



**GARFIELD COUNTY  
EXTENSION**

# Master Gardener News

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## Next Meeting Date – August 13, 2024

**Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.**  
**General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Location: Garfield County OSU Extension**  
**Program: Yard by Yard, Marcus Long**

### Message from Janet Coontz Garfield County Master Gardener President

I can't believe it is already August! Students are headed back to school and we are still having hot temperatures and no rain. Sounds like Oklahoma! Keep watering and fighting the bugs, cooler weather is not too far away. Please make an effort to attend our meeting this month as we will be focusing on our upcoming state conference. Your committee chairs have been hard at work for months setting up the mechanics for the program. Now is the time we need your input and help to make it a great success. We will be going over the presenters at the conference and the different areas in which you can serve. We sincerely need ALL of you to help make this conference a success. See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

Janet

### Master Gardener Meeting Notes Date: July 9, 2024

**Call to Order:** Janet Coontz

**Announcements:** Jean Strible passed away. We will plant something in her memory, indicated by a metal marker. Lendel Mahaffey, the extension office custodian and groundskeeper, is currently in the hospital. The July birthdays of Kristine Almack, Teresa Boeckman, Ruth

Carvalho, Judy Henderson, Dennis Skaggs and John Jinkerson were recognized.

### **Minutes of previous meeting:**

Additions or Corrections: No corrections. Accepted as written.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Read by: Ruth Carvalho	As of: July 9, 2024
Begin Savings Account Balance:	\$ 23,127.61
Transfer to State	
Convention Account	- 4,022.09
Deposit Dividend	2.79
End Savings Account Balance	\$ 19,108.31
Beginning State Convention	
Checking Account Balance:	\$ 850.00
Deposit from Savings	4,022.09
State Convention Expenses	
(Stride deposit/Name Tags)	3,872.09
End State Convention Checking	
Account Balance	\$ 1,000.00
Beginning General Checking	
Account Balance:	\$ 1,291.71
Total Deposits (Gloves/Donation)	75.00
Total Expenses (Garden Trimming)	360.00
End General Checking	
Account Balance:	\$ 1,006.71
Total of All Accounts	\$ 21,115.02

### **Committee Reports:**

**Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup):** Kris Vculek and her husband redid and added to the Children's Garden sign. MGs inherited a Cypress tree that didn't sell at the Home Show. It was planted but looked poorly for a while. Extra watering helped it recover. Mike took the large bird house from the Rose Garden and refurbished it. It is back in place. There is still a lot of weeding to be done in most of the beds, but especially in the Rose Garden area. A workday

will be scheduled sometime next week. MGs were encouraged by Mike to come work in the gardens on your own or with a friend to help get it done. Diane Ford also let us know that the beds also need to be deadheaded and checked for water.

**Children's Garden (Diane Ford):** The pile of dirt at the back of the Children's Garden has taken on new life with a modified climbing wall and a slide. The pile was significantly smoothed out. Regarding the Dry Riverbed, a portion of it is completed but needs planting. Diane will be working on the bed, Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Anyone interested in helping just show up.

**Office & Phones (Rick Nelson):** No report  
**Newspaper (Kris Vculek):** Everything has been running great. The article contributors have submitted good articles and they have been on time.

**Radio Program (Sandy Williams/Rick Nelson):** Sandy Williams, Rick Nelson and John Jinkerson have been doing the latest programs.

**Community Education (Janet Coontz):** We are in the final stage of our community grant project. Plans for the remaining funds include building a new pollinator garden with a white picket fence and an arch and use it as a teaching garden.

**Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin):** Thanks to Micky Chapman, Kathryn Redding and Lori Bowers for July's food. August Hospitality will be Ann Bryant, Sarah Cook and Kristine Almack.

**Multimedia:** Janet Coontz reported that the committee will be meeting Friday to get our event planner going and will also be speaking with Kayla regarding our website.

**State Conference 2024 (Mike Gwinnup):** Mike let us know that the expenses for hosting the State Conference will be over \$14,000. The cost for the convention is \$85 per person, volunteers included. Volunteers registering and paying has been a standard for Master Gardener state conventions. Ruth Carvalho broke down the convention costs as follows: Stride Center \$11,000

(pays for rooms, AV support, and lunch for \$300) Heritage Center \$1,300 (Live music, bartender and food for each venue), printing and signage \$700, speaker fees (9) \$1,300, name badges \$100, goody bags \$300.00, table decorations will be made by Teresa Boeckman. All totaling \$14,700. Our break-even point is 177 people. Amber Gill motioned to accept the cost per person to attend the state conference at \$85. Barbi Oliver seconded the motion. The motion passed. The SC committee is looking for sponsors to partner with us at the conference. A sponsorship is \$250. Two more vendors are needed. SC currently has six. Also needed are door prize giveaways. Kathryn Redding proposed possibly adding a silent auction to the state conference, if the SC committee is interested.

**Old Business:** None to address.

**New Business:** Amber Gill brought hollyhock and blanket flower seeds for members to take. Linda Severin also brought hollyhock seeds to share as well. Mickey Chapman brought sedge to share

**Adjourn:** Janet Coontz

**Program:** The Mesonet by Mike Honigsberg



Cheryl Kephart — 7  
Deloris Castor—11  
Jenny Guinnup — 14  
Cecil Leaming — 28

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