



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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SEPTEMBER 2024

Next Meeting Date – September 10, 2024

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program:

Message from Janet Coontz **Garfield County Master Gardener President**

Can you believe it? Fall and cooler weather are almost here! I know we are all anxiously awaiting cooler temperatures and a little (or a lot) or rain wouldn't hurt either. We are also quickly approaching our state convention. The state convention will be our focus this month at our meeting. We will be going over volunteer assignments and the different events and schedules for both days. The convention leadership team has worked for at least six months on this event, but we need ALL of us involved to make it the success we want it to be. Please attend this month's meeting if at all possible so we can make sure that everything is covered and that each of you has a place to serve. We will be sharing details on all areas for volunteers so you know where you are serving and times and what you need to know. This is a reminder that we are having our meeting at our regular time instead of the September picnic we usually have. We will have an evening celebration of our conventions success in October!

Master Gardener Meeting Notes

Date: August 13, 2024

Call to Order: Janet Coontz

Announcements: Birthdays of Cheryl Kephart, Deloris Castor, Jenny Gwinnup and Cecil Leming were recognized. A birthday card to send to Cecil was passed around to members to sign.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Additions or Corrections: Accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report :

Read by: Ruth Carvalho
As of: August 13, 2024
Begin Savings Account Balance \$ 19,108.31
End Savings Account Balance 19,108.31

Begin State Convention	
Checking Balance	1,000.00
Deposits – Registrations (9)	740.07
Total Expenses	438.00
End State Convention	
Checking Balance	1,302.07
Begin General	
Checking Balance	1,006.71
Deposits – None	
Total Expenses	599.45
End General Checking Balance	407.26
Total Balance of All Accounts	\$ 20,817.64

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup): Diane Ford and her helpers have been doing a great job cleaning out the dry riverbed and it is almost finished. The sprinkler system was not getting adequate water to the Sensory Garden beds, so Mike put in a drip irrigation system to supplement it. Mike has not received a timely response from Lang regarding the new system for the office garden area. He will call him again to ask about any modifications we can do to the area around to the Sensory Garden and Iris beds. Steve Case volunteered to contact Tim Lang. There will be two weddings held in the Demonstration Gardens in September, one On the 13th and the other on the 14th. Each

party will donate \$200 to the Master Gardeners. We need to insure that everything is looking as good as possible. With that in mind, there will be a work day this Saturday, August 17th, starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending around 10:00 a.m. Jenny will send out an email reminder. If there are weather issues, a cancellation will be emailed. Mike will pick up 20 bags of mulch for the 17th.

Children's Garden (Diane Ford): The garden flowers need deadheading. Diane would like to plant stoppable herbs on the mound with the climbing wall and slide.

Office & Phones (Rick Nelson): No report **Newspaper (Kris Vculek):** This year has been going smoothly with well written and timely articles. October is the last month for articles

Radio Program (Sandy Williams/Rick Nelson): Sandy Williams and John Jinkerson have been filling in. Rick will do tomorrow's program. Rick said that Alan Clepper is good to work with and interacts well. Kaylee is a little harder to work with because she does not interact as much and lets us, as speakers, do the talking.

Community Education (Janet Coontz): No plans as yet.

Scholarship (Cheryl Kephart): Not at meeting. Janet said that Cheryl will be attending the scholarship awards.

Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin): Linda thanks Ann Bryant, Sarah Cook and Kristine Almack for bringing this month's snacks. September hostesses will be Janet Coontz, Pam Lyon and Jenny Gwinnup. Linda stated that she would like to have several people help her with the picnic in October and to please contact her.

Multimedia (Janet Coontz): Janet asked if there were any members willing to manage our website. She would like to have two or three members, if possible. Please let Janet know.

State Conference 2024 (Mike Gwinnup): Janet gave a brief overview of the convention. It is as follows: The tour of our Gardens is 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. The Thursday night social will be held in the Heritage Village buildings of the Cherokee Strip Heritage

Center. Entertainment, food, period actors and a bar will be present at the social. The times for the social is 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Spouses are able to attend this event. The Friday schedule begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration/networking, at 8:45, in the Main Ballroom is the welcome and introduction of our keynote speaker, Dee Nash. She will speak from 9:00-10:00. From 10:30 to 11:15, will be the first breakout sessions. Gail Wynne, Dee Nash, Kay Neff and Bradley Jennings will be the speakers for each of the four classes. There will be a fifteen-minute break afterwards. The second set of breakout sessions will start at 11:30, with Gayle Wynne, Karen Hickman, Kay Neff and Bradley Jennings as speakers for the set. Lunch will be served in the Ballroom from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. The third breakout sessions begin at 1:15, with Jennifer Husmann, Karen Hickman, David Gerken and Tony Pascall as our speakers. We will take another fifteen-minute break at 2:00. The fourth and final breakout session begins at 2:15 and ends at 3:00 p.m. From 3:00 to 3:30, we will close out the convention in the Main Ballroom. A volunteer sign up sheet was passed around. Volunteers will be needed for all aspects of Thursday and Friday. If you have not signed up or are unable to make the September meeting and want to help, please contact Jenny Gwinnup or Janet Coontz. All volunteers need to wear a purple shirt so that we are easily identified by conference attendees, whether it is an existing MG shirt/t-shirt or just a plain purple shirt. T-shirts with the new MG logo are available to be ordered through Kynlee's Kreations, in the Heritage Hills shopping center, if you would like one. The cost is \$15.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourn: Janet Coontz Program: Marcus Long – Urban Conservation and the Yard by Yard Project

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