



Master Gardener News

**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

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December 2023

Next Meeting Date – December 12th, 2023

General Meeting: 12 pm—2 pm
Location: Hoover Building
Program: Christmas Luncheon

Message from Barbi Oliver Garfield County Master Gardeners President

Happy Holidays to one and all. It's been a delightful year with all the help from the Master Gardeners. The Christmas dinner will be December 12. I'm looking forward to seeing you and your guests.

Barbi Oliver

Minutes of the Garfield County Master Gardeners November 14, 2023

Call to Order: Barbi Oliver

Announcements: Judy Huhman and Sharon Ronck's birthdays this month were recognized. New member Heidi Bender was welcomed, she is a Master Gardener from Tulsa.

Minutes of previous meeting: Two corrections to October's minutes: 1) Mickey Chapman is willing to do the work on the Xeriscape garden, but she needs someone to draw up the plan for it. 2) Spelling correction for Tony from the OK Forestry Department, Last name Pascall, not Paschal.

Treasurer's Report :

Read by: Ruth Carvalho

Checking Account: \$ 18,324.31

As of: November 14, 2023

Savings Account: \$6,723.65

Total: \$25,047.96

Deposits: Dues \$270.00, Donation \$6.00

Bills: Demonstration Garden \$437.20, Garden Trimming \$120.00, Postage & Cards \$32.92

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup):

Mike acknowledged Kathryn Redding's extensive work on the Iris bed and said it is looking very good. Mike has completed the digging for a fourth Sensory Garden area and placed one of the Raised bed structures. He requested that the members consider hiring Galapos to dig the sod out for the rest of the area and place the removed sod on the hill per our plan. Mike priced renting a sod cutter at over \$100 and added that even with that, there would still require a lot of work. Diane Ford made a motion to hire Galapos, Linda Severin seconded. Some additional discussion occurred. The motion passed. Mike also spoke with Tim Lang regarding the sprinkler system for the garden around the office building. Tim Lang gave a rough cost estimate of \$1,800 to \$1,900 to install. He also said he would have his people check the current system and fix any broken lines or heads. Anne Bethel motioned to approve up to \$2,000 for the project, Sharon Ronck seconded. Additional discussion was had and the motion passed. Mike also reported that he had also trimmed some of the lower branches.

Children's Garden (Janet Coontz): Janet thanked those who attended the Project Learning Tree workshop. She also handed out certificates for those who participated. Tony Pascall said that he would be willing to lead a course at the State Conference next year.

Office & Phones (Rick Nelson): Rick reported that there was great participation in the MG course from the sixteen new members. He acknowledged Sandy Williams for her help

with the class. Sandy expressed her enjoyment working with the class members.

Newspaper (Kris Vculek): Kris was asked if she would be willing to take the directory member pictures at the Christmas party. She stated that she will pass out a sign-up sheet for the newspaper articles at the meeting in January 2024.

Radio Program (Sandy Williams/Rick Nelson): Sandy will do the program tomorrow, the 15th. It will be the last for the year. KGWA will start up the gardening program in January. Sandy plans to continue participating.

Scholarship (Cheryl Gephart): Cheryl had received an OSU scholarship program request. Mike Gwinnup made a motion for us to submit a \$2,000 scholarship, Diane Ford seconded. The motion passed.

Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin): Linda thanked Jenny Gwinnup and Lori Bowers for the meeting snacks. She also reminded us of the Christmas Party on December 12th at noon at the Hoover Building. She passed around a food sign-up sheet for the party.

Multimedia (Barbi Oliver): No report

State Conference 2024 (Mike Gwinnup): Mike reported that the State Conference Committee has had two meetings. The next meeting will be January 8th, 2023. The dates for the conference are October 3rd for the social and October 4th for the main conference. The total cost for the Stride center and associated catering is \$13,569.

Spring Workshop (Jenny Gwinnup): Date set for the workshop is Saturday, March 23rd, 2024.

Home Show (Lori Bowers/Kathryn Redding): Dates for the show are April 26th – April 28th, 2024.

Old Business: There was further discussion regarding the group's events for next year. We confirmed the main events for 2024 as the Spring Workshop, the Home Show and the MG State Conference. We discussed whether to pursue/hold the Garden Festival in 2024. Mickey Chapman made a motion to table the Garden Festival until November of 2024. Mike Gwinnup seconded. The motion passed.

Barbie Oliver presented our officers for 2024.

They are as follows. President-Janet Coontz, Vice President – Ann Bryant, Treasurer – Ruth

Carvalho, Secretary – Lori Bowers. Diane Ford made the motion to accept the officers as presented, Anne Bethel seconded. The motion passed.

New Business: The preferred date for the completion of the Master Gardeners 2024 Directory and possible changes was discussed by the members. The date was set for February 1st, 2024.

Adjourn: Barbi Oliver

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will be closed

December 22, 2023—January 1, 2024



December
BIRTHDAYS

Lori Bowers— Dec. 10
Amber Gill—December 12
Anne Bethell—December 20
Carolyn Young—December 20
Kathryn Redding—December 29

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