



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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MARCH 2024

Next Meeting Date – March 12, 2024

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: Blue Thumb/Project Wet– Water Education

Message from Janet Coontz

Garfield County Master Gardeners President

Spring is almost here! While we may have some cold weather during March hopefully we will have more nice days than cold days. We are going to focus on that! March is a busy month for us as Master Gardeners. We are busy getting ready for our workshop on March 23rd. We have wonderful speakers lined up and it should be a great workshop. Jenny has done a fantastic job getting it ready and her committee is working hard to make sure everyone has a great experience. If you wish to register, you can do so at the Extension Office, or try our new website. The website address is GCMGOK.org. Follow the links to register. You may also pay at the door that day. Our website is in its infancy stage at this time and we plan to continue updating it and developing it into a great resource site for us and for our community.

We thank those of you who attended our workday. We accomplished a lot that day but still have work to be done. Watch for additional workdays to be announced. Rick and his committee are making lots of progress on the State Convention we are hosting in October. We will also be manning a booth at the Home & Garden show in April. We have some exciting news to share at our March meeting, so hope you can attend!

Janet Coontz, Master Gardener President

Minutes of the Garfield County Master Gardeners February 13, 2024

Call to Order: Janet Coontz

Announcements: Linda Pressa let us know of the death of the mother of Cliff Huey (Huey Nursery).

Birthdays for this month were Anne Bryant, Kris Vculek, Mary Adams and new member Mary Hawkins. Janet Coontz informed the members that if they have not paid their MG dues, they need to do that today. Regarding the dues for next year, the due date will be moved from November to October as it

was in years past. A motion was made by Diane Ford, seconded by Barbi Oliver to include Cecil Leaming as an honorary member of the Friends of the Master Gardeners with no due required from this day forward. The motion passed.

Minutes of previous meeting: No corrections. Minutes accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report :

Provided by: Ruth Carvalho

Checking Account: \$15,891.76

As of: February 13, 2024

Savings Account: \$6,724.41

Total: \$22,616.17

Deposits: Dues \$30.00, Memorial (Spencer) \$1,000.00

Bills: Christmas Lunch \$164.53

Some discussion was had and motion made by Barbie Oliver, seconded by Mike Gwinnup, regarding moving the bulk of our checking account to our savings account to allow some protection for us because we will have a debit card attached to the checking account. We will keep \$1,000 in the account and give Ruth Carvalho (treasurer) discretion to move monies back and forth as needed for expenses. The savings account will have line items (i.e. scholarship, checking account-main, checking account (state conference) Both checking accounts will have four signers attached to each). The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup): In preparation for planting in the greenhouse, Jenny got all the trays cleaned. Jenny, Diane and Sarah Cook planted several trays to raise plants for the Spring Workshop. Unfortunately, the two oil based heaters that we purchased last year were not there. We had to purchase two new ones and they are in place. We will need to keep the greenhouse locked even during the summer. With some promising weather, Mike will try to get the center structure for the sensory garden in place this week. It is a circle of castle rock and will have the current obelisk in it as well as the other plants. A work day for the 17th was considered, but it looks like it will be too cold. We'll keep an eye on the weather and may email everyone for a work day later this month. Jenny Gwinnup passed a sign up for the demonstration gardens. Diane Ford mentioned that the dry river bed is long and needs a lot of prep work done.

Children's Garden (Janet Coontz): Janet Coontz and Diane

Ford are making a list of projects. Diane will have a sign up for next meeting.

Office & Phones (Rick Nelson): Rick informed us that the State Convention money does not need to be run through the OSU Extension Office. It can be run through our Master Gardener account. On March 16th, the Garfield County Library is having a gardening meeting and would like the MGs to have one or two presenters. Janet Coontz and Barbi Oliver volunteered to do presentations. Rick will get the details to them.

Newspaper (Kris Vculek): Kris passed around a sign up sheet for those members interested in writing an article for the Enid News and Eagle. She encouraged new members to do the monthly gardening tips (1st Saturday of the month). The articles begin in March. Kris will do the first article to help promote the upcoming Spring Workshop. Kris expressed that she would like to change the MG logo and passed around an example.

Radio Program (Sandy Williams/Rick Nelson): Sandy Williams was sick and in the hospital for four days. A card for her was passed around for members to sign. Diane Ford volunteered to do the advertisements for the MG Spring Workshop. Rick encouraged anyone interested in volunteering for the radio show by letting the members know how great Jay Curtis is to work with. The radio show is on Wednesday or Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Community Education (Janet Coontz): Janet reported that the first community education class will be March 16th at the Garfield County Public Library.

Scholarship (Cheryl Kephart): Cheryl said we received a thank you for the scholarship. She also noted that we need a list of the students who received a scholarship from us from 2022 and 2023.

Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin): Linda passed a sign up sheet to finish filling in any open spots in May and June. She also noted that she did not have a clearly written name on April 9th and asked whoever's name it was, to please clarify it for her. She thanked those that provided today's snacks.

Multimedia (Barbi Oliver): Barbi was given some ideas to place on the website by Amber Gill. Also stated that if members have any ideas for our site, please let her know. Janet Coontz reported that the website and email are having issues. When the website is up and running, information on the Spring Workshop, Home Show and State Convention will be on it.

Spring Workshop (Jenny Gwinnup): Jenny passed a sign up sheet for the workshop. She said if you have crafts or plants to donate to the boutique, please let her know. The three speakers for the workshop are Dr. Karen Hickman, Gail Wynne and Bradley Jennings. Set up for the workshop will be Friday, March 22nd at 4:00 p.m.. March 23rd, registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the main session starts at 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers do not have to pay the entry fee unless you want to sit in seats and receive a folder and gloves, then you pay \$35.00. Susie Skaggs passed a sign up for food table volunteers (both providing and /or volunteering to work). She said that you could bring the food to the set up on Friday.

Home Show (Lori Bowers/Kathryn Redding): Dates for the show are April 26th – April 28th, 2024. Lori had a sign up sheet for the Home Show on the desk and encouraged members to sign up. She and Kathryn will be meeting in March to begin planning.

State Conference 2024 (Mike Gwinnup): The SC committee met at the Stride Center yesterday, February 12th. After the tour of the Stride Center, they made changes to the rooms we will use and aid in reducing costs. The keynote speaker and lunch will utilize the ballroom. Our break out sessions will use four additional rooms. They are currently planning to use some of the speakers twice. Closing session will end at 3:00 p.m. Stride will allow us to have snacks available in the break out rooms. Mike passed a sign up sheet for convention volunteers.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Jenny Gwinnup to change to the new logo. Kathryn Redding seconded. The motion passed. For those wanting the new purple MG shirts, contact Downtown Threads to order.

Adjourn: Janet Coontz



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