



**GARFIELD COUNTY  
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# Master Gardener News

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## Next Meeting Date – December 10, 2024

**General Meeting: 12:00p.m.—2:00p.m.**

**Location: Hoover Building**

**Program: Christmas Luncheon**

### Message from Janet Coontz

#### Garfield County Master Gardeners President

Merry Christmas! It is hard to believe that the Christmas season is upon us. We have had such a busy year that it has gone by so quickly. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and got to spend some quality time with family and friends. It finally feels like fall with the chill in the air and looks like Christmas with all the holiday lights. As we reflect on this busy year, take some time to relax and enjoy the holiday season. I hope you can join us at our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. We are providing turkey, ham and drinks. Thanks to all who signed up to bring side dishes and desserts. We are doing a Grinch theme and should have a lot of fun as we reflect on all of our activities this past year. I am thankful for each one of you. Each of you contribute something different to our Master Gardeners organization and I want to say **THANK YOU** for all of your efforts this year to make 2024 such a success! We are busy planning our events for 2025 and I would like for you to share any ideas for the coming year. We got some great ideas from the survey we did at our last meeting and would like any suggestions for next year. Have a blessed holiday season and don't forget to *live it in full bloom!*

**Merry Christmas and see you at the luncheon on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at noon!**

P.S. We could use some help decorating on Monday morning.

### Master Gardener Meeting Minutes

**Date: November 12, 2024**

**Call to Order: Janet Coontz**

**Announcements:** Judy Huhman, Joy Johnson and Sharon Ronck's birthdays were recognized and serenaded with "Happy Birthday". A Thank You note was received from Nicole (Event Manager) at the Stride Center.

### Minutes of previous meeting:

**Additions or Corrections:** No Corrections – Accepted as written

**Treasurer's Report Read by:** Ruth Carvalho

As of: November 12, 2024

Beginning Savings	
Account Balance:	\$ 27,564.32
Transfer from General Checking	+ 995.68
Ending Savings Account Balance:	\$ 28,560.00
Beginning State Convention Checking	
Account Balance:	\$ 1,000.00
Total Expenses – Goodie Bags	- 32.69
Ending State Convention	
Checking Account Balance:	\$ 967.31
Beginning General Checking	
Account Balance:	\$ 1,000.00
Total Deposits	+ 995.68
Transfer to Savings Account	-995.68
Ending General Checking	
Account Balance:	\$ 1,000.00
Total of All Accounts	<b>\$ 30,527.31</b>

### Committee Reports:

**Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup):** Mike thanked everyone for all the work that was done in the Garden for the State Conference. It made an impression on our visitors. There are some other things that need to be done to the Garden soon. Our storage shed in the northwest corner is falling apart. There are gaps in the corners currently, plus the fact that it is really too small to hold what we are trying to store. Mike recommended that we purchase a new, slightly larger, wooden shed in kit form. He printed out some pictures with the size and cost of kits from various sources. His recommendation is for the shed kit from Lowes. It is not the cheapest, but Mike spoke with Merle Cordrey. Merle indicated that he would give some kind of a discount on the shed. There would also be a cost of roughly \$200 for the cost of the lumber for the base for the shed to sit on. A more exact price will be figured once the old shed is taken down and we can see what wood from the

old base can be used. Barbi Oliver made a motion to allow Mike to spend less than \$2,000 to replace the shed. Diane Ford seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion for the shed expenses passed. We also need to decide what to do with the rebar sign holders. Mike wasn't certain we will ever use them again. In the preparation to re-stain the main bridge, some rot was discovered in the supports. Repairs will need to be done although we don't know to what extent currently. The bridge repairs can be tended to in 2025. Christmas lights need to be installed in the Garden. Mike was considering doing that this Saturday the 16th. Jenny will send out an email with the day and time. Steve Case will be helping Mike this coming year to enable Mike to step out the following year.

**Children's Garden (Diane Ford):** The Children's Garden is ready for kids now. Diane is considering making lesson kits. Anne Bryant has made up a tree kit.

**Office & Phones (Rick Nelson):** Rick stated that November and December are not in need of members to help.

**Newspaper (Kris Vculek):** Kris would like someone to help her or take over the newspaper article duties. Margaret Warren volunteered to help.

**Radio Program (Sandy Williams/Rick Nelson):** John Jinkerson volunteered to take over scheduling for the gardening program. Margaret Warren volunteered to help also. Rick will be on the program tomorrow. After that, there will be a three-week hiatus because of OSU football games. Community Education (Janet Coontz): Janet said that she will be doing more outreach now that the conference has concluded.

**Scholarship (Cheryl Kephart):** Cheryl informed us that it is officially time to send in our scholarship money. Mickey Chapman made the motion for us to send four \$1,000 scholarships. Pam Lyon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin):** Linda requested some help with the Christmas Party. Barbi Oliver volunteered to help as will the officers. The MG Christmas Party will be held at noon at the Hoover Building. The theme is Merry Grinchmas.

**Multimedia:** The group had some discussion regarding the consolidation of our social media, technology, radio and newspaper items under the umbrella of multimedia. Ruth Carvalho reported that we have received the refund for the credit card terminals that we had received from the band. She also returned the terminals to the bank. Ruth is looking

at our group possibly utilizing Square machines for our processing needs and the costs involved with it. We used Kelly for our event to create for the convention and are considering using her to rebuild our site, teach us how to make changes, help maintain our website and possibly help link Square to the site. Kelly's cost per hour is \$60. No final decision was made but we will gather some more information and take this back up after the first of the year. Spring Workshop (Jenny Gwinnup & Diane Ford): The date for the Spring Workshop has been set for March 29th at Autry. Jenny, Diane and Eddie Lou Strimple will help to plan the event.

**Old Business:** Nominations for next year's Master Gardener Officers are as follows:

President – Janet Coontz, Vice President – Barbi Oliver, Treasurer – Ruth Carvalho, Secretary – Mickey Chapman. Diane Ford motioned for the officer nominations to be accepted. Amber Gill seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was passed. Joy Johnson will replace Mickey Chapman as the Finance Committee.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Diane for and seconded by Barbi Oliver to add Park Avenue Thrift to our list of Friends of Master Gardeners and invite a representative to come to the Spring Workshop. The motion passed.

**Adjourn: Janet Coontz**

*Anne Bethell*

*Lori Bowers — 10*

*Amber Gill — 12*

*Petra Doss — 18*

*Heidi Bender — 27*

*Hallie Morris — 29*

*Kathryn Redding — 29*



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December 23-January 1**



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