



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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JULY 2024

Next Meeting Date – July 9, 2024

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: The Mesonet—Mike Honigsberg

Message from Janet Coontz Garfield County Master Gardener President

Can you believe that 2024 is already half over? The Oklahoma summer heat has arrived early this year. While you are taking care of your gardens with extra watering, don't forget to take care of yourself. Please make sure you are hydrated and protect yourself from this heat.

I want to send a special thank you to Susie Skaggs, Amber Gill, and George and Louise Milacek for sharing their gardens with us. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did! I always get new ideas and get inspired when we share our gardens with one another. Let me know if you enjoyed the visits so we can plan another one for next year.

Including July, we only have 3 more monthly meetings before that State Convention on October 3rd & 4th. Committees are very busy making arrangements. Please be generous with your time when asked to volunteer. A successful convention will need everyone to contribute. Have a safe and fun 4th of July and we will see you at the July meeting on July 9th. **KEEP COOL!**

Master Gardener Meeting Notes 2024 Date: June 11, 2024

Call to Order: Janet Coontz called the meeting to order.

Announcements: Sandy Williams was acknowledged. The members sang "Happy Birthday" to her. Sandy said she is feeling better but needs help weeding her gardens. Those wanting to participate will meet next Tuesday, the 18th, at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of previous meeting: Janet Coontz
Additions or Corrections:
No corrections. Minutes stand.
Motion to Adopt:
Passed: Yes No

Treasurer's Report:

Read by: Janet Coontz (Ruth out of town)
As of: June 11, 2024

Beginning Savings Account:	23,127.61
Ending Saving Account Balance:	23,127.61
Beginning State Convention Balance:	850.00
Ending State Convention Balance:	850.00
Beginning Checking Account:	1,531.71
Total Expenses – Garden trimming-	240.00
Ending Checking Balance:	1,291.71
Total:	25,269.32

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup):
The workday on June 1st went very well. We had ten members there and we accomplished a lot. We focused on pulling weeds and trimming trees. Steve Case has been putting in a significant amount of time on the Butterfly Shaped Garden and the Heart Garden. They are looking very good. Kathryn Redding has improved the iris bed with a row of boxwood shrubs to provide a backdrop to the iris. Mike will get more mulch for the gardens. We had previously approved adding a sprinkler system

to the beds in front of the Extension Office but there were some complications. Mike has spoken with Tim Lang about getting started. However, the cost could be up to \$3,000. We would need to vote regarding this rise in cost. Barbi Oliver made a motion to raise the amount for the sprinkler system from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Amber Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Children's Garden (Diane Ford): No Report

Office & Phones (Rick Nelson): In reference to the sprinkler system – part of the sprinkler is older than 15 years. Lang Well Drilling rewired the sprinkler electrical system because it was inoperable. The system was turned on and found several broken sprinkler heads. Those will be replaced.

Newspaper (Kris Vculek): No report.

Radio Program (Sandy Williams/Rick Nelson): John Jinkerson gave a presentation. Sandy Williams may do some as well.

Community Education (Janet Coontz): There are no classes planned for the summer. Janet anticipates classes will pick up in the fall.

Scholarship (Cheryl Kephart): No report.

Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin): Thanks to those who provided the snacks for the meeting. The July meeting will be Mickey Chapman, Kathryn Redding and Lori Bowers

Multimedia (Janet Coontz): We were able to get our website unhacked. The Master Gardener website will be rebuilt this summer.

State Conference 2024 (Mike Gwinnup): At the State Convention meeting on Monday, June 10th, the committee decided that any member who attends the conference (goes to sessions/eats lunch) will need to pay for admission, even if they are working. The registration cost will be \$85. Some discussion was had regarding this subject. The committee will take another look at this, but this requirement has been a standard for past conventions. There is a signup sheet on the back table for those willing to help Diane Ford obtain sponsors for the convention. We need people to contact local businesses for a

donation, sponsorship or door prizes. This may be an item for a door prize or a cash donation.

Old Business: We are no longer going to use the iPad to process credit cards. It has been returned to the MG member who purchased it for us. Several members will be researching the Square card machine to determine if it is a better option for the group.

New Business: Pam Lyon and Janet Coontz purchased some large rocks for members to paint and bring to the next meeting. When assembled, it will be a rock snake for the labyrinth. There will be a paint party on Thursday, June 20th, at 9:00 a.m. Jenny will send an email to members to give you the address.

Adjourn: Janet Coontz

Program: For our program, the members toured the gardens at the homes of Susie and Dennis Skaggs, Amber and Ray Gill and Louise and George Milacek.



Kristine Almack • Teresa Boeckman
Ruth Carvalho • Judy Henderson
Dennis Skaggs

Thank you to the Master Gardeners who came to my home last month and cleaned up some of my flower beds. Thank you Pam Lyon for organizing, Janet Coontz, Louise Milacek, Kris Vculek, and Anne Bethell for their help. Great job! Much appreciated!!
Sandy Williams



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