



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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JUNE 2024

Next Meeting Date – June 11, 2024

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: Tour Member’s Gardens

Message from Janet Coontz Garfield County Master Gardener President

Wow, what a busy six months we have had! Can’t believe it is June already. Reflecting on the last six months, we have had a busy first half of the year. We had a successful spring workshop as well as an interesting time at the Home Show (thanks to Mother Nature!). We have held several workdays and the garden is really looking great. We’ve shared our garden and expertise with a group of children and created an entirely new sensory garden. In our spare time, we have many members meeting and working on our upcoming state convention. Be sure to put October 3rd and 4th on your calendars. You don’t want to miss it!

After our June meeting we will leave to tour some of our members gardens. This is always a fun time and a great way to learn something new about gardening. See you Tuesday, June 11th!

Master Gardener Meeting Notes 2024 Date: May 14, 2024

Call to Order: Janet Coontz
Announcements: Janet Coontz recognized members Mickey Chapman, Barbi Oliver and Melody Pankonin May birthdays. Janet thanked Heidi Bender, Judy Mullen and Ann Bryant for their help with presentations for the children of St. Joseph.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Additions or Corrections: No corrections/ additions

Passed: Yes

Treasurer’s Report: Read by: Janet Coontz

As of: May 14, 2024

Savings Account:	20,724.41
Transfer to General Checking	-1200.00
Deposit(s)	3,603.20
Ending Savings Account Balance	23,127.61
Beginning State Convention Account Balance:	1,000.00
Total Expenses:	-150.00
Ending State Convention Account Balance:	850.00
Beginning Checking Account:	1,000.00
Total Deposits:	1,312.37
Total Expenses:	-780.66
Ending Checking Account Balance	<u>1,531.71</u>
Total All Accounts:	25,509.32

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup): We ended up with two workdays this month. The first on, May 4th, had some very questionable weather but five members came, and we got some things done, including clearing out under the large bridge to let the water through and second, May 11th, we had an impromptu workday with nine members present. We were able to significantly clean the area around the dry stream and it looks much better. We also trimmed some trees, including the vitex in the rose bed. It is a lot smaller now and will probably need to be transplanted somewhere else. We also purchased some plants to put in the Sensory Garden raised beds for the visual and touch. We still need to get plants too for scent and the last bed. I recommend that we do

do the last bed as taste but use plants that will not tempt children to actually taste them, such as carrots, potatoes, beets, etc. Mike replaced the trash can in the Gazebo. The old one was pretty beat up. I made one out of wood with a rubber container inside, it is much easier to empty now. There are several of the big trees that have branches hanging low and need to be trimmed. We can do that at the next workday. I will bring a pole saw to reach many of the branches. We are looking at the three evergreens located between the Gazebo and the MG shed. They appear to be too crowded and I would like to remove the smallest on next to the Gazebo. I was able to spray the Pocket Prairie Garden with the grass killer and it has improved its look. I would still welcome anyone to pull out as many sunflowers as you want because they will take over the garden. We will possibly have a workday June 1st. Jenny will send out an email with the date and time. Also, I would like to replace our Rubbermaid storage building with a wood one. Lowes has one for roughly \$1,500.00.

Children's Garden (Diane Ford): No report.

Office & Phones (Rick Nelson): Rick said Sandy Williams called him. She has two rain barrels with spigots for anyone that wants them. She cannot get out in the sun at this point. Janet Coontz asked Pam Lyon if she would call Sandy and see if she would be willing to let the MGs come help with her beds.

Newspaper (Janet Coontz): All the article slots have been filled.

Radio Program (Rick Nelson): Garden Talk will continue. The slot is Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. for 23 to 25 minutes. Alan Klepper is taking it over. We need to find a way to publicize our Demo Garden.

Community Education (Janet Coontz): At the Home Show, Janet had a number of people ask about workshops. She asks us to consider possibly holding one a month and utilizing both the extension office's meeting room and our Demonstration Gardens. If we establish a program, then that opens up grant availability.

Scholarship (Cheryl Kephart): No report
Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin): Linda thanked Heidi Bender, Jean Stribel and Petra Doss for the April snacks. Linda Pressa, Barbie Oliver and Susie Skaggs will be providing the food for May. In June, Karen Boileu will take Sandy Williams' spot, Joy Johnson will replace Heidi Bender and Judy Mullen will keep her place.

Multimedia (Janet Coontz): Janet reported that our website has been hacked. She will be speaking with Kayla to help remedy the issue. We need someone to run our website. Please let Janet know if you are interested.

Home Show (Kathryn Redding & Lori Bowers): Lori thanked all the volunteers that helped all three days of this show, in spite of the weather. This year was the most challenging due to the exceptionally bad weather Saturday.

State Conference 2024 (Mike Gwinnup): Dee Nash will be our keynote speaker for the conference. The SC committee met May 13th. Thursday afternoon we plan on having some activities in our Demonstration Garden, possibly including Red Bird Farms. Thursday night of the conference Heritage Village will have period-based actors in each building. We will have a pianist as entertainment. We plan on having light snacks in each building as well. On Friday our speakers will do their presentations twice. We do have some giveaways and are working to obtain some sponsors.

Old Business: None

New Business: Our plant exchange is today in lieu of our program. Rick will be here to help members with posting their hours. Janet has hour posting instruction sheets.

Adjourn: Janet Coontz

Garfield County OSU Extension Office will be closed June 19, 2024 in observance of Juneteenth

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