



**GARFIELD COUNTY  
EXTENSION**



# Master Gardener News

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## Next Meeting Date – July 8, 2025

**Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.**

**General Meeting: 9 a.m.**

**Location: Garfield County OSU Extension**

**Hospitality: Karla Batchelder, Petra Doss,  
Sarah Cook**

**Program: Lazy Gardening**

### Message from Janet Coontz

#### Garfield County Master Gardener President

Happy Fourth of July!! Hope you enjoy some time in your garden this week while celebrating the fourth with family and friends. Our rain is slowing down, and our watering is becoming part of our daily routine. We hope you enjoyed the June garden tours. I always get good ideas from other people's gardens. Thanks to Barbie Oliver and Pam Lyon for sharing their gardens and I enjoyed having you visit mine. For our July meeting we will be presenting ideas to "Garden Smarter, not Harder." Please bring any ideas you have on this topic and any new equipment you have found to help in the garden. Everyone loved seeing new ideas for making gardening easier as we age. I think we can all learn something new when we Show and Share with one another. See you Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Garfield County Master Gardeners Meeting

#### Minutes - June 10, 2025

The June Master Gardener's meeting was called to order by President Janet Coontz.

#### Announcements:

The Oklahoma State Master Gardener Conference Oklahoma *Gardening's 50th Anniversary!* is on June 12-13, 2025, in Stillwater. Sandy William's birthday was recognized.

**Minutes** of the May 13 meeting were accepted as emailed.

### Treasurer's Report: (Ruth Carvallo - absent)

Beginning Savings Balance:	26,933.78
Total Deposits:	+594.33
End Savings Account Balance:	27,528.11
Beginning General	
Checking Balance:	1000.00
Total Deposits:	+931.00
Home Show	8.00
Gloves	46.00
Donation	300.00
Tea Ticket Sales	560.00
Apron Sales	17.00
Total Expenses:	-931.00
Mower Battery	309.84
Hospitality	26.83
Transfer to Savings	-594.33
Ending Checking	
Account Balance	1,000.00

### Old Business:

The group discussed having a Garden Tour Fundraiser in June 2026. Three - five homes would be visited at a \$10 admission fee. The subject will be reviewed in January.

### President's Report:

Janet Coontz suggested ordering cards to leave at homes with beautiful yards. They would say something like: ***Thank you for your beautiful yard!*** From the Garfield County Master Gardeners. The president suggested that the organization order yard signs to be used when public projects are done. The signs would say ***Planted by Garfield County Master Gardeners.*** Barbie Oliver made a motion to order the signs. Mickey Chapman seconded the motion. It was approved. Taggart's Garden Center, Hennessey, Will sponsor a Greenhouse Field Day on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 9:30 – 11:30 am.

**Committee Reports:****Demonstration Garden:** Mike Gwinnup

Two workdays were scheduled in May. 6-7 people worked each day and more people are needed. 30 bags of mulch were purchased and most have been laid out. The bulbs given by Ponca City Master Gardeners are growing. Three saplings are in the greenhouse and may be planted in the fall. There are two maples and one elm. Steve Case completed removing all weeds from the pocket prairie garden and seeds have been scattered in it. Diane Ford moved that a commercial trimmer be purchased for the garden. Steve Case will research this, and discussion will continue at the next meeting. The motion was tabled until July. The new shed needs to be painted. Pam Lyon made a motion to paint the shed the same color as the undercoat and to paint the trim a darker shade of the same color. Heidi Bender seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**Garden Tea Fundraiser:**

Jenny Gwinnup reported that 48 tickets were sold for \$1,645.00. A \$300.00 donation was given making a total income of \$1945.00. Total expenses for printing (\$21.82) and the musicians (\$300.00). The total profit of the tea was \$1,623.18.

**Garden:**

Diane Ford reported that more people are using the gardens. Photographers are taking family pictures at the location.

**Newspaper:**

Kris Vculek reported that all slots are full for Garden reports.

**Radio:**

Sandy Williams made a suggestion which was approved by Rick Nelson and Alan Clepper. Clepper will bring his mobile equipment to five yards this summer to tape "What's in Your Backyard?" Backyards of Pam Lyon, Diane Ford, Janet Coontz, and Barbie Oliver and the gardens at the extension office will be used.

**Seed Library:**

Heidi Bender has envelopes and is working filling them.

**Scholarships:**

Notes of appreciation have been received from all four 2025 recipients. They will be celebrated in Stillwater on August 23. Each received \$1,000 scholarships.

**Lifelong Learning Classes** - begin in September A planning committee includes Jenny Gwinnup, Barbie Olive, Heidi Bender and Pam Lyon.

**Master Gardener Class:**

Rick Nelson has over 20 names on the list and will contact those people soon.

**Hospitality:**

Deloris Castor, Janet Coontz and Pam Lyon provided June refreshments. July refreshments will be provided by Karla Batchelder, Petra Doss and Sarah Cook.

Janet Coontz adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Bryant (for Eddie Lou Strimple)

**Program - Garden Tour**

Barbie Oliver, Janet Coontz and Pam Lyon welcomed members into their gardens to enjoy the plants and share ideas.



*10 - Judy Henderson*

*14 - Teresa Boeckman*

*15 - Kristine Almack*

*15 - Dennis Skaggs*

*25 - Ruth Carvalho*

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