



**GARFIELD COUNTY  
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# Master Gardener News

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## Next Meeting Date – December 10, 2025

**General Meeting: Noon to 2pm**

**Location: Hoover Building**

**Program: Christmas Luncheon**

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

### IMPORTANT NEWS!!!!

The date of our Christmas Party had to be changed to **Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>** to accommodate our new class that will be taking their test that day. If you are mentoring someone from the new class, please contact them and give them a personal invitation to our Christmas party.

I sincerely hope you can attend our Christmas party on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We have had another successful year and it really is fun to spend some time visiting with one another. Our theme will be an old-fashioned Country Christmas.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Master Gardener Judy Huhman. Judy was in the class of 1999-2000 and was an active member and served our group in many ways over the years. She will be missed!

Please enter and update your hours as this is one of the best gifts we can give Rick as he retires. Also please contact Donna at the Extension office if you have had trouble getting registered with OSU and Sterling for your background checks.

This is my last monthly newsletter as president. It has been a wonderful

experience and honor to serve in that position. I have learned so much during this time and truly appreciate all of your assistance and willingness to serve. This group truly is a blessing to our community!!

***MERRY CHRISTMAS!***

**Christmas party-WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>. BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT. Our new members will be joining us and we want to welcome them and make them feel at home with our group.** If you didn't sign-up at our last meeting you are welcomed to attend. If possible, email or text me so we can be sure to have enough tables set up.

### **Garfield County Master Gardeners Minutes Nov 11, 2025**

Call to Order: President Janet Coontz called the meeting to order at 9:08AM.

Announcements: November birthdays were celebrated - Joy Johnson, Judy Huhman, Sharon Ronck.

Minutes were approved as written.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Checking account beginning balance: \$1,000

Activity: Deposits \$30.00 (dues)

Expenses -\$337.71 (picnic)

Checking Account ending balance: \$678.29

Savings Account Balance: \$26,734.48

## **DUES OF \$15.00 ARE DUE NOW!!**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Demonstration Garden (Mike Gwinnup)  
Compliments to Steve Case who has gotten all the weeds out of the Pocket Garden.

The trees that were donated to us from Ponca City continue to grow quickly. Mike has planted an elm and an oak in the Demonstration Garden. Others need a place to be planted elsewhere. Demonstration Garden Christmas lights will be put up this coming Saturday, November 15, at 9:00 AM. Volunteers are needed for this effort. The Lowe's account will be a credit card account. The monthly bill will be directed to the Extension address and for the time being will be under Mike's name.

**Children's Garden (Diane Ford)** No Report  
**Newspaper (Kris Vculek)**

This project is finished for the season.

**Radio Program (Rick Nelson and John Jinkerson)**

Sandy Williams is going to represent the group tomorrow as Rick will be with the incoming Master Gardener class. "What's in Your Backyard" has been very well received. There are pictures online. Alan Clepper has enjoyed doing this segment very much. The Gardentalk podcast can be heard on [kgwanews.com](http://kgwanews.com). Each episode is listed by date. There are also pictures online. Thanks to Jenny and Mike for leading the Demonstration Garden Tour of "What's in Your Backyard." Life Long Learning class also came out to see the garden and enjoyed it very much.

**Seed Library(Heidi Bender)**

A monthly time was set for volunteers to help sort the seeds we have. Thursday November 20 from 2:00-4:00 at the Extension Office will be the first meeting of people who would like to help with this group.

**Scholarship (Cherly Kephart)**

OSU wants to know how much we are planning to give to the scholarship program by Dec. 4. This group also needs an explanation designating how any money we send should

be split up. A motion was made to award 4 scholarships of \$1,000 each to the OSU for scholarships at a total of \$4,000.

HBender/BOliver Motion passed

Ruth will take care of sending these monies by December 5.

**Hospitality (Linda Severin)**

Thanks to Joy, Kathryn, and Ann for the lovely morning snacks today.

**Spring Workshop (Jenny Gwinnup)**

March 28 is the date. Eddie Lou and Jenny are Cochairing the event.

**Home Show (Lori Bowers and Kathryn Redding)**

Information coming after the first of the year.

**Rick Nelson** The class is going well.

**Old Business:** Everyone should be enrolled in ZSuite. Donna Gronwegg has a list of all who are enrolled as well as those who are not. The second step of the background check process is Sterling. Everyone enrolled in ZSuite receives an email from Sterling to begin the second step. This step needs to be completed and then there are videos to watch. These are required. At our January meeting, everyone will watch these and then Donna can reflect that accomplishment by reviewing the sign in sheet and she will register each person. The rule from OSU is that anyone who works with people of any age (not just children) must have a background check.

**New Business:**

Election of Officers: The slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee is: President - Steve Case; Vice President - Eddie Lou Strimple; Secretary - Karen Boileau; Treasurer - Barbi Oliver. Sandy Williams proposed the slate be accepted. Second, Jenny Gwinnup Motion Passed.

Kristen Almack will chair the Newspaper Committee with Eddie Lou Strimple co-chairing. Other committees will be announced later.

**Pictures for the yearbook:** Kris Vculek will be taking pictures of the incoming master gardeners on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 11:00.

A motion was made to buy a battery-operated blower/vacuum for the Demonstration Garden. SWilliams/HBender Motion passed.

It was proposed that we get a hand washing table for the Demonstration Garden.

They are available from several places and at varying prices ranging from \$65-\$175. This would be stored in the new building. No decision was made.

Picnic tables for the Garden were discussed. A motion was made to allow up to \$600 to be spent on picnic tables. MPosey/JGwinnup Motion Passed.

If you have green tomatoes, the food pantry will take them.

Christmas Party plans were made. Our guests will be the current Master Gardener students. The turkey and ham are to be purchased from Jumbo. Sign up was passed for other sides as well as a sign up to indicate how many guests would be coming. It is to be December 9 at 12:00Noon. Volunteers will be needed on December 8 at 2:00PM to help set up and decorate.

Meeting adjourned and ready for our program presented by Rick Nelson.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eddie Lou Strimple, Secretary

Reminder that the December meeting will be Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Hoover Building.

See you there!



*Lori Bowers - 10*  
*Amber Gill - 12*  
*Petra Doss - 18*  
*Heidi Bender - 27*  
*Anne Bethell*  
*Hallie Morris - 29*  
*Kathryn Redding - 29*



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*will close*  
*December 24 and open January 5*  
*Merry Christmas*

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