



**GARFIELD COUNTY  
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# Master Gardener News

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MAY 2024

## Next Meeting Date – May 14, 2024

**Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.**  
**General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Location: Garfield County OSU Extension**  
**Program: Plant Exchange and Discussion**

### Message from Janet Coontz Garfield County Master Gardener President

April was a busy month for all of us as we worked in our own gardens and volunteered for Master Gardeners. A special thanks to Judy Mullen, Heidi Bender, and Ann Bryant for helping with the 50 students who visited our gardens in April. The weather did not cooperate, but these women rose to the challenge and we persevered. A BIG thank you to Ann Bryant and Kathryn Redding for another successful booth at the Enid Home Show. We thank you and everyone that volunteered their time at the booth.

Our May lesson will be a plant exchange, so remember to bring any extras you would like to share with our members. Also bring any new “garden gadgets” that you have discovered and think would be of benefit to others in the group. This will be a sharing time for us. We will also be demonstrating the OSU website for documenting your educational and volunteer hours. Please bring your list of hours (or at least a few) and your password for the website. We will be sharing how to enter hours on the computer and on your phone. We will have Rick here to help with any problems you may have logging in. Feel free to bring your computer if you would like. See you on May14th and bring your plants, gardening gadgets, and your hours!

### Master Gardener Meeting Notes 2024 Date: April 9, 2024

**Call to Order:** Janet Coontz

**Announcements:** Acknowledged April birthdays of Barbara Blevins, Janet Coontz, Kay Dragoun, Mary McDonald, Louise Milacek and Judy Mullen. MG badges for new members were left on desk to be picked up. Pam Lyon had back surgery. Her daughter said it went well. We received a thank you note from Autry for the \$100 we donated to them. They will use it for student scholarships.

### Minutes of previous meeting:

Additions or Corrections: No corrections/additions, minutes accepted as written. None

Motion to Adopt: Motion made to adopt as written and seconded. Passed: Yes

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

As of: April 9, 2024

Savings Account:	20,724.41
Transfer(s)	-1200.00
Deposit(s)	3,603.20
Ending Savings Account Balance:	23,127.61
State Convention Account Balance:	1,000.00
Beginning Checking Account:	740.29
Total Deposits:	5,821.63
Total Expenses:	- 1,960.07
Transfer to Savings:	- 3,601.85
Ending Checking Account Balance	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total All Accounts:	25,127.61

### Committee Reports:

**Demonstration Garden** (Mike Gwinnup): The workday on March 16<sup>th</sup> accomplished a lot but there is still much to do. Kudos to Steve Case and John Jinkerson for their work on the garden beds. Both men have been working often and have accomplished a great deal. We still need to get the straw for the Sensory Garden beds, then Mike will be able to pick up the topsoil. The manager of Lowe’s has indicated that he will not charge us for the topsoil. Barbi Oliver said she can get the straw any time this week. Mike wanted to spray the Pocket Garden with Roundup before most of the plants turned green. Unfortunately, the days have been too windy, and Mike said it may be too late now.

**Children’s Garden** (Diane Ford): Nothing to report. Diane did say that she would like to meet with those wanting to work on the dry river bed after today’s meeting.

**Office & Phones** (Rick Nelson): Rick needs someone willing to answer the phone to answer gardening question calls when they arise. Garden Talk may go by the wayside. Rick and new members, Petra, Mary and Steven

have been working to restore Leonardo's Monarch Way Station. Each of them received a t-shirt honoring their work on this project on Community Service Day. Rick encouraged both new and current members to come help on this project.

**Newspaper** (Kris Vculek): Kris still had open slots for the last article in May and the first article in July. She asked for anyone interested to please fill those slots.

**Radio Program** (Sandy Williams/Rick Nelson): Rick informed us that Garden Talk may go by the wayside. Jay Curtis will be retiring May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. He has overseen Garden Talk over the years. Rick is not aware of anyone currently at the radio station that would be willing to take over Garden Talk.

**Community Education** (Janet Coontz): Janet reported that there were 20 to 25 people in attendance at the gardening seminar at the Library, March 16<sup>th</sup>. The library would like to hold three gardening seminars per year (spring, summer, fall) and would like us to continue to participate. April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., St. Joseph's is bringing their Pre-K/Kindergarten classes to our gardens. They are bringing 47 children. Janet needs at least three more members to help. She will be dividing the children into four groups.

**Scholarship** (Cheryl Kephart): Cheryl received the Save the Date announcement for the scholarship awards on August 24<sup>th</sup>. She plans to attend.

**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.

**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.

**Spring Workshop** (Jenny Gwinnup & Diane Ford): Jenny thanked all who helped with the workshop. Kris Vculek, Ruth Carvalho, Janet Coontz, Susie Skaggs, Kathryn Redding and Teresa Boeckman were acknowledged for their additional help with the workshop. There were 103 registrants for the workshop at a profit of \$3,548.81.

**Home Show** (Kathryn Redding & Lori Bowers): Lori encouraged members to sign up to help with the Home Show and noted that the hours worked count as volunteer hours.

**State Conference 2024:** (Mike Gwinnup): Mike informed us that we will have to reassess our breakout room choices

due to handicap accessibility. He also said that we have a new t-shirt for the State Convention volunteers. The cost should be around \$16.

**Old Business:** Ruth Carvalho explained that we have had issues with our credit card terminals not working. She recommended terminating our relationship with the company and move to using Square. Diane Ford and Ann Bryant volunteered to acquire an iPad that is compatible with our existing Square devices. A motion to purchase items necessary for MG to utilize our Square devices for an amount not to exceed \$1,000 by Mickey Chapman and seconded by Barbi Oliver. Motion passed.

**New Business:** Heidi Bender has some seeds but needs more for our seed library. Our upcoming meeting, May 14<sup>th</sup>, will include our plant exchange in place of a program. We will also be sharing gardening helps, dos and don'ts during that time. Anyone who wants help posting their hours on the OSU/MG site, we will have help available to do that on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Ann Bryant reminded us that in June, we tour three member's gardens in place of a program. If you are willing to be a tour stop, please text or call Ann.

Adjourn: Janet Coontz



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