



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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JUNE 2023

Next Meeting Date – June 13th, 2023

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: Xeriscape– David Hillock, OSU Extension Specialist Horticulture & Landscape, and Master Gardener Program.
Hospitality: Teresa Boeckman, Ann Bryant, Sandy Williams

Message from Barbi Oliver Garfield County Master Gardeners President

This is the sixth month of 2023. We have had two great donation events. Master Gardeners have worked together and supported each other. What a great group! The minutes also support our continuing activity for the year. There is service opportunities in the demonstration garden and around Enid.

Barbi Oliver

Minutes of the Garfield County Master Gardeners May 9, 2023

President Barbi Oliver called the meeting to order.

Announcements: Birthdays for this month were Gloriann Byrum and Mickey Chapman. A welcome was extended to visitor Kimberly Semrad.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurers report was read by Ruth Carvalho. As of 05/09/2023,

the checking account balance was \$18,792.47; savings account balance was \$6,721.93; total funds \$25,514.40.

Bills: Payments for the arbors \$677.30, Home Show \$22.16, weed trimming, \$120.00, glove purchase \$243.78 and a donation to the Autry Scholarship \$100.00

Demonstration Garden: Mike Gwinnup announced a work day for May 13 at 9:00 a.m. The arbors are finished and flowers are planted in the beds next to the arbors. Mike still needs members to sign up for bed maintenance.

State Master Gardener Conference for 2024: Mike Gwinnup reported that he has asked for both the Stride Center and Humphrey Heritage Village to tentatively reserve October 4, 2024 for the State Conference. David Hillock will help with the program. The cost of the Stride Center will reduce the price if we purchase our food through them. The State Conference Committee will meet after the June 13th meeting. The 2024 State Conference dates are October 5 & 6.

Office /Phone: Rick needs someone to answer the phone while he is out of the office May 16-19.

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

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

Scholarship: Cheryl Gephart not present

Hospitality: Linda Severin thanked Mickey Chapman, Ruth Carvalho and Lori Bowers for May's offerings. On the list for June's hospitality is Teresa Boeckman, Ann Bryant and Sandy Williams.

Home Show: (Lori Bowers/Kathryn Redding) Lori Bowers reported that the Home Show was well attended and thanked all the volunteers that helped. Our booth total receipts were \$1,921.50, additional tomatoes, \$20.00 and glove sales \$126.00.

Children's Garden (Diane Ford) No report.

Community Education: Janet Coontz reported receiving a grant of \$3,500 from Park Avenue for the education program supplies. She would like to invest a portion of it into the Children's Garden and raised beds to accommodate handicapped adults. The week prior, Janet hosted 50 children (3-6 yrs) from St. Joseph's. The children planted seeds, released ladybugs, and toured the greenhouse. Diane Ford also taught them about worms. On Fridays in June, Janet will need some volunteers to help with activities at Leonardo's. There will also be opportunities to provide assistance to both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on several badge completions. May 16th at 9:00 a.m. Janet would like some members to walk through the Children's Garden to look at potential improvements. Mickey Chapman proposed we consider adding a zeroscape to our gardens as well.

Old Business: Ruth Carvalho revisited the issue of purchasing two credit/debit card terminals from the bank for \$199 each. A discussion regarding terminals versus square use pros and cons was had. Barbi Oliver made a motion to purchase two terminals. Motion passed. Ruth will also inquire about hot spots and device support for the terminals. Barbi informed us that Bailey Lockhardt is making the QR codes for the gardens.

New Business: Ruth Carvalho proposed that the group also get a credit/debit card to stream-

line MG purchases for show, workshops, gloves, etc. so that members would not have to pay for purchases and wait to be reimbursed. Group discussed pros and cons. A motion was made by Amber Gill to acquire a credit card for the group. It was seconded by Sandy Williams. Motion passed. Barbi Oliver proposed the formation of a Multimedia Committee. Martha Posey the chairs from other medias, including Barbi and possibly Kathy Thomas. Martha also suggested that the policy committee needs to review/streamline our mission statement to make it easier to post on our website. Ruth asked if might need a QR code for our website in light of next years events.

Meeting was adjourned by Barbi Oliver.

Happy Birthday!
Sandy Williams—June 9th

*In early June the world of leaf and blade
and flowers explodes, and every sunset
is different.*
- John Steinbeck, *The Winter of Our
Discontent*

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