 01/03/2023, the checking account balance was \$15,256.14; savings account balance was \$6,721.14; total funds \$21,977.28. We also received an Edward Jones \$1000 donation from Frances Spencer. Members were asked to check the directory to mark whether they have paid their dues and make any corrections to their information.

Because Ruth Carvalho has had a family emergency, Pam Lyon will continue as secretary until Ruth is able to take over.

Bills: As of 12/05/2022, Lori Bowers presented a bill for Christmas Lunch for \$93.25; Jenny Gwinnup presented a bill for PDQ for printing for Farm to Table for \$16.37; Two OSU Scholarships for \$2,000 each. As of 01/03/2023, Teresa Boeckman presented a bill for Farm to Table centerpieces for \$86.00; Kathryn Redding presented a bill for Christmas Lunch decorations for \$233.84.

Demonstration Garden: Mike Gwinnup reported that the total cost for building the arbors for the garden will be approximately \$1,816. He will begin work on them in late February/early March when the temperature is warmer. February 4th will be a workday. We need to get plants start-

ed in the greenhouse for the Spring Workshop. Extra tomatoes need to be planted for the Home Show.

Rick Nelson: He requested someone to help man phones and field questions. He also requested that members please post your volunteer/educational hours or write them down and give them to Rick. Rick also gave our current summary of our current membership hours and contacts.

Newspaper: Kris Vculek sent a sign up sheet to submit articles to the newspaper. Horticultural tip articles appear the 2nd Sunday of the month. The 4th Sunday article can be any related gardening subject you wish. Articles need to be 500 words and can be sent as a Word document or text. Kris will send you a reminder a week to a week and a half prior to the submission date.

Radio: The program begins this week. Sandy will call the station and do this week's program. Rick will do the following week and Diane Ford the week after that. The Garden House is going to be run by Eloise's grandson.

Scholarship: We received a thank you letter from OSU for our scholarship donations in December.

Hospitality: Lori Bowers passed around a sign up for members to volunteer to provide snacks for our meetings.

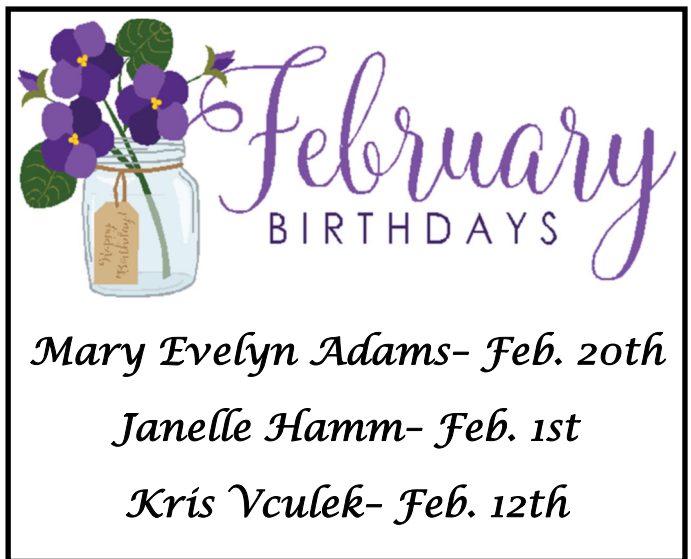
Spring Workshop: Jenny Gwinnup and Diane Ford reported the Spring Workshop will be at Autry Vo-Tech on March 25th. Set up will be the 24th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed from 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on the 25th. Our speakers will be Linda Vater and Chris Webster. Jenny and Diane would like to have 10 to 15 volunteers to do two minute "tips". If you are interested, contact Jenny or Diane. The other areas of the workshop are lead by Teresa Boeckman /boutique; Janet Coontz, / registration, Susie Skaggs/food. Members who would like to contribute plants are asked to transplant them several weeks prior to the workshop. Members who would like to provide a door prize, contact Jenny or Diane.

Garden Tour/Extension Festival: Diane Ford is continuing to research the viability of an extension festival.

Children's Garden: Informed us that planting will need to be done when it warms up.

New Business: Pam Lyon requested that each committee this year please make a budget and submit it to her. There was a member suggest that we consider applying for a grant for the festival from Park Avenue. Janet Coontz (Community Education) passed a volunteer sign up sheet to help with both the children and adult education and ideas for subjects.

President Barbi Oliver adjourned the meeting.



Mary Evelyn Adams- Feb. 20th

Janelle Hamm- Feb. 1st

Kris Vculek- Feb. 12th

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