



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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MARCH 2023

Next Meeting Date – March 14th, 2023

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: Wild Oats– Central OK Cactus and Succulent Society

**Message from Barbi Oliver
Garfield County Master Gardeners President**

It's time to plant onions, potatoes, peas and spinach. Soon many of the brassicas can be put out into the garden. Sweet peas and poppies are flowers that should be going into the ground now or shortly. If you are dividing bulbs, save the excess for sale in the boutique at the Spring Workshop on March 25. Make sure to label what is brought and include growing conditions if possible.

Linda Vater and Chris Webster will be speakers at the Spring Workshop. Both are excellent presenters and knowledgeable. It will be an exciting morning.

The Home Show will be April 28-30. The Master Gardeners will be manning a booth all 3 days.

Barbi Oliver

**Minutes of the Garfield County
Master Gardeners
February 14, 2023**

President Barbi Oliver called the meeting to order.

Announcements: February birthdays were announced.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurers report was read by Pam Lyon. As of 02/05/2023, the checking account balance was \$15,301.14; savings account balance was \$6,721.14; total funds \$22,022.28. Ruth Carvalho was present and able to assume her position as treasurer at the meeting.

Bills: As of 12/14/2023 there were two bills presented to be paid. The first for the amount of \$701.00 to Mike Gwinnup for materials to build the arbor. A motion to pay Mike was made by Sharon Ronck, seconded by Janet Coontz. The second for the amount of \$109.90 to Kathryn Redding for folders for the Spring Workshop. A motion to pay Kathryn was made by Diane Ford, seconded by Martha Posey. Both motions passed.

Demonstration Garden: Mike Gwinnup reported he has begun work on the arbor. Plants for the Spring Workshop were started in the greenhouse on the February 4th workday. Mike reported we had a large number of members show up to help. He passed a sign up sheet for volunteers to water the greenhouse plants.

State Master Gardener Conference for 2024: Mike Gwinnup reported, per Rick Nelson/David Hillock, that we should plan on approximately 300 attendees. Mike spoke with the Stride Conference Center. Cost for conference rooms and breakout rooms would run around \$2,000. If Stride provides lunch, they will give us a break on the room charges. Estimated cost per person \$65 to \$75. The Heritage Center would be a suitable place for the Thursday night reception. David Hillock will help to get the speakers for the event and will meet with the committee, once established. There was discussion and questions from members. A motion was made

to put in a bid for hosting the conference by Janet Coontz, seconded by Pam Lyon. The motion passed.

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

Radio: Rick Nelson reported he and Sandy are alternating weeks. This is Sandy Williams week. Rick informed members if they are interested in participating, please let him know.

Scholarship: We received a thank you letter from OSU for our scholarship donations in December.

Hospitality: Linda Severin passed around a sign up sheet to finish filling the open slots to provide snacks for our meetings.

Spring Workshop: Jenny Gwinnup and Diane Ford reported the Spring Workshop will be at Autry Vo Tech on March 25th. The theme this year is "Companion Planting". Our speakers are Christ Webster and Linda Vater. We will pay them \$200 each. A sign up sheet for volunteers to help was passed around. Diane clarified how the two minute tips will work.

Extension Festival: Diane Ford proposed moving the festival to late May/early June 2024 citing the large amount of work to our gardens that need to be completed before and noting the benefit for both the festival and conference.

Community Education: Janet Coontz proposed having an activity at our gardens for children on Earth Day, April 22nd. Possibly planting seeds and plants. She is talking to Leonardo's to see how we can help them. She will be sending a letter to the schools about what educational opportunities we have to offer. We will promote our Community Education Program at the Spring Workshop and Home Show. Janet will be applying for a grant from Park Avenue for student educational supplies. A motion was made to apply for the grant by Pam Lyon, seconded by Lori Bowers. The motion passed.

Old Business: We need to remove Diane Ford and Pam Lyon from the bank account financials

and add (Michelle) Mickey Chapman as our new Financial Chair.

New Business: Ann Bryant noted a change to the October Presentation will be Gail Wynn. Ruth Carvalho requested committee budgets need to be mailed to her at ruthcarvalho@gmail.com before the next meeting. She also expressed thanks for all the prayers and checking on her and Mark while in the hospital.

President Barbi Oliver adjourned the meeting.

"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul."
- Alfred Austin



Sunday,
March 12th,
2023
2: 00 A.M.



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

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