



Master Gardener News

**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

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November 2023

Next Meeting Date – November 14th, 2023

Executive Committee Meeting: 8:30 am
General Meeting: 9 am
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: Red Bird Farms, Kent and Becky Evatt
Hospitality: Lori Bowers

Message from Barbi Oliver Garfield County Master Gardeners President

This year is almost over. Have you completed 20 hours of education including the presentation at the MG meetings? Also, 20 hours of service needs to be completed by the end of the year. It also needs to be recorded on the OSU website at https://apps.dasnr.okstate.edu/mastergardener/index.php/Mastergardener_Area/enter_activity_success/EH/48372.

I appreciate the way members have helped this year. A big thank you to each of you.

The new class will be welcomed at the Christmas Dinner.
Barbi Oliver

Minutes of the Garfield County Master Gardeners October 10, 2023

President Barbi Oliver called the meeting to order.

Announcements: None

Minutes of previous meeting: No changes to August minutes. Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report : The Master Gardeners picnic was held the evening of September 12th, in lieu of our meeting.

Therefore, there are two months of Treasurer's read by Ruth Carvalho.

As of September 12, 2023:

Checking Account: \$19,213.05
Savings Account: \$ 6,722.80
Total: \$25,935.85

Deposits: (September) Gloves \$25.00

Bills: (September) Total paid \$1,345.94 (Computer \$985.94 + Garden trimming \$360.00)

As of October 10, 2023:

Checking Account: \$18,638.43
Savings Account: \$ 6,723.65
Total: \$25,362.08

Bills: (October) Total paid \$574.62 (Fall Picnic \$272.16 + Children's Garden \$182.46 + Garden Trimming \$120.00)

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup):

Mike reported that in general, the gardens look good but need some work, the Gazebo water feature wasn't working. Mike has a new pump for it . He will be replacing it. The sensory garden raised beds are almost done (3 of 4 completed). A workday was scheduled for October 14th at 9:00 a.m. Mickey Chapman volunteered to do the Xeriscape.

Children's Garden (Diane Ford): No report
Newspaper (Kris Vculek): Kris reported the season for articles is complete.

Office & Phones (Rick Nelson): No report
Community Education (Janet Coontz): Janet shared that during the State Conference, she went to a class led by Tony Paschal of the Forestry Department. Mr. Paschal is the Education Coordinator for the department. He was willing to come to Enid to lead a three hour class for us. He needed a minimum of 10 people attending. We surpassed the mini-

mum number, so we scheduled the class for November 13th at the OSU Extension Office from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Scholarship (Cheryl Gephart): Cheryl attended the OSU Scholarship Awards. Our \$4,000 scholarship went to four students in Landscape Architecture and one in Landscape Management. All five students sent very nice thank you letters.

Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin): Linda thanked Ann Bryant and Susie Skaggs for providing our monthly snacks. Linda also passed around a sign up sheet for our Christmas party scheduled for December 12th at noon.

Multimedia: (Barbi Oliver): No report

State Conference 2024 (Mike Gwinnup): Mike and Jenny spoke with the organizer of the State Conference in El Reno while they were in attendance and picked up two books. One was prepared by this year's organizer and the other was by the previous year's host. They outline the actions we need to take in preparation. Mike scheduled a SC Committee meeting for October 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Office for anyone who would like to serve on the committee. Those he already has Judy Huhman, Ruth Carvalho, Susie Skaggs, Teresa Boeckman and Pam Lyons. Anyone else was welcome to attend. The El Reno convention made approximately \$18,000.

Old Business: Barbi brought to the members a list of the events scheduled for 2024 as follows: Spring Workshop, Home Show, Garden Festival or Tour, State Convention, MG Picnic and Christmas Party. She opened it up for discussion. We voted and passed the option to keep the Spring workshop and tabled additional discussion regarding the Garden Festival or Tour until November.

New Business: Janet Coontz asked Mike if he would find out if he could purchase a pallet of mulch for the gardens with his budget. He said he would check on the cost. Ruth Carvalho spoke about our MG Mentor Program for incoming new Master Gardeners. Members signed up for each new member and were directed to contact them soon. Ruth also passed out a list of current committees and their expenses for this

current for this year. She asked that we submit our budget for each committee by January. Our nomination committee for new officers/committee chairs is Janet Coontz, Pam Lyon and Ann Bryant. Barbi reminded us that she has served two terms and that we will need a new president. Currently, Ann Bryant (VP), Lori Bowers(Sec) and Ruth Carvalho (Tres) are willing to serve in their same position another year.

Adjourn: Barbi Oliver



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Nelson, CED".

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