



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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Next Meeting Date – April 11th, 2023

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: Professional Tree Care– Jim Mitchell
Hospitality: Janet Coontz

Message from Barbi Oliver Garfield County Master Gardeners President

The Spring Workshop was so fantastic. Diane Ford and Jenny Gwinup did an excellent job arranging speakers and organizing the morning. They had a lot of support from the Master Gardeners. Everyone did an excellent job. The working team members arrived on April 1 to revive the Demonstration Garden. The rakes, loopers and clippers were all put to work. The gardens looked a lot better after the 2 hours.

The Home and Garden Show will be April 28, 29 and 30th. There will also be more done in the Demonstration Garden
Barbi Oliver

Minutes of the Garfield County Master Gardeners March 14, 2023

President Barbi Oliver called the meeting to order.

Announcements: There were no birthdays recorded. We received two thank you notes. One from 4RKids for Jenny Gwinup help and one from Autry for the \$100 we donated to them.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurers report was read by Pam Lyon. As of 03/05/2023, the checking account balance was \$14,606.24; savings account balance was \$6,721.14; total

funds \$21,327.38. Barbi informed those present that the yearly audit was completed and handed out a sheet with the audit results.

Bills: Payment to C&M Production Group in the amount of \$50.00 for the Home Show to submit with our application.

This is a new fee for all booths to cover the higher electric and labor costs. We are not being charged for the booth.

Demonstration Garden; Mike Gwinup was not present at the meeting to report.

State Master Gardener Conference for 2024: No new information to report.

Office /Phone: Rick Nelson reported that he should be here all month, so no one should be needed.

Newspaper: Kris Vculek sent a sign up sheet to submit articles to the newspaper to fill the four remaining slots.

Radio: Rick Nelson reported that Sandy Williams is this week and he is next week. Sandy informed the group that The Garden House is no longer sponsoring our radio program slot. She spoke with Jay Curtis who said that we do not need a sponsor because of our 501C status.

Scholarship: Cheryl Gephardt had nothing new to report.

Hospitality: Linda Severin passed around a sign up sheet to finish filling the open the July 11th slot.

Spring Workshop: Jenny Gwinup and Diane Ford reported they needed two more door prizes. Set up for the workshop will be on Friday the 24th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. On Saturday the 25th, the doors will be open for us at 7:30 a.m. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. Jenny and Diane asked to please bring plants to sell at the boutique. Please include a label with the plant name, care instructions, bloom color, etc. We will be selling gardening related items. Susie

has a sign up sheet for food items and help with . She will need both food and help there by 8:00 a.m. There will be a charge for coffee.

Home Show: Lori Bowers explained the reasoning for the \$50.00 charge and made a request for any herbs, vegetable starts for the Home Show can be placed in the greenhouse if needed. We will have a 20' X 40' booth free of charge. Kathryn and Lori will meet after the Spring Workshop to plan for the Home Show. Lori passed around a sign up sheet to work the show.

Extension Festival: No report due to postponement until 2024

Community Education: Janet Coontz had nothing new to report.

Old Business: Sandy Williams reported that Cecil Lemming is not able to get out much and requested a card be sent. A card was passed around.

New Business: Ruth Carvalho spoke regarding setting up our retail sales tax account.

Sales tax would require us to keep receipts and set up a license for each event. We also need to consider getting tax exempt status from the State of Oklahoma. All of this will not impact this year's Spring Workshop because we will not be able to get the license before then. It may impact the Home Show. A proposal by Mickey Chapman was made to acquire an email and a .org domain name and possibly a website. A domain name is \$1.00 the first year and \$20.00 each year after. After some general discussion, a motion to pursue the domain name and email was made by Amber Gill and seconded by Kathryn Redding. The motion passed. Another member reported that we had received a donation request from the VANCE AFB Spouses Club for their auction. The group's general opinion was to not donate as we are a nonprofit also.

President Barbi Oliver adjourned the meeting.



*Barbara Blevins- April 3rd
Janet Coontz- April 14th
Kay Dragoun- April 2nd
Mary McDonald- April 26th
Louise Milacek- April 10th*

Happy Birthday

Organic Sources of Nitrogen Fertilizers

Most of the soil tests we receive for vegetable gardens are high in phosphorus and potassium leaving nitrogen as the nutrient needed most. However, many of our organic fertilizers contain similar amounts of all three nutrients. So, what organic fertilizer can we use that provides more nitrogen than phosphorus and potassium? Following is a short list of such fertilizers.

Product	Analysis	Pounds /100 sq. ft.	Notes
Blood Meal	12-0-0	5 - 10	Can burn plants if overapplied. Cottonseed
Cottonseed Meal	6-0.4-1.	5 10	May have pesticide carryover unless labeled as pesticide- free.
Soybean Meal	7-2-18	8	

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