



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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Next Meeting Date – April 9, 2024

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: Oklahoma Proven, Lou Anella

Message from Janet Coontz Garfield County Master Gardeners President

Finally, Spring has arrived! For us as gardeners it is the busiest time of the year. This is also true of master gardeners. We just finished presenting our spring workshop. It was a great success! Jenny Gwinnup and her committees did a fantastic job. The speakers were wonderful and presented timely information. Attendance was great and attendees left positive remarks. Everything ran so smoothly with the help of all of you who volunteered that day! Kudos and thanks to you! Sharing gardening information with our community is our mission. Barbie Oliver, Pam Lyon, and myself shared more gardening information at the public library.

We will continue to share gardening in April with the home show at the end of the month. If you haven't signed up for a slot, please do so. It is a relaxed atmosphere where we get to visit with not only visitors but with each other. It is a great way to get more volunteer hours! We will also have a group of school children coming to visit our children's garden this month.

Minutes of the Garfield County Master Gardeners March 12, 2024

Call to Order: Janet Coontz

Announcements: Directories are done. There are a few mistakes and incomplete information. Corrections will be made in the fall. Upcoming events: March 16th-Gardening Seminar at the Enid Public Library, March 23rd-Spring Workshop at Autry and April 26th-28th-Home Show at Chisholm Expo.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Additions or Corrections: No corrections/

additions, minutes accepted as written.

Motion to Adopt:

Passed: Yes No

Treasurer's Report : Read by: Ruth Carvalho
As of: March 12, 2024

Savings Account: 20,724.41

State Convention Account: 1,000.00

Beginning Checking Account: 15,891.76

Transfer to Savings Account: 14,000.00

Transfer to State Convention Acct: 1,000.00

Total Deposits: 337.57

Dues 75.00

Gloves 30.00

Donations 24.92

Workshop Registration 207.65

Total Expenses: 489.04

Greenhouse heaters 107.97

Keys 28.24

Workshop 352.53

Gloves 251.06

Posters, etc. 60.01

Folders 41.76

Ending Checking Account Balance 740.29

Total All Accounts: 22,464.70

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup): The center for the Sensory Garden is in place with the obelisk refinished. Thanks to several energetic volunteers, the screenings have been distributed in the Sensory Garden (8 tons worth). Mike would like to find a reasonably cost-effective source for some square straw bales. They would be for a filler in the beds for the Sensory Garden. Atwoods had some mini bales for \$16 each. Lowes has indicated that they will give us a good deal on a bunch of bags of topsoil once we get the compostable material in the beds. Barbi Oliver said she had a source for the bales. The tomatoes and other plants for the Spring Workshop Plant Sale are doing well. Mike passed a signup sheet to work Garden beds. He also scheduled our next workday for March 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Garden (Diane Ford): There will be lots to do on this coming workday.

Office & Phones (Rick Nelson): Rick let us know that Harry Martin has moved to Baptist Village. Rick also let us know that he will be doing some cleanup work in the beds at Leonardo's. He needs some MG volunteers to help, not take over, the maintenance of the gardens in the next month.

Newspaper (Kris Vculek): May, June, September and October need articles. She suggested the gardening tips sheet we get for the articles that are the first weekend of the month.

Radio Program (Sandy Williams/Rick Nelson): Rick informed us that Sandy is having serious health issues but she is doing the radio show this week so the radio is good this month. If anyone is interested in signing up to be on the radio show, please let Rick know.

Community Education (Janet Coontz): On March 16th, Janet Coontz, Pam Lyon and Barbie Oliver will be leading the Gardening Seminar at Enid Public Library from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They will be planting seeds in egg cartons. It's possible that the seminar will be 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Scholarship (Cheryl Gephart): No Report

Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin): Linda will need help for the MG Picnic in October. We will be doing soup and sandwiches. Linda also mentioned that the Garber Community Theater next production can be seen April 5-7 and April 11-13 She encouraged us to come.

Multimedia (Janet Coontz): Pam Lyon is currently managing our Facebook account. Our website (gcmgok.org) is up and running . We will be using it to register for the Spring Workshop. Our email is gardeners@gcmgok.com . Mickey Chapman is managing it. The multimedia committee will be meeting with Kayla on March 13th to discuss our website.

Spring Workshop (Jenny Gwinnup & Diane Ford): know that we will be setting up at 4:00 p.m. at Autry on March 22nd. March 23rd, the volunteers need to be there between 7:00-7:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. for registration. Teresa Boeckman (boutique) if any members have any perennials in pots that they want to donate to the boutique, please include plant information and care. The boutique will price them. Susie Skaggs (food) said she needs more workers for the food tables and passed around a signup sheet. She mentioned that Autry provides the water, coffee and creamers. If you are volunteering at the workshop, please wear a MG shirt or purple shirt to the workshop. If you want to

sit in a seat in the lectorium, receive gloves, a raffle ticket and folder, please register and pay \$35.

Home Show (Kathryn Redding & Lori Bowers): Lori explained how the Home Show signup sheet works and passed it around. Set up for the show will be April 25th (time to be determined) and the show runs Friday, April 26th through Sunday, the 28th.

State Conference 2024 (Mike Gwinnup): Mike passed around a signup sheet to work the State Conference. Lots of workers will be needed.

Old Business: Kris Vculek presented what our MG shirts (polo & t-shirt) will look like with the new logo and the cost associated with each. Polos will be \$25 or less and T-shirts will cost \$15 or less each. Kris and Janet will go to Downtown Thread to pick out shirts.

New Business: Heidi Bender is heading up building a new seed library. She said that if you have seeds with a 2020 year forward that you don't want, she can use them. Mary Hawkins, Eddie Lou Strimple, Martha Posey and Wes Reichle volunteered to help Heidi with the seed library. Janet Coontz announced that if you want to work with children attending any community education class, will need to have a background check done. She passed a sign up sheet to put your name and email. You will be contacted by the company performing the checks by email. The MGs will possibly have to look at a policy change for any class involving children to require at least two members to be present. This change will be looked at after the multimedia policy changes are looked at/made. Steve Roberts let us know that the State Beekeeper Conference will be at the Fairview VoTech March 16th if anyone is interested. A get well card was passed around to sign for Karen Boileau who has been sick.

Adjourn: Janet Coontz

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