



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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JULY 2023

Next Meeting Date – July 11th, 2023

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: House Plants—Connie, Plants A
Plenty
Hospitality: Jean Stribel, Deloris Castor

Message from Barbi Oliver
Garfield County Master Gardeners
President

Garfield County Master Gardeners are busy. The Children's Garden and the Demonstration Garden are busy with activity. The web page is also being developed. I'm working on learning the process and Kris Vculek will be developing the layout. While it may be simple at first, it will evolve. It maybe for Master Gardeners at first, and later it might be a resource for local/other individuals.

The purpose of the website needs to be determined. From there, the content should flow. Pictures and articles will be needed regularly to support the purpose of the website. By constantly adding items, the search engine will keep the listing closer to the beginning of the list rather than 3 pages later. It will be a work in progress.

Barbi Oliver

Minutes of the Garfield County
Master Gardeners
June 13, 2023

President Barbi Oliver called the meeting to order.

Announcements: Sandy Williams birthday

was this month. A welcome was extended to visiting Master Gardener John Jinkerson and Kimberly Semrad, also. We received a thank you from Autry for our donation to their scholarship fund.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurers report was read by Ruth Carvalho. As of 06/13/2023, the checking account balance was \$21,335.27; savings account balance was \$6,721.93; total funds \$28,057.20 Deposits for glove purchase \$16.00 and the Park Avenue Grant for \$3,500.00 were made.

Bills: Payments were made to members for the Demonstration Garden \$147.52, to John Glaze for weed eating/edging twice \$360.00 and to the bank for our purchase of two credit card terminals \$425.68 and June activation of terminals (for training) \$40.00.

Demonstration Garden: (Mike Gwinnup): Jenny Gwinnup reported that they are working on a water feature for the gazebo with the pot made by Steven. A sign up sheet for weed-ing/maintaining the garden beds was passed around.

State Master Gardener Conference for 2024: (Mike Gwinnup): No report this month.

Office /Phone (Rick Nelson): Rick needs someone to answer the phone while they are short handed.

Newspaper: Kris Vculek needs one more volunteer to write the article for the last Sunday

in July.

Radio (Rick Nelson/Sandy Williams): The programs are going well. Rick is scheduled this week.

Scholarship (Cheryl Gephart): Cheryl received a "Save the Date" for the scholarship awards for Saturday, September 9th. She will be attending.

Hospitality: Linda Severin thanked Teresa Boeckman, Ann Bryant and Sandy Williams for our June snacks.

On the list for July's hospitality Jean Strible and Deloris Castor. Linda reminded us the next event was our picnic in September.

Children's Garden (Diane Ford): Janet Coontz received a thank you card for the children of St. Joseph's for the class that was held at our gardens. She reported that she and several members have begun work by cleaning the dead portions of the weeping tree. They will finish up by mulching under it. The next project is the labyrinth and getting the beds mulched. If members would like to help, Janet will be at the gardens on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. Diane Ford extended a thank you to all the members that helped with the children of St. Joseph's.

Community Education (Janet Coontz): Nothing scheduled.

Old Business: Pam Lyon made a motion to pay Kayla \$50 by check for the work she has done on our website. Amber Gill seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ruth Carvalho passed around a sign up sheet for those who would like to train on the new credit card terminals. Training must be done this month. She informed us that the new terminals have support provided with training, free terminal updates and two year mechanical warranty for each of the terminals. Regarding a credit card for the Master Gardeners, Ruth was advised that the best option for a hot spot to boost the terminal strength would be best served by using a member(s) phone hot spot(s). Ruth found five credit card companies that are non-profit friendly because our bank will

not issue us one because we are considered a business. Ruth needed someone to research them further for the next meeting. Pam Lyon volunteered to do it. This issue of a debit card with a separate account was brought up for consideration but the members chose to pursue the credit card option. Barbi Oliver spoke with Kayla regarding the use of a QR code on our website. Kayla advised against it due to a rise in the hijacking of QR codes.

New Business: Barbi Oliver made a motion to look into the purchase of a laptop for our group to store our website and it's related data/information. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned by Barbi Oliver.



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