



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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OCTOBER 2024

Next Meeting Date – October 8, 2024

Executive Meeting: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Program: Picnic

Message from Janet Coontz Garfield County Master Gardener President

Can you believe it? October is here and so is our conference! The committees have been as busy as bees getting everything just right for our conference events. We are excited and appreciative for all your help with this week's activities. It should be a fun time for all and also a learning time. Don't forget to get those volunteer hours on your time sheets, as well as educational hours from our conference.

Don't forget our next meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00 will be a celebration for the conference success. It will be at 6:00 at the extension office. If it is nice, we will have it in the gazebo and if it is cold, we will be inside. Members signed up for soups, bread, and desserts. We will have a short business meeting followed by time to socialize and celebrate. See you there and at the conference!

Master Gardener Meeting Notes Date: September 10, 2024

Call to Order: Janet Coontz

Announcements: Members birthdays this month are Karen Boileau, George Milacek and Linda Presa. The group sang "Happy Birthday to those attending.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Additions or Corrections: None.

The minutes stand as written.

Treasurer's Report :

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| Read by: Ruth Carvalho | |
| As of: September 10, 2024 | |
| Begin Savings Account Balance | \$ 19,108.11 |
| Deposits from | |
| Convention Checking | 9,879.91 |
| Transfer to General Checking | - 773.21 |
| End Savings Account Balance | \$ 28,215.01 |
| Begin State Convention | |
| Checking Account Balance | \$ 1,302.07 |
| Total Deposits -Registrations (114), | |
| Vendors (3), Donation | 9,824.22 |
| Total Expenses-Bumper Stickers - | 196.38 |
| Transfer to Savings | <u>9,879.91</u> |
| End State Convention | |
| Checking Account Balance | \$ 1,050.00 |
| Begin General Checking | |
| Account Balance | \$ 407.26 |
| Total Deposits-Gloves, | |
| Transfer from Savings | 783.21 |
| Total Expenses-Garden | |
| Trimming/Painting | <u>255.47</u> |
| End General Checking | |
| Account Balance | 935.00 |
| Total All Accounts | \$ 30,200.01 |

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup): A lot has been happening in the garden. Linda Presa and her friend Keith, stained the bridges along with some other areas. They are planning to continue staining other items in the garden that need a refresh. Jenny and Diane are in the process of repainting the flowers on the back fence and it is looking very good. They plan on painting the door to the shed and the flower boxes. Amber Gill has been labeling plants. Gary Lyon trimmed up the mulberry and cypress trees. Some additional plants have

been added to the Sensory Garden. We do have a problem with a couple of trees. The large Bur oak has a fungus and several of the limbs that are not looking that good. We have requested that Bradley Jennings do an injection treatment for it. The Bosnia Pine also has a fungus. Mike has sprayed it with a copper fungicide, it may need to be sprayed again. The Redbud in front of the office had died. Mike cut it down to just a long stump. Rick Nelson had someone remove the stump. It has been suggested that we place some sort of structure on it. The Rock Snake has been captured and temporarily imprisoned in the shed until after the weddings this Friday and Saturday. Because of the weddings, we will have a work day this Thursday to put some finishing touches before they are held. We will start at 8:00 a.m. We will have another work day on September 28th to spruce everything up before the conference. It will be from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. We will have a work day at the Cherokee Strip Museum garden to help clean up. You will receive an email with the day and time.

Children's Garden (Diane Ford): Diane thanked those who have helped with the Children's Garden on the days outside of work days.

Office & Phones (Rick Nelson): All water sprinklers worked for one week. Tim Lang found the issue was wiring. Lang is going to rewire the system.

Radio Program (Sandy Williams/Rick Nelson): Sandy Williams and John Jinkerson have been helping out with the programs. Sandy will fill in for Rick tomorrow, as he will be at the State Fair. Heidi Bender judged at the Alva Fair, Sandy Williams judged at the Garfield County Fair.

Community Education (Janet Coontz): Nothing planned until after the state convention is finished.

Scholarship (Cheryl Kephart): Cheryl attended the scholarship award ceremony at OSU on August 24th. A total of \$170,000 was awarded. Andrew Giger and Elizabeth Thomas, both Landscape Architecture students, received \$1,000 each from our group.

Hospitality & Social Activities (Linda Severin): Linda brought a meat tray and a cake tray

from Jumbos for us to sample. These will be used during convention. If you have feedback, please let her know.

State Conference 2024 (Mike Gwinnup): Mike reviewed the convention timeline. It is as follows: Workdays will be September 12th and 28th from 8:00-10:00 a.m. The deadline for early registration is September 19th. A late fee will be added for any registrations between the 20th to the 23rd. Pumpkins for decorations will be picked up from Lowe's October 2nd. October 3rd, set up for the Demonstration Gardens prior to the event from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Social set up will begin at 4:00 and the social is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will have food for the evening and Steven Harwood will be our musician for the evening. Stride Center set up begins October 3rd at 9:00 a.m., decorating at 10:00 a.m. October 4th conference volunteers will need to arrive at 7:00 a.m. Please wear your purple shirt/MG shirt and your name tags. A conference schedule has been passed out with specific speakers and breakout rooms. After the conference ends at 3:15 p.m., we will need all available hands to help clean up. Thank you all in advance!

New Business: Our MG picnic will be held October 8th at 6:00 p.m. We will be doing soups, desserts and salads. Janet Coontz wrote down members' names and what picnic food they were bringing. Heidi Bender reminded us about our seed library and asked that we bring in extra seeds for it.

Adjourn: Janet Coontz

Program: No program. This time was used for each convention group to meet and go over responsibilities during the convention. The gift bags for attendees were filled/prepared.

Birthdays

Diane Ford—1

Martha Posey—6

John Ford—30



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Nelson, CED". The signature is written in a cursive style.